

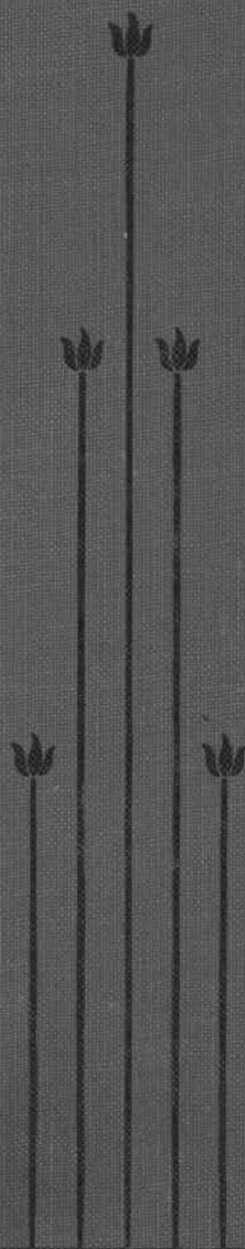


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Dear Board Member:

Mrs. Spear, Mrs. Wittich and Miss Lusk, as the Committee on Changes in the Constitution and By-Laws of the state League, have the following definite proposals to submit to the board for approval and for recommendation to the Convention.

- 1) Membership - The membership of the Minnesota League of Women Voters shall consist of affiliated local Leagues; and of members at large who endorse the purpose and policy of the League and pay such annual dues as may be prescribed by the executive board. The present constitutional provision reads:

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- 2) A change in the title of "congressional district vice-presidents" to "congressional district chairmen".
- 3) Personell of Nominating Committee - The Nominating Committee to consist of one representative from each congressional district, instead of having the ten congressional district chairmen as at present.
- 4) Include among the departments and committees named in Article VII of the By-Laws the "Department of Public Welfare in Government" which is a new department in the National League, dating from 1926.

These proposals will be considered by the state board at its pre-convention board meeting and the committee report, with the board's recommendations, will be presented to the convention at the business session on December 3.

Sincerely yours,

Emily Child

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This letter will call your attention to the fact that part of the statement on "membership" was omitted from my letter submitting proposals for changes in the Constitution of the state League. The proposed section on membership (1) should read:

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Enclosures: MINNEAPOLIS HOTEL RATES

Credentials - 3 to each local League, one of which was filled in for chairman, except for following Leagues:

Mpls.	300	Detroit Lakes	5	Appleton	5
St. Paul	200	Moorhead	5	Kenyon	5
St. Cloud	10	Red. Falls	10	Duluth	5
Sibley Unit	6	Olivia	5	Elk River	6

1 Institute and Convention flier in every envelope.

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November 9th,
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Dear Local League Chairman:

Less than a month ago, I wrote you about the Institute and Convention. I hope that in this interval you have conferred with your officers and members so that you are ready to make immediate use of the enclosed CREDENTIALS for your League's Convention delegates.

The November issue of the WOMAN VOTER, now off the press, contains the detailed program of the Convention and Institute, as well as information about the faculty and special speakers. We will send you some extra copies of the Voter free of charge and I hope you will distribute them to women who are not already subscribers and who might plan to attend the Institute if they are informed early of its importance and value.

POSTERS and FLIERS announcing the Institute will also reach you. We are supplying these without charge, with the urgent plea that you get them before the public with the least possible delay. There has been no publicity about the Convention and Institute in your community except that in the city papers and in the Voter reaching only a small group of subscribers. All the rest must depend upon you. Can you not get your local newspaper editor to reprint the flier and some of the information from the November Voter, for the information of women in your county. He may even write an editorial on the Institute, if you will direct his attention to the opening paragraph of Dean Kelly's statement on page 6 of the Voter.

Much is being done here to make the Institute and Convention both pleasant and profitable to every woman who attends. What can you do to insure a good attendance? It will depend upon you who comes from your community.

Are you yourself coming? You can bring people when you can't send them?

Are you making a personal effort to have a good delegation from your county? Or have you appointed someone to do this?

Who do you now expect will come? Do let us know whether we may look for you and for others from your League when the Convention opens, Tuesday afternoon, November 29.

Cordially yours,

Marguerite M. Wells

President

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1639 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis
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MINNEAPOLIS HOTEL RATES

Note: A schedule of hotel rates is given here for your information. We are glad to offer our services in making hotel reservations. We shall also be glad to try to arrange, through our own state board members and through the Hospitality Committee of the Minneapolis League, for entertainment in private homes for women who can attend the Institute only if relieved of the hotel expense.

	Single Room	Double-bed Room	Twin-bed Room
CURTIS HOTEL 10th Street & 4th Ave. S.	Daily - \$2.00 2.50 3.00	3.00 3.50 4.00	4.50 5.00 6.00
	(All rooms with private bath)		
WAVERLY HOTEL 11th Street & Harmon Place	Daily - 1.00 (without bath) 1.75 (with bath)	2.00 (without bath) 2.50 (with bath)	(None)
	Weekly - 5.00 (without bath) 9.00 (with bath)	8.00 (without bath) 10.00 (with bath)	
SHERIDAN HOTEL 11th Street & Marquette Ave.	Daily - 1.50 (without bath) 2.50 (with bath)	2.50 (without bath) 3.50 (with bath)	
	Weekly - 7.50 (without bath) 12.50 (with bath)	10.00 (without bath) 15.00 (with bath)	11.00 (without bath) 16.00 (with bath)
HARMON HOTEL 10th Street & Harmon Place	Daily - 2.00 (without bath) 3.00 (with bath)	\$1 extra per person	(None)
	Weekly - 8.00 (without bath) (With bath \$2 extra)	10.00 (without bath)	
FRANCIS DRAKE HOTEL 10th Street & 5th Ave. S.	Daily - 3.00	4.00	(None)
	Weekly - 17.50	19.00	
	(All rooms with private bath)		

The above hotels are residence hotels in the neighborhood of the Curtis Hotel which is headquarters for the Convention and Institute. The lowest rates available are given and higher rates are omitted to avoid confusion. Rates are not given for the Nicollet, Radisson and other hotels in the center of the city since their rates are more generally known.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The annual Convention of the Minnesota League of Women Voters will be held this year in conjunction with an Institute of Government and Politics in which the University of Minnesota is cooperating, at the Curtis Hotel Minneapolis, from Tuesday through Saturday, November 29 - December 3. The Institute is open to the public upon payment of a nominal registration fee.

Introductory addresses by Professor F. B. Garver of the University of Minnesota and Miss Marguerite M. Wells, president of the Minnesota League of Women Voters will open the week's program on Tuesday afternoon. On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday there will be morning and afternoon lectures by men of distinction in public life and members of the faculties of the University of Minnesota and of Carleton College.

Former Institutes of the same type were held in 1923 in Minneapolis and in 1925 in St. Paul. Miss Wells says of them, "The simple fact is that if such Institutes had never been arranged, we would be inclined to think it an ideal too good to be true. The entire course is so arranged that in three or four days women may get what, without this arrangement, they might seek in vain through a year of extension courses or lectures to find."

F. J. Kelly, dean of administration at the University, and chairman of the Program Committee for the Institute, says: "The forthcoming Institute of Government and Politics is striking at the most far-reaching questions which confront the American people today. Women have as much need of being concerned about them as men, and it is probably fair to say that neither men nor women are particularly self-complacent about them."

The subjects of the three courses offered in the Institute are:

- I. Economic changes affecting women in the home and in industry, with consequent changes in legislation.
- II. Problems of our government in relation to economic conditions.
- III. Some economic aspects of international affairs (foreign debts, foreign investments and foreign trade).

President Glenn Frank, of the University of Wisconsin, formerly editor of the Century Magazine, will speak at an evening mass meeting, Thursday, December 1, on "Towards a New Politics".

Informal meetings of Convention delegates are arranged for Tuesday and Friday evenings in private homes and the business session of the Convention will be on Saturday morning. The gala finance luncheon Saturday noon, December 3, is the concluding event of the week. The Honorable Nellie Tayloe Ross, ex-governor of Wyoming, will be the chief speaker and will tell about "The Experiences of a Woman Governor". The luncheon, like the Institute, is open to the public.

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Curtis Hotel, Minneapolis, November 29 - December 3

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November 18, 1927

The regular meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the home of Mrs. J. J. McGuire, 444 Otis Avenue, St. Paul, on Friday, November 18, 1927.

TO BOARD MEMBERS:

Enclosed are five General Registration tickets for the Institute which we hope you may be able to sell before the Institute opens. We shall be glad to have you return by Monday, November 28, all unsold tickets so that they may be used in the sale at the Curtis Hotel on Tuesday. The Executive Committee, in discussing attendance at its meeting yesterday thought that attendance would be assured by advance sale of the tickets as it cannot be otherwise.

Please let me know if you would like to have some of the single course tickets in place of, or in addition to, the general registration tickets.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

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Sincerely yours,

Emily Child,
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Reports of District Chairmen - Mrs. Ringstad reported for the THIRD DISTRICT that three delegates, in addition to the official representatives of the local League, would attend the convention and Institute. Congressman Andresen has been interviewed and has promised his support for a new infancy-maternity measure. Miss Lusk reported for the FOURTH DISTRICT on the success of the Judge Allen luncheon and the coming interview with Mr. Maas on infancy-maternity work.

Mrs. McKnight reported for the FIFTH DISTRICT on recent activities and work for the convention, and the interview Miss Wells is to have with Congressman Newton. Mrs. Staf gave a resume of activities during the past year in St. Cloud, for the SIXTH DISTRICT. Mrs. Spear reported for the EIGHTH DISTRICT on the voting survey and other activities. Mrs. Spear also spoke of the difficult situation in Washauk. Mrs. Marble reported an informal interview with Mr. Carss who will support the work, as usual. Mrs. Weeks reported for the NINTH DISTRICT a successful luncheon meeting at which Mrs. Kempfer was guest speaker.

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The meeting was called to order at 10:50 a.m., Miss Wells presiding.

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Reports of District Chairmen - Mrs. Ringstad reported for the THIRD DISTRICT that three delegates, in addition to the official representatives of the local League, would attend the convention and Institute. Congressman Andresen has been interviewed and has promised his support for a new infancy-maternity measure. Miss Lusk reported for the FOURTH DISTRICT on the success of the Judge Allen luncheon and the coming interview with Mr. Maas on infancy-maternity work. Mrs. McKnight reported for the FIFTH DISTRICT on recent activities and work for the convention, and the interview Miss Wells is to have with Congressman Newton. Mrs. Stai gave a resume of activities during the past year in St. Cloud, for the SIXTH DISTRICT. Mrs. Spear reported for the EIGHTH DISTRICT on the voting survey and other activities. Mrs. Spear also spoke of the difficult situation in Washauk. Mrs. Marble reported an informal interview with Mr. Carss who will support the work, as usual. Mrs. Weeks reported for the NINTH DISTRICT a successful luncheon meeting at which Mrs. Kempfer was guest speaker.

Reports of Speaking Engagements - Mrs. McGuire reported her trip to St. Cloud, to speak at the annual meeting. Mrs. McKnight reported her trips to Duluth and Winona, and to Chicago. Mrs. Weeks reported her trip to Mankato, Waseca and Faribault.

College Leagues and Young Voters - Miss Child's report of college Leagues was read by the secretary. There are six actual college Leagues, five of which are at state Teachers' Colleges.

Miss Jennings reported the Young Voter activities in St. Paul. A report of Miss Ely's visit to Mankato State Teachers' College was read by the secretary. She recommended that college Leagues pay membership dues and affiliation dues to the state League.

The question of a state League adviser for Young Voters was not acted upon.

Request from Brainerd League - The secretary read a letter from Mrs. Armstrong, secretary of the Brainerd League, asking permission "to become a study group". It was agreed to leave the question to the Executive Committee.

Message from P.T.A. Convention - A letter from Mrs. Ordway who represented the League of Women Voters at the Parent-Teacher Congress at Fergus Falls was read by the secretary, expressing her appreciation of the opportunity and the pleasure it afforded her to represent the League.

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Dear Friend:

I am writing you as one of the women in the state who will be particularly interested in knowing about the Institute of Government and Politics which we are holding in cooperation with the University of Minnesota, at the Curtis Hotel in Minneapolis the week following Thanksgiving.

I wish to extend to you a special invitation to attend the Institute. I know that you will feel that the subjects and speakers described in the November issue of the Woman Voter are well worth making an effort to hear. To us it seems an exceptional opportunity to gain information and understanding on the most important problems confronting us, as citizens, today. We are delighted to be able to offer such a "short course" to Minnesota women and hope that you, particularly, will decide to take advantage of it.

We shall also be glad to welcome you to the Convention events planned in conjunction with the Institute. The business session on Saturday morning, December 3, is the time when we shall discuss what we must do to assure the continuance of maternity and infancy work and other equally important questions. At the Gala Convention Luncheon, also on Saturday, we shall present the Honorable Nellie Tayloe Ross, ex-governor of Wyoming, as speaker. The tickets are \$1.50 and are now available at state League headquarters.

We shall be glad to know whether there is anything we can do to make your attendance at the Institute possible and worthwhile. The Hospitality Committee of the Minneapolis League offers to arrange entertainment in a private home for you or for anyone you know who might attend if the hotel expense could be taken care of in this way. Please help us to extend the news of the Institute to all who will appreciate knowing about it.

If there is a possibility of your coming, let us know and we will see that you have a Convention credential.

Cordially yours,

Marguerite M. Wells
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Child Welfare Committee Chairmanship - Mrs. Griswold's resignation as chairman of child welfare was read by the secretary. IT WAS VOTED that her resignation be accepted with regret. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Lusk, second of Mrs. Ringstad, that Mrs. D. L. Grannis of South St. Paul be appointed to the vacant chairmanship.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 for luncheon and reconvened at 1:50 P.M. for the afternoon session.

Department Reports

Efficiency in Government - Mrs. Wittich reported upon the vote surveys in the three cities.

Public Welfare in Government - The secretary read letters telling of the various activities in the different districts in calling the attention of congressmen to infancy-maternity work. Mrs. Wittich reported that a change in the editorial board of the American Medical Association might change the policy. She was delegated by the chair to ascertain the best way of reaching the new appointee with the true story of Sheppard-Towner work.

State Convention - The secretary read a letter from Mrs. Hixon in regard to her attendance at the convention. She also read the latest local League letter on convention. Mrs. Spcar, as chairman of the Committee on Changes in the Constitution and By-Laws, read proposed changes. In discussion of dues it was the sentiment of the board that dues shall in the future be expected from the local League. Miss Wells introduced Mrs. Wallace, legislative chairman of the California League, who gave her personal opinion in favor of dues, rather than large contributions, as a means of financing League work. The change in the personnel of the nominating committee was approved. It was the consensus of opinion that the report was acceptable and the board recommended its submission to the convention. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Lusk, second of Miss Kercher, that Mrs. McGuire act as chairman of the nominating committee in place of Mrs. Roulo whose resignation was read and accepted with regret.

A plan for DEPARTMENT CONFERENCES was suggested by Mrs. Weeks who thought department chairmen should arrange conferences with local chairmen of departments (or representatives of such departments) and report plans to Miss Child who could clear plans to prevent conflicting meetings.

Mrs. Weeks called for reports of board members on results in securing attendance at convention. Encouraging reports were given such as getting it before other organizations than the League, getting newspaper publicity, personal letters written, announcement at business and professional lunches, distribution of fliers, etc.

Institute of Government and Politics - The question of complimentary tickets to the University of Minnesota Young Voters League was discussed and it was suggested that at least two tickets be given the University League to encourage attendance. Mrs. Herbert offered to contribute one ticket, and the chair suggested that further offers might be received before the Institute.

Other Business - A letter from Miss Sherwin to the state president was read by the secretary.

Appointments of delegates to the Conference on the Cause and Cure of War were made on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Miss Lusk as follows: Mrs. White, Mrs. Marcle, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Weeks, Miss Lusk, Mrs. Burr, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Holman. Ten delegates are allowed and the chair suggested that additional appointments may be made later.

Miss Wells expressed the board's enjoyment of Mrs. McGuire's hospitality.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 and re-convened immediately.

IT WAS then VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Mrs. Ringstad, to ratify Mrs. Kurt Stai's appointment to the chairmanship of the Sixth District.

Mrs. Thorp invited the board to hold its January meeting at her home. The meeting then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Gage Colby, Secretary

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November 19th,
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Dear Department Chairman:

I am writing to extend a special and urgent invitation to you to come to Minneapolis to attend all the sessions of the Institute and Convention but I particularly hope you may plan to be here for a CONFERENCE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO PREVENT WAR on Wednesday.

It is to be recommended next year that Mrs. A. J. McGuire of St. Paul be our state League department chairman, succeeding Mrs. L. C. Weeks who would take the chairmanship of the Department of Public Welfare in Government. Mrs McGuire is anxious to meet local League chairmen in her department and discuss with them the items in the national and state League programs of work for the department that may require active work during the year.

I am sure you will find it most stimulating and worthwhile to meet Mrs. McGuire and the department chairmen in the Minneapolis, Ramsey County and other local Leagues, and I know Mrs. McGuire is eagerly looking forward to this chance to become acquainted with you as a member of her state League department.

The conference will be a luncheon conference at 12:30 P.M. on Wednesday, November 30. A private room has been reserved at the Curtis Hotel (Room 226) where luncheon will be served. Please let Mrs. McGuire know, at state League headquarters, whether she may expect you and may make a luncheon reservation for you.

Sincerely yours,

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P.S. If you cannot attend the conference yourself, Mrs. McGuire hopes you will send someone to represent you and will let her know who it will be.

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November 19th,
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Dear Efficiency in Government Chairman:

It is with a great deal of pleasant anticipation that I look forward to the Institute of Government and the Annual Convention this year because it will give me the opportunity of meeting and conferring with you on problems that concern our departmental work.

We have a great deal of material for study on the measures of our program and it will be very interesting to discuss it as to our present needs. And more important than study, of course, are the questions for which we need to plan action. Do you know that an organization was formed recently in the state with headquarters in Minneapolis whose sole purpose is to work for a repeal of the direct primary law in Minnesota and a return to the convention system of nominating candidates to office? What shall we do about this and other issues of interest to us?

Do plan to come to the Institute in time for an EFFICIENCY IN GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE at 1:00 o'clock on Tuesday, November 29. I am reserving a private room at the Curtis Hotel (Room 226) where we can have luncheon together and hold our conference preceding the very interesting afternoon meeting that opens the Institute.

Please send word to me at state League headquarters whether I may expect you and may make a luncheon reservation for you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. F. W. Wittich, Chairman
Dept. of Efficiency in Government

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P.S. If you cannot attend the conference yourself as I hope very much you may, will you send someone to represent you and let me know who it will be. J.W.W.

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Minnesota League of Women Voters
November 19, 1927

To Local League Chairmen:

The following Department Chairmen Conferences have been arranged for the week of the Institute and Convention. Leagues that have not appointed chairmen for these three departments of League work are requested to send a representative or representatives who may attend all three conferences and report upon them to your League board. The subjects discussed will be particularly interesting and important and we hope you may make provision for having someone there from your League.

DEPARTMENT OF EFFICIENCY IN GOVERNMENT
Mrs. F. W. Wittich conducting the Conference

Luncheon 1 P.M.
Tuesday, November 29
Room 226, Curtis Hotel

DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO
PREVENT WAR
Mrs. A. J. McGuire conducting the Conference

Luncheon 12:30 P.M.
Wednesday, November 30
Room 226, Curtis Hotel

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE IN GOVERNMENT
Mrs. L. C. Weeks conducting the Conference

4:00 P.M.
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Room 226, Curtis Hotel

Please let us know at state League headquarters whether you wish luncheon reservations made for your representatives.

Emily Child,
Executive Secretary

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Dear Friend:

I am sure that you must have read of the plans which are now going forward for the Institute of Government to be held in Minneapolis at the Curtis Hotel, November 29 - December 3. This Institute has been arranged by the Minnesota League of Women Voters in cooperation with the faculty of the University.

I believe that it offers the most comprehensive course on the problems of our political life which we have yet had in similar conferences. The main themes of the three-day Institute program are

Economic changes affecting women in the home
Economic changes affecting women in industry
American nationals abroad and international relations

I recall the interest which was aroused in your study club of last winter, when these particular questions came up for discussion. Therefore, I am enclosing a complete program of the Institute which you will find on page 5 of the Minnesota Woman Voter. There you will find a detailed program and the time given as well as the personnel of the teaching staff. You will note that one of the outstanding features is the talk on Thursday evening by President Glenn Frank, of the University of Wisconsin. The tickets for the entire course, including President Frank's lectures are \$2.50. Tickets may be had for single courses at \$1.50. On page 3 of the enclosed Voter you will find the subjects to be treated in the single courses.

I hope that you may be able to attend some or all of these sessions, both for your own enjoyment and for the sake of encouraging this sort of education in our state. Tickets may be obtained either through the state office at 1639 Hennepin Avenue, telephone call Atlantic 3718, or may be purchased directly from Mrs. W. E. Morris, 2191 Carter Ave., or from me. Bespeaking your interest and cooperation, I am

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Mrs. A. J. McGuire,
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November 22nd,

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Dear Madam:

We have received word from Mr. Price of the University of Minnesota of your acceptance of the invitation to serve as a patroness of the Institute of Government and Politics that is to be held in Minneapolis during the week from November 29 through December 2.

We are honored by your interest and sincerely hope that your plans are being made so that you may attend both the Institute and the session of the Ninth Annual Convention of the Minnesota League of Women Voters which will be held on Saturday morning, December 3. The Convention luncheon will be at the Curtis Hotel with the Honorable Nellie Tayloe Ross, ex-governor of Wyoming, as speaker. Mrs. Frank P. Hixon, an officer of the National League of Women Voters, will also be an honor guest at the luncheon.

The enclosed flier will give you the outline of the Institute program. We feel that it is seldom, if ever, that the layman is given an opportunity to obtain so reliable an informational background on current problems of government and in so short a time. We shall appreciate anything you can do to convey news of the Institute to others and to urge their attendance.

Tickets for the Institute may be obtained at the League headquarters in Minneapolis and St. Paul. The Convention luncheon tickets (\$1.50) are now available at League headquarters, and will also be on sale at the Curtis Hotel next week.

Sincerely yours,

Cornelia Lusk

Cornelia Lusk, Chairman
Committee on the Institute

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Suggestions to Members of Committee on Printed Material

1. Everyone attending the Institute should have a Reference Kit. This kit contains pamphlets chosen with reference to the three courses, the total cost of which, if bought separately, would be 50 cents. The kit is therefore a bargain as it sells for 35 cents.
2. There are, in addition, a score of carefully selected pamphlets for sale. There is no duplication of the kit pamphlets among those for sale singly. If anyone wishes a copy of one or more pamphlets in the kit, orders may be taken, which will be filled by the state office.
3. Pamphlets dealing with the Primary and Nominating Methods are particularly timely just now. It should be easy to sell Miss Wells' "The Family Takes Notice" and Judge Waite's "The Child Labor Amendment". Call attention to the fact that the copy of the Constitution of the United States fits nicely into almost any purse or bag and will therefore always be at hand.
4. Orders may also be taken for any printed material displayed on the screens which is not offered for sale.
5. Make a record of cash receipts in notebook provided. It is not necessary to list every sale. Merely note total receipts at end of each period of service, with your name, the date and the hour when the record is made. Turn over all money to Miss Nellie Merrill, chairman, after making the necessary notebook record.

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Convention Program Announcements

SUPPER AND FIRESIDE DISCUSSIONS:

Tuesday Home of Mrs. McKnight, 2200 Park Avenue
7:00 P.M.

Friday Home of Miss Wells, 325 Groveland Avenue
7:00 P.M.

(Fireside discussions open to delegates from outside
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DEPARTMENT CONFERENCES:

Tuesday Efficiency in Government (luncheon - Room 226)
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Wednesday International Cooperation to Prevent War (luncheon -
12:30 P.M. Mrs. A. J. McGuire, presiding Room 226)

Wednesday Public Welfare in Government (Room 226)
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these departments and to substitutes appointed to repre-
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POLLS OPEN FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Be a responsible Voter!

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CONVENTION BUSINESS SESSION: Saturday Morning (See printed program)

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For the period beginning November 1, 1926 and ending October 31, 1927

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
Balance November 1, 1926	\$979.68	
Quota payments from local Leagues	7 920.01	
Miscellaneous, including small donations	91.11	
National League quota	1 984.50	1 984.50
Woman Citizen subscription drive	102.00	
Minnesota Woman Voter	896.68	765.47
Educational material	237.47	131.52
Annual Convention in Duluth		253.65
Extension of Organization		2 234.05
Office Salaries		4 450.74
Office Expense		1 351.60
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Travelling Expenses	1 200.00
Educational Material	500.00
Minnesota Woman Voter	900.00
Office Expenses	
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May I suggest, further, that your local League become a subscriber - unless it is already on the list - for THE WOMAN CITIZEN offers invaluable help in program planning. You know it contains the official bulletin of the National League of Women Voters and thus keeps you informed on National League activities that are of particular interest to you and your three Department Chairmen.

It happens that the state League is making a drive for two hundred subscriptions or renewals before January 1. We shall be ever so grateful to you for any help you can give in swelling our list. You will be contributing to our budget and will, at the same time, be doing a favor for any woman you encourage to become a reader of this interesting magazine.

I enclose the names of those whose renewal subscription we hope you may help us to get. We receive credit only if subscriptions or renewals are sent to our office or if our name is written on the blank when it is mailed direct.

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ROUND ROBIN
No. 31 Fifth Region, National League of Women Voters December 1927

Evidently the newspapers both in South Dakota and North Dakota appreciate the League of Women Voters and the need it seeks to meet. On July 12, 1927 the Grand Forks Herald carried the following:

"The League of Women Voters does not aim at the creation of a separate woman's party or the segregation of women's vote. Its activities are based on the assumption that men and women share citizenship equally, and that in the use of their intelligence they will reach conclusions based on considerations of citizenship and not of sex. It seeks to promote the exercise of reason and the acquisition of information rather than the stimulation of emotion, and its work is done quietly and systematically. It has not attempted mass action, but has sought to promote intensive study on the part of those who are really interested, so that each of its groups may be a center from which shall proceed an influence which shall be felt in a beneficial way by more and more individuals. In this it has been decidedly successful, and it is proving one of the really constructive forces of the republic."

Next months' Round Robin will carry a similar quotation from a South Dakota editor.

SOUTH DAKOTA - It is especially regrettable that the last Round Robin omitted the Arlington League from the list of Leagues represented at the state convention, since Arlington was one of the two Leagues with a full delegation.

Artesian is not a large town but the Artesian League had an attendance of seventeen at its evening meeting in November and "League Talk" was so engrossing that they forgot to go home until nearly midnight.

This is the way one League chairman writes about a beginning League: "I am sorry they are discouraged but it seems to me they haven't had time yet to get really rooted. Look how long before we had a study meeting of any kind. Now we can't get them in often enough to suit us."

Here is another jewel: "Roads have again postponed a League meeting. My soul! Why do town women get discouraged. If we farm women can learn anything about government, we will have earned it as well as learned it."

MONTANA - Under the leadership of Mrs. F. K. Bowman the League of Women Voters instigated a state-wide observance of Armistice in behalf of peace. Many ministers responded to the League's request that sermons that week should show the significance of the day.

IOWA - True League spirit this: "We sent \$260.00 to the National League when they requested \$200.00 and were glad that we had the money so that we could."

MINNESOTA - The Institute of Government held in connection with the annual convention was a great success. Women said they never had learned so much in so short a time. The attendance was better than at any previous Institute.

Only one Convention session was held. The other meetings were informal. There were meetings of Departments at lunch. And there were several informal "fireside suppers" at which the out-of-town delegates were entertained by Minneapolis hostesses.

The gala luncheon at which money was raised by a "stunt" in the form of a "candidates' meeting" was as successful as Minnesota League's annual money raising luncheon always is. People look forward to it. That is the way money ought to be raised - gaily. Ex-Governor Nellie Tayloe Ross who gave the address of the occasion made her Minnesota audience feel extremely grateful that women had been so well represented by the "first woman governor". Her speech was beautiful, marked by modesty and common sense.

Among visitors from other states were: Mrs. J. A. Poppler, Grand Forks, vice-president of the North Dakota League; Miss Hazel McCulloch, Minot, North Dakota, chairman of International Cooperation; Mrs. Andrew Lees, vice-president of the Wisconsin League, and Mrs. Nellie Soules of LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

NORTH DAKOTA - Mrs. Harris T. Baldwin, National chairman of Living Costs, had a busy twenty-four hours with the Grand Forks League November 22 and 23. She conferred with the committee in the forenoon, addressed city League members at luncheon and spoke at a dinner of Grand Forks men and women in the evening. She breakfasted with the New Voters the next morning.

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Dear Local League Chairman:

I write to tell you of a new and interesting plan for the New Year! The National League of Women Voters and the National Broadcasting Company are to cooperate in an experiment in the educational use of the radio through establishing a VOTERS' SERVICE to run from January to November 1928.

Every Tuesday, from 6 to 7 P.M., WCCO will relay this program planned by the National League of Women Voters. On alternate Tuesdays the program will come from WRC in Washington and will tell us "What Congress Is Doing". It will be arranged by Mr. Charles Ross, a journalist of long experience. Every other Tuesday the program will be from WEA New York and will present to us distinguished speakers who will discuss current issues in the coming presidential campaign.

The object of the VOTERS' SERVICE is to give the listener a vivid sense of what is happening at the center of government and to enable him to hear talks by leaders of public opinion representing all sections of the country, as well as all points of view. The voter will thus get unpartisan information and historical background that will be of the greatest value and help in forming intelligent judgments.

The opening program will be from 6 to 7 P.M. on Tuesday, January 3. It is proposed to make that evening a gala occasion for the League everywhere. Will you do your part by arranging "listening-in" supper parties and by getting your local newspaper to publish news of these parties and of the VOTERS' SERVICE.

To make sure that the National League program is given the local announcement and publicity that its importance deserves, may I suggest that you appoint a "radio chairman" to help plan radio supper parties for January 3 and to promote "listening-in" on future programs. You already know of the program "Your Congress and You" arranged by the Minneapolis League as announced in the December Voter. Your chairman may be able to arrange to make good use of this afternoon service as well as of the national suppertime radio service.

Please send us the name of your "radio chairman" as soon as you can in order that we may have it for our publicity in Twin City newspapers.

A Happy New Year to You and the League!

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My dear Board Member:

Mrs. Walter Thorp has invited the state board to hold its January meeting at her home 4428 Fremont Avenue South, Minneapolis. The all-day meeting will begin at 10:30 A.M., as usual.

We shall try to arrange transportation from state League headquarters to Mrs. Thorp's home for out-of-town members who will let us know that they will arrive at the office by 10:00 A.M.

Plans for 1928 state League activities based upon the Program of Work adopted at the annual convention will be discussed and outlined at this meeting, which is therefore particularly important.

We shall wish to let Mrs. Thorp know how many to expect for luncheon and shall appreciate an early reply as to your attendance.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Efficiency in Government Chairman:

There are so many League activities requiring concerted action on the part of the entire organization all the time that the state department chairmen hesitate to make demands upon the local chairmen unless a situation necessitating immediate attention arises.

We are convinced that such a situation is now at hand in regard to the direct primary. The organization of the Representative Government League in Minneapolis last November (with branches to be established in various parts of the state) whose purpose as reviewed in the December Woman Voter is to abolish the state-wide primary, replacing it with the convention system, means that Leagues of Women Voters everywhere must prepare themselves to defend the present system of nomination or to work for its improvement.

To be armed with facts concerning the direct primary as a method of nomination and its operation in Minnesota is the best equipment for the educational campaign that is pending. Will you not plan meetings for the discussion of the direct primary; organize study groups whose members will work intensively on various phases of the primary in this state and in your community; arrange interviews with people in your community whose opinions are respected and influential, particularly editors of newspapers - all with the purpose of preventing hasty commitments against the primary until after constructive study upon which intelligent action may be proposed.

No better background material for such work is available than a recent publication of the National League, Miss Rocca's NOMINATING METHODS (15¢). This may be presented at a League meeting by dividing it into four parts, each to be reviewed by a different person. A more recent publication, OF, BY AND FOR THE PEOPLE - YES OR NO? (5¢), by Albert Beveridge, a practical politician of long experience, would furnish interesting supplementary material for another meeting and would be provocative of stimulating discussion. I expect to prepare material on the operation of the primary in Minnesota, which will be ready soon.

Hoping to have an early reply outlining your plans for the work on this important subject, I am

Cordially yours,

Joan W. Wittich

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Chairman

The Minnesota League of Women Voters
1639 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis

January 12,
1928

My dear chairman:

Since our department conference at the state convention, I have been meaning to write you to make certain suggestions that I hope you will wish to carry out in connection with your work as department chairman.

In the first place, I hope that you will immediately name a committee of at least three interested women who will meet with you to study intensively (perhaps by reading aloud together) the best material on subjects active in our program. Later each committee member might form a small study group to make use of the material you find most concise and valuable.

Your committee will undoubtedly be able to think of various ways of extending information upon the subjects in which we are interested. One way is to ask your local League chairman to devote the program of one meeting to our department. I suggest the following topics for discussion and enclose a list of references that may be obtained from our state office, for this program and for the more detailed study by your committee.

History of Arbitration and the Part Played by the United States

How Far Has Arbitration Progressed Since the World War?

The Burton, Capper and Borah resolutions in this Congress

These same subjects might be proposed to the schools for discussion by the students in their English or History work. May I suggest that your committee ask that one program during the school year be planned on Arbitration.

Another immediate task that I would like to present for consideration by your committee is an inquiry into the reference material available in school libraries in the field of our department, with the purpose of offering to supplement it with carefully selected references that you consider most helpful. I might remind you here that the publications of the National League of Women Voters have been characterized in the report on Adult Education of the Carnegie Corporation as "authoritative, complete and well annotated." The National Broadcasting Company has also shown its appreciation of the National League's educational activities by allowing it to broadcast a program every Tuesday at 6:00 P.M.

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Public luncheons at which Conference delegates will speak are to be held in St. Paul on January 30 (St. Paul Hotel, 12:30 P.M.) and in Minneapolis (Hotel Nicollet, 12:00 M.) Write to state League headquarters for your reservation if you can attend.

The National League of Women Voters biennial convention is to be in Chicago this year, April 23-28. I hope you will mark the dates on your calendar and plan to attend. The special conference and programs for our department are always among the most stimulating and interesting of convention events. I hope you may be there but in any event I shall appreciate receiving from you for report there all the information you can give me about your committee and its accomplishments. A blank for your report is enclosed.

I am sending you under separate cover a copy of the National League Program of Work containing the program of our department, which you may find useful in making plans for study groups. With the hope that I may have an opportunity for a personal conference with you during the coming year, I am

Summary of suggested action:

1. Name a committee of 3 or more members
2. Plan with local League chairman for general League meeting with suggested program
3. Form study groups with help of your committee members
4. Arrange with school authorities for program on ARBITRATION
5. Place on school reference shelf best pamphlet references on Arbitration and other subjects of our department

Sincerely yours,

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REFERENCE LIST

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Arbitration (a primer)	5¢
A review of Arbitration (Summary of arbitration treaties of United States and other countries)	10¢
Know Your Own Foreign Policy (Envelope of leaflets with questions and answers on the World Court, the League of Nations, Disarmament Conference, Monroe Doctrine, the State Department, Powers and Responsibilities of the President)	20¢
Mexico (a primer)	10¢
Ask Me Another (Envelope containing 7 leaflets with questions and answers on foreign affairs)	10¢

Other pamphlet publications on Arbitration:

Arbitration - The Only Substitute for War Published by the Com. on Cause and Cure of War	15¢
Arbitration and the United States Published by the World Peace Foundation	10¢
Banishing War through Arbitration Published by the National Council for the Prevention of War	10¢
The Arbitration Record of the United States (Foreign Policy Association Information Service Bulletin for June 8, 1927)	10¢
Text of the Capper, Borah and Burton Resolutions	

Note: Excellent pamphlet references on all the items in the National League Program of Work (p. 14) are published at nominal cost by the Foreign Policy Association, the World Peace Foundation, the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, etc. The state League headquarters will obtain for you at cost a file of reference material on any of these subjects.

The Foreign Policy Association, 18 E. 41st St., New York City, publishes a weekly leaflet - subscription price \$1.00 per year - which is invaluable to individuals and groups wishing to have up-to-date and authentic information in this field.

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REPORT FROM DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN IN LOCAL LEAGUES

My committee was named on _____ (date) and consists of _____ members (how many)

We plan to meet regularly (how often) _____

We have consulted with school authorities and arranged _____

A local League meeting with a program on ARBITRATION was held on _____

Study groups have been formed by our committee (how many) _____

Each group will meet (how many times) _____

Subject of study in each group _____

Remarks and information on other activities of the committee:

(Signed) _____
_____ League of Women Voters

(Please forward this report to Mrs. A. J. McGuire at state League headquarters by April 1, 1928 or as much in advance of that date as you can.)

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Dear Local League Chairman:

The enclosed letters have been sent to the chairmen of Efficiency in Government and International Cooperation in local Leagues. Will you give your chairmen what help you can in planning ways of carrying out the suggestions. Or, if you have not yet appointed chairmen of the three important divisions of League work, may I urge you to name them now, in order that our state League department chairmen may correspond with them.

There is one suggestion I would like to have from you immediately. We expect to call together an advisory committee of men, to meet the week of January 23, for the purpose of discussing the merits of the proposals that have been made up to date for improving our DIRECT PRIMARY law. We would like to have able men from all parts of the state represented in this group, whether or not they have declared themselves in favor of our present primary law, providing only their minds are not closed on the subject.

Will you help us make this committee the best and most representative group we can get together for Minnesota, by sending us suggestions of possible members in your part of the state - not necessarily in your town? I enclose an addressed postal for your convenience in replying.

The National League radio program from 6:00 to 6:30 P.M. on Tuesdays is living up to our highest expectations. Have you appointed your radio chairman as yet? Let us have her name as soon as you can for we want to see that she has all the information we can give her for local publicity on the weekly programs.

I shall write you again soon to give you some month-by-month suggestions of programs for your League meetings during the coming months. In the meantime I hope that you may send me the name of your radio chairman (if you have not yet done so) and also the names you suggest for our advisory committee on the direct primary.

Sincerely yours,

Marguerite M. Wells
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IOWA-The state convention is to be held at Iowa City, March 20, 21, and 22. Mrs. Frank Stromsten and Mrs. G. W. Martin, chairman of the Iowa City League, are chairmen of the convention.

New College League - at the University of Iowa a temporary organization was formed of which Miss Mary Fagan of Casey, Iowa is temporary chairman and Miss Alma T. Link is temporary secretary.

MONTANA-Mrs. J. E. Patton, president, has been seriously ill. Her last letter, written from a hospital, ends: "Will write again when I can sit up." The Region will join in wishing her a speedy recovery.

The Montana convention will be held January 24, 25, and 26 at Butte. Mrs. W. W. Ramsey, fifth vice president of the National League of Women Voters and chairman of the Department of Women in Industry, will be the honor guest.

NORTH DAKOTA-A special state board meeting at Grand Forks was attended by Mrs. J. R. Parkes enroute to Montana. Board discussion centered about procedure in preparing the program of work to be submitted to the state convention next summer.

SOUTH DAKOTA-Rosholt (Remember the weather Minnesota and the Dakotas were having) "Every attempt to meet seems to stir up the elements to real fury. Last Thursday was the best day and that was bitterly cold and roads were impassible. Four members met and we did a little studying. Our interest and enthusiasm have not evaporated. We have tried to preserve and bottle them up 'til the weather mixer becomes kind. We have fifteen members now."

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I enclose an advance statement such as I hope to be able to send you each week on the program for the coming week. The Sunday Twin City papers will carry news of the program but a special item in your local paper would be very worth while, especially if it includes news of your local plans for "radio supper parties". Please hold the announcement for publication in the last issue of your paper before the day of the program since its early publication in a daily newspaper might result in the refusal of the Twin City papers to use it on Sunday.

Some suggestions that have come to us as to ways in which radio chairmen may help to increase the radio audience and further the educational value of the program are:

1. Have the program announced in group meetings of men as well as women, during the week and especially on Monday and Tuesday preceding the program.
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3. Include men in these League supper plans and be sure that all announcements emphasize the value and interest of the program for men as well as women.
4. And above all urge a discussion period, however brief, following the program. Perhaps you can even appoint a "discussion leader" who will be prepared to "start the ball rolling" and keep it "rolling" until the interesting points in the talks heard are reviewed.

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Sincerely yours,

Marguerite M. Wells

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P.S. The radio program arranged by the Minneapolis League of Women Voters for Tuesday afternoons at 4:25 P.M., with Mrs. W. J. Merckley reporting upon issues before the present Congress, is to continue as at present. Some of our Leagues have planned to hold their business meeting in the interval between the two programs, assembling in a home where there is a radio so that the two programs may be heard.

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2. Is the strictly unpartisan nature of the "Voters' Service" preserved in the programs you have listened to? If not, will you mention instances?
3. Is the Washington series on "What Congress is Doing" valuable to you as a voter?
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Mr. Harold E. Wood, 881 Lincoln Ave. St. Paul
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"Miss Skinner, Grand Forks League president, is selling an attractive and useful apron for the making of which she charges 50 cents." This is the reason: each member of the Grand Forks League is to try to make \$5 for the League treasury in order to send at least one Grand Forks official delegate to the Chicago convention. Mrs. Ramsey who bought one of the aprons proudly exhibited it at the regional office.

Officers of the Devils Lake League are: Mrs. C. S. McCulloch, president; Mrs. A. V. Haig, vice-president; and Miss Inez Serungard, secretary-treasurer. A delightful League luncheon was held January 28 at which Mrs. Parkes and Mrs. W. W. Ramsey, vice-president of the National League, were present.

Mrs. Ramsey was entertained in Grand Forks at 7 o'clock breakfast at which were present state board and local League members and officers of the University League. The Minot League also held a luncheon for Mrs. Ramsey and Mrs. Parkes on January 27.

SOUTH DAKOTA - Mrs. Hartwich, Mrs. Bryan and Mrs. Feige went to Artesian in January to speak at an open meeting of their League. "It was a bad windy night but we had a good crowd; one third were men and I believe that it was a very profitable meeting."

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NATIONAL LEAGUE PROPOSED PROGRAM - This is being sent to you under separate cover with a note attached as to its consideration by your League. I suggest that you place a copy with each of your three department chairmen, asking them to report at three successive meetings. The Public Welfare in Government chairman may wish to reassign to others for report some of the material in the six committee programs included in her department. The state board will appreciate receiving from your League comments upon the proposed program.

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FEBRUARY - JUNE: LEAGUE MEETINGS ON-

Party Caucuses (Delegate Elections) and Party Conventions

To stimulate participation of women in precinct caucuses of
Democratic party - March 8 (Thursday)
Republican party - March 14 (Wednesday)
Farmer-Labor party - not yet announced

References: Minnesota Woman Voter for February
Dramatization of party caucus (mimeographed)

Direct Primary

References: Nominating Methods - 15¢
Primary or Convention - 5¢
Of, By and For the People, Albert Beveridge - 5¢
Minnesota Woman Voter for March

What Every Voter Should Know About Voting (preceding June 18th Primary)

References: Digest of Minnesota Election Laws - 10¢
Who's Who in State and County Government - 5¢
The Practice of Politics, Raymond Moley - 10¢

Arbitration and Our Foreign Policy

References: Arbitration kit - 50¢

Electric Power and Muscle Shoals

References: Electric Power and the Public Welfare - 5¢
Facts about Muscle Shoals - 12¢
Woman's Journal for January, p.26

JUNE - SEPTEMBER:

Study of legislative issues in state League program - in League meetings, study groups and One Day Schools
(Material for study to be supplied from state office)

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER:

Candidates' meetings preceding General Election, Tuesday, November 13

State League Convention - Probably first or second week in October

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STATE BOARD MEETING
February 10, 1928

The regular meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the home of Mrs. Edwin White, 767 Goodrich Avenue, St. Paul, on Friday, February 10, 1928. The meeting was called to order at 10:34 a.m., Miss Wells presiding.

There were present Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Weeks, Mrs. Marble, Mrs. Spear, Mrs. Ringstad, Mrs. Pearce, Miss Beggin and Miss Child. Arriving later were Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Harrigan, Miss Lusk, Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. Sherwin, Miss Kercher and Mrs. Ramsey. Members of the Ramsey county board and Miss Jennings were present as guests.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the secretary and approved.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Wittich in the absence of Mrs. Cant. She reported a balance January 1 of \$407.09 and receipts during February of \$1183.21, of which \$705.83 was received in quotas. Disbursements during the month amounted to \$1164.22, leaving a balance February 1 of \$426.08. Bills payable amounting to \$940.03 were reported. IT WAS VOTED that the treasurer's report be accepted and the bills allowed.

Organization

Miss Beggin reported field trips to Leagues in the second and third districts; Wells, Fulda, Slayton, Shakopee and Jordan. She also visited Mankato, Albert Lea and Mountain Lake. The Mankato State Teachers College League is following out the study program suggested and hopes to be able to present a League speaker before the whole student body some time this spring.

Mrs. Spear reported that the League in the Duluth State Teachers College is having difficulty in finding time to meet free from other activities. She hopes that a recently formed study group under the leadership of a faculty member may cooperate with the League group in future plans.

Report on Cause and Cure of War Conference

By consent, the time from 11 to 1 o'clock was reserved for Mrs. McGuire's report upon the conference. Following her review of the four resolutions adopted by the conference, the chair introduced a discussion of what follow-up of these resolutions can be undertaken by the National and state League within the program of work adopted by each. It was made clear that the conference cannot commit a participating organization to action outside its authorized program. New items in the program of work must await convention action. It was also agreed that state League action on these resolutions should be taken only at the suggestion of the National League so that the effectiveness of such action would be enhanced by that of other state Leagues.

The meeting adjourned for luncheon at 1:15 P.M. and re-convened at 2:15 P.M.

The Caucus-Convention System

Mrs. Wittich reviewed this system in Minnesota for choosing party convention delegates and party officials and committees in the presidential election year. Miss Child informed the board that Mrs. Wittich's material on this subject will be printed in the February Voter.

Experiences of those present in participating in the party caucuses and conventions four years ago were asked for by Mrs. Wittich and recorded by Miss Child as a permanent record for our files. The suggestion of Mrs. Wittich was approved, by consent, that the board recommend to League members in the various congressional districts that they write their congressmen urging that the best appointments possible be made to the chairmanship of the district party conventions.

State League Convention

Letters from Mrs. Friedrich of the St. Cloud League and Mrs. Morrison of the Winona League were reported conveying an invitation to hold the state convention in each city. A motion was made by Mrs. Ramsey, seconded, and later withdrawn that

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Fee and Instructors

The state League will cooperate with a local League of Women Voters in conducting a SCHOOL with one instructor, for a fee of \$10; with two instructors, for a fee of \$15. In a community where there is no League organization, it will conduct a school in cooperation with a local committee for the regular fee plus an additional charge of \$5.

If the SCHOOL with one instructor is chosen, it will be necessary to have one of the talks given by a local speaker. The state League will supply in advance outline and reference material for use in preparing the talk.

Local Arrangements

It will be the responsibility of the local organization to secure a meeting place, decide upon the hours for the sessions and the arrangement of the subjects in the program, fix the admission charge and arrange for local printing and publicity. It is recommended that there be an advance sale of tickets to cover the necessary expenses, such as; fee to the state League, rental of an auditorium and printing cost of tickets, fliers, etc.

The state League offers to supply publicity statements on the program and speakers, to furnish printed material on the program subjects for sale at cost, and to send, upon request, further detailed suggestions that may prove helpful to the group in charge of arrangements for the SCHOOL.

"Votes in themselves are useless things. Unless a man has education, a vote is a useless and dangerous thing for him to possess - the supreme task is political education."

the convention be held in Winona. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Mrs. McGuire, that the final decision be left until the next meeting of the board, further inquiries being made in the meantime as to accommodations for convention sessions and delegates. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Miss Kercher, to authorize the Executive Committee to decide upon the time of the convention, the first or second week of October being under consideration.

Chairmanship of Committee on Women in Industry

The resignation of Mrs. Dietrichson, owing to her departure from the city, was reported by the chair. Miss Child presented the recommendation of the Executive Committee that Miss Kercher be asked to accept appointment to the vacant chairmanship. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McKnight, second of Mrs. Spear, that Mrs. Dietrichson's resignation be accepted with regret. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Lusk, second of Mrs. Sherwin, that Miss Kercher be asked to serve as committee chairman. Miss Kercher said that she would be glad to accept the appointment since it represented one of her chief interests.

National League Circular Communications

Attention was called by the chair to the printed bulletin issued by the National League to state board members and local League chairmen. Various board members expressed themselves as having read it with great interest.

The call to the National League convention in April was reported by Miss Child, who also mentioned the printed postals with questionnaires on the radio program that we are asked to have individuals fill out and return to the League radio committee in New York. These have been mailed to local League radio chairmen in the state. The chair asked those present to take as many of the cards as they could have filled out.

Voters Schools

Miss Beggin reported that, during her recent field trip, she made tentative plans for an immediate series of schools. Mrs. Weeks reported that she is preparing her talks for the schools. A program of two sessions is planned with talks on public welfare legislation, the direct primary and American foreign policy. A talk on the League of Women Voters is to be a feature of the program in every school.

Miss Wells expressed the appreciation of the board to Mrs. White for her hospitality. The meeting adjourned at 4:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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March 6 "Voters' Service" Program

The two party leaders in the House of Representatives, Congressman John Q. Tilson, Republican of Connecticut, and Congressman Finis J. Garrett, Democrat, of Tennessee, will be "guest speakers" on the March 6 program of the "Voters' Service", to be broadcast at 6 o'clock (Central Standard Time) from station WRC, Washington, to 20 associated stations on the National Broadcasting Company's Red Network. The program which is one of the fortnightly series devoted to "What Congress is Doing" is sponsored by the Broadcasting Company and the National League of Women Voters.

The House leaders will discuss the work of the House of Representatives from the viewpoint of their respective parties. Both Congressmen have served many years in the lower house, and hold responsible positions in the ranks of their parties.

Mr. Charles G. Ross, chief of the Washington bureau of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, who is the regular conductor of the "What Congress is Doing" program, will be the third participant in the half-hour program. Mr. Ross will bring to his radio audience a short summary of Congressional happenings in the previous week.

Representative Tilson began his legislative service in the Connecticut Legislature, where he served 6 years, the last two of which he was Speaker of the House. In 1909 he came to Washington as a member of the House of Representatives, and he has answered roll-calls in every Congress since that date with the exception of two years. Since 1925 he has been Republican Floor Leader, having succeeded Nicholas Longworth when Longworth was elevated to the Speakership.

Congressman Garrett is just beginning his twenty-fourth consecutive year of service in the House. Before entering public life, he had been practising law and was master in chancery in his home town, Dresden, Tennessee for five years previous to his national legislative service. Mr. Garrett has been the floor leader of the Democratic Party for the last seven years. The first two years he served as acting minority leader because of the illness of the elected leader, Claude Kitchin, and in subsequent Congresses he was elected leader of his party.

February 27, 1928.

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(MARCH 13-7 to 7:30 P.M.—E. S. T.)

Power and the Public

The Background of the Problem.
The Producer Speaks.
The Consumer Speaks.
(Watch the newspapers for announcement of speakers.)

(MARCH 20-7 to 7:30 P.M.—E. S. T.)

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A fortnightly service, conducted by Charles G. Ross.
Guest Speakers: Willmott Lewis, Washington Correspondent of the London Times; Frank Kent, Vice President of the Baltimore Sun.

(MARCH 27-7 to 7:30 P.M.—E. S. T.)

How We Nominate Our Presidents

What Is the Presidential Primary?
How Conventions Nominate.
The Convention's Final Choice.
(Watch the newspapers for announcement of speakers.)

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A CAUCUS SKIT

Part I

Dialogue between League of Women Voters chairman and League Member

Mrs. Watson - League chairman
Mrs. Franklin - League member

SCENE - Living room in Mrs. Franklin's home. Mrs. F. is sewing buttons on husbands coat when the doorbell rings. She goes to the door and admits Mrs. Watson.

Mrs. F - Good morning, Mrs. Watson, come in. Aren't you ambitious to be out so early?

Mrs. W - Well, you know, these are busy days for the League. I've come to ask you if you will help in our pre-election work this year. You know this is the presidential election year and right now, all over the country, the political machinery that will finally result in the election of a president of the United States is getting underway.

Mrs. F - But the primary election doesn't come until June, does it?

Mrs. W - No, but you see the party conventions in this state will be held in March and much is being done right now in the way of quietly lining up delegates, forming policies, etc. And if we women are to do our part, we must act right now.

Mrs. F - Well, but how?

Mrs. W - By urging women to go to their party caucuses and vote and to act as judges and clerks of election - even to run for election as delegates; in fact, to go through the whole rigmarole of caucus, county convention, district and state conventions, right through to the national party conventions in June.

Mrs. F - Well, I don't believe you can get women to do it. It seems to me that a great many of them have lost their first fine flush of enthusiasm for politics and voting. Lots of them never vote at all, and some of them have the vaguest ideas on public questions. What do you think a woman said to me the other day? We were talking about Muscle Shoals and she said, "That's the law, isn't it, that tells us when we can eat oysters?" (They laugh.)

Mrs. W - Well, that certainly shows how much women need to learn, doesn't it?

Mrs. F - But, Mrs. Watson, don't you think women do pretty well voting in the primary and fall elections. Why are the caucuses so important anyway?

Mrs. W - Why because the caucus is the one place where you and I and every party member stand the only chance of recording our personal opinions through the delegates whom we elect to represent us in the party conventions. The public seems to imagine that the general election is the important thing and the caucus only for politicians, but there could not be a greater mistake.

Mrs. F - Oh, yes, of course I can see that - by not voting at the caucus we are really allowing a handful of people to run it.

Mrs. W - The worst of it is - the undesirable element in political life, the kind that wants to get something out of politics, won't shirk. No, they'll vote early and often if they can to get their men and their measures through, and do you think they would miss a party caucus? Never! In spite of blizzards or floods, they'll be there.

Mrs. F - I see, and then we, who claim to be good citizens, berate the government and politics in general when we find ourselves in a political mess, and yet some of us don't lift a finger to help it.

Mrs. W - Exactly (looks at watch) Well, it's getting late and we must make plans for getting our plea to women to vote in the caucuses.

Mrs. F - But how shall we go about it?

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Dear Board Member:

Mrs. F. W. Wittich will entertain the board at its next meeting on Friday, March 9, in her new home, 1822 Emerson Avenue So. Minneapolis. The meeting will open at 10:30 A.M.

The plan includes:

A supplementary report by Mrs. McGuire on the Cause and Cure of War Conference. This time it will be on Latin America.

A report by Mrs. Spear on the program of the Living Costs Committee, especially the present status of action in the Congress on Muscle Shoals.

A review by Miss Kercher of the committee program on Women in Industry with a summary of the present critical situation in this state.

We must let Mrs. Wittich know how many to expect for luncheon and shall appreciate hearing from you early in the week. Mrs. Wittich's home is a ten minute ride by automobile or street car (Kenwood and East 25th St.) from state headquarters and her house is two short blocks from the car-line. If it should prove easier for out of town members to meet at the office, we shall be glad to arrange automobile transportation for them, if possible.

Sincerely yours,

Emily Child
Emily Child,
Executive Secretary

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Mrs. W - Well, the very first thing to do is to get League women in every precinct to call our members urging them to vote in their party caucuses. Then we can cooperate with the party women in persuading women to run for election as delegates to the county convention.

Mrs. F - Oh, I see! What would you think of having afternoon meetings or teas and explaining the idea there?

Mrs. W - Splendid!

Mrs. F - Shall we also try to get women to be ready to serve as judges and clerks of the caucus or will these officers be appointed by the county chairman?

Mrs. W - Usually the party precinct leader takes temporary charge of the caucus and then those who come to vote elect a chairman, a clerk and two judges.

Mrs. F - How will we know when and where our own party caucus is to be held?

Mrs. W - You'll have to watch the newspapers for announcements, or telephone the party headquarters. Most of the caucuses will be held in private homes since the arrangements are made by the party committee and the polling places used in elections held at public expense are not available.

Mrs. F - All right, I'll pass the word along because I see that the caucus is really the only place where we as individuals have any say on presidential candidates and matters of party policy. I think it is going to be awfully interesting.

Mrs. W - Of course it's interesting. They say the best study of mankind is man, and I believe the best study of government is politics because it is the machinery by which government works. Well, I must go on my way and give you a chance to finish your mending. Goodbye.

Mrs. F - Well, more work! But, it's worthwhile and no one knows how far reaching this little start may be. Mercy, where did I put that button?

Part II
Dialogue between Party Women

Mrs. Black - Mrs. Wick

SCENE - Mrs. Black seated at her desk writing. Mrs. Wick enters smiling.

Mrs. W - Greetings, Mrs. Delegate! I've been hearing about your dazzling political future.

Mrs. B - Future! I'm not so much interested in my future as I am in trying to crowd about a million things into the present. Still, I should like to know what this is all about. Delegate? What do you mean by that?

Mrs. W - Well, I've just been to a meeting of some party women here in the neighborhood. We were talking about the coming caucuses, and who ought to represent us at the county convention and we all decided that you would make a perfect delegate.

Mrs. B - Well, I suppose I should be properly grateful for this expression of confidence (bows like a candidate) but really, Mrs. Wick, it can't be done. I simply haven't the time - and anyway I don't know enough about the procedure at caucuses, conventions, and so forth.

Mrs. W - Oh, as for time, you know it's always the busy people who get things done. It really won't take more than three or four days out of this month and we'll all help you. The chairman of the League of Women Voters called me up just yesterday to say that the League will help by urging all women to get out and vote in their party caucuses. And as for not knowing the details of politics, well, politics is nothing more than housekeeping on a large scale, and if women are not good at details, I'd like to know. Think of the details of getting a Thanksgiving dinner ready!

Mrs. B - But see here, I don't know anything about a political machine - the only machine I know about is a Ford.

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Mrs. W - Well, take the Ford car, for instance - a friend of mine who went through the Ford factory said that those machines are made by one man fitting together two bolts, passing them to the next man who adds something else and passes them on to another man, and so on until the whole car is complete and moves out under its own steam.

Mrs. B - But how does that apply in the present instance?

Mrs. W - Well, don't you see that the first cog in the political machinery comes when the voters in this precinct, the smallest election district, go to the March caucus and pick out a delegate, or maybe two, to go to the county and district conventions, and from there to the state and national party conventions. And the time from that first delegate election until the newest models in presidential candidates roll out under their own steam (and there will probably be a lot of it) at the national convention will be comparatively short, after all, and much that concerns all of us will have been decided in the meantime.

Mrs. B - Well, I hope the new models in presidential candidates will be perfect in every detail - smooth running, high geared, with good valves in the head and not a drop of oil on the hoods.

Mrs. W - Good, so do I. Well, now if that's your hope, here's your chance to help select them. You see we're hoping you'll not only go to the county convention, but straight through to the national - or if you don't go all the way, you will have an opportunity to help select other good delegates to represent us.

Mrs. B - And would I have a chance to put a plank or two in the platform?

Mrs. W - Certainly, the policies are talked over and resolutions made away down in the county convention.

Mrs. B - Well, it begins to sound interesting. But I'm sure Dr. Black won't like the idea of my entering the political arena this way. He thinks I'm too strenuous as it is for my own and my family's good.

Mrs. W - Oh he'll be proud of you, you'll see. And see the arguments you can use with him. As the father of a family, he is as much interested as you in seeing that the world is a good one for his children to live in, safe from moral dangers within, and safe from war without. We all believe these things and talk of them and now here's a chance to help put Dr. Black's ideals as well as your own into the actual working of your government. Besides, you really can spare the time, while he couldn't; that is, he might feel he couldn't take time from his practice. So, you see it's really your duty to go.

Mrs. B - All right, I will, if you'll all help me and tell me what to do.

Mrs. W - Indeed, we will help you, don't worry about that. Now the first thing to be done is to get your name on the ballot.

Mrs. B - Any expense to that?

Mrs. W - About a dollar if we have them printed. We'll confer with the precinct leader about that. Sometimes, you know, there are no printed or typed ballots at the polling place - only blank paper and pencils, to write in delegates' names. They are nominated and voted for right there. The whole thing is rather informal you know.

Mrs. B - What happens after - and if - I'm elected?

Mrs. W - The clerk sends your name to the county chairman and mails you a certificate of election. That's the credential you present at the county convention. And if you don't get it soon after election we will have to inform the county chairman and find out what's wrong.

Mrs. B - What do we do at the county convention?

Mrs. W - Well, before you go there you will probably meet with the other duly elected delegates in this ward and discuss possible delegates for the congressional district convention who will be named at the county convention.

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Mrs. B - Will these delegates be chosen from among the county delegates?

Mrs. W - Oh no, not necessarily, although of course they often are. But you may decide on any good and likely person in the county, even if he is not at the county convention. Well, when you get to the county convention, all the delegates to the state convention will be elected, and a resolutions committee will be appointed and will make recommendations.

Mrs. B - Oh, yes, I know. And then the congressional district convention elects two delegates from each congressional district to go to the national party convention and the state convention names seven delegates at large, making 27 delegates from Minnesota in the convention. I remember all that in the Voter.

Mrs. W - Well, I'm so glad it's settled that you will let us suggest your name as a delegate to be voted on at the caucus. I'm sure you will enjoy it if you are elected.

Mrs. B - (Rises) Yes, I believe I shall. And I'll try to be a credit to you in the county convention. Goodbye.

Part III The Party Caucus

Mr. and Mrs. Wick	Mr. Brown
Mr. and Mrs. Watson	Mr. Todd
Mr. and Mrs. Franklin	Mr. Smith
Dr. and Mrs. Black	Mrs. Hastings

SCENE - Living room in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wick. On the table are paper ballots, blank paper, pencils, and a box to hold the ballots.

Mr. Wick - Seven o'clock my dear. They should be coming soon.
(Enter Mr. & Mrs. Watson and Mr. Brown)

Mrs. Wick - Yes, here come the first arrivals. How do you do, Mrs. Watson. And Mr. Brown, I haven't seen you for a long time.

Mr. Wick - Now that you are here, Watson, we can begin.

Mr. Watson - What do you think, Wick, shall we call the meeting to order or shall we wait a little longer?

Mr. Wick - Better wait a while, I guess. Here comes someone now.

(Enter Dr. & Mrs. Black, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin.)

Mrs. Wick - Well, I see you obeyed orders and got here early.

Mrs. Franklin - Yes, indeed, we're anxious to help launch Mrs. Black in her political career. How will it feel to be a delegate, Mrs. Black?

Mrs. Black - I'm afraid I'll be hard to live with if I should get elected.

(Mr. Smith and Mr. Todd enter.)

Mr. Watson (precinct leader) - We'll call the meeting to order now please. As you know, this caucus is called to elect two delegates to the county convention. We will first elect a presiding officer. The chair will receive nominations for chairman of this caucus.

Mr. Todd - I nominate Mr. Franklin.

Mr. Watson - Are there any other nominations?

Mr. Franklin - I nominate Mr. Brown.

Mr. Watson - Are there any other nominations? If not, the nominations are now closed. All those in favor of having Mr. Franklin for chairman signify by raising their right hand. Mr. Franklin receives 7 votes. All those in favor of having Mr. Brown for chairman signify the same way. Mr. Brown seems to have received 3 votes. Mr. Franklin is declared elected. Mr. Franklin will you take the chair.

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Chairman Franklin - The next thing in order is the election of the clerk and two judges of election. The chair will receive nominations for clerk.

Mrs. Franklin - I nominate Mrs. Wick.

Chairman Franklin - Any others?

Mr. Todd - I nominate Mr. Smith.

Chairman Franklin - Nominations are closed. Those in favor of Mrs. Wick, raise your hands. Mrs. Wick receives 6 votes. In favor of Mr. Smith? Mr. Smith receives 4 votes. Mrs. Wick is elected clerk. I will now receive nominations for two election judges.

Mr. Smith - I nominate Mr. Watson.

Chairman Franklin - Any other nominations?

Mrs. Watson - I nominate Mrs. Franklin.

Chairman Franklin - Other nominations?

Mr. Brown - I nominate Mr. Todd.

Chairman Franklin - Are there any other nominations? If not, the nominations are closed. All those in favor of having Mr. Watson, raise your hands. Mr. Watson receives 8 votes and is therefore elected. Now we will vote for the second judge of election. All those in favor of Mrs. Franklin? Mrs. Franklin receives 6 votes. Those in favor of Mr. Todd? Mr. Todd receives 4 votes. I declare Mr. Watson and Mrs. Franklin elected. Will you now all three raise your hands and solemnly swear to discharge the duties of your office in this election to the best of your ability.

Mr. Watson, Mrs. Franklin and Mrs. Wick - I swear. (They take their places at a table.)

Mr. Brown - (going up to table on which are the ballots) How many ballots are there? I mean who are the candidates?

Chairman Franklin - The ballots of all the candidates are here. You may now vote.

Mrs. Watson - (approaches to vote and picks up a ballot) But this ballot has only one name on it and we are to vote for two delegates. How shall we do it?

Chairman Franklin - Pick out the ballot of one of your candidates and write in the name of your other choice.

Mr. Smith - (approaches chairman) May I have a ballot?

Chairman Franklin - Are you a qualified voter in this precinct?

Mr. Smith - No, I haven't voted before but I want to qualify now. I was too young at the last election.

Chairman Franklin - Is it your intention to affiliate with the party and to support the majority of its candidates at the next general election?

Mr. Smith - Yes.

Chairman Franklin - Very well, we'll dispense with the oath in this case and you may have a ballot.

(Mr. Todd has marked his ballot and now gives it to one of the judges).

Mrs. Wick - What is your name and address?

Mr. Todd - Harold C. Todd, 750 Spruce Street.

Dr. Black - May I have a ballot?

Mr. Brown - I challenge Dr. Black's right to vote in this caucus. He has never voted with this party before.

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Dr. Black - That's not so. I have been an Independent in city politics, but at the last general election I voted this party's ticket.

Chairman Franklin - Are you willing to swear to that?

Dr. Black - Certainly (glares at Mr. Brown)

Mr. Watson, the judge - Will you hold up your right hand, Dr. Black? Do you swear that you affiliated with this party at the last general election?

Dr. Black - I swear.

Chairman Franklin - You may vote then.

(Mrs. Hastings enters and says to chairman haughtily)

Mrs. Hastings - Where are the tickets? (He indicates the ballots. Mrs. Hastings selects one with Mrs. Black's name, scrutinizes it, then says to chairman) Why there must be some mistake here.

Chairman Franklin - Mistake!

Mrs. Hastings - Well, since when did Mrs. Black become a candidate for President of the United States?

Chairman and all - Mrs. Black! - - -

Mrs. Hastings - Why yes. (with great dignity) I came in here to vote for President and I am handed a ballot with the name of Mrs. Black.

Chairman Franklin - But Mrs. Black is only running for delegate from this precinct to the county convention. You can't vote for president here, madam.

Mrs. Hastings - Well, there's something queer about this. Isn't this the party caucus and isn't this the year we vote for President? I think I know my politics, young man.

Chairman Franklin - Well, I'm sorry but you see there is no presidential preference primary in Minnesota now.

Mrs. Hastings - Why I remember distinctly when Hoover was running -

Chairman Franklin - Oh yes, there was a preferential vote on presidential candidates four years ago, but the law has been changed and now simply provides that we elect delegates to county, district, state and national conventions - and the 27 delegates to the national convention will help nominate a president and vice-president. We are here to elect two delegates to the county convention and Mrs. Black happens to be a candidate. You must be sure to vote for two only on the ballot you turn in, otherwise your vote will be thrown out.

Mrs. Hastings - (still suspicious) Well, maybe you're right but I've heard of crooked elections before. (Slowly looks over ballots - finally votes).

Chairman Franklin - The election is now over. Will the judges count the ballots please.

Mr. Watson - Mrs. Black and Mr. Todd are elected.

Chairman Franklin - Mrs. Wick, will you send their names to the county chairman and send them each a notice of their election.

Mrs. Wick - Certainly, Mr. Chairman. (Goes up to Mrs. Black) Congratulations, Mrs. Black.

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POLITICAL PARTIES AND THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

The Presidential election means much more than the filling of the highest office in the gift of the American people. It determines, for the four-year period of the Presidential term, which shall be the dominant political party in the national administration and in the guidance of foreign policy. Moreover, the party which is successful in the election of its Presidential candidate usually controls the majority in at least the lower house of Congress.

In the development of our government, the tendency has been steadily in the direction of centralization, and the power of the chief executive has accordingly greatly increased. At the same time, the President, with his large powers of appointment and of influencing Congress in the actual shaping of legislation, has come to be recognized more and more as the leader of his party. About his election therefore are centered the activities of the great national political parties, a fact which should be borne in mind in considering this subject.

PRELIMINARY STEPS—LOCAL CONVENTIONS.

In some states the voters have a chance at the primary elections to express a preference for candidates for the presidency just as they have for candidates for other offices. In Minnesota, however, the presidential preferential primary law has been repealed, throwing the whole matter of preliminaries to the national conventions largely into the hands of the state and local committees of the political parties. The result will be a return in 1920 to the old system of party caucuses or local conventions, substantially as follows:

DELEGATES TO COUNTY CONVENTIONS are selected at township or precinct caucuses, called by the authorized party committee. The voter is entitled to attend the local caucus of the party with which he is in general sympathy.

COUNTY CONVENTIONS select delegates to the congressional district and state conventions.

THE DISTRICT AND STATE CONVENTIONS select delegates to the national convention. Two delegates are selected for each Representative and Senator to which the state is entitled in Congress. Minnesota, with two Senators and ten Representatives, therefore elects twenty-four delegates to the national convention.

It has been the practice of the Republican Party to select its four delegates-at-large at the state convention and to select the others at district conventions. The Democratic Party does not hold separate district conventions, but the delegates to the state convention from the various counties in each district meet to select the district delegates.

The delegates thus selected are sent to the national convention with more or less binding instructions as to the candidates they are to support for the nomination.

NOMINATION—THE NATIONAL CONVENTION.

Candidates for the office of President and Vice-President are nominated at the national convention of each political party. The convention is called by the party National Committee and is composed, as we have seen, of delegates from the various states.

The convention also adopts a statement of principles and pledges which is supposed to outline the policy the party will carry out if successful at the ensuing election. This statement is called the platform.

It is the practice in the Democratic convention for each state to vote as a unit—that is, to throw the votes of the entire delegation for the same candidate, whereas the theory of the Republican convention has been that each delegate may vote independently of other delegates from his state. In the Republican convention a bare majority of the votes is sufficient for the nomination of a candidate. In the Democratic convention a two-thirds vote has always been required for nomination, but it is possible that this requirement may soon be modified.

THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN.

THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE of each party is charged with the direction of the campaign, which follows the nomination of the candidates. This Committee is composed of one member from each state, chosen by the state delegation to the national convention.

The national committee selects the national headquarters, issues enormous quantities of literature, sends out speakers, tries to enlist and hold the support of the press, and is responsible for the disbursement of the large funds contributed to the campaign. The efforts of the campaign managers are largely concentrated in the so-called "doubtful" states where the election may be won or lost by very slight pluralities.

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Citizenship Leaflets No. 3

The Presidential Election

MEETING OF THE ELECTORS.

On the second Monday in January following the election, the electors in each state meet to vote by ballot for President and Vice-President—that is, for the candidates nominated by the party they represent and which has been successful at the November election. In Minnesota the electors meet at the State Capitol in St. Paul.

The votes cast by the electors are sent to the president of the Senate. On the second Wednesday in February, in the presence of the Senate and House of Representatives, they are formally opened and the candidate receiving a majority of the total electoral vote is declared duly elected.

In case no candidate receives a majority of the total electoral vote, the election of the President then devolves upon the House of Representatives. For this purpose each state is entitled to one vote only, and the President must be elected by a majority vote from the three candidates who received the highest number of electoral votes.

The election of a President by the House of Representatives has occurred only twice in the history of the United States, but it is likely to occur at any election when the votes are divided among several candidates.

The Federal Constitution requires that each state, in a manner to be directed by the state legislature, shall appoint a number of electors, equal to the number of Senators and Representatives to which the state is entitled in Congress, who shall meet in their respective states to vote for President and Vice-President.

This provision is complied with, but in such a way as to insure the election of the candidates nominated by one of the political parties.

Each party prepares in each state a list of candidates for Presidential electors equal to the total number of electors to which the state is entitled. In Minnesota this list may be made up by the State Central Committee or at the state convention as the Committee directs. In any case the electors are pledged in advance to vote for the party nominees and in case they are elected they are morally—and in some states legally—bound to do so. The electors, therefore, exercise no power of choice whatever and their office is merely honorary.

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For the convenience of the voter the names of the nominees for President appear on the ballot as well as the candidates for presidential electors. In Minnesota the ballot is so arranged that one check is sufficient to vote for all twelve electoral candidates of any one party. The following section from the Minnesota presidential ballot for 1916 makes this clear:

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(From the Session Laws (SL) for the 1923, 1925 and 1927 Legislatures)

Presidential Ballot Surname of the vice-presidential candidate to be printed on the ballot under that of presidential candidate. (Chap.4 SL 1925), correcting frontispiece.

Date of Annual Elections in certain villages changed to first Tuesday after first Monday in December. (Chap.4 SL 1925), correcting last paragraph, page 5.

Date of most School Elections changed to third Tuesday in July. (Chap.147 SL 1925), correcting last paragraph, page 5.

Absent Voting extended to primary elections. (Chap.108 SL 1923), correcting page 29. Extended to special primary elections and special elections (Chap.289 SL 1925), constituting addition to last paragraph, page 29.

Special application forms for absent voting in first-class cities may be obtained from city clerk (Chap.388 SL 1925), not less than one day, or more than 30 days, before the election (Chap.77 SL 1927), correcting last paragraph, page 29.

Permanent Registration in Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth. Voters may register at any time except during the 15 days immediately preceding elections. Once registered, no further registration is necessary unless the voter fails to vote at least once in two successive years (Chap.305 SL 1923). Registration by mail possible by forwarding to the commissioner of registration an affidavit, using the form provided. (Chap.278 SL 1925), correcting pages 4 and 10.

Permanent registration extended to cities of the second class (Faribault, St. Cloud, Mankato, Winona) (Chap.375 SL 1925). Further extended to villages of more than 9000 population and \$14 million valuation and to cities of more than 7000 population and \$14 million assessed valuation, (Hibbing, Virginia, Chisholm and Eveleth) upon a four-fifths vote of the city council. (Chap.390 SL 1927), correcting pages 4 and 10.

Pre-primary Convention Law Repealed (Chap.125 SL 1923), eliminating pages 13, 14 and 15 altogether except for the first two paragraphs. Also correcting introduction. See mimeographed insert in pages 13 and 14.

County Surveyor Nominated at Primary Election in same manner as other county candidates. (Chap.127 SL 1923), correcting footnote, page 16.

Judges of Elections shall make out two summary statements of total votes for each candidate, one to be filed with the auditor with returns, the other with city, village or town clerk. (Chap.126 SL 1925) Addition to last paragraph, page 31.

Compensation of election judges and clerks shall be 40 cents an hour for time spent in registering and receiving votes; 50 cents an hour for time spent in counting and canvassing ballots. (Chap.228 SL 1927), correcting page 41.

Statements of campaign expenditures are not required to be filed during July, August and September, between the primary and general elections. (Chap.75 SL 1927), supplementing fourth paragraph, page 37.

Vacancy in Office of United States Senator The governor shall make appointment to fill such vacancy until next general election. (Chap.59 SL 1925), correcting page 34.

Independent Citizenship of Married Women - provided for by Act of Congress, 1922.

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The program will begin with a noon luncheon at which we shall have as one of the honor guests Miss Louise Fast of the National League Department of International Cooperation to Prevent War. The subjects, speakers and admission charge are noted on the enclosed card.

I earnestly hope that it may be possible for you as department chairman in your League, or for someone representing you, to come in to the city on this occasion. Much interest is being developed and there are indications that we shall have a record attendance. The fact that Miss Fast will be here for advice and consultation on the National League department program will, I hope, help to make you feel that you cannot miss this conference.

Just a word about the Round Tables scheduled in the program. This was a new feature of the Washington conference that we considered of the greatest interest - where men of equal ability but differing opinions sat around a table and discussed conversationally some eight or ten questions under the general subjects, Arbitration, and the United States policy in Latin America. Opportunity is given later for questions and discussion from the audience.

Please send me word whether you will attend the conference so that I may make a luncheon reservation for you and may have an opportunity to speak with you in person.

Sincerely yours,

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Questionnaire on
PARTY CAUCUSES AND CONVENTIONS

Reported by _____ Address _____
Party caucus attended _____ Party convention attended _____

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The League of Women Voters wishes to encourage women to learn, by participation in these caucuses, the system by which presidential candidates are chosen and party policies determined. As conscientious voters, as party members seeking real progress for our parties, what is your judgment of this system? What are its advantages, its defects? To help answer these questions, please fill in this questionnaire and get as many women as you can to make a similar report.

1. Was ample notice given of the time and place of the caucus? _____
2. How many voters attended? _____ How many women? _____ How many men? _____
3. Did women serve as chairman, clerk, or judges? _____
4. What kinds of ballots were used? _____ How many? _____
Were all made equally available to all the voters? _____
5. Did the caucus begin on time? _____ End on time? _____
6. Were any voters disqualified from voting? _____ For what reasons? _____
7. How many candidates for delegate were women? _____ How many men? _____
How many women were elected? _____ How many men? _____
8. As a party member, do you believe that the caucus tended to bring out a true and intelligent expression of party sentiment? _____

ADDITIONAL REMARKS:

(Use both sides of paper if desired.)

Note: See The Minnesota Woman Voter for February for further dates and information about caucuses and conventions. Copies of this issue and additional questionnaire blanks will be supplied upon request.

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ROUND ROBIN
No. 34 Fifth Region, National League of Women Voters March 1928

IOWA - Iowa City holds monthly luncheons. At the last one the Department of International Cooperation was featured. Miss Bessie Pierce of the Department of History of the University spoke and Mrs. R. H. Volland reported on the Cause and Cure of War Conference in Washington.

Mrs. Parkes was guest of honor and speaker at a recent meeting of the Ottumwa League. Juvenile courts were the subject of discussion at another meeting of the League.

State Convention - Brilliant opening evening of the 13th - Miss Julia Lathrop, speaker of the occasion and Miss Adele Clark, second vice-president of the National League, with greetings from the national board! Then on following days three round tables: Professor Porter on nominating methods; Mr. Waymack of Des Moines Register on economic aspects of international relations; Miss Lathrop, Miss Clark and Miss Wells on public welfare. The University League will give "The Voter's Dream" - because it is election year; and grand finale, the 15th, will be a finance luncheon.

MINNESOTA - Just off the press! An attractive booklet consisting of the lectures that were delivered at the recent Institute of Government. The general subject is the relation between public welfare and economics and government. There are nine lectures on this subject and introductory addresses by Professor Garver of the University and Miss Wells of the League.

MONTANA - "The League in Helena seems to be taking on new life. A splendid meeting was held at Mrs. Bowman's last Friday, the 24th, topic being 'Know Your County'."

Billings to Mrs. Parkes - "Your letter from Grand Forks I appreciate very much and we have quite a successful round table."

In Montana, local quotas to the state budget are not allotted. They are voluntarily assumed. Round Robin Leaguers will be eager to learn how the plan works. Tell us!

Mrs. R. T. Hopkins, state chairman of Efficiency in Government, has issued her first letter. February was the month designated by the state convention for local Leagues' study of the direct primary and Mrs. Hopkins' letter gives information for that study.

The following is an extract from a letter from Mrs. Isaac Edinger. It gives a good idea for League women who find it hard to be business like at home.

"You wanted to know about my little filing cabinet. With all the material which we managed to gather there was need of filing methods. We used booklets, notebooks, envelopes, etc. When I saw this old spool cabinet dusty and dirty in the back of a store, I thought of what a splendid little filing cabinet it would make so talked with the owner who valued it not, that it had a further mission in life. So I brought it home, scrubbed it inside and out, painted it and have it full of reference material. I also showed the women how to make little book cases out of boxes."

NORTH DAKOTA - Grand Forks - "The Tuesday 'listening-ins' are getting more and more popular."

SOUTH DAKOTA - The state calendar of work calls for a study of child labor in March. The material prepared by Mrs. Hartwich is now out and looks interesting.

Huron - "We have a busy day Friday. Beginning at 2 p.m. Professor Gage conducts round tables on international relations. And then we have a seven o'clock dinner and Mrs. Genevieve Turnipseed of Madison Normal will give her report on the Cause and Cure of War Conference and Dr. Agne of Huron College will speak on China. He has lived in China and other foreign countries and is an able speaker.

Artesian - "We are doing very good work in our League and have thirty members and many more coming - to see the eager faces around the table! We had an open meeting the last Thursday in January. Mrs. Feige, Mrs. Bryan and Mrs. Hartwich were with us.

NATIONAL CONVENTION - Six or eight delegates, South Dakota guesses; Montana hopes for nearly as many; North Dakota is enthusiastic, sure of several; Minnesota and Iowa expect to outdo themselves! And why not? This is the Fifth Region's best chance - Chicago. Ask your state president about cut rates, hotel reservations, credentials, program! Shall we have a special car from the Twin Cities?

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HOW WE NOMINATE AND ELECT OUR PRESIDENT AND
SELECT OUR PARTY OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEES

Note: The procedure outlined here represents that provided for in the existing law. It applies specifically to the Republican party. In actual practice usage has permitted certain changes for the other parties as well as, in some instances, for the Republican party. When the pre-primary convention law of 1921 was repealed in 1923, no provisions for better nominating convention machinery were substituted for the outworn law that has been in effect since Minnesota first became a state.

Political party committees - The party nominees for state offices, and senators and representatives in Congress, of each political party meet on the second Thursday after the primary election to elect a state central committee and a committee for each congressional district. The law makes no provisions for naming county, ward or precinct chairman.

The Party Precinct Caucuses - or Delegate Elections - (More than 3400 in Minnesota)

Who may participate - All citizens who have resided in their voting districts (precincts) for 30 days or more and are members of parties.

Place - The party county committee secures a meeting place in each voting district.

Time - Set by the state central committees of the parties in their official calls. The law only requires that the meeting places be open one hour but usually they are open for two hours - 7 to 9 o'clock in the evening. (Usually held in March)

Official in charge - The party precinct chairman, if present when the meeting begins, acts as temporary chairman of the caucus. When the first group of voters arrives, it elects a chairman, a clerk, and two judges of election.

Business - These officials (1) conduct the election of delegates to the county party conventions (2) count the ballots (3) send the returns including a list of those who voted, with their addresses, to the county party chairman (4) issue certificates to the delegates elected.

Ballots - Printed for candidates by the county party committees, or provided by friends, or by the candidates themselves. No voter may write more names on the ballot than the number of delegates to be elected, as apportioned by the state central committee. If he does, his ballot is thrown out. Often there are no formal ballots and the delegates are informally declared elected.

Meeting of Delegates Preceding the County Convention

Time and place - Set by chairman of the ward, village, or county party organization. These are informal meetings to which only certain of the delegates are invited.

Business - (1) To organize the party unit for the ensuing four years, elect chairman, etc., (2) to discuss action of delegation in coming county conventions (3) to select the delegates the ward is entitled to have in the state convention (as apportioned by the state central committee) who will be elected in the county convention.

The County Conventions (87 in Minnesota)

Place - Set by chairman of county party committee - usually the county seat.

Time - Date is set by the state central committee when it issues the official call but the hour of meeting is fixed by the chairman of the county committee.

representatives from every state. This provision of the General Election a mere form, the actual choice being made directly by the voters in the General Election.

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Congressman Davenport will discuss the subject from the consumer's point of view. He has studied the power question for many years. Before he was elected to the House of Representatives, where he is now serving his second term, Mr. Davenport had been a member of the New York State Senate for eight years. He has evinced particular interest in measures relating to the public and social welfare. Since 1904 he has been a professor of law and politics at Hamilton College, and is still a member of the faculty.

Mr. Sands will speak for the producer. His association with the electric light and power industry in the United States extends over a period of 30 years, having first entered the industry in 1896 in Maine. He has held many positions of trust from the day he took charge of the construction crew building a dam and power house in Mechanic Falls, Maine. Before he recently became president of the National Electric Light Association, he had been a vice-president for four years and chairman for two years of its public relations section.

Mr. Merrill is scheduled to present the "background" of the power problem. He has been secretary of the Federal Commission since 1920, and is regarded as well versed in all the policies and problems of the power question. Before becoming associated with the Commission, Mr. Merrill had served eleven years in the United States Forest Service, six years of which he was chief engineer. He is the author of "Electric Power Development in the United States."

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Business - (1) To elect delegates to the congressional district and state conventions. Each county is allowed a certain number of delegates, three of whom are elected at large to the state convention, apportioned by the state central committee according to the vote for governor four years previous. These delegates at large may not be elected from among those in the convention. (2) To elect a chairman, and a secretary to serve during the convention. (3) To elect a county chairman for the ensuing four years. (4) To adopt resolutions.

The Congressional District Conventions (10 such districts in Minnesota)

The call to the congressional district conventions - issued by the chairman of the congressional district party committee. The chairman of the convention is appointed by each district's representative in Congress.

Time - Date is set by the state central committee but the meeting hour of the convention by the district party chairman. In two counties, Ramsey and Hennepin, which almost coincide with the Fourth and Fifth Congressional Districts respectively, the district conventions are held on the same day and immediately after the county conventions.

Business - (1) To elect 20 delegates (two from each district) and 20 alternates (two from each district) to the national convention. (2) To nominate 20 members (two from each district) to the state central committee for the ensuing four years. Additional members to the state central committee are named by state and congressional party officials, the governor appointing its chairman.

The State Convention

Time - Date and hour of meeting are set by the state central committee.

Place - Set by state committee.

Business - (1) To elect seven delegates at large and seven alternates at large to the national presidential nominating convention. These delegates may or may not be elected from those in the convention. (2) To nominate twelve presidential electors to the electoral college. (3) To adopt a state party platform. (4) To elect the 20 members (two from each congressional district) recommended by the respective districts, to the state central committee for the next four years.

The National Convention - Each party will send the number of delegates and alternates to which it is entitled, to the national nominating convention which nominates candidates for president and vice-president. At this convention, party platforms are adopted and national committee chairmen are elected. The delegation from Minnesota to this convention organizes and elects the national party committeeman and committeewoman from Minnesota to serve for the ensuing four years.

Presidential Election - The names of the party nominees for president and vice-president are placed on the ballot for the November General Election, linked with the names of the presidential electors chosen by the state party convention. One check is sufficient to vote for all the electors of one party, thus recording the voter's choice for president and vice-president.

Electoral College - The presidential electors (12 in Minnesota), representing the successful candidates, meet following the November election and record the vote of the state for president. A representative then goes to Washington to report the state's choice of president and vice-president in the electoral college made up of representatives from every state. This provision of the federal Constitution is now a mere form, the actual choice being made directly by the voters in the General Election.

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March 20 "Voters' Service" Program

Mr. Willmott H. Lewis, Washington correspondent of the London Times, will
discuss Congress from an Englishman's point of view for the radio audience listening
in to the "Voters' Service" program on March 20th.

The program, which will be broadcast from station WRC, Washington, at
6 o'clock (Central Standard Time) will be carried through 22 stations on the
National Broadcasting Company's Red Network. The National League of Women Voters
and the National Broadcasting Company are sponsoring the weekly programs.

Mr. Lewis will be introduced to the radio audience by Mr. Charles G. Ross,
chief of the Washington bureau of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, who will present his
regular fortnightly review of "What Congress is Doing."

Mr. Lewis is a political and war correspondent of long standing, the last
seven years of which he has been a Washington correspondent. He is thoroughly con-
versant with politics and legislative matters in the United States, always attends
the national political conventions, and is regarded as a delightful interpreter of
American politics. In his capacity as a newspaper correspondent, Mr. Lewis has
travelled all over the world, and has covered many important international gather-
ings, including the Peace Conference. His news dispatches are followed closely in
many foreign countries.

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MINUTES
STATE BOARD MEETING
March 9, 1928

The regular meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the home of Mrs. Wittich, 1822 Emerson Avenue S., Minneapolis, on Friday, March 9, 1928. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m., Mrs. Wittich presiding.

There were present Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Spear, Mrs. Weeks, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Ringstad, Mrs. Cant, Miss Child, Mrs. Bryan and members of the Minneapolis League board. Mrs. R. T. Hargreaves also attended as a guest. Members of the board arriving later were Mrs. McKnight, Miss Kercher, Miss Monahan, Mrs. Stai, Mrs. Sherwin and Mrs. Harrigan.

The minutes of the February meeting were read by the secretary and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Cant reported a balance February 1 of \$426.08 and receipts during February of \$1270.65, of which \$785.08 was received in quotas. Disbursements during the month amounted to \$1076.50, leaving a balance March 1 of \$620.23. Bills payable amounting to \$830.45 were reported. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Miss Lawrence, that the treasurer's report be accepted and the bills allowed.

Mrs. Cant also reported Leagues having paid their quotas in full for the current year: Watson, Jordan, Sibley Unit, Redwood Falls. The following Leagues are paying their quotas in monthly installments - St. Paul, Duluth, Minneapolis and Faribault; in quarterly installments - Winona, Northfield, St. Cloud and Brainerd.

Organization

Portions of a letter from Miss Beggin describing a visit to the Atwater League were read by Miss Child. The importance of personal visits to local Leagues, not only by the field secretary but also by district chairmen, was emphasized.

Mrs. Weeks reported recent speaking engagements in Detroit Lakes, where 85 members were present and 27 new memberships secured, in Graceville, Atwater and Appleton.

Reports of district chairmen were given later in connection with the discussion of attendance from each district at national convention. Mrs. Wallis reported for the Minneapolis League, Mrs. McGuire for the Ramsey County League, Mrs. Morrison for the FIRST DISTRICT, Mrs. Ringstad for the THIRD DISTRICT, Mrs. Stai for the SIXTH DISTRICT, Mrs. Spear for the EIGHTH DISTRICT and Mrs. Sherwin for the TENTH DISTRICT.

Place of State Convention

The chair asked Mrs. Morrison to speak of the accommodations that would be available in Winona if the convention were held there. Mrs. Morrison explained that it will be possible for the Hotel Winona to give space to all the convention sessions and conferences except the candidates' meeting for which the Armory nearby will be secured by the Association of Commerce free of charge. At the request of the chair, Mrs. Stai then made a similar statement as to accommodations in St. Cloud in the adequate new hotel there and spoke of the interest and cooperation that would be assured from the State Teachers College. After discussion IT WAS AGREED to leave the final decision until the afternoon session. Later IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Pearce, second of Mrs. Morrison, that the Executive Committee be authorized to make the final decision as to place as well as time for holding the state Convention.

Suggested Constitution for local Leagues and college Leagues

Mrs. Spear reported for the committee consisting of herself and Mrs. Stai to whom the revision of the model constitution for local Leagues dating from 1924 had been referred. She explained the changed provisions incorporated in the revised model constitution and, after discussion, IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Spear, second of Mrs. Cant, that the board approve the recommended forms for future use.

Minnesota Delegation at National League Convention

Miss Child reported the definite facts about the convention and the information by letter from Miss Sherwin to Miss Wells. She said that a list of possible attendants from Minnesota, either as delegates, alternates or visitors, is being made up in the state office, to whom special information about the convention will be forwarded. The chair asked each member of the board and especially each district chairman to feel responsible for reporting names to be added to the list. The possibility of having a distinguished group of visitors attend the convention from Minnesota, in addition to the official delegation was mentioned. Mrs. Hixon, National League treasurer, will be responsible for seeing that special courtesies are extended to

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Syllabus for One Day Schools for Voters

Subject: WOMEN IN INDUSTRY

History - Minimum wage discussed in Parliament 1795. Night work prohibited in England 1847. First investigation in U.S. carried on in Massachusetts by the women themselves under the leadership of Sarah Bagley 1845. Fourteen European countries had prohibited night work of women by 1906.

Women workers - 8,500,000 in the U.S. - 1,920,218 are married - 66% have children under 5 years - 51% help support the family.

Position of employer - Great economic pressure; consumer wants much for little, retailer passes on pressure to middle man, accumulated weight falls on manufacturer. Competition; manufacturer passes some of the burden on to employees, only scientific management enables him to operate at a profit.

Need of protection for women workers - They are unorganized because of apathy, poverty, temporary or unskilled character of their work and inexperience. Health of nation depends on health of its women.

Hour legislation for women in other states - 10 states and the District of Columbia have an 8 hour day for women employed in industry. Of these, 7 states have a weekly limit of 48 hours. No protection in 4 states.

Minnesota legislation - The 1923 legislature established a 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ hour day and 54 hour week for women. In 1926, the attorney-general gave opinion that the law, because of a clerical error in its passage, was unconstitutional. An effort to re-enact the law failed in the 1927 legislature. Old laws of 1910 and 1913 are therefore again in force. These provide in cities of the first and second class for limits of 9 hours a day and 54 a week in manufacturing, telephone, and telegraph companies; and of 10 hours a day and 58 a week in stores and restaurants. Outside first and second class cities, the limits are 10 hours a day and 58 a week in mercantile and manufacturing establishments.

A Minimum Wage law for women, passed in 1913, became operative in 1918. In 1925, court decisions outside Minnesota resulted in questioning its constitutionality and it ceased to be enforced except for minors - girls under 18; boys under 21.

Opponents of protective legislation say

The facts are

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| a) regulating the hours will lower women's wages. | a) 44 states have regulated hours of work for women. Wages have not been lowered in any of the states. |
| b) if hours are regulated women will lose their jobs. | b) they haven't and won't. |
| c) they would have to double their forces if the law went into effect. | c) the law was in operation three years and they didn't double their forces. |
| d) they would have to go out of business if the law passed. | d) the short day is good business, less turn-over, fewer accidents, less illness, often a greater output because less fatigue. |
| e) the women themselves did not want it. | e) a questionnaire was sent to the working women of Utica, N.Y. asking if they wanted a 48 hour law even if this should reduce their wages. 264 yes; 100 no. |
| f) we don't need to regulate hours outside the big cities. | f) working hours are longest outside the cities (Industrial Commission's report). Most complaints of overwork come from small towns. |

such visitors. Women who have already expressed an interest in attending the convention were named as follows:

First District

Mrs. J. D. Morrison
Mrs. A. C. Loomis
Mrs. Adolph Bauerlen

Winona
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Third District

Mrs. Mabel Johnson Leland
Miss Florence Monahan
Suggested by Mrs. Harrigan as "special visitor"
possibility - Mrs. Alice Murdock, Stillwater

Kenyon
Shakopee

Eighth District

Mrs. R. N. Marble
Mrs. C. S. Roulo
Mrs. K. K. Abraham
Mrs. George H. Spear
Mrs. John S. Pardee
Mrs. Stephenson
Mrs. C. D. Mitchell

Duluth
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Tenth District

Mrs. Carroll W. Sherwin Monticello
(may drive to Chicago)
Mrs. Thomas P. Welsh

Pre-Election Activities

A letter from Miss Sherwin to Miss Wells entitled "The political year" was reported by Miss Child. The state League has already carried out its suggestions in the publication of the following pieces of informational material: Mrs. Wittich's article on the caucus-convention system in the February Voter, the caucus skit distributed to local Leagues and the questionnaire to women participating in the party caucuses. Miss Child explained that a similar questionnaire was distributed in 1920 and in 1924. It is therefore hoped that many questionnaires may be returned this year to complete the record of observations in each presidential election year since women were enfranchised.

Mrs. Wallis, Mrs. Chalmers and Mrs. Sweetser of the Minneapolis League told their experiences in attempting to participate in the Democratic party caucuses March 8. Direct naming of delegates by party leaders without holding a delegate election seemed to be the plan in many precincts. Mrs. Bissell of the Minneapolis League told of her difficulties in trying to get information in regard to the plans for the Republican caucus to be held in the Ramsey county township in which she is now living.

The meeting adjourned for luncheon at 1:05 P.M. and re-convened at 2:10 P.M.

The question being asked as to the follow-up of the suggestion made at the last board meeting that League members be advised to write their congressmen about qualified appointments to the chairmanship of party county conventions, Mrs. Sherwin reported that she had written Congressman Goodwin of the tenth district. Mrs. Battle of the Minneapolis League also reported having written.

Mrs. McKnight outlined, at the request of the chair, the actual procedure connected with the decision as to the damming of the northern waterways, to illustrate how little real connection this issue has with the selection of presidential candidates in Minnesota, it being merely a smoke screen for the activities of the campaign committees.

One-Day Schools for Voters

Mrs. Weeks reported that she is to go to Slayton on March 14 for the first school. The mimeographed sheet describing the school will be sent out to local Leagues in the near future although correspondence with local Leagues by Miss Child and Miss Beggin has indicated that most prefer to wait until the roads are clear before planning a school. Mrs. Harrigan suggested that a number of clubs of farm women in her community might unite in planning a One Day School in Stillwater. Mrs. Sherwin reported that Monticello would like to arrange for a school during Easter vacation, the week of April 1-8.

Muscle Shoals and the Norris Bill in Congress

Mrs. Spear reported in detail upon the facts concerning Muscle Shoals and Senator Norris' bill now before the Congress. The chair reported the action of the Executive Committee, in response to a letter from Miss Sherwin of the National League, in authorizing letters in the name of the state League to Senator Shipstead and Senator Scholl urging their support of the Norris Bill and explaining that the League's stand on it does not indicate a general commitment to government ownership. Replies from both senators were read by the secretary.

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Syllabus for One Day Schools for Voters

Subject: MATERNITY AND INFANCY

Federal Aid In England from time of Henry VIII
Colonial policy
Early grants in U.S. for schools, highways, agriculture, forests, etc.
50-50 plan

Maternity and Infancy

Need - United States 8th in infant mortality, 17th in death rate of mothers in childbirth - 20,000 mothers, 100,000 babies die each year. In Minnesota 304 mothers, 3006 babies died in 1926.

Projects under Sheppard-Towner - Clinics (1925-26) 85 clinics, 562 expectant mothers attended. Mothers' classes, 674 mothers, 54 classes of 8 lessons each. Fair exhibits, 82 correspondence courses, 5400 mothers enrolled in 21 months. Health nurses, little mothers' classes, obstetrical packages.

United States personnel - chief of Children's Bureau, surgeon-general of United States Health Service, Commissioner of Education.

Minnesota personnel - medical director, supervisor of nurses, five field nurses, educational agent.

Cost - United States \$1,240,000 (Biennium appropriation covering total administrative cost and grants to state)
Minnesota \$42,000 (Biennium appropriation matched by federal grant to Minnesota)

Opponents of federal aid say

The facts are

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| 1) New fangled | 1) Has roots deep in American history. |
| 2) Wasteful | 2) 50-50 plan makes for economy. |
| 3) Interferes with states' rights | 3) Stimulates state initiative. Work planned and administered by state. Acceptance of federal aid optional. |
| 4) Builds up bureaucratic government at Washington. | 4) Staff of 5 administer Sheppard-Towner in Washington while 112 needed in Department of Agriculture with budget of \$7,000,000. What business does as well? |
| 5) "Wealthy states" pay for improvement in "poor states". | 5) "Wealthy states" draw wealth from country as a whole (e.g. Standard Oil Co.) and have obligation to "poor states". |

Advantages of wise federal aid:

1. Furnishes valuable clearing house for methods found successful in each state. Federal government can collect facts and make available where needed.
2. Washington has at its command men and equipment which "poor" states cannot afford.
3. Economy - one experiment. One testing does for all the states.

Results of wise federal aid:

Great network of highways and railroads, schools, colleges, conservation of forests, inestimable benefit to agriculture. Plant and animal diseases know no state lines. Commerce, mining, fisheries benefited. Why cannot mothers and babies share in a policy proven so beneficial?

Review of Minnesota Legislation for Women in Industry and New Proposals in the National League Program

Miss Kercher gave the facts as to the progress of legislation of this type in Minnesota from the date it became a state (1858), emphasizing the present situation under which the Minimum Wage Law of 1913 and the hour law of 1923 are not enforceable. She then commented upon the National League program of work for the information of board members.

International Cooperation to Prevent War

Mrs. McGuire reviewed Senator Gillett's resolution on the World Court and reported that local Leagues have been asked to communicate with our senators in support of it. She recommended that individual board members also write individual letters urging the reporting of the resolution from committee.

Mrs. McGuire then supplemented her report at the last board meeting on the Cause and Cure of War Conference by a special report on the round table discussion of Latin America.

The meeting adjourned on motion at 4:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Rogers Pearce, Secretary

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Syllabus for One Day Schools for Voters

Subject: THE DIRECT PRIMARY

History of nomination machinery in this country. Informal neighborhood and town meeting nominations. Legislative and congressional caucus nominations. Convention nominations. The direct primary system.

Present status of the direct primary as nomination machinery in the United States.

Mandatory primary	-	39 states
Optional	"	6 states
Both primary and convention systems	-	3 states
Never any primary nominations	-	3 states
Returned to convention system for some nominations	-	2 states

From 1922 to 1927, referenda on the retention of the direct primary in seven states resulted in total vote 2 to 1 to retain the primary.

Minnesota had primary nominations in municipalities of 5000 or more over 40 years ago. From that time on there was some primary nomination in varied forms and for different officials except for four years (1891-1895) when all such laws were repealed. Not until 1912 did the state have direct primary nomination of all officials, including state and congressional candidates.

The direct primary is a legal election conducted according to law. Convention system regulated largely by parties and according to customs that have grown up within them. Voters have no direct control of party committees in Minnesota.

Number of people voting in direct primaries. From ten to twenty times as many as vote in party caucuses to elect delegates to county and congressional conventions.

Filing for office under the primary system. Petition filing. Getting on ballots by convention nomination.

Direct primary necessitates two campaigns for candidates. Only for those who are successful in the primary. Convention system may mean several campaigns.

Cost to candidates and to the state. Convention system will cost the state as much as the primary if legally controlled. Corrupt practices acts control amount of money candidates may spend. Easier to buy convention nominations without publicity than to manipulate primary nominations.

Minority and majority nominations under the primary in Minnesota. Of all state-wide and congressional candidates nominated since the direct primary went into operation in 1912, 80 per cent have been majority nominations, many of which were uncontested. Only 14 candidates nominated by minority vote, under 35 per cent.

Quality of candidates nominated by direct primary as compared with that of candidates nominated by conventions.

Party leadership and responsibility under the direct primary system. Demands visible party leadership and assumption of great responsibility which parties seldom courageous enough to give. No reason why party committees should not make statements to voters concerning their opinions of candidates' qualifications for the offices for which they have filed.

Representative government and the direct primary. Our officials represent us in various government departments. The voters should have privilege of helping nominate them. The Representative Government League.

If not the direct primary, what then? Not a return to the convention system.
The shorter ballot.
The merit system of appointment and promotion in public office.
Simplification of government units with responsibility allocated.
Permanent registration.
Proportional representation.
Voting by mail.

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March 27 "Voters' Service" Program at 6 P.M.

Three nationally-known speakers, Miss Belle Sherwin, president of the National League of Women Voters; Mr. Raymond Moley, professor of government at Columbia University; and William Hard, a newspaper and magazine writer of note, will participate in the March 27 "Voters' Service" program devoted to a discussion of "How We Nominate Our Presidents". (Broadcast from WRC, Washington)

Miss Sherwin will be the first speaker and will discuss "What is The Presidential Primary?" She has been a close student of the presidential primary ever since 1921 when she became a member of the board of directors of the National League.

Mr. Moley's topic will be "How Do Conventions Nominate?" Mr. Moley, who is professor of government at Columbia, is a recognized authority on many phases of politics and government. Before going to Columbia in 1923, he had been a member of the faculty at Western Reserve University. He has directed surveys of outstanding importance on criminal justice and higher education, is particularly active in the American Political Science Association, and is the author of many books dealing with political and governmental subjects.

Mr. Hard is known to the reading public as a newspaper and magazine writer of marked ability. He has attended many political conventions and is qualified to discuss his subject, "How is the Choice Really Made," from an authoritative point of view. He has been "in the newspaper game" since 1901, and at the present time is a special correspondent of the Consolidated Press Association. He is a frequent contributor to current magazines, particularly Review of Reviews and the Saturday Evening Post.

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Nominating Methods - 15 cents
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Model Constitution for Local Leagues

Article I.
Name

The name of this organization shall be the _____ League of Women Voters. It shall be affiliated with the Minnesota and the National League of Women Voters.

Article II.
Object and Policy

Section 1. The object of this League shall be to promote education in citizenship and to increase the effectiveness of women's votes in furthering better government.

Section 2. This League, as an organization, shall be strictly unpartisan. Its officers and members shall be free as individuals to join the party of their choice.

Article III.
Plan of Work

This League shall have and follow a program of work based on the current "Plan of Work" of the National and state League of Women Voters.

Article IV.
Membership

Section 1. Any woman citizen of _____ or vicinity may become a member by subscribing to the aims of the League of Women Voters and paying membership dues as prescribed in the By-Laws, which dues shall include a subscription to the Minnesota Woman Voter.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of all members to promote the interests of the League as an organization, to study the subjects under consideration by the League, and to perform such committee work as may be assigned them.

Article V.
Officers and Department Chairmen

Section 1. The officers of this League shall be a chairman, vice-chairman, secretary, and treasurer.

Section 2. There shall also be chairmen of the Departments of Public Welfare in Government, Efficiency in Government and International Cooperation to Prevent War. These chairmen shall be appointed by the Executive Board immediately following the annual meeting.

Article VI.
Elections

Section 1. All officers shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting for a term of one year or until their successors shall have qualified for office.

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March 27 "Voters' Service" Program at 6 P.M.

Three nationally-known speakers, Miss Belle Sherwin, president of the National League of Women Voters; Mr. Raymond Moley, professor of government at Columbia University; and William Hard, a newspaper and magazine writer of note, will participate in the March 27 "Voters' Service" program devoted to a discussion of "How We Nominate Our Presidents". (Broadcast from WRC, Washington)

Miss Sherwin will be the first speaker and will discuss "What is The Presidential Primary?" She has been a close student of the presidential primary ever since 1921 when she became a member of the board of directors of the National League.

Mr. Moley's topic will be "How Do Conventions Nominate?" Mr. Moley, who is professor of government at Columbia, is a recognized authority on many phases of politics and government. Before going to Columbia in 1923, he had been a member of the faculty at Western Reserve University. He has directed surveys of outstanding importance on criminal justice and higher education, is particularly active in the American Political Science Association, and is the author of many books dealing with political and governmental subjects.

Mr. Hard is known to the reading public as a newspaper and magazine writer of marked ability. He has attended many political conventions and is qualified to discuss his subject, "How is the Choice Really Made," from an authoritative

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Section 2. A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary to constitute an election.

Section 3. The voting body shall consist of the officers, department chairmen, and members.

Article VII.
Executive Board

The officers and department chairmen shall constitute an Executive Board which may transact the general business of the organization subject to the instructions or approval of the general membership. It shall have power to fill all vacancies in its membership occurring during the year.

Article VIII.
Meetings

Section 1. The annual meeting shall be held each year _____ at such time and place as the Executive Board may decide.

Section 2. Other meetings shall be arranged by the Executive Board.

Article IX.
Amendments

Section 1. This constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all members present and qualified to vote, provided that the proposed amendments have been submitted in writing and read at the previous meeting, or shall have been unanimously approved by the Executive Board.

Section 2. By-Laws may be adopted, amended or repealed at any regular or annual meeting.

Article X.
Parliamentary Authority

Roberts' Rules of Order (Revised) shall be the parliamentary authority in all matters not specified in the Constitution of the League.

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On Thursday, April 5, at 6 o'clock, in the Spanish Room of the Radisson Hotel, will be held the first meeting of the committee for the discussion of the present direct primary system in this state. We are very desirous that you should attend this first meeting.

We realize how busy you are and how difficult it is for you to find time to give to this subject. We shall, therefore, try not to waste your time but on the contrary to make every minute count. If the committee can get together once, perhaps discussion may be continued by correspondence, with only an occasional meeting in the future.

It is planned at this meeting to present to the group the proposals made in previous legislatures for changes in the primary law. Your consideration of these proposals and your suggestions as to possible future proposals for improvement in the existing primary law will assuredly be helpful to the League of Women Voters and may perhaps help to crystallize the opinion of other public-spirited groups and individuals.

Can you attend? Please let us know at the above address that we may make a dinner reservation for you. The dinner will be \$1.00 per plate.

Very truly yours,

Marguerite M. Wells,
President

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Mrs. F. W. Wittich,
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JURY SERVICE OF WOMEN IN MINNESOTA

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To the Clerk of Court:

The board of directors of the state League of Women Voters appreciated very much the cooperation you gave a year ago in supplying information from your county as to jury service by women in 1926. Wide-spread interest was aroused by publication of the facts assembled from the returns for 86 of the 87 counties in Minnesota.

We now wish to obtain similar figures for 1927 and shall be most appreciative of your help in furnishing information on the following questions:

1. Were women listed in the jury panels for 1927? _____
2. How many women served during 1927-
On grand juries? _____
On petit juries? _____
3. If women were listed for jury service but did not serve, was this because they asked to be excused or because they were not called upon to serve?

(Signed) _____

(Date) _____

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TO LOCAL LEAGUE PRESIDENTS:

The Executive Committee has directed me to forward to you the enclosed material.
It includes:

National League Convention leaflet with information on rates, program, etc.

Have you talked over with your board and others Miss Wells' request that you report to us the names of women in your community who might attend? Your department chairmen and your radio chairman, as well as your officers, would find much interest and stimulus in the program.

One Day Schools for Voters (mimeographed announcement)

Please ask your board to consider whether it would like such a school some time between now and June 18, the date of the primary election.

Institute Addresses - just printed!

One sample copy of the pamphlet containing the eleven addresses given in the Institute of Government and Politics last December is being sent free of charge to each active League. Additional copies may be ordered by League members at 35 cents each, by others at 50 cents.

Sincerely yours,

Emily Child,
Executive Secretary

P. S. We have ordered an extra supply of the March issue of the Voter, with Mrs. Wittich's article on the direct primary entitled "Nominating Machinery". Let us know if you would like extra copies - and how many. They may be used as sample copies in securing new subscribers who should also be solicited for membership in your local League. The article may prove helpful, too, in answering objections to the primary, founded on misunderstanding.

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Dear Friend:

I am writing to say that I hope you may join the Minnesota delegation to the National Convention of the League of Women Voters to be held in Chicago, April 23-28. It seems to me that you are one who would be most interested in this opportunity to meet outstanding women leaders of the nation and to see adopted a great program of work. In the opinion of everyone who has attended in the past, a League convention is an unusual educational experience.

The discussion, by authoritative speakers, of all the important subjects covered in the department and committee programs, the mass meetings, the round tables on local League organization, the delightful social events - all are planned for women like you who, in the words of the Convention Call, wish "to weigh the responsibility of women toward government and to prepare to take part in the political life of the day." Count Carlo Sforza, former Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Professor Ernst Freund, Miss Cornelia Otis Skinner are among those who will speak to us - but let me know that you are considering going and I shall send you an outline of the program.

Minnesota will take advantage of its nearness to Chicago and send a large delegation to this notable gathering of women, whose biennial convention for some years to come, may be several states away from us. A rate of a fare and a half is available for all attending. We can supply you with a card listing the hotel rates and containing a blank form for you to fill out in making your reservation.

No effort would be spared in making your attendance at the convention an event to be remembered. I shall hope to hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

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April 4th,
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Dear Board Members:

We are again to have the pleasure of going to Mrs. Wittich's home for the monthly board meeting on Friday, April 13. The address is 1822 Emerson Avenue S., Minneapolis.

We shall be glad to have out-of-town members meet at the office and go from here. The distance is short. The meeting will open at the usual hour - 10:30 A. M.

We are to go to the beautiful new Woman's Club for luncheon, where reservations will be made in a private dining room. There is a special luncheon at 75 cents or it is possible to order from the menu.

All plans connected with Minnesota's part in the coming National League convention will be discussed at this April meeting. Our state League members of the national League departments and standing committees will present and explain new items in the Program of Work to be adopted at the Convention. This will enable every board member to become thoroughly familiar with the program under which we shall plan our work for another year.

Please send me word whether I may make a luncheon reservation for you.

Sincerely yours,

Emily Child,
Executive Secretary

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You heard, at the board meeting on March 9, Mrs. Spear's report on the Norris Resolution for the disposition of Muscle Shoals. That bill passed the Senate on March 13 substantially in the form of the original resolution, with both senators from Minnesota voting favorably.

I have today received word from Miss Sherwin that the time has come for us to act in writing our Minnesota congressmen, since the question of Muscle Shoals is now before the House in the form of a substitute bill reported by the House Military Affairs Committee on March 30. Two changes in that bill are considered necessary by the League of Women Voters before urging its adoption.

Will you read carefully the attached statement and then write immediately to your congressman to express the concern of the League in Minnesota that favorable action be taken on the House bill, providing only that the changes outlined in the attached statement are first made as amendments.

Please let me know the date of your letter to your congressman as we are asked to report to Miss Sherwin our action in response to her letter.

Sincerely yours,

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Marguerite M. Wells,
President

P. S. I enclose a sample letter to indicate the points to be covered when you write. I shall be glad, however, to have you prepare your own letter independently, since this is always desirable.

100 copies enclosed with Miss Wells letter of Muscle Shoals
and to

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Statement in Miss Sherwin's Letter on Muscle Shoals

The Committee on Military Affairs has acted, and Senate Joint Resolution No. 46 is now on the Calendar of the House. Although it is still Senate Joint Resolution 46, as a matter of fact everything after the enacting clause has been stricken out, and the text of H. R. 12448 inserted as a substitute.

Shortly after the Norris Resolution as passed by the Senate was referred to the House Committee on Military Affairs that committee tabled all of the bills on Muscle Shoals which were before it and appointed a sub-committee to draft a measure which should embody the judgment of the committee. The chairman of the sub-committee, Mr. Morin of Pennsylvania, likewise chairman of the full committee, introduced H. R. 12448 on March 27th as a result of the sub-committee's work. The full committee considered it promptly, and on Friday, March 30th, it was favorably reported to the House as Senate Joint Resolution 46, "with an amendment."

It is a much more elaborate and detailed measure than the Resolution which passed the Senate. In two respects it is not acceptable to supporters of the Norris proposal. First, it directs the Corporation to be created by the measure to use the properties for the manufacture of fertilizer. This we believe is an unnecessary waste of water-power and should be opposed.

You will recall that the Norris proposal was amended in the Senate to require a period of experiment to determine whether it was practicable to operate Nitrate Plant No. 2 for the extraction of nitrogen from the air. The League believed such an experiment unnecessary in view of evidence clearly indicating that advances in science had rendered obsolete the process which Plant No. 2 is equipped to use. However it was a compromise, and as such acceptable. The House substitute, however, implies permanent operation of the Plant for the production of nitrogen. To this we are opposed.

One other outstanding flaw in the House proposal should be altered by amendment. In providing that the surplus power should be sold to "states, counties, municipalities, corporations, partnerships, and individuals," the measure fails to give a preference in the sale of current to "states, counties, or municipalities," as the Norris Resolution did. It is exceedingly important that this feature of the Senate Resolution be restored. Unless it is restored, all of the current could be sold to the private power company now having transmission lines to the property. It is especially important in view of the fact that the committee amendment also fails to provide that private companies distributing the current which is generated at Muscle Shoals must do so at a rate to be fixed as just and fair by the Federal Power Commission - another feature of the Norris proposal. There is no guarantee in the Amendment that the consumer would profit by the low cost of generation which is due to the investment of the people's money. The private company could profit then as it does now and there would be no demonstration of the effect of government operation upon rates.

Therefore the Resolution should be amended to restore the Senate provisions in these two respects. It will only be satisfactory to those who supported the original Norris proposal if this is done.

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A NEW PUBLICATION

We have recently received from the printer the 56 page pamphlet containing reprints of the ADDRESSES IN THE INSTITUTE OF GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS held last fall in cooperation with the University of Minnesota. Some of the subjects covered are "The Cost of Government", "Economic Changes Affecting Women in the Home and in Industry", "The Tariff and International Debts", "Investments Abroad and International Relations".

This pamphlet contains particularly valuable reference material both for high school students and for club women. It may be ordered at a minimum price of 35 cents from

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ROUND ROBIN
Fifth Region, National League of Women Voters

April 1928

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Gilmore City - Mrs. H. S. Van Alstine has just been elected mayor of the city. Mrs. Van Alstine has been an active member of the League of Women Voters since its beginning. She is a member of the state board.

Iowa City - The new president of the local League is Mrs. Sidney Miller. "Mrs. Miller is full of enthusiasm and ideas."

MONTANA - The last Round Robin told how local Leagues in Montana had been invited to volunteer quotas. News so far: Butte, \$100.00; Helena, \$150.00; Great Falls, \$100. Now Montana, please tell us - do they pay it all? Do they pay regularly so much per month? If the answer is yes, behold the millenium approaches.

Officers of the newly organized Billings League are as follows: president, Mrs. M. C. List; vice-president, Mrs. R. C. Battey; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Emily Sloan.

NORTH DAKOTA - Grand Forks - "We made over \$20.00 commission on bakery sales. The management was pleased at the smooth way everything went off. Not so much, but it helps."

Minot - "The tramping part is completed and we have started on the tabulating." This is the word from Minot where a class in surveys and statistics of the Minot Teachers College, directed by Professor L. O. Lantis is making a survey of voting habits of the fourth ward. The results of the survey will be studied not only by the class and by the local League but also by the state League, as an assistance to coming to conclusions based on carefully ascertained facts about voting habits.

MINNESOTA - A piece of work not unlike the survey in Minot in the respect it shows for careful working out of political questions is the advisory committee recently assembled by Mrs. F. W. Wittich, chairman of the Department of Efficiency in Government, who spent three hours in discussion of the operation of direct primaries in Minnesota. Certain suggestions were made that will be the subject of future meetings.

SOUTH DAKOTA - According to South Dakota's calendar of work, April is the month for study of school finance, one item of the year's plan of work. Accordingly, Mrs. Bryan, chairman of the Committee on Education, assisted by Mrs. Hartwich, has issued to local Leagues a syllabus and questionnaire to help in the study of this question. It all points up to South Dakota's needs. Good work!

Vermillion - Mrs. C. H. Dillon - "We listen to the Voters' program each Tuesday evening. They are good, aren't they?"

Huron - "The Voters' Service is the biggest thing that has been accomplished in the line of political education, because it presents both sides and the voters can decide for themselves. They can continue to argue about politics being so dirty. This is a good way to clean up."

Mrs. E. H. Bryan was proposal woman for Beadle County at the caucus of her party.

The following are expected to represent the Fifth Region at the Chicago convention. Iowa - Mrs. G. W. Martin, Mrs. Philip Jeans, Mrs. Walter Loehwing, Mrs. Frank Stromsten, Mrs. H. S. Van Alstine, Mrs. C. Knutson, Mrs. Max Mayer, Miss Ruth Rosenfield, Mrs. Raymond Schmidt, Mrs. Sidney Miller, Mrs. H. Treloar, Mrs. H. Jebbins, Mrs. A. R. Sale, Dr. Zella White Stewart, Mrs. R. Volland, Miss Blanche Wingate, Mrs. Milton Metfessel, Miss Mary Fagan; North Dakota - Miss Helen Davies, Mrs. J. A. Poppler, Miss Mabel Vaaler, Miss Gertrude Skinner, Miss Helen Scott, Mrs. F. Seeds, Mrs. C. S. McCulloch; South Dakota - Mrs. E. W. Feige, Mrs. G. B. Tuttle, Mrs. M. C. Dowdell, Miss Dorothy Rehfeld, Miss Dorothy Stebbins, Miss Minnie Lewis; Montana - Mrs. E. K. Bowman, Mrs. J. E. Patton, Mrs. J. M. Rector, Mrs. H. B. Mitchell, Mrs. A. C. Hoose, Mrs. R. C. Battey. This does not include a list of fifty who will attend from Minnesota. If you wish to join them, write to your state president or this office for information.

1639 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis

Marguerite M. Wells, Regional Director

MINUTES
STATE BOARD MEETING
April 13, 1928

The regular meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the home of Mrs. Wittich, 1822 Emerson Avenue S., Minneapolis, on Friday, April 13, 1928. The meeting was called to order at 10:40 a.m., Miss Wells presiding.

There were present Miss Wells, Mrs. Weeks, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. Grannis, Miss Monahan. There were also present Miss Gladys Harrison, Mrs. John R. Parkes, Mrs. W. D. Wallis, Mrs. Bryan, Miss Hampe and later Miss Edith Rockwood.

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

Treasurer's Report - In the absence of Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Wittich read the treasurer's report. She reported a balance of \$620.23 on March 1. Receipts during March amounted to \$1104.84, of which \$698.83 represents quota payments. The second quarterly payment on the year's quota was received from Northfield and Winona in addition to monthly quota payments from Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth. Stephen and Olivia were added to the list of Leagues that have paid their quotas in full. Disbursements during the month amounted to \$1089.29, leaving a balance April 1 of \$635.78.

Bills payable were reported amounting to \$1220.80. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Weeks, that the treasurer's report be accepted and the bills allowed.

Reports of District Chairmen - In the absence of Miss Lusk, Mrs. McGuire reported for the FOURTH DISTRICT. The outstanding event in March was the round table conference on the cause and cure of war. Ward study groups are flourishing. A citizenship school has been organized in St. Anthony park under the leadership of the Federated Club. Mrs. McGuire thought that the use of the League's study material should be limited in such instances unless League methods are back of its use. The chair asked Miss Harrison what the policy is in Washington as to requests for League material. She replied that requests for material for club papers, etc. are answered by sending pamphlets and information on the League.

In the absence of Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Wallis reported for the FIFTH DISTRICT. The Efficiency in Government department of the Minneapolis League is interested in charter amendments at the present time. A series of round tables on the direct primary is to be held at Mrs. Wittich's home. The afternoon radio hour has had to be changed, because of baseball, to 10 a.m. on Thursdays. The Department of International Cooperation is cooperating in the youth peace program of sponsoring talks to young people on Sunday evenings. The Young Voters group has now disbanded after clearing \$100 on the series of five evening lectures. Tabulation of Minneapolis voting surveys is almost complete.

Mrs. Dowling reported for the SEVENTH DISTRICT. She expressed appreciation of the Voters' Service in Olivia. She reported that the question of citizenship study groups under the Federated Club had come up in Olivia also.

Talks to college seniors - Mrs. Weeks addressed the senior girls at St. Olaf's college in Northfield yesterday. Miss Hilleboe, dean of women, is very much interested in the League but feels that there are too many other organizations on the campus.

One Day Schools - The school held at Slayton March 14 at which Mrs. Weeks and Mrs. Wittich spoke was most successful, there being 100 in attendance in the evening. The Monticello school April 3 conducted by Mrs. Weeks and Mrs. McGuire had a very small attendance but was considered worthwhile.

Action on Proposed Changes in National League Program of Work - Mrs. Wittich reported upon the changes in the program of the Department of Efficiency in Government. These were approved by consent of the board.

Mrs. McGuire reported upon changes in the program of the Department of International Cooperation to Prevent War. The second change adding "interpretation of neutrality" to the fourth item for study was considered misleading. There seemed to be general dissatisfaction with the arrangement of items under recommendations for legislation. Miss Rockwood reported similar reaction of the Illinois board and read the re-arrangement of this part of the program as proposed by the Illinois League board. It was the opinion of the board that such a re-arrangement is an improvement and that Miss Morgan should be requested to submit it to her department. According to the re-arrangement, this section of the program would read:

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In the absence of Miss Kercher, a communication was read suggesting an addition to the program for the Committee on Women in Industry. By consent of the board, Miss Wells was directed to refer the suggestion to Miss Kercher.

The committee chairmen for Living Costs, Education and Social Hygiene were not present. Mrs. Spear forwarded a written report which is attached.

Questionnaires - Miss Monahan reported that a jury service questionnaire had been sent out to clerks of court in the state similar to the one sent out last year but that returns were as yet incomplete.

Mrs. Wittich reported on the party caucus questionnaires. Some of the comments on the conduct of the caucuses were "scene of strife", "disgraceful", "farce", etc. In general, women were less effective in the caucuses than ever because of the use of the steam roller.

Federal Legislation - Mrs. McGuire reported that the Gillett resolution was smothered in the Foreign Relations Committee and that the World Court is thus closed to the United States.

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The meeting adjourned at 4:15 P.M.

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The proposed Program of work for the Committee on Living Costs shows a general rearrangement and simplification of the present program but no radical changes.

There was a demand from five (5) states, Ohio, Michigan, South Dakota, Iowa and Massachusetts, that "farm relief" be added, at least to the study program. The Iowa State Board passed a resolution asking that the McNary-Haugen Bill be added to the list of subjects for study.

As these requests came from less than one-third of the National Committee it was not necessary to make these additions to the program. The matter was referred to the National Board with a recommendation that they should not be added because,

- 1) There is no known source of unbiased information;
- 2) To underwrite Farm Relief would be a stupendous task and take time and effort out of proportion to the general interest.

The topics under Recommendations for Study have been rearranged and one new topic "Regulation of Public Utilities" has been added. Interest in this subject seemed to be general.

Under Recommendations for Legislation, a general rearrangement has been effected. In the Federal list #3, Muscle Shoals, has been moved to first place, reworded and (a), the production of nitrates as one of the results of Muscle Shoals development, has been omitted. The amount of power used in producing nitrates has been so greatly decreased by recent experiments that it is now considered wasteful to use hydro-electric power for this purpose. Nitrate plants should properly be located where coal is cheap. The Muscle Shoals development is considered to be primarily a power project.

The development of navigation of the Tennessee River has been added to Section (c), now Section (a), because it is deemed advisable to consider power production, navigation and flood control as essential parts of any adequate plan of development.

It is under recommendations for State Legislation that the greatest change may be noted. Support of legislation encouraging cooperative associations, public markets, and terminals etc. is omitted. This subject is left in the Study program. Several state chairmen questioned the advisability of keeping it, as there appears to be no place for consumer's cooperatives in the United States today and we are not interested in encouraging producers' cooperatives.

The remainder of the items under State #1, Cooperative Associations, are taken care of in the new program under #4 of Recommendations for Study, "Elimination of unnecessary costs in producing and distributing necessities of life."

Unfair Trade Practices, #2, has been omitted because this subject can be taken care of under #4 of Recommendations for Study or under #3 of Recommendations for Federal Legislation, "Safeguarding the Federal Trade Commission."

Home Economics #3 is retained as a subject for state legislation. The new program outlines this subject in a new form under two heads,

1. Securing for each county in the state a home demonstration agent
2. Securing adequate appropriations for research work in home economics in state supported colleges.

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Dear Staff Member:

I hope that you are going to Chicago and that you will be able to stay through Saturday, April 28. This is the one time available for a conference of staff members similar to the one held at St. Louis two years ago. As the chairman elected at the conclusion of that conference, I wish to consult your wishes in planning the agenda for our meeting.

Miss Rockwood of the Illinois League suggests our lunching together on Saturday and having Mr. VanderVries of the Chicago office of the United States Chamber of Commerce talk to us briefly on "the service a secretary renders an organization." This talk might introduce the discussion of questions that I hope will be proposed by those of you who are coming to Chicago.

There is another possibility I wish to mention to you. It has been suggested that the question of office records and methods is particularly important to our group. Will you therefore bring with you to Chicago such record blanks and material as you think would be suggestive to other staff members? And will you let me know whether you would like to go to the office of the Illinois League on Tuesday afternoon - when the drive and tea for delegates is scheduled - to talk about office records, equipment and procedure, using the Illinois office "to point the moral" of our discussion. We will carry out this plan if even a few of you let me know that you will attend.

I know that you are very busy just now but I hope you will use the enclosed blank to give me the information I shall need to make sure that we make the most of our opportunity to talk together at Chicago. Please forward it to me either at my office address or to my room in the Palmer House - since the time is now so short.

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Radisson Hotel - April 5, 1928

Present: Miss Marguerite M. Wells, Mrs. F. W. Wittich, Mrs. L. C. Weeks, Mrs. Frank Lynam, Miss Hattie Bordewich of Olivia, W. I. Nolan, C. F. Keyes, George F. Lawson, Professor William Anderson, Harvey Walker, Kenneth Owen, H. G. Cant, Silas M. Bryan, Stanley Gillam, C. F. Hall of Red Wing, N. M. Pletcher of Faribault and Emily Child.

Miss Wells opened the discussion by stating that the only commitment of the League of Women Voters on this subject is in the statement included in the National Program of Work, among recommendations for legislation, "The Direct Primary with such modifications as will make nominations more representative." She explained that Minnesota League members and especially Mrs. Wittich, as a member of the National League Department of Efficiency in Government, may at any time suggest a complete restatement of this topic in the program adopted at the conventions of the National League. It is free to act in any way that seems desirable in responding to suggestions that may be made by this group, called as an advisory committee to the League on the subject of the direct primary in Minnesota.

Miss Wells also mentioned the hope that it would be worthwhile to members of the group to crystallize their own thinking on the question of whether there are modifications of the primary law that will meet valid objections against it, without prejudicing the advantageous features of this nominating system.

Mr. Nolan, in response to a request from Miss Wells, sketched the history of the direct primary in this state since the famous 1897 Hennepin County law which was tried out in 1900 in the choice of candidates for county office in Hennepin County. The next legislature extended the law to all nominations in the state except in the state government. This dual system of nomination lasted until the special session of the legislature in 1912 when the law was extended to state offices. In 1913 the primary law as adopted in 1912 was amended to provide for the elimination of party designation for the members of the legislature.

The excellent pre-primary convention law passed in 1921, Mr. Nolan said, provided for the legal regulation of party caucuses and conventions and for the conduct of party delegate elections and conventions under governmental auspices. The law was, however, repealed in 1923, objection being made to it on the score of expense, lack of interest of voters, etc.

Mr. Keyes stated that, in his opinion, one great source of antagonism to the primary results from the minority choice of candidates, especially in such instances as when there is a three-cornered fight in the United States senatorial nomination, or in the choice of candidates for governor. He suggested that relief from this situation might be had by providing for the indication of a second choice by the voters, a system that was once tried out in this state. The count was made by adding the second choice votes to the first choice votes. This resulted in a court decision (Brown vs. Smallwood) declaring the law unconstitutional on the ground that the second choice militated against the first choice vote by those voters who did not indicate a second choice. Mr. Keyes pointed out that the preferential system of voting he suggests is different in that it provides for the elimination of the ballots for the low men and the adding of the second choice votes from the other ballots. The court decision already on record does not apply specifically to this system.

Mr. Keyes thought it best to try it out for one office, perhaps that of United States senator. The good feature of a convention, Mr. Keyes said, was that the delegates keep balloting until they agree upon a majority choice. The preferential voting in the primary would be a way of compensating for the loss of this advantage in the convention system. Mr. Bryan volunteered to look up the Brown vs. Smallwood decision.

Mrs. Wittich explained that the statement that the primary results in minority nominations is an exaggeration of the facts since there have been only 15 out of 333 nominations of state and congressional officers by less than 35 per cent of those voting in the period since the law went into effect in 1912, and only 48 below 50 per cent. Convention nominations would not show as good a record in all probability.

Note: This publicity is sent you for use in making verbal announcements and for release in the last issue of your local newspaper before the date of the program.

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April 3 "Voters' Service" Program

J. Frederick Essary, chief of the Washington Bureau of the Baltimore Sun and president of the National Press Club, will speak on "Getting Ready for the Conventions -- Democracy At Work" in the Tuesday evening, April 3 program of the "Voters' Service."

Mr. Essary will be introduced by Mr. Charles G. Ross, chief of the Washington bureau of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, who is the conductor of the fortnightly review of "What Congress is Doing." The program, which is sponsored by the National Broadcasting Company and the National League of Women Voters, will be broadcast from station WRC, Washington at 6 o'clock Central Standard Time.

Mr. Essary has just returned from an extensive trip through the West and South devoted to the observation of political conditions. He visited Kansas City and Houston -- the Republican and Democratic convention cities, and is prepared to report on plans for both conventions.

Mr. Essary is one of the leading political correspondents in Washington. He has been engaged in newspaper work since 1901, the last 16 years of which he has been with the Baltimore Sun. He has been chief of the Washington bureau for several years. In 1926 he took a one-year foreign assignment as London correspondent. He is a frequent contributor to magazines, and is the author of several books, the most recent of which is "Covering Washington."

Roll Call of Those Present

Miss Wells asked for an expression of opinion as to the success of the primary law from each member of the group.

Mr. Gillam - said that he is not in favor of changing our law since it has worked well when tested by the character of the men elected under it.

Mrs. Weeks - said that she would like to see a shorter ballot with appointments controlled by civil service. This would enable the voters to become better informed as to the candidates in the field.

Mr. Lawson - said that he is opposed to any change that adds to the complexity of the present system. The need is for simplification. He thought we would never succeed in getting a fool-proof system and that since it has been demonstrated that voters use a simple system but do not vote when it is made more complicated, we should not add extra machinery. He did not favor Mr. Keyes' suggestion of second choice voting.

Mrs. Wittich - said that the 22 per cent vote by which Governor Christianson was nominated the first time is the lowest vote by which an official has ever been nominated under the primary in Minnesota. For this reason she thinks the prevention of minority choices not more of a problem under the primary than under the convention system.

Mr. Hall - said that he likes the primary system and thinks it has not been tried long enough. If we start changing it, we may go too far. The one change he would like to see is some way by which it would be more difficult to file for office - perhaps by providing for a petition of a certain number of names - so that irresponsible people would not find it so easy to gain an entrance to the primary.

Mr. Lawson said, in regard to petition filing, that St. Paul has a provision that candidates for city office must have petitions signed by at least 50 voters. This does not prevent a multiplicity of candidates, however, since in the recent city primary election, there were 38 candidates filed for 6 offices.

In the discussion that followed several agreed that ease of filing for office is a disadvantage of the present system. Some file as a means of securing personal advertising. Mr. Nolan said that he did not consider the multiplicity of candidates a very serious situation but that there are two ways of meeting this situation that have been tried elsewhere: raising the filing fee considerably or requiring the candidate to file a bond that he will get a certain per cent of the vote or forfeit the amount of his bond.

Mr. Anderson said that raising the filing fee might be a good idea since it would provide funds to help pay for the ballots, etc. Mr. Hall and Mr. Keyes thought that the fee should not be raised sufficiently to constitute a property qualification.

Mrs. Wittich - advanced the suggestion that, instead of requiring a long petition, since it is said to be easy to get people to sign such petitions without feeling special responsibility, a small group of signers might be required who would be considered the campaign committee of the certain candidate and who, by signing his petition, assumed the obligation of financing and backing his campaign. Only one petition could be signed by an individual, and there should be some provision requiring the publication of the names of each candidate's petitioners as a volunteer campaign committee. This would enable voters to know the people who were willing to stand for him in this way.

Mr. Walker - said that he does not favor the un-partisan basis of the state legislature. Miss Wells called attention to the fact that this is a separate issue, not necessarily a part of the question of the primary.

Miss Bordewich - said that she likes Mrs. Wittich's suggestion for petition filing and she also likes the idea of the first and second choice voting. She said that she hoped it would be possible to provide again by law for the regulation of the party caucuses and conventions, especially the elimination of some of the steps in this process which is now so complicated that voters are confused by it.

Mr. Fletcher - said that he considers the education of the voters as more important than changing the system. He thought the multiplicity of candidates sometimes helped in the educational process since each candidate reaches a different group of people and stirs their interest in the process by which he is elected.

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Mr. Bryan - said that he has no fault to find with the present primary.

Mr. Cant - said that the average man and woman, he believes, feels that the primary is working better all the time. He would be glad to see some change in the system of filing for office to attach more responsibility to the decision to file.

Professor Anderson - said that he is prejudiced in favor of the primary but that he considers several questions that have been opened up in the discussion as worth following up:

- 1) An inquiry into the experience of St. Paul under petition filing will show just how the provision in force there affects the multiplicity of candidates.
- 2) The second choice voting as used in Duluth might be studied carefully to learn its effect upon the final vote.
- 3) The facts about the requirement of deposits by candidates as a guarantee of securing a certain percentage of the vote cast might be learned from places where such a provision is in effect.
- 4) Mrs. Wittich's suggestion for petition filing.

Further Discussion

Mr. Gillam said that he is impressed with the value of Mrs. Wittich's suggestion for a petition by a group which would constitute a responsible campaign committee.

Mr. Lawson said that the expense entailed in running for state office is so great, in the maintenance of headquarters, travelling expenses etc. that there is very little point to raising the filing fee for state office as a means of reducing the number of candidates. Mr. Nolan agreed that, although for small units of government the primary is about ideal, it is true that expense militates against many men being able to run for state office under it. Most of those holding minor state offices, he said, gained them by appointment to vacancies and then came before the voters later. This is true also of railroad and warehouse commissioners and judges. He favors making most state offices appointive, eliminating the office of lieutenant-governor entirely and keeping only the auditor and governor as elected officers.

Mr. Anderson said that he thought the elimination of unfit candidates in the filing for office might be worked out by public opinion establishing certain standards so that it would not be good advertising for unqualified individuals to file.

Mr. Bryan said that it seemed to him two distinct issues were being discussed:

1. The problem of the selection of a minority candidate in a three-cornered competition for nomination to an important office on the party ballot
2. The problem of doing away with a multiplicity of weak candidates for any office.

Miss Wells asked for comments on the repeated objection to the primary that it destroys party responsibility. Mr. Keyes asked what is meant by this phrase and said that it usually means control of offices and patronage. Mr. Nolan agreed that issues are not an item in the parties since there are all kinds of opinion in the same party. Nothing so bad for the parties ever happened in Minnesota, he said, as the factional fight in one of the party conventions some years ago. Minnesota is not a state with strong party organization.

Miss Wells commented upon the expression of opinion as showing that there seemed to be a generally favorable attitude toward the primary in the group and that it might be well to assure the presence of some opponents of the primary in another meeting to stimulate more intensive discussion of the possible need of certain changes in the law. Mrs. Wittich suggested devoting an evening some time to discussion of the caucus-convention system and possible changes affecting it. Mr. Nolan thought the whole group of election laws might profitably be reviewed since this type of legislation is a hodge podge in our statutes and needs overhauling.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

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April 10 "Voters' Service" Program - at 6 p.m.

A business man, a spokesman for the farmer, and "the man on the street" will discuss campaign issues as seen by their respective groups, in the weekly "Voters' Service" program on Tuesday evening April 10, at 6 o'clock.

Qualified spokesman -- Merle Thorpe, editor of Nation's Business; United States Senator Arthur Capper, of Kansas; and Bruce Bliven, an editor of the New Republic -- are the scheduled speakers.

Mr. Thorpe will speak for the business man. He has been editor of Nation's Business - the official publication of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce -- since 1916. He began his newspaper career in 1903, and served on editorial departments of newspapers in Washington, Palo Alto, Seattle and Havana. Mr. Thorpe was associated with the departments of journalism in the Universities of Washington, Kansas, and California before he became editor of Nation's Business. He is a frequent writer of magazine articles, and in 1915 wrote a book entitled "The Coming Newspaper."

Senator Capper, long recognized as a friend of the farmers, will speak for their group. He has been a member of the United States Senate since 1916, and in these ten years has become a forceful member. In addition to being chairman of the Senate Committee for the District of Columbia, he is a member of the Agriculture and Forestry Committee, Foreign Relations, Claims, and Printing Committees. Before he entered federal service, Senator Capper had been Governor of Kansas for two terms. Over 40 years ago Senator Capper held his first newspaper position and today he is publisher of ten newspapers and monthly magazines, whose readers are almost exclusively from rural communities.

Mr. Bliven will speak for the "man on the street." Before Mr. Bliven became a member of the editorial board of the New Republic in 1923, he had been associated with the New York Globe for five years. He is a student of politics and is regarded as an interesting interpreter of public opinion.

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April 17 "Voters' Service" Program at 6 P.M.

Two of the four women members of the present session of Congress will be heard in the "Voters' Service" program on April 17. Mrs. Edith Nourse Rogers, Republican of Massachusetts, and Mrs. Mary Norton, Democrat of New Jersey, will be "guest speakers" in this weekly program, sponsored by the National Broadcasting Company and National League of Women Voters.

Mrs. Rogers' topic will be "Domestic and Foreign Trade Development under the Republican Party," and Mrs. Norton will present "A Democratic View of National Issues."

The speakers will be introduced to the radio audience by Mr. Charles G. Ross, chief of the Washington bureau of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Before presenting the speakers, Mr. Ross will give his regular fortnightly review of "What Congress is Doing."

Mrs. Norton holds the distinction of being the first Democratic woman elected to Congress. She is now serving her second term, having been reelected in 1926 to the Seventieth Congress. She is a member of the District of Columbia Labor, and World War Veterans' Legislation Committees in the House. She is particularly interested in maternity and infancy work, and has been president for ten years of the Day Nursery of Jersey City.

Mrs. Rogers was elected to the House of Representatives in 1925, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of her husband, John Jacob Rogers. Her reelection to the Seventieth Congress followed in 1926. She is a member of the House committees on Civil Service, Indian Affairs, and World War Veterans' Legislation. During World War days, Mrs. Rogers served with the Red Cross and became interested in the problems of disabled veterans. In 1922 President Harding appointed her as his personal representative in care of disabled veterans, and in 1923 she was reappointed to the post by President Coolidge.

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April 24 "Voters' Service" Program at 8:00 P.M.

"The Farm Problem" - an important issue in all political campaigns since the World War - is to be the topic for discussion in the April 24 "Voters' Service" program broadcast from the Chicago studios of the National Broadcasting Company.

Three acknowledged experts, Henry A. Wallace of Des Moines, Professor Benjamin H. Hibbard of the University of Wisconsin and Charles William Holman, secretary of the National Board of Farm Organizations, are scheduled participants in the discussion.

This is the first time that the weekly "Voters' Service" program will be broadcast from Chicago. The arrangement was made because the National League is holding its eighth national convention in Chicago the week of April 23rd, and also because the program subject is of particular interest to all Middlewestern States.

Mr. Holman will present the "background" of the problem. For twenty years he has been associated with various projects in behalf of the agriculturists of the country. He has been secretary of four national conferences on marketing and farm credits, made a national investigation of marketing methods, was first secretary of the National Agricultural Organized Society, and is now secretary of the National Cooperative Milk Producers' Federation. His study of the problem has taken him to foreign lands. In 1915 he made a study of agricultural cooperation in Great Britain and in 1924 represented the United States in the International Institute of Agriculture in Rome.

Mr. Wallace and Professor Hibbard will discuss then the various proposals for the solution of the pressing problem. Mr. Wallace is editor of Wallace's Farmer, and for many years has been a leading spokesman for farmers of the Midwest. He has been secretary since 1912 of the Corn Belt Meat Producers' Association. He is regarded as an authentic interpreter of the farmer's attitude on all political and economic subjects.

Professor Hibbard is head of the department of agricultural economics at the University of Wisconsin, with which university he has been identified since 1913. From 1902 until 1913 he had been a member of the faculty at the Iowa State College. He is active in scientific and farm economic associations, and his book, "Effect of the Great War upon Agriculture" has been widely read.

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May 8th "Voters' Service" Program at 6 o'clock

Secretary of Labor James J. Davis and United States Senator Robert F. Wagner, Democrat of New York, will speak on "Unemployment".

Recent discussions in political circles and on the floor of the United States Senate indicate that the unemployment situation is to be made an issue in the 1928 presidential campaign. The sponsors of the Voters' Service have therefore secured Secretary Davis and Senator Wagner, as two outstanding spokesmen to present the conflicting points of view on the subject. Senator Wagner will speak for those who believe there is a serious unemployment problem, while Secretary Davis, the last speaker in the half-hour program, will discuss the situation on the basis of surveys made by the government bureaus.

Senator Wagner is serving his first term in the United States Senate, after a brilliant legislative and judicial record in New York state. He was a member of the New York state legislature for thirteen years, was lieutenant governor for one year, and in 1919 became a justice of the supreme court. He resigned his justiceship to become a candidate for the Senate.

Secretary Davis has been a member of the President's Cabinet since March 5, 1921, receiving his first appointment from the late President Harding. The secretary became a wage earner at the age of eleven, as a puddler in the iron and steel works at Sharon, Pa. Later he worked in the steel and tin plate mills at Elwood, Ind., where he joined the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers of America. He is still a member of the association. Since 1906 he has given most of his time to the development of the Loyal Order of Moose, of which he is still director general.

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Dear Board Member:

Miss Wells has invited the state board to hold its next meeting at her home, 325 Groveland Avenue, Minneapolis. The day is Friday, May 11, and the time 10:30 a.m. as usual.

There are definite plans for the coming months, based upon decisions reached at the National League convention in Chicago, that must be made at this meeting. It is therefore important that there be a full attendance of board members. Plans for pre-election activities and preparation for the coming session of the legislature are among the responsibilities we now face.

I shall be glad to know whether I may make a reservation for you for luncheon.

Sincerely yours,

Emily Child

Emily Child,
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Dear Radio Chairman:

You will have noticed with regret, I am sure, that the National League "Voters' Service" program over the radio is no longer being broadcast by WCCO. Following the change to daylight saving time in the East on April 29, the hour of the service in our part of the country changed from 6:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M., thus conflicting with other WCCO program events.

We are making inquiry as to what we can do to assure continuance of the "Voters' Service" in Minnesota and will write you as soon as there is something definite to report. In the meantime, if you regret the discontinuance of this "Voters' Service", will you yourself write and ask others to write telling Mr. H. A. Bellows of the WCCO radio station, Nicollet Hotel, Minneapolis, of your disappointment.

It is only from such letters that a radio station can know how important it is to arrange for any given service. Some of the programs that we in Minnesota have missed and shall miss if the National League service ceases are shown in the enclosed program.

Sincerely yours,

Emily Child,
Executive Secretary

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Dear Board Member:

May 15, 1928.

So many times at Friday's meeting I thought, but never found the fitting opportunity, to say to you that you would like to know the reason for Miss Beggin's prolonged absence from us.

She went home in March at the sudden death of her brother and while she was there, her father was taken suddenly ill and died almost immediately. She has not been able to make her plans and to return to us and, although we are hoping to have her back here soon, we do not know when to expect her.

I write you because I thought you might like to drop her a note of sympathy and at least I was sure you would want to know about her trouble.

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Frank R. Kent of Baltimore, whose political writings are nationally known, will discuss "The Great Game of Politics in 1928" in the "Voters' Service" program broadcast from station WRC, Washington, on Tuesday, May 29, at 5 o'clock (central standard time). The program will be broadcast by WCCO over its auxiliary station WRHM, Andrews Hotel, Minneapolis.

Mr. Kent will be presented to the radio audience by Mr. Charles G. Ross, chief of the Washington bureau of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. The first part of the half-hour program will be devoted to Mr. Ross' regular review of "What Congress is Doing."

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Minnesota League of Women Voters
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Memorandum for League Officers on Planks Proposed by the
National League of Women Voters for Inclusion in National Party Platform

Note: These comments supplementary to the printed "Planks" are for the
information of League representatives only - not for the party delegates.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION: Negotiations are in progress between the Secretary of State and the foreign offices of other countries for the renunciation of war. Germany has ratified unconditionally the proposed "multilateral treaty"; England has ratified with reservations; Italy and France are considering favorably the question of ratification.

The Gillett Resolution in the Senate is a proposal to secure the re-opening of negotiations in regard to this country's entry into the World Court (approved by the Senate with reservations in January 1926.) Other countries signatory to the Court have refused to accept all the Senate's reservations. Friends of the Court believe some way out of the impasse is possible thru negotiation. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee refused to vote the Gillett Resolution out of committee in this session of the Congress.

EFFICIENCY IN GOVERNMENT: An amendment to do away with the "lame duck" session of Congress has passed the Senate three times, once last January. It failed in March to get the necessary two-thirds vote in the House. Its success in the next Congress is possible.

PUBLIC WELFARE IN GOVERNMENT: The responsibility for the welfare of the citizens belongs both to the federal and to the state government.

Maternity and Infancy: The renewed federal appropriation under the maternity and infancy act expires July 1, 1929, when the act itself also comes to an end. There may be a new act proposed with some other basis of aid to the states than the 50-50 grant written into the 1921 act. There are in existence now some 500 such federal aid projects including aid for eliminating the corn borer, for reducing disease among cattle etc. etc. The maternity and infancy death rate in the United States is higher than in many European countries. We should do something to reduce this rate.

Education: The bill for a federal Department of Education (without the provision for state aid that appeared in the bill proposed some years ago) has been before the present Congress. The arguments for it are the same that secured the federal Department of Agriculture with a representative in the president's cabinet, in 1889, and the Department of Commerce and Labor in 1903. It would be as valuable in promoting tried standards of public school education and administration as these other departments have been in their fields.

Child Labor: Opponents of the child labor amendment have urged "let the states do it!" But the state legislative activities, not only in 1927 but ever since the amendment was proposed, give little encouragement that the States are willing to take the full responsibility. Bills attempting to lower existing state standards were introduced last year in the legislatures of nine states, while in 18 states specific bills to raise existing standards failed of enactment. It is therefore necessary to continue to urge "the protection of children against premature and injurious labor."

Living Costs: The bill providing for government operation of Muscle Shoals has passed the Congress and will become a law if not vetoed by the president. The League of Women Voters supported the type of measure passed although the League is not committed to the principle of government ownership in general. The League stand is based upon the fact that during the war, under the National Defense Act, the government made a great investment of the people's money in the Muscle Shoals property. The question at issue is whether this money shall be wasted, given away to private power companies or used in the interest of the people, since it has been impossible to secure adequate bids from private companies.

Legal Status of Women: The League is opposed to the "blanket amendment" to make women's legal status identical with that of men since there is a body of carefully drawn property laws affecting the rights of women which would be upset by such a proposal. There is also the protective legislation for women in industry which recognizes a biological difference between men and women and seeks to balance this difference by certain prohibitions against the exploitation of women workers in ways prejudicial to their health and well being. This legislation would also be wiped out by such an amendment (urged upon Congress by the Woman's Party, the militant wing of the former suffrage organization.)

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Dear Board Member:

Mrs. Walter R. Ramsey of 214 South Grotto, Saint Paul, will be hostess to the state board at its June meeting on Friday, June 8.

The contents of the League's questionnaire to candidates to be sent to those nominated in the primary election will be decided at this meeting. Other subjects for consideration by the board will be plans for 1928 state and county fairs and for other types of pre-election activities, and a report on the results of the recently repeated questionnaire on jury service by women in all the counties of the state.

To reach Mrs. Ramsey's house, take the Grand Avenue car in Saint Paul to Grotto and walk three or four blocks south. The Marshall Avenue bus also crosses Grotto about eight blocks from Mrs. Ramsey's house.

Please let us know whether we may report your name for a luncheon reservation, and my count on your attendance at the meeting which will convene at 10:30 a.m.

Sincerely yours,

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The Rosholt League is planning a picnic for Mrs. Parkes, June 7.

Just before Congress adjourned, Congressman Walter H. Newton introduced into the House a bill providing for federal cooperation with the states for the purpose of reducing infancy and maternity death rates. It provides an annual appropriation of a million dollars to be used by the Children's Bureau for this purpose, either independently or in cooperation with the states. This is not a 50-50 federal aid project but one of those general cooperative undertakings such as are used so widely by the Department of Agriculture. Women who are concerned in the well-being of mothers and babies will be equally interested in the progress of this bill and in making sure that their states in this way or in some other go right ahead in infancy and maternity work.

Mr. M. H. Aylesworth, president of the National Broadcasting Company spoke at the Gala Banquet at the Chicago convention. He reminded his audience of the invitation he gave the League a year ago to use the air for Voters' Service. This time he said to us, "I am fully confident that the service which the National League of Women Voters is giving to the public will be primarily responsible for bringing out million-millions of new voters to the polls at the next election....I prophesy that the campaigns of national parties and their candidates will depend largely upon the use of radio broadcasting and that your programs will produce the greatest influence on the voting public in the history of American politics."

M I N U T E S
STATE BOARD MEETING
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The regular meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the home of Mrs. Ramsey, 214 South Grotto, Saint Paul, on Friday, June 8, 1928. The meeting was called to order at 10:40 a.m., Mrs. Wittich presiding.

Board members present were Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. McKnight, Miss Lusk, Mrs. Ramsey, Mrs. Marble, Mrs. Spear, Mrs. Grannis, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Sherwin, Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. Stai and Miss Monahan. There were also present Mrs. Herbert of Saint Paul, Mrs. Roulo of Duluth, Mrs. Pribyl of Monticello and Miss Child.

In the absence of Mrs. Pearce, the minutes of the previous meeting were read by Miss Lusk and approved as read.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Cant reported a balance May 1 of \$466.17 and receipts during May of \$1367.65, of which \$236.91 was received in quotas. Disbursements during the month amounted to \$1187.53, leaving a balance June 1 of \$646.39. Bills payable amounting to \$534.26 were reported. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McKnight, second of Miss Lusk, that the treasurer's report be accepted and the bills allowed.

Mrs. Cant also reported having received monthly installments on the quota from Leagues in Saint Paul, Minneapolis, Duluth and Faribault.

Mrs. Cant submitted the recommendation of the Executive Committee that the plan of taking orders for Christmas cards during the fall months be considered as a possible source of income for the state and local Leagues. She reported upon the offer of the Colonial Art Company in Minneapolis of a 50 per cent bonus on all cards sold (less the cost of postage and insurance). The portfolio of cards will be available in August for a fee of one dollar. Mrs. Sherwin thought this an excellent plan in small towns where no great variety of cards is offered. Mrs. McKnight and Miss Lusk thought that the plan might be presented to board members and working committees of the city Leagues. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McKnight, second of Miss Lusk, that Mrs. Cant prepare a letter to local Leagues informing them of this money-raising possibility.

Miss Child presented the recommendation of the Executive Committee that advantage be taken of the special offer of the Woman's Journal to pay 50 per cent on \$100 worth of subscriptions by asking the cooperation of local Leagues that do not meet their quotas in sending us subscriptions to be credited as quota payments. Mrs. McKnight and Miss Lusk suggested that this information be included by Mrs. Cant in her letter to local Leagues.

Organization

Miss Lusk reported for the FOURTH DISTRICT that, following the election of the new board of directors, officers and committee chairmen have been named and organization of the League for the coming year's work almost completed. Mrs. McKnight reported for the Minneapolis League activities during the past month, including establishment of information headquarters for voters in a downtown store as part of its campaign for two charter amendments to be voted on at the primary. Mrs. Stai reported for the SIXTH DISTRICT that the St. Cloud League has not been active recently but will be ready to work with the state League in making plans for the state convention. Mrs. Dowling reported for the SEVENTH DISTRICT that the Olivia League has held only one meeting this spring. Mrs. Roulo, Mrs. Marble and Mrs. Spear reported for the EIGHTH DISTRICT that 64 new members were secured by a membership tea to which old members were admitted if accompanied by a new member, that a successful school for election judges was recently arranged by the League in the form of a dramatic sketch and presented through the cooperation of the city clerk. Mrs. Sherwin reported for the TENTH DISTRICT that a by-product of the One Day School in Monticello is the invitation that has reached her to speak on legislative issues to a study group of women in Big Lake where the talk may perhaps be made a possible basis for League organization.

Miss Child reported that Miss Beggin will probably be able to return to Field Work for at least part-time during August and September. The Executive Committee thought it best to wait for Miss Beggin rather than try to fill her place during her absence. By consent the board approved the plan and expressed appreciation of Miss Beggin's work.

Miss Wells' suggested plan for using the printed Institute addresses in summer study groups for a series of four meetings was reported by Miss Child. Miss Wells has prepared quizz questions on the pamphlets as a means of stimulating interest and directing attention to the important points. Mrs. Cant suggested that her study group is devoting eight meetings to this study.

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Miss Child also reported upon the National League's questionnaire on college Leagues which constitutes a comprehensive outline of possible college League organization and activities. She mentioned the fact that the state League has never required a quota or affiliation dues of college Leagues although this year the University of Minnesota League voluntarily paid a quota of five dollars. Mrs. Herbert suggested that the payment of college League dues may be a way of impressing upon student members their connection with the League. Mrs. McKnight asked about follow-up of the members after they left college and said that the Minneapolis League has not been successful in tying up these girls to League work out of college. IT WAS AGREED that the question of quota or dues and of follow-up of college League members after they leave school should be studied by a special Young Voter chairman whom we should secure as soon as possible.

League Measures in Congress

Mrs. Grannis reported upon the new Maternity and Infancy bill introduced by Mr. Newton before the adjournment of Congress. Active work in support of it will be a state League responsibility in preparation for the next Congress.

Mrs. Spear reported upon the procedure by which the Muscle Shoals bill was finally passed by Congress and the probability that it will fail to become a law by the president's "pocket veto".

Pre-Election Activities

Mrs. Cant reviewed the report of the Committee on Activities of the Campaign Year submitted to the National League Convention. Mrs. McKnight told in detail of the organization of the information headquarters of the Minneapolis League and Miss Child reported upon the outline received from Gladys Harrison giving suggestions for informational service that will be incorporated in the printed handbook of the National League. Mrs. McKnight asked about the vote surveys as a pre-election activity to stimulate interest in voting and said that, in Minneapolis, these will take the place of the house-to-house canvass of former years. Mrs. Wittich explained that a simplified form of questionnaire to the individual voter has been prepared for this purpose. She thinks it will cover the necessary ground and involve a much smaller expenditure of time and effort on the part of workers. The information is to be secured over the telephone in the Minneapolis survey.

Party Delegates Interviewed on League Planks

The chair made a general statement on state League work in writing, and appointing representatives to interview, party delegates to the Republican and Democratic national conventions, in behalf of the League planks for the party platforms. Mrs. Dowling reported that she has been unable to see Mr. Murphy, the Minnesota member on the Republican Resolutions Committee, but that she has written him at his home. Mrs. Stai suggested sending a night letter to him at Kansas City telling him of the planks and asking his help. IT WAS AGREED that such a telegram should be sent from state headquarters.

Mrs. McKnight reported upon the interview she, Miss Wells and Mrs. Decker had with Mr. Coleman of Minneapolis. Miss Lusk told of the interviews of Mrs. Colby and Mrs. Wolfe, with Judge Hallam and Mr. Sterling of Saint Paul. Mrs. Sherwin reported her interview with Mr. Berg of Buffalo; Mrs. Stai told of her plan to talk with sixth district delegates on the way to Kansas City. Miss Monahan reported having interviewed Mrs. Duffy of Shakopee, a member of the Democratic delegation.

Questionnaires to Candidates

The chair reminded the board that our questionnaire to state and congressional candidates must be sent out immediately following the primary election. Suggested questions for Efficiency in Government and International Cooperation to Prevent War prepared by the department chairmen were read. Miss Lawrence's suggestion for the question on Education were also read. Miss Monahan suggested that there should be a question to state legislators dealing with common law marriage.

Questionnaire on Jury Service for Women

Miss Monahan reported that the replies to the questionnaire repeated to county clerks this year late in March have come in from all but two counties. She read and commented upon remarks accompanying the questionnaires. The case of the successful challenge of a jury by an attorney in Thief River Falls, on the ground that the panel listed no women, was cited by Miss Monahan as a significant follow-up of the decision of the Supreme Court in the Renville County case. She suggested that it would be well now, before the final making up of the jury panels in July, to send a letter to county attorneys in the counties where women are not now serving, calling their attention to the Supreme Court Decision and the action under it in Thief River Falls. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, second of Mrs. Grannis, that such a letter should be prepared by Miss Monahan and sent out over her signature.

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Commonwealth Conference in Iowa City

At the request of the chair, Mrs. McKnight called attention to the subjects to be discussed at this conference in July. She, Mrs. Wittich and Mrs. Wallis of Minneapolis will attend as representatives of the state and National League. Mrs. Spear thought she might also plan to attend and Miss Lusk will see if there are Saint Paul women who might make up a party to go. Miss Child was asked to write for information about possible accommodations although Mrs. Wittich thought it would be easy to secure them on fairly short notice.

State and County Fairs

A request for the Sesqui-Centennial exhibit from the National League for use at the Minnesota State Fair was made some time since, Miss Child said. The task of the state fair chairman will therefore be simplified. IT WAS AGREED that the naming of this chairman should be left to the Executive Committee.

The chair reported that the Executive Committee has asked Mrs. McGuire to talk with representatives of the Agricultural Extension Division to learn their advice as to ways of reaching rural groups other than through county fair exhibits which have been considered not so successful in late years as formerly. The question of whether to prepare a routine exhibit this year was discussed and the consensus of opinion seemed to be that active Leagues should be asked to make their own plans on the basis of the experience of former years, with whatever help the state League can give from existing material, and that an effort shall be made to develop a substitute plan for reaching the public in other counties. Mrs. Ramsey suggested that an effective flier might be prepared to be distributed at farmers' picnics. Mrs. Dowling thought that some plan might be made for furthering information on the new Maternity and Infancy measure in cooperation with the county fair exhibit of the county nurse and the state Sheppard-Towner nurse. It was suggested that an unattended or unsuccessful county fair exhibit under League auspices takes from the prestige of the League.

Other Business

At the request of the chair, Mrs. Sherwin summarized the written report of the National League press secretary showing the increase in space and improvement in accuracy of the newspaper publicity this year over former years.

Mrs. Spear told of having placed the National League Convention Bulletin in the hands of newspaper editors in Duluth who were interested and impressed with it. Mrs. Stai suggested that it would be worthwhile to send one of the Bulletins to every local League chairman. IT WAS AGREED that further distribution at the state convention would be opportune.

Invitations from Mrs. Jule M. Hannaford of Saint Paul for the July board meeting and from Mrs. Woodward Colby for the August board meeting were reported. There was brief discussion as to the possibility of omitting one of these meetings but IT WAS AGREED that both invitations should be accepted.

The chair called the attention of the board to the necessity of discussing at the next board meeting plans for securing attendance at the state convention and said that it is not too early now to try to interest people in planning to go.

Miss Child asked whether the National League radio program is heard out in the state over WRHM. Several reported having heard recent programs.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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July 3 "Voters' Service" program at 5 P.M.

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Mr. Chenery will not only review the proceedings of the convention, the sponsors announce, but will interpret their probable effect on the political situation. Mr. Chenery speaks as a seasoned political observer. He has been engaged in literary work for many years. As a writer and editor he was first associated with several Chicago newspapers, but left the West in 1919 to enter the New York field. Since that time he has been identified in turn with four of the leading metropolitan dailies. Mr. Chenery has been editor of Collier's since 1925.

The second speaker, who has not yet been announced, will present a radio biography of the Democratic nominee.

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MONTANA - This is cribbed from the June Bulletin: "The parties more and more are realizing that the League of Women Voters is not a competitor but a training school for them. When women get the larger political background and a certain political technique, their place is assured in the party groups. * * They thought our job was done, with suffrage won, no, just begun."

Fifteen young women of Helena are sponsoring a New Voters party which is to be held on the 12th of this month. The Kiwanians are to assist and there is to be a play and a puppet show as well as presentation to the audience of candidates

SOUTH DAKOTA - The annual state convention is to be held in Madison October 30, 31 and November 1.

The name of the Rosholt League has been changed to the Windom Rural League. In spite of a terrific electric storm nineteen were present at the picnic meeting on June 7 and as many husbands. Mrs. Parkes was a guest and the entire afternoon was spent in earnest discussion of League program and purpose. What better could be said of the common-sense and practical foresight of any League than Mrs. Parkes' message about the Windom League. "They tried hard to send delegates to the National League convention but realized they did not start early enough to raise funds. They have it in mind two years hence. They have paid the quota to the state. They are planning a picnic to raise funds to send a good delegation to the state convention."

Huron - Huron held a League meeting June 15 to hear reports of the national convention. Six members of the Artesian League, 40 miles away, were guests. The Jam Handy slides were shown and appreciated.

Artesian - Here also Jam Handy slides were shown at a meeting June 21. A jury service play was given and six or seven husbands who came to lunch saw the films as well. This League is only ten months old.

The state board held a meeting June 22 attended also by the local Huron board members. Here the entire field of state work was surveyed and full discussion given to a proposed program of work for the coming year preparatory to sending it to the local Leagues for consideration six weeks in advance of the convention so that delegates may be prepared to vote intelligently at that time.

IOWA - Well said - "We are full of enthusiasm and ideas (after the national convention) but we are restraining ourselves knowing that if we try everything or even many things all at once, we shall accomplish nothing."

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Mrs. Stromsten, chairman of the Child Welfare Committee, has prepared and sent to local Leagues through their Child Welfare chairman a simplified plan of study on the problem of child labor according to plans adopted at the state convention.

Iowa City - The Johnson County League is giving a luncheon July 9 for visiting League members who are there to attend the Commonwealth Conference.

MINNESOTA - The Minneapolis League of Women Voters undertook to carry the burden of the campaign before the June elections in favor of two much-needed amendments to the city charter. These amendments lost by so small a margin that the League has instituted a recount.

Mrs. Jule Hannaford, Jr. is entertaining the next state board meeting at her home at White Bear July 13. Directors of the Ramsey County (Saint Paul) League will also be guests. A feature of the meeting will be reports from League officers who attended the conventions at Kansas City and Houston as delegates.

NORTH DAKOTA - The call to the Fifth Annual Convention of the North Dakota League at Devils Lake, July 25, 26, 27, is signed by M. Helen Davies, president, and Mrs. L. O. Lantis and Miss Hazel McCulloch, chairmen of departments. It closes with these words, "This is a campaign year. Problems of great interest confront us. Reserve these dates. Plan to be in Devils Lake and hear the discussions which will develop a finer citizenship."

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To reach Mrs. Hannaford's home, take the bus leaving the Saint Paul bus depot (Sixth and St. Peter Street) fifteen minutes past the hour and every half hour until 9:45 a.m. Automobiles will meet the 9:45 a.m. bus at White Bear to take members to the board meeting which opens at 10:30 a.m.

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Among the subjects on the agenda for the meeting are plans for attendance at our state convention, reports of national party conventions by board members who attended, communication from National League on Get-Out-the-Vote activities for early fall, new plan for preparing legislative program for submission to state convention and revised plan for organization of Legislative Council, reports by those attending the Commonwealth Conference in Iowa City on "Political Issues in 1928".

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8. Teachers' Retirement Fund: Do you favor measures to place this fund on a sound financial basis? _____
9. Amendment of Minimum Wage Law: This statute defines a minor to be a boy under 21 and a girl under 18 years of age. Would you favor an amendment removing this discrepancy and making the law applicable to all persons under 21 years of age? _____
10. Protection of Women in Industry: (a) Will you support a measure with standards no lower than the law of 1923 which has been declared inoperative due to an irregularity in its enactment? (This law limited hours of work for women in industry to 54 hours a week of 9½ hours a day.) _____
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11. Improvement of Marriage Law: Do you favor amending the marriage law to abolish common law marriage and provide safeguards against hasty and ill-advised marriages? _____

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INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

1. Multilateral Treaties: Are you in favor of extending the use of arbitration through treaties between the United States and other countries such as have been proposed by Secretary Kellogg? _____
2. World Court: Do you favor further consideration by the Congress of the World Court situation, to the end that the United States may actually become a member of the Court? _____

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3. Will you support an amendment to the Federal Constitution to do away with the long interval now prevailing between the election of members of the Congress and the beginning of their term, at the same time eliminating the "lame duck" session of the Congress? _____

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4. Protection of Maternity and Infancy: Do you favor the enactment of the Newton bill (H.R. 14070) to assure the continuance of federal cooperation as a stimulus to work under state, county or municipal agencies, in the interest of improving the health and preventing the deaths of mothers and babies? _____
5. Muscle Shoals: The United States has a large investment of public money in Muscle Shoals. Do you favor its development under governmental auspices, in the interest of the public welfare, rather than its lease to private interests? _____
6. Federal Department of Education: Do you favor creating a federal department of education to consolidate activities now scattered in various departments, and to undertake such work as a survey of illiteracy and its causes? _____
7. Legal Status of Women: Will you oppose the so-called "Equal Rights" or "Blanket" amendment which threatens the welfare of women workers and endangers existing legislation? _____
8. Appropriations: Will you support adequate appropriations for the work of the U.S. Children's Bureau? _____ For the U.S. Women's Bureau? _____

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In sending out the enclosed questionnaire, the League has no desire that any candidate should commit himself for or against any measure on which he is not willing at this time to express an opinion, but it offers an opportunity to state the views on which he rests his candidacy with respect to various public questions, particularly those in which women are most concerned.

We hope you will fill out and return the questionnaire promptly as a matter of opportunity for yourself and of service to the voters, who - as we have found from past experience - are eager to consult the information thus made available.

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July 24 "Voters' Service" Program at 6 P.M.

The platform declarations of the Republican and Democratic parties on "Foreign Policy" will be the theme of the July 24th "Voters' Service" program, with two nationally known speakers, Walter Lippman of New York City, and Assistant-Secretary of the Treasury, Ogden L. Mills as the interpreters. The program, under the joint sponsorship of the National Broadcasting Company and the National League of Women Voters will be broadcast at 5 o'clock (central standard time) and carried by 21 stations, WRHM being Andrews Hotel, Minneapolis, being the local station which will broadcast it.

This program is one of the recently inaugurated series in the "Voters' Service" summer schedule for the consideration of the important planks in the party platforms.

Mr. Lippman was assistant to the Secretary of War in 1917, later becoming secretary of the organization to prepare data for the Peace Conference. He is a recognized expert on foreign and domestic politics. Mr. Lippman is at present a member of the editorial staff of the New York World.

Mr. Mills' public career began in the New York State Senate, and before being appointed to an assistant secretaryship in the U. S. Treasury Department, he had been a member of Congress. Mr. Mills has made a special study of the foreign policies of the United States, and is accepted as well qualified to discuss the Republican platform pronouncements on international relations.

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Dear Board Member:

Mrs. Woodard Colby of 2103 Iglehart Avenue, Saint Paul, will be hostess to the state board at its August meeting on Friday, August 10.

Among other important matters, there is to be a discussion of the reorganization of state departments as affected by the recent court decision, which Mrs. Wittich will present.

To reach Mrs. Colby's home, take the Marshall Avenue bus, or the Selby Lake car, to Cleveland and walk one block North.

Please let us know whether we may report your name for a luncheon reservation, and may count on your attendance at the meeting which will convene at 10:30 a.m.

Sincerely yours,

Emily Child

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Note: This publicity is sent you for use in making verbal announcements and for release in the last issue of your local newspaper before the date of the program.

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July 24 "Voters' Service" Program at 5 P.M.

The platform declarations of the Republican and Democratic parties on "Foreign Policy" will be the theme of the July 24th "Voters' Service" program, with two nationally known speakers, Walter Lippman of New York City, and Assistant-Secretary of the Treasury, Ogden L. Mills as the interpreters. The program, under the joint sponsorship of the National Broadcasting Company and the National League of Women Voters will be broadcast at 5 o'clock (central standard time) and carried by 21 stations, WRHM ~~xxxx~~ Andrews Hotel, Minneapolis, being the local station which will broadcast it.

This program is one of the recently inaugurated series in the "Voters' Service" summer schedule for the consideration of the important planks in the party platforms.

Mr. Lippman was assistant to the Secretary of War in 1917, later becoming secretary of the organization to prepare data for the Peace Conference. He is a recognized expert on foreign and domestic politics. Mr. Lippman is at present a member of the editorial staff of the New York World.

Mr. Mills' public career began in the New York State Senate, and before being appointed to an assistant secretaryship in the U. S. Treasury Department, he had been a member of Congress. Mr. Mills has made a special study of the foreign

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Dear Board Member:

I neglected to say in the notice for the board meeting on the 10th that the important subject for discussion that day would be the proposed legislative program for the coming year. It ought to be acted upon at this meeting in order to send it out to local Leagues for consideration before the convention. Please consider that this is the most important board meeting of the year and try to be present.

Very sincerely yours,

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MINUTES
STATE BOARD MEETING
July 13, 1928

The regular meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the home of Mrs. Jule M. Hannaford, Manitou Island, White Bear Lake, on Friday, July 13, 1928. The meeting was called to order at 10:45 a.m., Miss Wells presiding.

Board members present were Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Pearce, Miss Lusk, Mrs. Ramsey, Mrs. Grannis, Mrs. Spear, Mrs. Ringstad, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Sherwin and Miss Monahan. There were also present Mrs. Bryan, Miss Schweizer and members of the Ramsey County League board as guests.

The minutes of the June meeting were read by the secretary. Mrs. Wittich asked that her statement under pre-election activities that information in the Minneapolis voting surveys is to be secured over the telephone be corrected by adding "as far as possible but by other means also". The minutes were then approved.

Treasurer's Report - Mrs. Cant reported a balance the 1st of June of \$646.39 and receipts during the month of June of \$831.43, of which \$575.83 was received in quotas. Disbursements for the month amounted to \$762.49, leaving a balance July 1 of \$715.39. Bills payable were read amounting to \$787.67. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Monahan, second of Mrs. McGuire, that the treasurer's report be accepted and the bills allowed. Mrs. Cant also reported having received monthly installments on the quota from St. Paul and Minneapolis, the third quarterly payment of the Winona League quota, and the full quota of the Watson League for the next fiscal year, 1928-29.

The Woman's Journal subscription drive was reported on by Mrs. Cant. A letter was sent to local League treasurers informing them of the bonus offered and asking them to assist in the state League drive. Three types of postals have also been sent - one to subscribers to the Woman's Journal who live in towns where there is no local League, asking them to renew; one with a reply postal attached sent to a select list of fifty women in towns where there is no local League and another to a list of 130 women also in towns where there is no local League. Mrs. Cant asked the board to decide what thirty day period before September 1 would be best for the drive. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Miss Monahan, that July 15 - August 15 be decided upon as the dates for the drive. The chair urged that each board member get one renewal or subscription.

Organization - Mrs. Ringstad reported for the THIRD DISTRICT that the Northfield League held its last meeting in April but that the Kenyon League has had a meeting on the convention system. The Faribault League is holding summer meetings on the Institute addresses, Mrs. Pearce said.

Miss Lusk reported for the FOURTH DISTRICT that the young voters met recently at Mrs. White's house, elected a chairman and secretary and planned a study course for next winter. All agreed to join the League.

Mrs. Bryan reported for the FIFTH DISTRICT on the Minneapolis League campaign in behalf of the charter amendments. She explained that upon examination of the tally sheets, the League committee found sufficient obvious errors to justify a recount. Members of the Minneapolis League are busy now observing the work of recounting. Mrs. Wittich explained the disadvantages of presenting two amendments to be voted on on the same ballot and said that the St. Paul and Duluth Leagues might profit by the experience of the Minneapolis League. Three members of the Minneapolis League attended the Commonwealth Conference at Iowa City: Mrs. Bryan, Mrs. Tillotson, and Miss Wells. Mrs. McNally of New Richmond, Wisconsin accompanied them.

Discussion followed with regard to merits of central counting at election time.

Mrs. Spear reported for the EIGHTH DISTRICT that the Duluth League held a candidates' meeting before the June primary which she felt was not very successful. She reported that she has met with the industrial girls at the Y.W.C.A. who decided to hold weekly meetings from the time of organization in September to election day, taking up the political issues of the campaign. She thought this might lead to the organization of a Young Voters group.

Mrs. Sherwin reported for the TENTH DISTRICT that the Monticello League is having regular meetings and there is considerable interest shown because of its being presidential election year.

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Voters' Service Radio Program - Miss Wells asked about interest in recent Voters' Service programs. Several reported not being able to hear the programs because of interference. The chair asked that letters be written to WRHM if results are not satisfactory and that at the next board meeting everybody be prepared to report whether the program can be heard.

Plans for Legislative Council and for Committee for Consideration of 1929 Legislative Program to be submitted to St. Cloud Convention - The chair reported that no meetings of the Legislative Council have been held since Mrs. Ueland's death. The recommendation of the Executive Committee for changes in the Council was adopted on motion of Mrs. Ramsey, second of Mrs. Spear.

The recommendation of the Executive Committee for a committee consisting of the chairmen of departments and committees to scrutinize and propose to the board at its next meeting a program of legislation for next year was adopted also on motion of Mrs. Ramsey, second of Mrs. Spear.

Extension of League to Rural Women - Mrs. McGuire reported that there are several existing agencies by which information is given rural women: The Department of Home Economics, The General Extension Division and the Farm Bureau. She suggested that talks might be made by League speakers at Farm Bureau picnics. Miss Julia Newton of the Home Economics Department of the University, with whom she has recently talked over the telephone, says that her department is getting away from county fair exhibits by holding these unit meetings in various places. Mrs. McGuire suggested that a committee be appointed to plan a program for the League in reaching rural women through Farm Bureau picnics. A committee was appointed consisting of Mrs. Ramsey, chairman, Mrs. McGuire and Mrs. Grannis to plan and arrange speaking engagements at Farm Bureau picnics this summer.

The meeting adjourned for luncheon at 1:10 p.m. and re-convened at 2:05 p.m.

Follow-Up of Questionnaire on Jury Service for Women - Miss Monahan read the letter sent over her signature to the county attorney in the nineteen counties in which women have not been included in the jury lists and the replies received to date from Dodge, Winona and Hubbard counties. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to the county commissioners, enclosing the letter to the county attorney.

Mrs. Sherwin reported talking with the county attorney recently and being informed that no women serve in Wright County. The information obtained from the county clerk in the 1928 questionnaire indicated that two women served. Mrs. Sherwin was asked to follow this and report.

Department and Committee Reports - Child Welfare - Mrs. Grannis reported an interview with Dr. Hartley in regard to the appropriation to be asked of the 1929 legislature. He has prepared a budget showing the 1927-28 expenditures and the probable expenditures for 1928-29. The Division will ask for \$35,000 and a separate budget of \$10,000 for work among the Indians. He has also prepared a second budget of \$30,000. Mrs. Grannis was asked to find out what part of the work has been left out in the \$30,000 budget and report to the board at its next meeting. Mrs. Wittich suggested that it might be well to find out how far along the Commission of Administration and Finance are with the executive budget and to ascertain its attitude toward the appropriation for the work of the Child Hygiene Division. She was asked to do this.

A letter from Miss Schutz of the Industrial Commission calling attention to the change in the law relating to children in theaters was read by the secretary. Mrs. Grannis was asked to investigate this further.

Women in Industry - A written report from Miss Kercher was read by the secretary and filed.

Efficiency in Government - Mrs. Wittich reported the tabulation of the survey of voting habits made in a precinct in Saint Paul last fall.

Pre-Election Activities - The Get-Out-the-Vote kit from the National League containing samples of material for pre-election activities was displayed. Miss Schweizer was asked to inquire whether the National League has any kits assembled and available for sale to local Leagues for possible use as an exhibit, etc.

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One Day Schools for Voters - The recommendation of the Executive Committee about One Day Schools was read. The program of the schools held from now until election time is to cover issues of the campaign, mechanics of voting and offices to be filled. Volunteers being requested, Mrs. Sherwin, Mrs. Spear and Miss Monahan consented to assist by speaking at these schools.

State Fair Exhibit - Miss Jennings volunteered to secure a committee of three young women to take charge of the exhibit and to consider a plan supplementary to the doll exhibit, such as ballot marking demonstrations, fliers to be distributed, intelligence quiz, etc.

National League Communications - A letter was read from Miss Sherwin, enclosing the prohibition enforcement resolution passed at the national convention and stating that it is now appropriate to communicate with state and local officials in accordance with the terms of the resolution. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Spear, second of Mrs. Sherwin, that a copy of the resolution be sent to Governor Christianson and to local League chairmen with a letter similar to Miss Sherwin's.

A letter from Miss Sherwin was read calling attention to the state Conference on the Cause and Cure of War to be called soon by Mrs. Arthur Brin of the Council of Jewish Women.

Report on National Party Conventions - Mrs. McGuire reported on the Democratic convention at Houston which she attended as a visitor. No one present had attended the Kansas City convention. The chair said that at the August board meeting at Mrs. Colby's further reports will be made on the party conventions.

State Convention - The chair said that it is time now to plan for getting attendance at the state convention in St. Cloud, October 4, 5, 6.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

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Do Fifth Region Leagues work in summer? Judge for yourself when you read items from letters that come to the director. To begin with -

North Dakota - has its convention in July. It was a good one this year, marred only by the absence of Miss Davies, president, whose mother was seriously ill and to whose bedside she was called just before the convention opened. Mrs. J. A. Poppler was elected president for the coming year. Another new officer was Mrs. F. S. Voak, second vice-president and a new chairman is Mrs. Thomas McCarthy, chairman of Committee on Education. Pity the Round Robin is not illustrated! Suffice to say, however, that the North Dakota League grows younger every year. Mrs. W. W. Ramsey, fifth vice-president of the National League of Women Voters, Miss Wells, Mrs. Parkes, and Professor Fowler Harper of the University of North Dakota were guests and speakers. One among several high spots of the convention was a delightful evening at the home of Mrs. A. V. Haig, chairman of the local League - DEVILS LAKE. There for three hours everybody joined in a discussion of "the League's daily dozen in finance", twelve questions on finance adapted from a similar questionnaire used at the national convention. More than two-thirds of the next year's budget was in sight at the close of the convention.

Iowa - Even in the corn belt work does not stop in midsummer. DAVENPORT writes of a local League meeting, a League election, a board meeting, beginning of work for the state fair exhibit. The new president is Mrs. W. L. Taylor. DES MOINES held a July meeting with a varied program of speakers. In the middle of the month the Iowa State University held its annual Commonwealth Conference at which this year issues of the presidential campaign were discussed by scholars, politicians, and laymen. Many League women were present both from Iowa itself, from Minnesota and from states outside the region. The Iowa Tribune Capitol recently interviewed the mayor of Gilmore City, Mrs. Bertha Van Alstine, who is a mayor all year round, summer and winter - not cited here as a summer activity. Of Mrs. Van Alstine the Tribune Capitol says in part: "Mrs. Van Alstine is a firm believer in the League of Women Voters. She has attended every national convention, including those at Baltimore, Cleveland, Des Moines, St. Louis, and two in Chicago. She is fourth vice-president of the League in Iowa."

Montana - At a League rally in HELENA July 12, in honor of new voters, i.e. young voters just 21, a play was given, "A Day at the Polls". Mrs. Belle Winestine made a speech and introduced candidates running for office in the primary who spoke to the new voters. Preceding the primary, an information desk was maintained in Helena in one of the downtown stores. Mrs. Milt C. Lydick was in charge. Sample ballots were given out, instructions in the mechanics of voting and other unpartisan help.

South Dakota - In June the ARLINGTON LEAGUE composed wholly of rural women, held an evening meeting at which Mrs. Parkes, regional secretary; Mrs. Feige, state president, and husbands of the members of the League were guests. There was nothing frivolous about the entertainment offered - reports of good hard League work done and plans for good hard League work to come. From the WINDOM RURAL LEAGUE comes another story of summer meetings. "We had a good lively meeting at Mrs. Swensten's, June 26, in the evening. Most of our members were present and also several visitors. We studied and discussed the laws which discriminate against women in South Dakota. Our next meeting will be in the nature of a camp fire gathering on our island, July 24. Mrs. Vera Engle will assist me as hostess. We plan to make it an all-day affair with the study hour immediately after the camp fire meal. Our lesson, jury service for women, will be in the nature of a debate. . . I have asked our native American and his wife, also native American, to be present and they will try to be prepared to answer any questions on the early Indian history of the island. . . We expect to go across in row boats." The ARTESIAN LEAGUE held a vacation meeting July 19 - a chicken dinner at the Dowdell cottage at Ruskin Park at which League husbands were guests. Earlier in the month Mrs. Feige and Mrs. Hartwich drove from Huron to Sioux Falls for a meeting called by Mrs. Flora Mitchell, president of the W.C.T.U., to plan a Cause and Cure of War Conference. It was decided to hold local conferences instead of one state conference. The League is one of nine cooperating organizations in the Cause and Cure Conference.

Minnesota - FARIBAULT reports a series of group discussions based on the addresses given at the Institute of Government and since published in handy pamphlet form. MINNEAPOLIS has done some canvassing for a survey of voting habits and its board and chairmen of committees and departments held a lively all-day meeting at Mrs. McKnight's cabin in the country - pretty good for July in the city.

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The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report - In the absence of Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Wittich read the treasurer's report. The balance July 1 was \$789.95. Receipts during the month totaled \$929.88, of which \$653.33 was received in quotas. Disbursements during July amounted to \$922.59, leaving a balance August 1 of \$797.24. Bills payable were read amounting to \$408.95. Mrs. Wittich also read the honor roll of Leagues making partial or full payments of quota since the last board meeting as follows: Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth - monthly installments; St. Cloud - partial payment; Winona - paid in full. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ringstad, second of Miss Lusk, to accept the treasurer's report. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Spear, second of Mrs. Ringstad, to order the bills paid.

Woman's Journal Subscriptions - Miss Child reported that only 10 of the 40 subscriptions we want to secure before September 1 have come in. Board members present gave their own and other names for renewal subscriptions that may be counted in the drive.

Candidates' Ads in the Voter - Miss Child spoke of the need of following up the letter to candidates in regard to advertising in the Voter, with a personal interview. Mrs. Wittich said that this has proved worthwhile even if no ad is secured since it gives an opportunity to inform candidates about the League. The following volunteered their assistance: Mrs. Sherwin, Mrs. Gage, Mrs. Colby, Mrs. Stai, Mrs. Spear, Mrs. Ringstad, Miss Lusk, Miss Kercher (in rural Hennepin county) and Miss Lawrence (in Benton county).

Organization - Mrs. Ringstad of the THIRD DISTRICT reported that the Northfield League may wish to have a Voters' School in the fall since considerable interest in the election is already being shown. Miss Lusk of the FOURTH DISTRICT described a new organization in St. Paul, the United Improvement Council, upon which the League has three representatives. In the absence of Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Wallis reported for the FIFTH DISTRICT that vote surveys are in process in single precincts of several wards as a piece of pre-election work. The recount of the vote on the amendments to the city charter is considered worthwhile although it did not change the result of the election. Mrs. Stai of the SIXTH DISTRICT reported that a membership drive is planned by the St. Cloud League for the fall. A silver tea early in the summer brought in money for the quota payment made this month. Mrs. Spear of the EIGHTH DISTRICT reported that the Duluth League is to have a board meeting in September to discuss plans for fall work. Study classes on proposed changes in the city government are already being formed. Mrs. Sherwin of the TENTH DISTRICT reported that the Monticello League has held meetings through the summer. In the absence of Mrs. Morrison of the FIRST DISTRICT, the secretary read a letter from her telling of plans for fall work in Winona.

Committee on Farm Picnics - In the absence of committee members, Miss Child reported a message from Mrs. McGuire in regard to picnics scheduled this month. IT WAS AGREED that Mrs. Spear be asked to take charge of securing a speaker for the Duluth meeting and that Miss Monahan be asked to speak at the Scott county meeting, if invitations for these picnics can be secured from the committee in charge.

Department and Committee Reports - Mrs. Wittich reported an interview with members of the Commission of Administration and Finance in regard to the appropriation for maternity and infancy work. The budget has not yet been received from Dr. Hartley. The Commission suggested our asking him to let us know when he submits it in order that a representative of the League may be prepared to appear before the Commission immediately following its submission, to present a statement in its behalf. It is always possible to arrange such an interview with members of the Commission during their consideration of items in the executive budget. IT WAS AGREED that Mrs. Grannis should be asked to assume responsibility for this follow-up.

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I have the pleasure of writing you as president of your organization to request you to appoint a representative to the Legislative Council of the League of Women Voters.

This Council composed of representatives from state organizations concerned with social welfare legislation has met more or less regularly each legislative year since 1920. Its function has always been advisory and educational only. It has discussed at length and carefully social legislative measures that for any reason seem likely to come before the legislature. The Council as such has never sponsored such legislation but only advised its constituent organizations through their own representatives as to the merits of each measure.

There is this year perhaps more than ever before reason why the Council should resume its meetings. The fact is that recent legislatures in Minnesota have been reactionary towards humanitarian legislation. Not only have the legislatures ceased to be progressive, as Minnesota legislatures formerly enjoyed the reputation of being, they have even in several cases threatened to repeal or actually repealed good social legislation already upon the books. Such legislation sponsored and secured through the gallant efforts of Minnesota men and women, some of whom are no longer with us, it now seems the plain duty of such organizations as our own to support and protect. I am thinking as I write, of course, of Mrs. Ueland whose influence was so unfailing and so potent behind all enlightened social legislation. But I am thinking also of other men and women, some of whom are still active among us, and who did their share to make Minnesota a progressive state in a humanitarian sense.

Among beneficent legislative acts that have been repealed by recent legislatures is the mothers' pension law of 1913, for which socially minded Minnesota men and women worked so long. Among reactionary legislation of the past legislative session is also an amendment to the children's

Mrs. Sherwin reported in regard to the service of women jurors in Wright County, that two women were included in the panel after the Supreme Court decision in the Renville county case. She explained that the county attorney has not favored women jurors but that, following her recent talk with him in regard to qualified women in the county, she hopes for the inclusion of more women's names in the jury panels. She plans to talk also with the county commissioners. The chair asked Mrs. Sherwin to make further reports to the board in this connection.

Mrs. Wittich reported upon the vote of Minnesota congressmen last spring on the "lame duck" amendment. The sixth district congressman was the only Minnesota member voting in the negative.

The hour from 12 to 1 o'clock was assigned to Mrs. Wittich for her report on the state Reorganization Act and the various court decisions affecting it, particularly the recent Supreme Court decision involving the University.

The board adjourned at 1 P.M. for luncheon and re-convened at 2 P.M.

Proposed Legislative Program for Submission to State Convention - The chair announced that department and committee chairmen met, as instructed by the board at its last meeting, and agreed upon recommendations for consideration by the board. Miss Child reported the following general recommendations:

That in case any of the legislative measures supported by the League in past state legislatures are threatened by new legislation proposed in the 1929 legislature, active work in their behalf shall be undertaken;

That if measures embodying standards defined in the National League program should be attacked, such measures shall be defended by the League as part of its legislative work in the 1929 session.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Stai, second of Mrs. Sherwin to accept these recommendations.

The chair reported the committee's further recommendation that certain of the measures recommended for inclusion in the 1929 program have special emphasis in the League's legislative work, and that certain other measures be listed in the program with the understanding that there will probably be no active legislative work in their behalf by the League in the 1929 session.

The list of measures in the two groups was read by Miss Child at the request of the chair. There followed discussion of each measure with a review of the facts by the respective committee and department chairmen. The board then voted as follows upon the inclusion of each measure in the program to be recommended to local Leagues and to the state convention as part of the plan of work for the state League in 1929.

Measures for Emphasis in 1929

Maternity and infancy appropriation -
included upon motion of Mrs. Spear, second of Mrs. Sherwin

Amendment to Minimum Wage Law making age of minority the same for girls and boys - included upon motion of Mrs. Sherwin, second of Mrs. Wittich

Re-enactment of standards of 1923 hour law for women -
included upon motion of Mrs. Colby, second of Mrs. Spear

Amendment of marriage law to provide 5-day waiting period in issuance of marriage licenses - included upon motion of Miss Lawrence, second of Mrs. Ringstad

Support of direct primary law by opposing attacks upon it and supporting desirable changes - included upon motion of Mrs. Spear, second of Miss Lusk

Provision for improved method of counting ballots -
included upon motion of Miss Lawrence, second of Mrs. Wittich

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In view of this pressing necessity for keeping a sharp look-out on social legislation, I suggest to you that each organization send to this Council more than one representative for this year. It might be advisable for you to name not only the president and the legislative chairmen of your organization but also chairmen of such other committees or departments as public welfare or child welfare. We would be glad to have the names of your representatives as soon as possible and upon their receipt, we shall send you a proposed program for the next meeting. If you have any ideas for this program, we should be very glad to receive them.

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Measures for Possible Support in 1929

- Legislation affecting state reorganization -
included upon motion of Miss Lawrence, second of Mrs. Wittich
- Appointment of county superintendent of schools by county board of education -
included upon motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Miss Lawrence
- Teachers' Retirement Fund -
included upon motion of Miss Lawrence, second of Mrs. Wittich
- Child Labor Amendment -
included upon motion of Mrs. Colby, second of Mrs. Ringstad
- Abolishment of common law marriage -
included upon motion of Mrs. Stai, second of Miss Lawrence

The new measure, improved counting of ballots, was discussed in connection with the recent recount conducted by the Minneapolis League, showing the serious need of such improvement. Mrs. Wittich said that the change might be restricted to first-class cities or perhaps extended to include cities of the second-class. Miss Lusk mentioned the fact that the city clerk in St. Paul proposed a central counting measure in the last legislature. Mrs. Spear thought the Duluth city clerk would be opposed to such a measure. Mrs. Wittich explained that improvement may be secured in other ways than by central counting; e.g., providing for different personnel to make the count when the polls are closed, making an earlier closing hour for the polls, etc.

In regard to the measures "for possible support", it was understood that the League's general educational work for them would continue but that its 1929 legislative work would probably be limited to appearing at committee hearings if bills on these subjects are introduced by other individuals or groups. The possibility of taking a poll on the Child Labor Amendment as in the last legislature, to determine the advisability of introducing a ratification resolution was mentioned. It was also understood that the board might decide at a future meeting to include additional measures in the group for "special emphasis" providing they are in the program adopted at the state convention.

State Fair Exhibit - IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Miss Lusk, to name the following committee to take charge of the League exhibit at the state fair: Mrs. Paul Schlick, Mrs. Glen Millard, Miss Sabina Fisher of Saint Paul, and Mrs. C. E. Shaffer of Minneapolis.

State Conference on Cause and Cure of War - The chair reported upon the meeting of organization representatives called by Mrs. Arthur Brin of the Council of Jewish Women to consider plans for a state conference. She explained that Mrs. Brin is the one named by the National Committee on the Cause and Cure of War to assume responsibility for the plan in Minnesota. The state League is asked to name representatives upon a series of committees that will be set up to plan for a conference during November. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Lawrence, second of Mrs. Stai, that the executive committee be authorized to make the necessary appointments.

State Convention - The chair reported having had a conference with Miss Mitchell on convention arrangements when it was agreed that she and Miss Child would meet with a group of St. Cloud women who will work upon convention committees whenever such a meeting can be arranged in St. Cloud. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Stai, second of Mrs. Spear, that the executive committee be named as the program committee for convention.

National League Radio Program - The chair asked for information in regard to the Voters' Service programs as heard in various parts of the state. Mrs. Spear reported having been called by the League president in Superior in regard to their failure to get the programs clearly. Mrs. Gage reported poor reception in Olivia. It was reported that the program did not come at all last week. Miss Child was asked to make this report to the radio station.

Other Business - Mrs. Stai made a very interesting report of her observations at the National Republican Convention in Kansas City.

Miss Child reported the message from Mrs. Grannis that she will be glad to entertain the state board at the Town and Country Club for the September meeting. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Colby, second of Mrs. Spear, to accept Mrs. Grannis' invitation.

Appreciation was expressed for Mrs. Colby's hospitality. The meeting adjourned at 4:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Rogers Pearce, Secretary

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Voters' Service Program - CORRECTION ! - August 28, 5 p.m. WRHM

PLEASE NOTICE - Dr. Harry W. Laidler speaks on August 28 (on the Socialist platform and its relation to the presidential campaign) instead of Jay N. Darling. Mr. James L. Wright will speak as scheduled.

Dr. Harry W. Laidler, New York City, executive director of the League of Industrial Democracy, and one of the leading Socialists of the country, is to discuss the Socialist platform and its declarations on outstanding issues in the campaign. Dr. Laidler's talk has been arranged in keeping with the Voters' Service policy to present all sides -- to promote none. Discussion of the platform declaration of all parties is a fortnightly topic in the summer programs. Dr. Laidler was founder of the Intercollegiate Socialist Society, since 1920 has been a director of National Bureau Economic Research, and since 1924 a member of Federal Council of Churches.

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The program will be carried by 23 stations on the Broadcasting Company's system.

Letter -50 copies-mailed members legislative council
Letter with attached slip mailed to state League department and committee chairmen.

Minnesota League of Women Voters,
August 25, 1928.

To Committee Chairmen:

I am asked to tell you that there will be, in addition to the meeting of the Legislative Council announced in the attached letter, a conference of state League committee chairmen with Miss Owen at League headquarters the morning of Tuesday, September 4, at 10:30 a.m.

The purpose of the conference is to give you and Miss Owen an opportunity to discuss informally the subjects of current legislative importance for your committee in the state and national League programs, to assure an exchange of information that may be mutually helpful. As you know, Miss Owen is Secretary of Legislation and Law Enforcement in the national League staff.

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Emily Child,
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Note: The August 7 Voters' Service program was omitted because of a mistake in the radio office. The program, however, will continue to be broadcast regularly over WRHM, Minneapolis at 5 o'clock Tuesdays, until the termination of daylight saving time in New York when the programs will again be broadcast over WCCO. Notice will be sent you of the change.

August 28 Voters' Service Program at 5 p.m.

A nationally known cartoonist and a Washington correspondent of one of New York state's outstanding newspapers will be participants in the August 28 program of the Voters' Service, sponsored by the National League of Women Voters and the National Broadcasting Company.

Jay N. Darling, who is more familiarly known as "Ding" is to bring to the radio audience interpretations of the 1928 presidential campaign, as seen by a cartoonist. Mr. Darling has been drawing political cartoons since 1901, and is regarded as one of the most authentic interpreters of political events. His cartoons are appearing in the leading magazines and newspapers of the country.

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August 27, 1928

Dear local League president:

Have you called a League meeting for September? If not, I hope that you will plan to do so without delay so that you may read and discuss this letter with your officers and members.

PRE-ELECTION ACTIVITIES: Can Minnesota win the silver loving cup to be awarded by the National League following the November election? The state board has voted that we enter the competition and we must therefore submit to the National League, by October 1, the plan of our Get-Out-The-Vote activities in the state. Our success depends upon the help given by each local League. Let us know your plans so that we may include them in the report. Which of these activities will you undertake preceding election day - November 6?

- 1) Candidates' Meeting
For nominees to county office and the state legislature.
- 2) League headquarters and window exhibit in down-town store
See explanatory statement enclosed.
- 3) One Day School for Voters
The state League will assist by supplying program plan and speakers at nominal fee.
- 4) New voters' birthday party
- 5) School for local election officials
- 6) Simplified survey of voting habits
- 7) Distribution of vote fliers at public meetings
May be ordered from us - samples enclosed.

These activities are all described in the Get-Out-The-Vote Handbook published by the National League (price 10 cents) which may be ordered from state League headquarters. The first two of the activities listed are the ones we hope every local League will undertake, both as a service to the community and as a means of strengthening your local League.

STATE CONVENTION - Breen Hotel, St. Cloud - October 4, 5, 6; It is not too early to appoint your delegates to the convention which will be held on Thursday,

Minnesota League of Women Voters,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

SEPTEMBER 4TH VOTERS' SERVICE PROGRAM * 5 P.M. * WRHM, MINNEAPOLIS

Edmond Earle Lincoln, a recognized economist of note, and Ted. O. Thackrey, associate editor of the New York Telegram, will be the speakers in the September 4th voters' service program broadcast under the joint sponsorship of the National League of Women Voters, and the National Broadcasting Company. The program will be carried by 22 stations.

Mr. Lincoln's subject will be "An Economist Looks at the Campaign" and will deal with the underlying economic factors in the 1928 political situation. Mr. Lincoln is chief statistician of the International Telephone and Telegraph Company. From 1914 to 1922 he was lecturer and assistant professor of finance at the Graduate School of Business Administration, Harvard College. He is regarded as an expert in economics and has been in charge of numerous investigations in public utility problems and in financial administration.

Mr. Thackeray will give the fourth of the regular summer series of talks on "The Progress of the Presidential Campaign." Mr. Thackeray is a newcomer in the field of New York City journalism, having recently assumed his duties with the Telegram after several years as editor of the Cleveland Press.

Friday, and Saturday of the first week in October. We shall have the same kind of a Fireside Evening, preceded by a buffet supper for local League delegates, that we had in Minneapolis last fall. We want every local League represented on that occasion and each one prepared to take part in the discussion of the theme of the evening which will perhaps be "What GET-OUT-THE-VOTE means to the League of Women Voters."

We hope your League will also be represented by your department chairmen in the three conferences (Efficiency in Government, Public Welfare in Government, and International Cooperation to Prevent War) on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. If you do not now have active officers in these positions will you make new appointments in September so that our state department chairmen may have the names?

PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM FOR 1929: The delegates from local Leagues will vote at the state convention on the adoption of a legislative program for the coming year. I enclose the proposed program recommended for your consideration by the state board. You will note that every measure listed has appeared in our legislative programs of previous years, with the one exception - "Improved counting of ballots." Study material in mimeographed form on these measures will be sent you shortly. See Mrs. Wittich's article on reorganization in the August Voter, now on the press.

LAW ENFORCEMENT: At the National League of Women Voters Convention this year the attached resolution was adopted. In accordance with action by the state board, a copy of the resolution has been forwarded to Governor Christianson and I am instructed to ask you to call it to the attention of your local enforcement officials.

Looking forward to meeting you in St. Cloud and wishing your League a most successful meeting in September, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Marguerite M. Wells
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Mrs. True Worthy White of Boston
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Resolution on Law Enforcement

Passed by the Eighth Convention Of The

National League of Women Voters

April 1928

WHEREAS, The Eighteenth Amendment is part of the Constitution of the United States and

WHEREAS, There has been no adequate enforcement of the Amendment; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the National League of Women Voters in convention assembled hereby re-affirms its unwavering conviction that obedience to the Constitution and the written law of the land is the duty of every man and woman in the United States; and

BE IT RESOLVED, That the League calls upon the President of the United States, the Secretary of the Treasury, and all state and local officials to use to the fullest extent the power conferred upon them for the effective enforcement of prohibition.

Committee:

Mrs. Roscoe Anderson of St. Louis
Mrs. F. Louis Slade of New York City
Mrs. True Worthy White of Boston
Mrs. F. I. Williams of New Orleans
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PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM
For Consideration by Local Leagues and Submission to the
STATE CONVENTION
St. Cloud, October 4-6

State appropriation for maternity and infancy work
To assure continuance of work already started.

Amendment of minimum wage law
To make it apply to girls, as well as boys, under 21.

Re-enactment of the standards of the 1923 hour law for women in
industry
To provide for a 9½ hour day and a 54 hour week.

Amendment of the marriage law
To provide for a five-day waiting period in the issuance
of marriage licenses.

Support of the direct primary law
By opposing legislation that would weaken it and support-
ing changes to improve it.

Amendment of election law
To improve provisions for counting ballots in first-class
cities. (May be extended to include second class cities).

Revision of teachers' retirement fund law
To place it on a sound financial basis.

Appointment of county superintendents of schools by an elected
county board of education.

Abolishment of common law marriage in Minnesota.

Support of legislation relating to state reorganization
If in accordance with standards adopted by the League at
its 1924 and 1926 state conventions.

General Policy Recommended by the State Board

- 1) That in case any of the legislative measures enacted into law with the support of the League are threatened by new legislation proposed in the 1929 legislature, active work in their behalf shall be undertaken:
- 2) That if laws embodying standards defined in the National League program should be attacked by new legislation, such measures shall be defended by the League as part of its legislative work in the 1929 session.

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GET-OUT-THE-VOTE BULLETIN
Minnesota League of Women Voters
August 27, 1928

LEAGUE HEADQUARTERS FOR INFORMATION TO VOTERS
Preceding General Election of 1928

It has been the Minnesota League's distinction to be the pioneer many times in activities to further political education and help increase the vote. This year we hope that we shall be able to report that a great many of our local Leagues will maintain regular headquarters several days preceding the general election on November 6.

The Minneapolis League recently, in working for two amendments to the city charter, set up special headquarters in a vacant down-town store where printed material on the amendments and on the League was distributed. League members took turns "keeping shop" to answer questions and distribute material. In spite of the fact that the store that could be secured without charge was not in the best location, more than 1300 people came in during the 9 days the headquarters was kept open. The Ramsey County League has also, in the past, maintained a centrally located information booth at election time with equally good response from the public.

Why not plan to put your League before the public of your community, regardless of size, by securing a vacant store for a day or two before election, or, failing that, having a window exhibit in a store, with an inside booth where you can supply information on such questions as absentee voting, marking ballots, election laws etc., and where you can receive League memberships and sell League printed material? This will be an excellent piece of GET-OUT-THE-VOTE work and it will -

Gain prestige for your local League in the community;
Increase general knowledge of election machinery and issues;
Enable you to extend knowledge of our publications and the things for which we stand;
Give you a share in our Minnesota League's contest for the silver loving cup.

The state League offers to furnish free of charge for your headquarters, if you will let us know your plans in advance:

Signs and posters carrying the League name
Vote fliers like sample
Voting slogans for use on a blackboard
Sample state ballots (1928) for general distribution
A wall chart showing total eligible voters in your county and the actual vote in the primary and general elections in 1920, 1922, 1924, 1926.
The Digest of Minnesota Election Laws (for reference)

In addition we will loan you for sale a supply of League publications such as one containing the 1928 party platforms. See August Voter for a list of new pamphlets available.

MAKE YOUR PLANS SOON AND LET US KNOW THEM!

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532 Seventeenth Street**

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VOTES DECIDE

**public health, taxes, schools, libraries, roads, police,
fire, water, playgrounds, parks, traffic, markets, food
inspection, sanitation, garbage disposal, public utilities,
prisons, charities . . . PEACE AND WAR!**

Join the League of Women Voters

**Ask for political facts
without partisan bias**

and

When You Vote—Vote Intelligently

**NATIONAL LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
532 Seventeenth Street N. W., Washington, D. C.**

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November 6

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**MOONSHIRE
GENERAL ELECTION**

Reply to local League letter of August 27
Our September meeting was held on _____
New appointments of department chairmen are:
(E in G) _____ (Pub.Welf.) _____

_____ (Int.Coop.) _____
We shall have _____ representatives at the Convention.
We will maintain down-town headquarters _____ days
before election and would like supplies for it.
Our other pre-election plans are:

Signed: _____

Your Government

SOMEBODY'S BUSINESS—

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September 11th "Voters' Service" Program

"What the Presidential Candidates Say on Farm Relief," as interpreted by Congressman Franklin W. Fort of New Jersey, and Huston Thompson, former member of the Federal Trade Commission, will be the theme of a lively discussion in the September 11th "Voters' Service" program sponsored by the National League of Women Voters and the National Broadcasting Company. The program will be broadcast from station WRHM, Minneapolis, at 5 o'clock.

The two speakers will discuss the relative merits of the farm relief solutions presented by Secretary Hoover and Governor Smith in their acceptance speeches.

Congressman Fort has been a student of the farm problem for several years, and was the leading spokesman for the Republican Administration in the farm debates in the last session of Congress. The radio audience will recall that Congressman Fort presented the majority opinion in the farm relief discussion incident to the adoption of the Republican platform by the Kansas City convention. Congressman Fort has been a member of Congress since 1925. During the war period he was a member of the United States Food Administration.

Huston Thompson has for a long time maintained a leading position in Democratic Party circles, and is particularly interested in his party's remedial plan for the farm problem. Mr. Thompson was an assistant United States attorney general from 1913 to 1918, and then he was appointed by President Wilson as a member of the Federal Trade Commission. He served on the commission for eight years.

Minnesota League of Women Voters
September 1, 1928.

INSTRUCTIONS TO 1928 STATE FAIR BOOTH ATTENDANTS

Call attention of visitors to doll exhibit which is the one used by the National League of Women Voters at the Sesquicentennial Exposition in Philadelphia in 1926. Its message is particularly opportune this fall as a plea to vote. It consists of three displays of dolls showing:

1. The Vanishing American Voter - diminishing voting percentages from 1876 to 1924.
2. Europe and America on Election Day - contrasting percentages of voters in various countries compared with the United States
3. What 100 Citizens Do on Election Day - some play golf etc., instead of going to the polls.

Give each passer-by a vote flier. Interest them in the League whenever possible.

Ask visitors (men or women) to register their names and addresses in the Visitor's Book - those living outside as well as inside the state - as this is one means of judging interest in the League and in the exhibit.

Take memberships and Voter subscriptions

Subscription to the Voter - 25 cents per year
Sample copies of back issues may be given out.

State memberships (including a subscription to Voter) - \$1.00

Minneapolis and Ramsey County (St. Paul) League memberships - \$2.00
Also includes year's subscription to Voter.

Record in book requests for information or printed material to be mailed direct from state League headquarters.

Sell printed pamphlets at prices marked - see List of Publications for others.

Record in book remarks about exhibit or comments of interest to state League board.

DO NOT KEEP too many copies of "for sale" material out on counter since this results in its being picked up without payment by children and others.

TELEPHONE state League headquarters (Atlantic 3718) to report shortage of supplies

REPORT each day to state League amount of money taken in and turn in money and subscriptions as promptly as possible to the state League office.

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September 6th,
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Dear Board Member:

Mrs. D. L. Grannis has invited the board to hold its meeting on Friday, September 14, at the Town and Country Club. The meeting will open at 10:30 a.m.

The Club may be easily reached by the Marshall Avenue bus or the Selby-Lake carline. Get off at the St. Paul end of the Lake Street bridge and you will be at the entrance of the club grounds.

Subjects for discussion will be final program plans for the state convention, organization of pre-election work in the state in the contest for the silver loving cup offered by the National League and plans for making public the result of the candidates' questionnaires.

Please let us have your reservation for luncheon in order that we may make an early report to Mrs. Grannis who will entertain board members at luncheon.

Sincerely yours,

Emily Child,
Executive Secretary

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340 copies Board "for your information"
candidates, except district judges

(Sent on League Stationery)

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My dear Candidate:

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One-fourth page \$15.75

One-eighth page 9.00

One-sixteenth page 4.75

Copy for Advertisement

Make checks payable to the Minnesota League of Women Voters.

Copies of the Woman Voter may be secured at the rate of:

Single copies 5 cents

In lots of 100 or more 3 cents

If you wish to order in quantity, please place your order by October 8.

Minnesota Committee on the
Cause and Cure of War
September 1928

INFORMATION FOR ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVES

A great movement is sweeping over the world to substitute some form of arbitration for war when disputes arise between nations. The multilateral treaty renouncing war among the great powers is a tremendous step forward in this movement. The treaty promises, as Lord Cecil says, to "alter or destroy a vicious international habit of mind - the habit of regarding war as not only a right but as a normal instrument of national policy."

Ten national organizations of women in the United States are uniting for the purpose of spreading education concerning these proposals and to petition for ratification of the multilateral treaty by the United States Senate. They invite the cooperation in this work of all citizens and all organizations interested.

The MINNESOTA COMMITTEE is made up of representatives from each organization:

American Association of University Women -
Mrs. James Richardson, Minneapolis; Miss Keith Clark, Northfield
Business and Professional Women's Clubs -
Miss Pearl Braley, Winona; Miss Louise M. Baker, St. Paul
Council of Women for Home Missions -
Mrs. V. F. DeVinny, St. Paul; Miss Alice Webb, Minneapolis
Council of Jewish Women -
Mrs. Arthur Brin, Minneapolis; Mrs. Gustavus Loevinger, St. Paul
Federation of Women's Boards of Foreign Missions -
Mrs. A. U. Goldsmith, St. Paul; Mrs. Louis S. Headley, St. Paul
Federation of Women's Clubs -
Mrs. Willard Bayliss, Chisholm; Mrs. Oce Curtis, Minneapolis
League of Women Voters -
Miss Marguerite M. Wells, Minneapolis; Mrs. A. J. McGuire, St. Paul
Women's Christian Temperance Union -
Mrs. Josephine E. Sizer, St. Paul; Mrs. L. W. Northfield, Minneapolis
Young Women's Christian Association -
Mrs. F. S. Blodgett, St. Paul; Mrs. I. W. Carey, Minneapolis

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Mrs. Lauren Tuttle, secretary

Committee Chairmen

Program - Mrs. A. J. McGuire
Petitions - Miss Alice Webb
Resolutions - Mrs. James Richardson
Publicity - Mrs. Harington Beard
Attendance - Mrs. H. A. Edwards

PLAN - A one-day state conference will be held in Minneapolis early in November for the purpose of thoroughly discussing the treaty, its aim and meaning. This will consist of a symposium on the multilateral treaty at 11 o'clock, a luncheon round table at 1 o'clock and an evening mass meeting. At the conference the resolution proposed by Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt will be presented for adoption.

In addition to the state conference, local conferences are to be organized in different cities in the state. The objective of the state campaign is to secure the endorsement of the resolution by as many different groups as possible.

What each organization is asked to do:

Through your sub-committee on publicity -
see that all branches of your organization throughout the state are informed about the state conference and the state campaign.

Through your sub-committee on attendance -
secure the largest possible attendance at the state conference.

Through your sub-committee on resolutions -
secure the passage of the largest possible number of resolutions in your own and other groups.

Assist in promoting local conferences in other cities throughout the state.

Note: This publicity is sent you for use in making verbal announcements and for release in the last issue of your local paper before the date of the program.

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September 18th "Voters' Service" Program

Two vice-presidents of the National League of Women Voters, and an editor of one of the leading magazines will take part in the September 18th "Voters' Service" program broadcast from station WRHM, Minneapolis, at 5 o'clock.

The first speaker will be Mrs. W. W. Ramsey of Chicago, fifth vice-president of the League. Her subject will be "Your Vote and Your Government." Mrs. Ramsey has long been a student of public questions. When she was a resident of Pennsylvania she was active in suffrage and political work, and served on the Pennsylvania State Republican Committee. During the war Mrs. Ramsey was the first woman accepted as a four-minute speaker in the Pittsburgh theatres. She has made a notable contribution to the work of the League of Women Voters in the conduct of one-day citizenship schools for the education of the voter. Immediately after her radio speech, she will go to the Middle West, where she will conduct voters' schools in several states.

The second speaker will be Miss Elizabeth J. Hauser, of Girard, Ohio, fourth vice-president of the League, and also chairman of its department of efficiency in government. Miss Hauser is particularly well-qualified to discuss "The Electoral College." Before she was twenty years old, Miss Hauser was editor of a weekly newspaper in her home town in Ohio. She was very active in the federal suffrage campaign, and was for some time publicist and organizer for the National American Woman Suffrage Association. Miss Hauser collaborated with the late Tom L. Johnson of Cleveland in the writing of his biography, "My Story."

The third speaker will be Mr. Albert Shaw, editor of the American Review of Reviews. Mr. Shaw will present the fortnightly summary of "The Progress of the Campaign," which is a feature of the summer "Voters' Service" programs. Mr. Shaw's point of view is heard and read with interest. Since 1891, when he established the Review of Reviews, he has been its editor.

What to keep in mind concerning the resolutions:

1. Secure advance permission to present the resolution at group meetings.
2. Have it presented in person by a qualified representative of your organization. Do not rely on its getting attention if sent through the mail.
3. Arrange to have the resolution supported by a brief address if possible.
4. Make sure that all four duplicate copies of the resolution are properly filled in following its adoption. Two copies are to be sent to the National Committee, Miss Elizabeth Morris, 1010 Grand Central Terminal Building and two to Mrs. H. L. Russell, 4238 Elmer Avenue, Minneapolis. Or all four copies may be sent to Mrs. Russell. An estimate of the number voting should be entered on each of the four resolution blanks.
5. Each organization is asked to return as many resolutions as possible by November 5 and to present a report at the conference luncheon of the number of resolutions secured.
6. Return all resolutions by November 28 so that Mrs. Catt may use them when Congress convenes in December.
7. Each organization is asked to be responsible not only for work in its branches throughout the state but also in organizations not represented in the Minnesota Committee. Responsibility is allocated as follows:

American Association of University Women
Faculties of colleges
Senior classes in college
Teachers' organizations
Parent-Teacher associations
Public school boards and officials
Doctors', dentists', nurses' organizations

Business and Professional Women's Clubs
Allied groups

Council of Women for Home Missions
Federation of churches
S. S. including adult bible classes
All church societies
Federation of ministers

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All Jewish organizations, both
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September 18th "Voters' Service" Program

Two vice-presidents of the National League of Women Voters, and an editor of one of the leading magazines will take part in the September 18th "Voters' Service" program broadcast from station WRRM, Minneapolis, at 5 o'clock.

The first speaker will be Mrs. W. W. Ramsey of Chicago, fifth vice-president of the League. Her subject will be "Your Vote and Your Government." Mrs. Ramsey has long been a student of public questions. When she was a resident of Pennsylvania she was active in suffrage and political work, and served on the Pennsylvania State Republican Committee. During the war Mrs. Ramsey was the first woman accepted as a four-minute speaker in the Pittsburgh theatres. She has made a notable contribution to the work of the League of Women Voters in the conduct of one-day citizenship schools for the education of the voter. Immediately after her radio speech, she will go to the Middle West, where she will conduct voters' schools in several states.

The second speaker will be Miss Elizabeth J. Hauser, of Girard, Ohio, fourth vice-president of the League, and also chairman of its department of efficiency in government. Miss Hauser is particularly well-qualified to discuss "The Electoral College." Before she was twenty years old, Miss Hauser was editor of a weekly newspaper in her home town in Ohio. She was very active in the federal suffrage campaign, and was for some time publicist and organizer for the National American Woman Suffrage Association. Miss Hauser collaborated with the late Tom L. Johnson of Cleveland in the writing of his biography, "My Story."

The third speaker will be Mr. Albert Shaw, editor of the American Review of Reviews. Mr. Shaw will present the fortnightly summary of "The Progress of the Campaign," which is a feature of the summer "Voters' Service" programs. Mr. Shaw's point of view is heard and read with interest. Since 1891, when he established the Review of Reviews, he has been its editor.

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I want to express to you the appreciation of the state board of the League for your generous service in attendance at our state fair exhibit this year.

You may be interested to know that approximately 800 pieces of printed material were sold and distributed during the week of the fair in addition to some 1500 Vote fliers. A list of 300 interested visitors was secured in the registration book and will prove of great value in connection with League work in this and other states.

The comments recorded by those in attendance at the booth constitute an interesting and suggestive record of the response of individuals to our exhibit. We are always impressed, however, with the fact that the value of the exhibit is primarily in the service of women like yourself who represent us in person at the state fair.

Sincerely yours,

Marguerite M. Wells,
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September 12, 1928

To Department and Committee Chairmen:

Attached is an outline of the proposed state convention program incorporating suggestions by the executive committee (the convention program committee).

It is suggested that all convention sessions except the opening and closing business sessions be in the form of round table department conferences with qualified men and women sitting around the table, prepared to speak informally on the subject under discussion, with questions and follow-up discussion from the floor. This is according to the plan which proved so successful in the Third Conference on the Cause and Cure of War in Washington last January and in the Commonwealth Conference at the University of Iowa last summer.

Department and committee chairmen, according to this plan, are asked to introduce the subjects for round table discussion. They will also be asked to present on Saturday morning the items in their program for adoption in the 1928-29 plan of work.

Please report your approval or your suggestions for additional speakers or changes in the proposed program IMMEDIATELY.

Emily Child,
Executive Secretary

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MINUTES OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday - September 4, 1928

There were present the following organization representatives:

Young Women's Christian Association - Mrs. I. W. Carey and Mrs. R. J. Healy
State Registered Nurses Association - ~~Mrs. Eula B. Butcher, President,~~
Mrs. Clara A. Webber, Miss Phelma Barck and Mrs. W. F. Rhinow
State Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs - Mrs. Jessie Carey
Council of Jewish Women - Mrs. Stanley Zack Smith
Women's Cooperative Alliance - Mrs. Robbins Gilman, Miss Fern Chase
State League of Women Voters - Miss Marguerite Wells, President, Miss Florence
Monahan, Mrs. Woodard Colby, Mrs. D. L. Grannis, Miss Isabel Lawrence,
and Miss Emily Child.

State Organization for Public Health Nursing - Miss Aela Butcher, President
The meeting opened at 2:30 p.m., Miss Wells presiding and Miss Child acting as secretary. Miss Wells referred to the fact that this is the first meeting of the Council since Mrs. Ueland's death in March 1927.

Miss Marguerite Owen of the staff of the National League of Women Voters and secretary of certain sub-committees in the Women's Joint Congressional Committee in Washington, D. C. was present and was introduced by Miss Wells.

Miss Owen explained that the Women's Joint Congressional Committee serves as a clearing house for the legislative programs of the various organizations but does not lend its name to the support of definite measures. A sub-committee is set up whenever three or more organizations have the same measure in their programs. This committee then assumes charge of the joint legislative effort of the organizations in behalf of the certain measure to which it is assigned. The general monthly meetings of the whole committee are given over to reports by these sub-committees for the information of the entire group. It sometimes happens also that an organization may be asked to report upon the status of some legislation in which it alone is interested. Outside speakers, notably heads of such departments as the United States Women's Bureau or Children's Bureau in the Department of Labor, are also asked upon occasion to address the Council to give it information on some special subject.

Sub-committees of the women's Joint Congressional Committee active in the last session of the Congress were concerned with:

1. The Federal Department of Education
2. The Gillett Resolution in behalf of the World Court
3. The Newton maternity and infancy bill

Miss Owen then discussed the drawing up of the Newton bill. In the course of the discussion the chair asked how many organizations represented in the Minnesota Legislative Council were committed to the support of a maternity and infancy measure and the following responded affirmatively: Y.W.C.A., Council of Jewish Women, State Registered Nurses Association, League of Women Voters, Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Women's Cooperative Alliance. It was also stated that the Federation of Women's Clubs and the Congress of Parents and Teachers, whose representatives were not present, also support the measure.

Miss Owen explained that, previous to drawing up the new bill, there was careful inquiry into types of federal aid existing in connection with projects carried on by the Department of Agriculture, the forestry service, and the United States Public Health Service. The provision of the Newton bill replacing the 50-50 federal aid in the 1921 Sheppard-Towner Act with a more general provision (allowing a grant of federal funds, not specified as to amount, for cooperation with state, county, municipal or private agencies promoting maternity and infancy work) was modelled upon the federal acts providing aid in agricultural, forestry and public health activities.

In regard to the claim of the opponents that the friends of the Sheppard-Towner Act agreed to permanent discontinuance of federal financing of maternity and infancy work when they agreed to the repeal of the Sheppard-Towner Act upon the expiration on July 1, 1929 of the last appropriation made under it, Miss Owen said that there is no justification for such a claim. The Resolutions Committee at the National Republican convention discussed this question and a clear statement was made there upon it. Friends of the measure agree that it would be bad faith to ask for a re-enactment of the Sheppard-Towner Act itself but they call attention to the fact that

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no Congress can bind a future Congress and no representatives of women's organizations in the last Congress could bind their organizations in the matter of asking for the re-enactment of a new measure with provisions resulting from a careful survey of the situation.

Miss Owen reported that the National Farm Bureau has come to the Women's Joint Congressional Committee to ask how they can cooperate in support of the Newton bill since they have received so many inquiries about the discontinuance of the federal measure from their rural constituents that they realize it is a matter of concern to the organization. Miss Child mentioned the fact that the Farmers' Grange presented last summer to the American Medical Association a request for help in meeting the problem of the lack of adequate medical service in rural districts, indicating that that group also might be interested in the continuance of the service possible under a new maternity and infancy measure.

The chair spoke of the fact that, if the Newton bill fails to be enacted into law by Congress, it will be necessary to obtain an appropriation from the state legislature twice as large as it has heretofore made, if the work that has been carried on in Minnesota is not to be seriously crippled. It is clear that if women's organizations do not bring strong support both to the Newton bill in Congress and to the appropriation bill in the state legislature, both measures may fail because the mothers and children in isolated rural districts who are benefited by this work have no voice to raise in its behalf. Miss Owen spoke of the fact that while the Farm Bureau may help, it has a very long legislative program of its own that absorbs its energies. The chair addressed a plea to the organization representatives in the Council to carry the facts back to their organizations in order that the various memberships may become active in informing themselves about the work in Minnesota and approaching their representatives in the Congress and the state legislature to assure their interest and support for the maternity and infancy measures that will be before them.

The chair asked the advice of the Council as to a plan of organization and program for the coming year. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Zack, second of Mrs. Weeks, to ask the chair to name a committee of five with one representative each from five of the organizations represented upon the Council, to formulate recommendations for submission to the Council at its next meeting. There was informal discussion of a preferred day and time of meeting but no decision was made.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, secretary

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North Dakota - Miss Owen spent two days in Grand Forks recently meeting members of the state board and of the local League.

Minnesota - Atwater - "We are keeping up our League meetings monthly, one regular meeting once a month. Sometimes our chairman calls special meetings. Last week we had a special meeting on immigration, very interesting. Also we have taken up the addresses made at the convention and institute - very good."

At the League's state fair exhibit about 800 pieces of printed material and 1500 vote fliers were distributed. Some 300 interested visitors registered. The doll exhibit showed the percentage of voting in various European countries compared with the United States. Many questions about how to vote and register were answered.

The state convention is to be held at St. Cloud October 4, 5, 6. Headquarters are the Breen Hotel. Members from the region are cordially invited.

Visitors at the regional office were: Mrs. Ethelyn Hartwich, early in August, and Mrs. E. H. Bryan, the middle of August. They were very welcome.

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Dear Local League President:

How many credentials do you want for the convention in St. Cloud at the Breen Hotel, October 4, 5, 6? I enclose credentials for your signature and if you can place more where they will help the League, let us know and we will send them. Please urge your delegates to come in time for the first session at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday and to remain until after the convention luncheon on Saturday.

ACCOMMODATIONS IN ST. CLOUD: Have you made your hotel reservations and have the other delegates done so? The Hotel Breen reports that the only rooms left are those without bath but with toilet and hot and cold running water. The price of these is \$1.50 a day. The Grand Central Hotel only three blocks from hotel headquarters is an attractive place to stay and its rates are very reasonable. It is directly opposite the bus station. In case there are delegates who wish to be entertained while attending the convention, the St. Cloud League has cordially offered such entertainment in private homes. Please let us know and we will send the name of anyone desiring this to the St. Cloud convention chairman, Mrs. H. A. Halverson.

PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM: Has your League arranged meetings at which the proposed legislative measures are discussed? We hope every delegate will come prepared not only to vote upon them but to discuss them at the series of round tables which are to take the place of the more formal presentation in previous years. I must call your attention to an error made by us in the list of measures recommended by the state board. Continued support of the Child Labor Amendment was an item omitted from this list by mistake. Please add it at the end and consider it with the other items.

FIRESIDE EVENING FOR LOCAL LEAGUE DELEGATES: One more preparation for the convention. There is to be a fireside evening and buffet supper like those held a year ago at Mrs. McKnight's and at my home. Here we are to get together on what we all think about the League of Women Voters. To stimulate discussion I propose that you ask every delegate to come prepared to answer some such question as this: "What, in your opinion, is the most distinctive

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Miss Child and I have been to St. Cloud to confer with the local convention committees. We found such a spirit of hospitality! The St. Cloud League and St. Cloud women are prepared to give you a rousing welcome and a good time. Your part will be to come and to have a good time.

A St. Cloud bus leaves Minneapolis every hour on the hour (fare \$1.75) making the trip in two hours. Or you may go by train, or best of all, by automobile. The roads are perfect from almost every direction and even rains would not be a serious obstacle.

In keenest anticipation of meeting you at this convention which bids fair to be one of the best we have ever had, I am

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The discussions by able speakers on vital subjects before us as citizens today, carried on at round tables like those of the Commonwealth Conference in Iowa, are well worth making an effort to hear. A very important part of the business is the consideration of legislative measures of particular interest to women, recommended to the convention for support by the League in the coming session of the legislature.

In addition to these discussions, which even alone merit your attendance, are such brilliant features as a mass meeting in the Armory on Thursday evening addressed by the three candidates for the U. S. Senate; a fireside evening, preceded by a buffet supper on Friday, when members will participate in a discussion of "What is the distinctive characteristic of the League of Women Voters?" and the gala convention luncheon, Saturday noon, with outstanding women representatives of the Republican and Democratic National Committees discussing their respective candidates for President! Can the program fail to bring you?

Convention headquarters will be in the Breen Hotel. The rates are \$1.50 or \$2.00 a day. The hospitality committee of the St. Cloud League offers to arrange entertainment in a private home for you or for any one you know who might attend but does not wish to stay at a hotel. We will send the name of anyone wishing entertainment to the St. Cloud League if you will request us to do so.

A letter is inadequate to describe the program. You who have been with us in the past know, and you who will come this year for the first time will realize that only by attending can you learn what the convention means to you and your community, when you return from such a coming-together for inspiration and study. Let us know whether you can be with us so that we may arrange to do everything possible to make your attendance an event remembered.

Sincerely yours,

Note: These letters are sent to you in the hope that you will send them IMMEDIATELY to those who you think might attend our convention. We shall be glad to send you as many as you can use, if you will let us know you wish them.

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Dear Friend:

The Minnesota League of Women Voters will hold its Annual State Convention in St. Cloud on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, October 4-6. As chairman of the Sixth District, I wish to extend to you a special invitation to attend some or all of the Convention sessions.

The aim of the League is to create an interested, informed body of voters and the program of the Convention is planned with this purpose in mind. Current legislative issues will be explained by interesting and authoritative speakers in round table sessions. The evening meetings will be of particular interest to men as well as to women. There will be a CANDIDATES' MEETING on Thursday evening at which candidates for the U. S. Senate will speak. This and all other convention sessions are open to the public.

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Convention headquarters will be in the Breen Hotel. St. Cloud women have offered to open their homes to those who do not care to stay at a hotel. Mrs. C. B. Lewis, 724 4th Avenue South, St. Cloud, is the Hospitality Committee chairman and will see that you are given a room if you will write her.

I am particularly anxious that a large group of women from the Sixth District attend the Convention and help make it a success. We will do whatever is possible to make your attendance pleasant and worthwhile. Please let me know if we may expect you and whether you would like a reservation for the Saturday luncheon.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. Kurt Stai,
 207 Fifteenth Ave., S.,
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21 copies mailed with questionnaire to those who had not replied.
September 22, 1928.

TO CANDIDATES:

We plan to publish replies to the attached questionnaire in the October issue of our Minnesota Woman Voter that will go to press October 8.

We have received no reply from you. We are therefore sending you another questionnaire in the hope that you will wish to fill it out and return it to us immediately.

The October Woman Voter will also carry candidates' advertising. I believe you have had our announcement of terms. Please let us know if you would like to have space.

Emily Child,
Executive Secretary.

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QUESTIONNAIRE

To Candidates for the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES and UNITED STATES SENATE

Name _____ Running on _____ Ticket _____

Residence _____

Biographical Notes: _____

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PUBLIC WELFARE IN GOVERNMENT

4. Protection of Maternity and Infancy: Do you favor the enactment of the Newton bill (H.R. 14070) to assure the continuance of federal cooperation as a stimulus to work under state, county or municipal agencies, in the interest of improving the health and preventing the deaths of mothers and babies? _____
5. Muscle Shoals: The United States has a large investment of public money in Muscle Shoals. Do you favor its development under governmental auspices, in the interest of the public welfare, rather than its lease to private interests? _____
6. Federal Department of Education: Do you favor creating a federal department of education to consolidate activities now scattered in various departments, and to undertake such work as a survey of illiteracy and its causes? _____
7. Legal Status of Women: Will you oppose the so-called "Equal Rights" or "Blanket" amendment which threatens the welfare of women workers and endangers existing legislation? _____
8. Appropriations: Will you support adequate appropriations for the work of the U.S. Children's Bureau? _____ For the U.S. Women's Bureau? _____

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QUESTIONNAIRE

To Candidates for GOVERNOR, LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR and STATE LEGISLATURE

July 1928

Name _____

Address _____ District _____

Elective and appointive offices held: _____

Biographical notes (not more than 150 words): _____

EFFICIENCY IN GOVERNMENT

1. Direct Primary: Will you oppose measures designed to abolish the direct primary and to bring about a return to the convention system of nominating candidates in Minnesota? _____
2. Organization of State Government: Do you think modern methods of business administration regarding personnel, purchasing, accounting and review of expenditures, practicable in the operation of state government? _____
3. Enforcement of Prohibition: Do you favor all measures necessary to the strict enforcement of the 18th amendment? _____

PUBLIC WELFARE IN GOVERNMENT

4. Do you care to express your sentiments as to the responsibility of this state for the social welfare of its citizens and to say whether, as a state official or legislator, you would feel particular interest in maintaining Minnesota's early reputation for progressive and enlightened social legislation?? _____
5. Maternity and Infancy: Will you support an appropriation adequate to maintain at its present level state work for the protection of maternity and infancy? _____
6. Child Labor Amendment: Will you support ratification of the amendment now pending giving the Congress power to legislate in respect to child labor? _____
7. State Aid to Schools: Do you favor the continued use of state aid for the purpose of raising the quality of schools in the poorer districts? _____
8. Teachers' Retirement Fund: Do you favor measures to place this fund on a sound financial basis? _____
9. Amendment of Minimum Wage Law: This statute defines a minor to be a boy under 21 and a girl under 18 years of age. Would you favor an amendment removing this discrepancy and making the law applicable to all persons under 21 years of age? _____
10. Protection of Women in Industry: (a) Will you support a measure with standards no lower than the law of 1923 which has been declared inoperative due to an irregularity in its enactment? (This law limited hours of work for women in industry to 54 hours a week of 9½ hours a day.) _____
(b) Will you oppose any attempt to weaken existing state laws for the protection of women in industry? _____
11. Improvement of Marriage Law: Do you favor amending the marriage law to abolish common law marriage and provide safeguards against hasty and ill-advised marriages? _____

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

A candidates mass meeting on Thursday evening, October 4, for candidates for the U. S. Senate will be one of the important events in the program of the state convention of the Minnesota League of Women Voters to be held at the Green Hotel in St. Cloud on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 4, 5 and 6. Senator Henrik Shipstead, Mr. Arthur E. Nelson and Mr. George F. Cashman will speak.

All sessions of the convention are open to the public and a special invitation to attend is extended to men and women in the sixth congressional district of the state by Mrs. Kurt Stai of St. Cloud, chairman of the district for the state League.

Another highlight of the program is the luncheon Saturday noon at which women representing the national Republican and Democratic parties will speak on "The Presidential Candidates". Margaret Culkin Banning of Duluth, well-known writer, will be toastmistress. The witty dialogue "Politics in Derktown", written by Mrs. A. J. McGuire of St. Paul for use at the National League of Women Voters convention in Chicago last April, will be a feature of the luncheon program.

Convention sessions will be in the form of round tables on the subjects in the proposed legislative program for adoption in the closing business session Saturday morning. Presiding at the round tables will be Miss Marguerite M. Wells, president of the state League, Mrs. F. W. Wittich, chairman of the Department of Efficiency in Government, and Mrs. A. J. McGuire, chairman of the Department of International Cooperation to Prevent War.

Well-known men and women in the state and members of the faculties of the University of Minnesota and the St. Cloud State Teachers College will take part in the presentation of the facts for discussion.

The Efficiency in Government Round Table on Thursday afternoon, October 4, will discuss the federal Lane Duck Amendment, proposals for improved methods of counting ballots, the direct primary and reorganization of state departments.

The Public Welfare in Government round tables on Friday morning and afternoon, October 5, will cover state legislative measures affecting child welfare, women in industry, education and changes in the marriage law that are proposed for support by the state League in next winter's session of the legislature.

The International Cooperation round table Saturday morning will be devoted to a discussion of arbitration as a substitute for war with particular reference to the Kellogg multilateral treaties.

Mrs. H. A. Halverson of St. Cloud is general chairman of the committees of local women working on convention arrangements.

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EFFICIENCY IN GOVERNMENT ROUND TABLE St. Cloud - Thursday, October 4

Dear Efficiency in Government Chairman:

I am taking it for granted that you are so intrigued with the program for the St. Cloud convention that all your arrangements have been made to attend. Since our presentation of program comes the first day in the form of a round table, I am particularly eager to have a full attendance and hope you will make your plans to be there in time for this session which begins at two o'clock, Thursday afternoon, October 4.

May I again call to your mind the program subjects that will be discussed? For federal legislation: work to shorten the period between the election and the commencement of the terms of the president, the vice-president, and members of Congress, as well as the elimination of the "lame duck" session. For state work: support of the direct primary by opposing legislation that would weaken it and supporting changes to improve it; amendment of the election laws looking toward improved provisions for counting ballots; and support of legislation relating to state reorganization.

Will you not give some special consideration to these subjects before coming to convention so that when the general discussion opens you will be able to contribute to it by asking questions from the experts at the round table?

With kind personal greetings and hopes of seeing you soon, I am

Most sincerely yours,

For W. Wittich

Mrs. F. W. Wittich, Chairman
Efficiency in Government

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PUBLIC WELFARE IN GOVERNMENT ROUND TABLES
St. Cloud - Friday, October 5th

Dear Public Welfare Department Chairman:

I am writing to extend a special and urgent invitation to you to attend the state convention at the Breen Hotel in St. Cloud, October 4-6. I particularly hope you may be there for the Round Tables on PUBLIC WELFARE measures on Friday morning and afternoon.

We are very much interested this year in the plan of having qualified men and women take part in a round table discussion of our program subjects instead of having them make formal talks as in previous years. We think this will make the presentation of the facts very much more vivid and interesting. There will be questions and discussion from the floor following a presentation of the facts by those who are asked to participate in the round tables.

I would like to have you, as department chairman, seated near the table in an advantageous position to ask questions and stimulate discussion. See the September Voter for the subjects to be discussed.

I would also like to have the department chairmen meet with me, after the adjournment of the Friday morning round table, for a follow-up discussion of the ways in which we can further information and education upon items in the program of work for our department that may require active work during the year. This will be a time when we may get acquainted and exchange ideas and experiences. Please note on your program when this period occurs and be present without further notice.

I shall appreciate your writing me at state League headquarters whether I may count on you for the round table and for the conference of our department chairmen.

Sincerely yours,

Harriet H. Weeks

Mrs. L. C. Weeks, Chairman
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INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION CONFERENCE AND ROUND TABLE
St. Cloud - Saturday, October 6, 9 and 11 A.M.

Dear department chairman:

I hope that by this time you have made your plans to go to St. Cloud for the state convention October 4-6.

I particularly hope that you will be there for the Saturday morning round table on INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO PREVENT WAR. Preceding it, from 9 to 10 o'clock, I would like to have department chairmen from local Leagues meet with me to exchange information and ideas about the work of our department during the past and the coming year. I am looking forward to this conference as an opportunity to get acquainted with the members of my department in the state.

Those who will participate in our Round Table are Dr. David Bryn-Jones whom everyone enjoyed so much at the Institute of Government last year, Mrs. W. J. Marcle, well-known for her study abroad in this field, Miss Keith Clark of the faculty of Carleton College, Mrs. Arthur Brin, chairman for Minnesota of the state conference on the multilateral treaty, and D. S. Brainerd of the history department of the St. Cloud State Teachers College.

The discussion, with these well-qualified men and women participating, cannot fail to be stimulating and worth while. It will lead up to a definite presentation of our part as League officers in urging action by the Congress of the United States on certain items in our program.

I shall be delighted to have you write me at League headquarters telling me that I may count on you for the 9 o'clock conference in the Breen Hotel at St. Cloud, and for attendance at our Round Table session later in the morning. I would like to arrange to have department chairmen seated near the table where they will be in an advantageous position to ask questions and keep the ball of discussion rolling.

Very cordially yours,

Mrs. A. J. McGuire,
Department Chairman

September 25, 1928

75 copies - local League chairmen

Minnesota League of Women Voters
September 26, 1928

CONFERENCES AT THE STATE CONVENTION

To Local League President:

Conferences of department chairmen in local Leagues with the state League chairman will be held at St. Cloud, October 4-6. You are urged to name representatives to attend the conferences if your department chairmen and treasurer cannot be there.

DEPARTMENT OF EFFICIENCY IN GOVERNMENT
Mrs. F. W. Wittich presiding

Thursday, October 4
4:30 - 5:30 P.M.

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11:30 - 12:30

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Mrs. H. G. Cant presiding

Friday, October 5
12:30 P.M. Luncheon

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO PREVENT WAR
Mrs. A. J. McGuire presiding

Saturday, October 6
9:00 - 10:00 A.M.

Note: Meeting places for these conferences will be announced and listed at the League information table in the Breen Hotel.

Emily Child,
Executive Secretary

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Note: This release is sent you for making verbal announcements and for release in the last issue of your local paper before the day of the program.

Minnesota League of Women Voters
Minneapolis, Minn.

October 2nd Voters' Service Program - WRMH, Minneapolis, 5 p.m.

A cartoonist of nation-wide fame, Jay N. Darling, and widely-known New York City newspaper woman, Miss Emma Bugbee, will be participants in the October 2 Voters' Service program under the sponsorship of the National League of Women Voters and the National Broadcasting Company. The program will be broadcast at 5 o'clock, central standard time, from station WEAJ, New York City, and will be carried by 22 stations of the NBC system.

Mr. Darling, who will discuss the 1928 presidential campaign from the point of view of a cartoonist, and also consider the part played by the political cartoon in the formation of public opinion, is more familiarly known to newspaper readers as "Ding." Mr. Darling has been drawing cartoons since 1901, and his drawings reflect his keen understanding of political situations.

Miss Bugbee, who is a member of the staff of the New York Herald-Tribune, will give the regular fortnightly report on the progress of the campaign. She has "covered" women's activities over a period of several years, beginning with the New York state suffrage campaign. Since women were enfranchised, Miss Bugbee has followed their political activities, and reported both the 1924 and 1928 political conventions. Her talk will deal with the responsible part taken by women in this campaign.

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Minnesota League of Women Voters

September 28, 1928

Dear Board Member:

There will be a breakfast for YOUNG VOTERS Saturday a.m. at 9 o'clock at the Breen Hotel. The St. Cloud Teachers' College is acting as host for this breakfast and the representatives from the Colleges and the Deans are guests.

I think the board members should be present in order to give the students a chance to make their acquaintance but we should pay for our own places. The price of the breakfast will be fifty cents. Will you please make it a point to attend?

Remember you are requested to be on the platform at the opening session, if possible, at 10:30 a.m. October 4.

Sincerely yours,

Marguerite M. Wells
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President.

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PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM
for submission to
THE TENTH ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION

PUBLIC WELFARE IN GOVERNMENT

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| Child Welfare | Support of state appropriation to assure continuance of maternity and infancy work already started |
| | Continued support of ratification of the Child Labor Amendment |
| Women in Industry | Amendment of the minimum wage law to make it apply to girls as it now does to boys under the age of 21 |
| | Re-enactment of the standards of the 1923 hour law for women, to provide for a 9½ hour day and a 54 hour week |
| Legal Status of Women | Amendment of the marriage law to provide for a five-day waiting period in the issuance of a marriage license |
| | Amendment of the marriage law to abolish common law marriage |
| Education | Revision of the teachers retirement fund to place it on a sound financial basis |
| | Appointment of the county superintendent of schools by an elected county board of education |

EFFICIENCY IN GOVERNMENT

- Support of the direct primary law and of legislation to improve it
- Support of legislation relating to organization of state government in accordance with standards adopted by the League in 1924 and 1926
- Improvement in methods of counting ballots

RECOMMENDED POLICY

- 1) That in case any of the legislative measures enacted into law with the support of the League are threatened by new legislation proposed in the 1929 legislature, active work in their behalf shall be undertaken;
- 2) That if laws embodying standards defined in the National League program should be attacked by new legislation, such measures shall be defended by the League as part of its legislative work in the 1929 session;
- 3) That to the state board shall be left the decision as to when the measures, adopted in principle by the convention, shall be made subjects for active legislative work.

CONGRESSIONAL MEASURES

(Designated by the National League Convention for active support in 1928-29)

- Support of a Child Welfare Extension Service to assure continuance of work begun under the Sheppard-Towner Maternity and Infancy Act of 1921
- Support of government operation of Muscle Shoals
- Support of the "Lame Duck" Amendment to the United States constitution
- Support of international agreements to renounce war as an instrument of public policy and substitute arbitration as a means of settling international differences
- Support of proposals leading to the entry of the United States into the World Court

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134.63

1779.50

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TREASURER'S STATEMENT
for the eleven months
November 1, 1927 through September 30, 1928

<u>Receipts</u>	
Quotas from local Leagues	\$ 7194.97
Minnesota Woman Voter (subscriptions and advertising)	750.49
Sale of Educational Material	134.63
Memberships for National League quota	1779.50
Woman Citizen Subscription Drive	100.50
Miscellaneous, including small donations	184.43
Extension of Organization (one-day schools etc.,)	106.93
Institute of Government and Politics	770.11
	<u>11021.56</u>
Balance, November 1, 1927	933.70
	\$ 11955.26

<u>Expenditures</u>	
Annual Convention, 1927	\$ 178.34
Travelling Expenses for Organization Work	
District Chairmen 209.00	633.73
Field Secretary 424.73	
Educational Printed Material	414.21
Minnesota Woman Voter	856.96
Office Expense	
Maintenance (rent, telephone, telegraph etc.,)	742.39
Supplies (stationery, stamps, etc.,)	463.62
Clipping service, subscriptions, etc.,	50.86
	1256.89
Salaries (office and field)	5466.62
National League quota	1779.50
Institute of Government and Politics	388.42
	<u>10974.67</u>
Balance, September 30, 1928	980.59
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PROPOSED BUDGET
for the twelve months
November 1, 1928 through October 31, 1929

Estimated Receipts

Quotas from local Leagues	\$ 8000.00
Minnesota Woman Voter	800.00
Sale of Educational Printed Material	450.00
Memberships for National League Quota	1944.00
Woman Citizen subscription drive	200.00
To be raised by finance committee	1900.00
	<u>\$ 13294.00</u>

Estimated Expenditures

Annual Convention	\$ 200.00
Travelling Expenses for Organization work	
District Chairmen	400.00
Field Secretary	800.00
	1200.00
Educational Printed Material	500.00
Minnesota Woman Voter	950.00
Office Expenses	
Office Maintenance(rent,telephone,telegraph)	900.00
Office Supplies(stationery, stamps, etc)	500.00
Clipping Service, subscriptions, etc.,	100.00
	1500.00
Salaries (Office and Field)	7000.00
National League Quota	1944.00
	<u>\$ 13294.00</u>

Note: The actual expenditures for eleven months of the fiscal year coming to an end this month (October 31) will be found in the Treasurer's Report.

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Questions for Discussion at the Finance Conference
STATE CONVENTION
St. Cloud, October 5, 1928.

1. What is the National League's budget for 1928-29?
2. What part of this is apportioned to the states in quotas?
3. How is a state quota apportioned?
4. How much did the states pay in 1927-28?
5. What is the quota for our state? Did we pay it?
6. What is the system of payment to the National League?
7. How is the balance of the National League budget raised?
8. How many states paid their quota last year?
9. What is the state budget for 1928-29?
10. How is the state budget raised and is there a better way?
11. What part of this is apportioned to the local Leagues in quotas?
12. How is a local League quota apportioned?
13. What Leagues paid in full in 1926-27?
14. What Leagues paid in full in 1927-28?
15. National and state Leagues have their budgets so why should not the local League plan its budget also?
16. How can a local League get the most from its National and state League service?

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July 1929 - 60 "

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SAMPLE BUDGET
for a local League of Women Voters
covering a period of one year

Estimated Receipts

Membership dues
Special contributions (from men and women friends)
Money-raising activities (rummage sales, food sales, benefit
movies, silver teas, etc.)
Sale of educational material
Income from other sources (profit from School for Voters,
general meeting, etc.)

Estimated Expenditures

Quota to state League
Expenses of delegate to League conventions
Extension of organization (speakers from headquarters,
Schools for Voters, etc.)
Printed material for sale to members (study groups, etc.)
and for public distribution (pre-election work etc.)
Supplies for correspondence (stamps, stationery, etc.)
Other expenses

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Dear Local League President:

We have frequently urged you to establish a Voters' Service headquarters downtown preceding election to give out unpartisan information about how and where to register as well as to vote. It occurs to me to write you once more on this subject in order to impress upon you the necessity of manning these booths with women who are very familiar with the League's unpartisan character. It is difficult during these days of heated campaigning to abstain from heated argument on political subjects. Such arguments taking place in a League of Women Voters headquarters would almost certainly damage the League's reputation for unpartisanship. It would be better to leave a headquarters unattended or to have no headquarters than to risk this. You must, therefore, I am afraid if you set up such a booth use as attendants the few women who know the League best.

You will be anxious to receive the legislative program adopted by the convention at St. Cloud. The Voter which will be out in a few days will carry that. Otherwise, this Voter will have no convention news. It is carrying instead the tabulated answers of candidates to the questionnaires. We know you are anxious to get this information. The next Voter after it will bring to you news of the convention in St. Cloud.

You will be impressed when you see the legislative program in this Voter with how much there is for local Leagues to do before January next. Before November 6, you should bring to the attention of every candidate in your district for Congress or for the legislature the League's stand on these federal and state legislative measures. Before December, you should have interviews (carefully prepared for) with the elected Congressmen on the "Lame Duck", Muscle Shoals, Multilateral Treaties, and Child Welfare Extension Service measures. Before January, you should have similar interviews with those who are to represent you in the legislature on the state legislative measures supported by the League. About the work to take place after November 6, we will write you later.

With my very best wishes for your success and happiness in this work, I am

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The Fifth Region was far from inactive during the summer but apparently it redoubled its activities as September drew to a close. During the latter part of September, every local League in North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Iowa and Minnesota received a communication from its president. If the local Leagues did not know then how to begin with a bang their fall work, it was not the fault of their state president. In North Dakota, Mrs. Poppler's letter told circumstantially all the things, little and big the state office had done during the summer--even how files were being set up. Mrs. Feige's informal letter to the South Dakota local Leagues told them not only why they should be enthusiastic about the coming state convention but explained to them carefully and in detail just how to go to work on their local program. Mrs. Bowman's letter was just the kind every local League president would be glad to get. Nothing could be more clear, more helpful, more explanatory--and a wealth of material for study went with it. Mrs. Martin sent to her local Leagues in Iowa copies of explanation of the Newton Bill on child welfare extension service. Apparently she sent them also copies of the questionnaire as sent to candidates for Congress. The Minnesota letter to local Leagues was, of course, all about the approaching convention. Needless to say the regional director appreciates having received copies of all these good communications.

Canvasser.....

Ward Precinct

Block bounded by

<u>Address</u>	<u>Number Occupants</u>	<u>Number Over 21</u>
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR WORKERS
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League of Women Voters Survey of Voting Habits

Directions as to records:

Call at every house in district assigned and record number of voters in each household on BLOCK CENSUS SHEET.

Be sure to get individual record for each voter in the house.

Be sure that every item on the blank is filled in as records must be complete for tabulating.

Quote exact words of "reason for not voting" as far as possible.

Tell why the League of Women Voters is making this survey of voting habits - to collect accurate information on the voting habits of people in order to plan its work of political education intelligently.

Explain that there is nothing personal about the survey and that names are taken only for purposes of checking. It is the statistics that are valuable to us.

Tell something about other studies:

Those for the National League in five different states:

Missouri, Massachusetts, Illinois, Georgia
Minnesota (Olivia, Monticello, Slayton, Hinckley)

Other Minnesota surveys - in representative precincts of Minneapolis,
St. Paul and Duluth

If requested, give the following information about regulations governing voting:

YOU MAY VOTE IF -

You are a citizen of the United States and 21 years of age.

You have been a resident of the state for 6 months and of the election district for 30 days preceding election.

AN ABSENTEE VOTERS BALLOT may be obtained by applying to the county auditor or city clerk (Roy Moses) not more than 30 days and not less than one day before the election.

Return completed blanks to your precinct or ward chairman at the end of each day.

DO NOT BE DRAWN INTO ANY DISCUSSION CONCERNING THE CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION.

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INDIVIDUAL INFORMATION RECORD

1928

Name Address
(in full) Apt. No.

Male Female Length of Res. in Prec.

Married Single Occupation

Birthplace: State Date of Registration

Country Date of Withdrawal

When Naturalized

Did you vote at the last election? Yes No

Reason for not voting

VOTING RECORD

June 1924 Primary	June 1926 Primary
Nov. 1924 G. E.	Nov. 1926 G. E.
March 1925 City E.	March 1928 City E.
	June 1928 Primary

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Lady Astor Speaks in October 23rd "Voters' Service" Program

An event of great interest to the radio public takes place on Tuesday, October 23, when Lady Astor, the first woman member of the British Parliament, will be the speaker in the regular Voters' Service program broadcast under the joint sponsorship of the National League of Women Voters, and the National Broadcasting Company. The program will be broadcast at 6 o'clock (Central Standard Time) from station WCCO.

Lady Astor is in the United States for a month's stay, most of which has been passed in her native state of Virginia. Her radio speech will be broadcast on the eve of her departure for England, as she has booked return passage on October 24th.

Lady Astor needs no introduction to an American public. Her quick wit and keen understanding of public questions have placed her in the front ranks of world-known speakers.

This radio talk will be the third public speech Lady Astor has given under the direction of the National League of Women Voters. She addressed the 1922 convention of the League in Baltimore, and in 1926, during another sojourn in this country, spoke at a large meeting in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York City.



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