

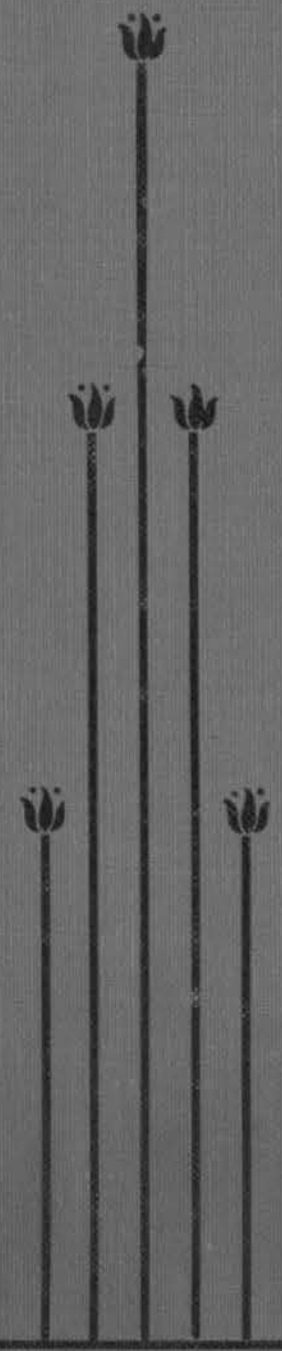
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November 7, 1929

Dear local League president:

The executive committee at its meeting this morning decided to recommend to local Leagues that they devote November and December to the three items for the department of International Cooperation to Prevent War in the Plan of Work for 1929-30 adopted by the state convention last week.

We expect to send you within a week a calendar of suggested subjects and activities for consideration at your meetings throughout the coming twelve months. Mimeographed material for use by your department chairmen in helping you plan your meetings is being prepared by our state department chairmen and copies will also be sent you.

The enclosed material prepared by Mrs. McGuire was sent yesterday to your department chairman. Similar statements on the other subjects of that program will reach you soon. This is, of course, a very simple statement of the facts for the information of those who are not students of the subject. We know that you will find a way to see that these facts reach not only your members but others in the community who help make up public opinion. The League task is first to inform your own board and members, and then other members of the community, in order that there may be definite action in support of our legislative measures that the Congress will have before it in the next few months.

I look forward to a year in which the concerted action of all local Leagues in support of the Plan of Work now adopted will be a force in the state of which we may be proud.

Sincerely yours,

Marguerite M. Wells

Marguerite M. Wells,
President

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Minnesota League of Women Voters
Department of International
Cooperation to Prevent War

November 1, 1929

SUGGESTIONS FOR
LOCAL CHAIRMEN OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO PREVENT WAR

Items from the Proposed Plan of Work for 1929-30:

Support of the Root proposal for the entry of the United States into the World Court

Support of the Pan-American Arbitration Treaty

Support of proposals for international reduction of armament

What you can do in support of the Root Proposal:

1. See that your senators receive letters from influential persons in your district asking them to vote for the Root proposal.

2. Try to sell or otherwise distribute printed material explaining the Court and its work.

3. If possible, arrange meetings with a local teacher or minister to speak on the Court.

4. The Ramsey County League has a doll exhibit showing the judges and the nations in the Court. This may be rented or copied and arranged in local store windows.

5. In some localities Leagues have given prizes to the high school student who writes the best essay on the Court.

6. Try to get material and news of the Court as well as other peace items in your local paper. You might have one paragraph each week explaining the Court, as a continued story.

7. If you have a radio station in your town, have a talk or dialogue on the Court given.

8. Have a regular study course on the Court and the Root proposal. Every League member should understand this plan; therefore it is suggested that you use the following pamphlet, dividing topics for 2 or 3 meetings on this subject:

The Root Formula and the World Court, by Beatrice Pitney
(Order from State League headquarters, price 10 cents)

Have the leader give a background talk on the Court and its history, then distribute the topics giving the first four or five to different members for the first meeting and so on until the whole pamphlet is reviewed. Then there might be a test or review to finish the course.

Note: A background talk on the Court will be sent you in mimeographed form early in November.

Minnesota League of Women Voters
Department of International
Cooperation to Prevent War

November 5, 1928

THE WORLD COURT AND THE ROOT PROPOSAL
(Notes for the "background talk" by leader of study group)

What It Is - Fifty-two of the 64 nations of the world have joined by treaty in the Permanent Court of International Justice. The Court was formally opened in 1922. Its purpose is to try the legal disputes which occur between nations. It has jurisdiction in cases involving the meaning of treaties and damages or reparations for violation of treaties, and other international obligations. It has met once a year and has rendered up to date some 13 decisions and 15 advisory opinions. No nation has so far refused to accept a decision of the World Court. Nations are beginning to rely upon the Court so much that it has recently been decided to have continuous sessions. The sessions of the Court are public.

Judges: How Many and How Chosen - There are 15 judges (no two from the same country) serving for a term of 9 years each. Judges now on the bench come from Spain, Italy, Cuba, Great Britain, Switzerland, Netherlands, Serb-Croat-Slovene State, Rumania, China and the United States. They are in no sense, however, representative of their countries. Once these men put on their judicial robes and enter the court room, they belong to no country but to all nations. They represent the highest and most respected type of human intellect--reason unswayed by prejudice and national interest. Humanity will instinctively respect the judgments of such men charged as they are with the great responsibility of meting out justice to the world.

The judges are nominated by countries belonging to the Hague Court of Arbitration of which the United States is a member. From the jurists so nominated, the Assembly and the Council of the League of Nations, voting separately, elect the 15 judges. In selecting these it is the intent to have the court represent the main forms of civilization and the principal legal systems of the world.

Although the United States is not a member of the Court, two of our outstanding jurists have been chosen as judges: John Bassett Moore (nominated by Italy) and Charles Evans Hughes, nominated by the United States. Judge Moore resigned and Mr. Hughes was elected last spring.

The nations supporting the court have shown their desire to get the very best legal minds to serve as judges for they went to the little country of Cuba for the first president of the judges, M. Bustamente, a man of high repute as a learned jurist and student of international affairs.

History of Court - An international court is no new idea. We find it mentioned as far back as 1305. In 1625 Hugo Grotius an eminent Dutch jurist, wrote a great treatise on law and war. His work was really the foundation of international law. Grotius advanced the theory that the same rules of conduct which apply between individuals could and should apply between nations and that nations like individuals should use courts for settling their differences. The pioneers who settled America were talking and thinking about Grotius' book and there is no doubt that the founders of this Republic hoped that here in this new land far removed from the politics of Europe they might set up a government which should use reason and law instead of war in settling disputes. All of our early statesmen and presidents gave utterance to this hope. Washington said, "My first wish is to see war banished forever." And in 1794 he sent John Jay to England to settle claims with England. Jay negotiated the first modern arbitration treaty. Even before our

government was established in 1693, William Penn set up a court in the wilds of Pennsylvania to settle troubles between the Indians and the white settlers, and throughout our history we will find that Americans made great efforts to bring about world peace. In 1897 the Czar of Russia called a world peace conference in Geneva. President McKinley instructed our delegates to work for an international court. The Hague Tribunal was the result of that conference. President Roosevelt was the first ruler to submit a case to this new arbitration court in 1902. But it is not really a law court and in 1907, at the second Hague conference on peace, efforts were made to make it a real world court with judges seated all the time.

But there was no way by which the nations could agree to elect judges and so the plan fell through. Meanwhile from 1907 up to the World War Elihu Root, an American, together with other jurists was working on a plan for the World Court. Then the war revealed the need again and the League of Nations furnished the meeting place where the judges could be elected. So in 1920 ten jurists of ten different countries met to draw up a plan. Elihu Root was one of the leaders. In 1920 the plan was ready and the World Court was launched. The nations began joining at once until all but Russia, Mexico, the United States and a few minor countries are now members.

Why the United States Is Not a Member - Meanwhile public opinion in the United States was urging that we join an institution in whose establishment America had such a large part. But some of the Senators opposed it on the grounds that it might involve us in the League of Nations. In January 1926, however, the Senate voted to enter the World Court with five reservations.

In August 1926 a conference of the member nations of the World Court met in Geneva to consider our reservations. They accepted all but the second half of the fifth reservation wherein we had demanded that no nation could ask the court for an advisory opinion if we had or claimed to have an interest in the case. But the nations suggested that the United States should discuss the matter further. However,this was not done and the question of our entry into the Court lapsed for two years.

The Root Proposal - In 1929 the Council of the League of Nations invited a commission of eminent jurists to consider revision of the World Court protocol, Elihu Root was again invited and he went to Geneva to lay before the commission certain proposals to overcome the objections to our fifth reservation. His proposals were accepted by the member nations and are now to come before the Senate.

The advantages to the United States of membership in the World Court have already been widely discussed and are admitted by the vote of the Senate three years ago, so that the discussion now before the Senate is simply whether the Root formula does or does not satisfactorily cover the fifth reservation relative to advisory opinions.

The League of Women Voters has actively worked for the World Court and will work again this winter to the end that the Senate will accept the Root formula.

During the past year many nations including Great Britain and Italy have accepted compulsory jurisdiction from the court. That means that their legal disputes automatically come to the Court. This is a great triumph for arbitration.

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November 7, 1929

Dear Board Member:

The state board meeting will be held on Friday, November 15, at the new Young Women's Christian Association building at 12th and Nicollet in Minneapolis. Those who attended the former meeting there will remember what a very attractive room was given us.

Department and committee chairmen will confer with the board as to the National League program items to be recommended for inclusion in the proposed Plan of Work to be printed by the National League in January for early distribution preceding the national convention. There will also be discussion of activities to be undertaken by the state and local Leagues in support of the program adopted at the state convention. Decisions affecting our work during the coming twelve months will be made so that the attendance of every board member is most important.

For the information of new members of the board - the meeting will open at the usual hour, 10:30 a.m. and will last until the latter part of the afternoon. Arrangements will be made for luncheon in a private dining room (75 cents). Please let us have your reservation by Thursday if possible.

Sincerely yours,

Emily Child

Emily Child,
Executive Secretary

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You will remember that the executive committee recommended to the board--at its September meeting--"that district chairmen be asked to meet in an all-day organization conference some time preceding or immediately following the state convention." District chairmen present at that board meeting expressed a preference for holding the conference after the convention. I therefore write to ask whether Saturday, the day following the state board meeting this week, is a possible time for you to attend such a conference. There are many interesting and important questions that should be discussed and agreed upon for our mutual help and satisfaction in starting upon the work of our new organization and fiscal year. A day will hardly suffice for it but we can at least arrive at the decisions of greatest immediate importance and assistance to Miss Horr in her field work in the state and to those working in the state League headquarters.

Will you make the greatest possible effort to plan to be in Minneapolis on Saturday. The presence of every one of the district chairmen is necessary to make the conference what it should be. Will you let me know by return mail or by wire as soon as possible whether you can attend on Saturday. If not, what is your suggestion as to a date for the conference when you could attend in the immediate future?

Sincerely yours,

Marguerite M. Wells,
President

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P.S. I suggest my home as the meeting place and ten o'clock as the hour for starting the conference.

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PRE-CONVENTION STATE BOARD MEETING
October 31, 1929

The pre-convention meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held in the Teachers' Federation Room adjoining the Ramsey County League headquarters, Thursday, October 31, 1929. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m., Miss Wells presiding.

Board members present were Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. Grannis, Mrs. Morrison / Mrs. Spear, Mrs. Ringstad, Miss Lawrence, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Tellier, Mrs. Sherwin, Mrs. Stai, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Pearce, Miss Monahan, Miss Kercher, Mrs. Ramsey, and Mrs. Marble. Local League officers who attended as guests were Mrs. Yetter, Stephen; Mrs. Ihfe, West St. Paul; Mrs. H. Dudache and Mrs. Simley, South St. Paul; Mrs. John Freeman, Olivia; Mrs. Martz, LeRoy; Mrs. Botsford, Winona; Mrs. Frederick Johnson, Northfield; Mrs. G. F. Walter and Mrs. Joe Weisberg, Farmington; Mrs. C. L. Atwood, St. Cloud; Mrs. C. V. Everett, Redwood Falls. Others present were Mrs. A. L. Searle and Miss Child.

The minutes of the September meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report - Mrs. Cant explained some of the items of the report for the benefit of the visitors. She reported a balance on September 1 of $690.63 and receipts during October of $696.39, of which $330.75 was received in quotas. Disbursements during the month amounted to $1004.37, leaving a balance on October 1 of $362.65. Bills payable amounting to $918.91 for the month of September were read. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Mrs. Tellier, that the bills be allowed and ordered paid.

Woman's Journal and Christmas Card Sale - Mrs. Cant explained that some leagues were finding Christmas cards easy means to raise quota. Monticello, St. Cloud are using the cards issued by Mrs. Gutgesell. Mrs. Cant asked anyone who was interested to ask to see the books. Miss Child explained that Woman's Journal drive was on. One hundred subscriptions would bring in $100.

Miss Wells asked different women present to tell how they secured Woman's Journal subscriptions, what they considered its best selling points. Miss Wells suggested that women subscribe to the Journal and then give it to doctors, dentists, and beauty parlors for reading material on their tables.

Honor Roll for Minnesota - Mrs. Searle reported for her committee the recommendation of the following women to be honored in Minnesota: Mrs. Ueland, Maria Sanford, Dr. Ethel Hurd, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Noyes, and Miss Isabel Lawrence. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Mrs. Dowling, to accept the list as recommended by Mrs. Searle's committee.

Organization - Miss Wells explained absence of Miss Horr, field secretary, who was ill following an accident.

First District - Mrs. Morrison reported two Leagues in the first district, LeRoy and Winona, both represented at convention. A donation to help pay the expenses of delegates made it possible for Winona to have some ten delegates at the convention. The Winona League now has a completely organized board of 22 members. Two publicity chairmen supply material for a League column in the newspaper every two weeks. Three members are serving on the jury. Mrs. Morrison explained that she is trying to form a board or council for the district representing towns in which no League exists.

Third District - Mrs. Ringstad reported that there are five Leagues in her district represented at convention. The Farmington League has been reorganized by Miss Horr. There is a new League in South St. Paul. Mrs. Johnson, chairman of the Northfield League, told of plans of the Public Welfare in Government chairman to get women interested in reading the material on her department program.

Fourth District - Miss Lusk reported that St. Paul is putting on a charter campaign with special downtown headquarters. The National Municipal League has complimented them upon their excellent printed material. Men are working with women in house-to-house distribution of this material.

Fifth District - Mrs. Wittich reported Minneapolis has been active in organizing study groups on "The Public Purse." The International Cooperation Department has

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Study of the tariff

Child Welfare and Education

The child in Minnesota

Study of state laws affecting Minnesota children
(Maternity and infancy, compulsory education, child labor)

Study of the administration of these laws under -
U. S. Children's Bureau, State Children's Bureau, Division of Child Hygiene of the State Department of Health, State Industrial Commission, State Department of Education

* Support of proposed federal maternity and infancy legislation

* Indicates federal legislative measures adopted for active support by the National League of Women Voters and therefore included in the state League program.

# Indicates subjects for study in the National League Program selected for inclusion also in the state League program. The League has taken no action on these subjects.

been active with a dinner meeting and tea at which Miss Holmes, hostess of International House, was speaker.

Sixth District - Mrs. Stai reported that the St. Cloud League has had a meeting on Latin-American policy presided over by International Cooperation chairman. Mrs. McCrory was speaker and might perhaps be secured by other Leagues for the same talk. Mrs. Atwood is the League president. Mrs.Stai talked before the college League. Six members from the district are present at Convention and Institute.

Seventh District - Mrs. Dowling. Four well organized Leagues: Watson, Atwater, Granite Falls and Olivia. Hopes two other Leagues may be revived.

Eighth District - Mrs. Spear reported that the Duluth League has its departments organized and functioning. The Public Welfare Department is holding weekly meetings. Observation committee is at work sending a member to each of various city board meetings. International Cooperation Department has meeting planned for each month. Study groups in each section of the city are being organized.

Discussion followed on the subject of observers at board meetings. It seemed to be the opinion of those with experience that observers are welcomed by the officials if their attitude is friendly. The object is to learn; problem is to make observer's knowledge available to League to form basis of possible future program measures.

Tenth District - Mrs. Sherwin reported that only 2 Leagues were actually functioning. She feels that the Monticello League has accomplished some good work on jury service and ballot study.

Changes in Constitution - Miss Monahan reported on some suggested changes in the Constitution:

Nominating committee - A slight change is proposed to make the By-Laws conform with existing conditions--Nominating Committee to be appointed by executive board omitting exception about district chairmen.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Monahan, second of Mrs. Dowling, to accept the report of the Committee on Changes in the Constitution.

Miss Wells commented on the fact that the system of organization in the state differs from that contemplated when the first constitution was adopted.

Report of Committee on City Leagues - The committee asked to be continued for further study and consideration. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Spear, second of Mrs. Cant, to continue the committee. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, second of Mrs. Ringstad, to include a member from Winona on the Committee on City Leagues, to be appointed by the chair.

Budget Committee Report - Mrs. Cant explained budget as proposed for year November 1, 1929 - October 31, 1930. Few changes from last year were explained. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Spear, second of Mrs. Stai, to recommend the proposed budget to the convention for adoption.

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Rogers Pearce, Secretary

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ORGANIZATION CONFERENCE
(Miss Wells with local League presidents and one additional delegate from each local League)

Present:

Mrs. Fred Ihfe, West St. Paul	Mrs. J. M. Freeman, Olivia
Mrs. George Wilford, "	Mrs. G. F. Walter, Farmington
Mrs. George H. Spear, Duluth	Mrs. Joe Weisbrich, "
Mrs. James Hood, "	Mrs. William Pearce, Faribault
Mrs. J. D. Morrison, Winona	Mrs. C. V. Everett, Redwood Falls
Mrs. O. M. Botsford, "	Mrs. H. I. Yetter, Stephen
Mrs. Wilbur Martz, LeRoy	Mrs. Gunder Satersmoen, Watson
Mrs. F. W. Johnson, Northfield	Mrs. C. L. Atwood, St. Cloud
Mrs. Edward Ringstad, "	Mrs. D. L. Grannis, South St. Paul
Mrs. H. A. Bridgeman, Bemidji	Miss Cornelia Lusk, St. Paul

Mention was made of the fact that while the organization conference was being held, four other conferences were going on as follows: Department of International Co-operation with Mrs. McGuire; Department of Efficiency in Government with Mrs. Wittich; Department of Public Welfare with Miss Kercher presiding; treasurers and finance chairmen with Mrs. Cant. The League was likened to a motor truck with its program as the freight and finance as the gas that makes it go. Preparatory to the discussion of the morning, the chair asked how many local Leagues had discussed the proposed Plan of Work at local League meetings before the convention. Eight Leagues reporting having done so.

Subjects Discussed

Difficulty of keeping the local League at work on a given program until the desired results are obtained

The experience of several was that the only difficulty is that there was so much program to cover that time did not suffice.

Others, however, had found difficulty in that the membership did not wish to "go below the surface", as they said.

Certain tests were mentioned for successful work e.g. ability to interview representatives in Congress and the state legislature on the subjects studied and also the obligation that the League is under when representatives support its measures to educate their constituencies so that they may be supported in their stand.

Means by which the public can be educated

It was the general opinion that much person-to-person work must be done. Other methods mentioned were speakers from the local League to other groups and newspaper publicity, mention being made of the generosity of Minnesota newspapers to the League program. Open forums were also discussed as occasions when two sides of subjects may be presented to the public though the League had taken no action upon them. This is a service which the community appreciates. In general the League does not use outside speakers much. It was advised that local and state officials would come and speak on League measures without expense. Luncheons and teas as well as afternoon and evening meetings were suggested.

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Institute of Government and Politics - October 31, 1929

THE TARIFF AND THE MIDDLE WEST
by
PAUL H. DOUGLAS, Professor of Industrial Relations,
School of Commerce and Administration, University of Chicago

Note: This address is one of a series delivered in the Institute on Taxation conducted by the League of Women Voters in cooperation with the University of Minnesota. The League of Women Voters is not necessarily committed to the theories advanced by the speaker.

The present protective tariff is economically injurious to the farmers and consumers of the Middle West because it both increases the prices of the manufactured commodities which they buy and diminishes the prices of the goods which they sell.

It should be realized in the first place that the tariff on the main agricultural commodities is virtually ineffective since we have an export surplus of wheat, cotton and pork. Since we can send these commodities to Europe and find a market for them after paying for the costs of transportation, the American farmer does not need a tariff to keep out these commodities from the American market. He can undersell without a tariff. Only in the case of hard wheat does the tariff give real protection to the American producer of staple crops. Sugar, lemons and walnuts are also helped by the tariff but the numbers raising these crops are small in comparison with those raising wheat, cotton and corn.

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Stress was laid upon the use in each local League of the committee chairmen both in planning the year's work and in presenting the measures relating to their own committee or department. It was suggested that at every board meeting some one chairman should present information to the board on her particular subject. There was considerable discussion as to whether or not a program chairman was useful in the local League. It was pointed out that since the program of the League is already indicated by the Plan of Work for the year, a program chairman does not have the same kind of obligation that she has in a club or in most other organizations. On the other hand, Mrs. Morrison of Winona gave it as her opinion that a program chairman could be of assistance to the president in meeting with the three chairmen of departments and guiding them in plans for work of the year. Mrs. Spear of Duluth also thought this possible.

Extension of membership

It was the general opinion that it is necessary in each League to lay down a pattern of the nature and methods of the League of Women Voters before the membership can be very much increased as otherwise new members get nothing new from the League and fall away.

The difference between the League of Women Voters and other organizations was stressed. Mention was made of the fact that the League is political, though unpartisan. The League procedure was also discussed as being different from and more careful than most organizations.

The tendency was noted of Leagues if not well directed to become merely a club.

The necessity of extending organization, however, was continually stressed and emphasized. Mrs. Ringstad spoke particularly of the fact that a larger League and larger membership was necessary to legislative success. It was recognized by all that membership drives, however, are of little avail and that League membership must be extended one by one with great care to induct each new member into League ways and understanding.

Finance

The question of membership dues was frequently discussed, and the chair more than once took occasion to say that it was not self-respecting for the League of Women Voters to charge so much smaller dues than any other organization.

It was asked whether or not business men and others in the community should be asked for contributions to support the League. It was pointed out in answer to this question that the League members are not working for their own advantage but for the good of the community and that the community should support them by making contributions. It was also pointed out that to ask contributions of business men gave the opportunity for an interview and an explanation of the League which is useful even if no contribution is made.

Political activities of League officers

There was much discussion about the respective obligations of League members and officers to the League and to the Party. No very definite conclusions

Now since our chief exports are still agricultural commodities, this means the tariff thereby diminishes the market for our farm products and lowers their prices. Large quantities of wheat, cotton, and pork, which would otherwise go to Europe, are thrown back upon the domestic market with the inevitable result that the price for these commodities is greatly reduced. An increase of one per cent in domestic sales is accompanied by a reduction of more than one per cent in price. If we could export 10 per cent more of our wheat crop to Europe, it would probably raise the domestic price by approximately 20 per cent.

The tariff is therefore largely responsible for the present disparity between the prices of manufactured goods and of agricultural commodities and for the difference between urban and rural standards of living about which the farmers complain. And now comes the most amusing and ironical feature of all. It is but natural that the manufacturers of the Eastern States should favor and work for a protective tariff which directly increases their income. They know what is to their economic interest and they work for it. But surely it is a subject for Homeric laughter that the farmers of the Middle West who have been bled for sixty years by the tariff and who are now suffering from pernicious anemia because of it, should with deep conviction and with thankful hearts give their blessing to the very force which is helping to ruin them and should exalt it into a religious principle. The plain truth of the matter is that the Eastern manufacturers have been able to bamboozle the Western farmers for sixty years because of the memory of Abraham Lincoln and the Homestead Acts and have led them to support like blind sheep a policy which is directly opposed to their economic interests.

The best remedy for the present farm depression lies, therefore, not in promoting some dumping plan, such as the McNary-Haugen bill, or even the export debenture plan, which by selling wheat in Europe at a loss would raise the price of the remainder at home, but in reducing the tariff on manufactured goods. This would at once lower the prices of the things the farmer buys and increase the prices of what he sells. But while this is a better way than the dumping proposals, I should like to point out that every argument which the East has used against the dumping plans can be equally well used against the tariff. The dumping plans are indeed only a type of protective tariff for those commodities of which there is an export surplus. Instead of special privilege for all, which is a mathematical impossibility, we should have special privilege for none.

The farmers and consumers of the Middle West are not the only ones who are interested in a low tariff. Most of the Middle-Western manufacturers are almost equally concerned. The most important industry of our general region is that of automobiles and automobile accessories. There is a large potential foreign market for our cars in foreign countries but these countries either cannot buy them because they cannot sell to us or will not buy them because of their resentment at our tariff policies. If we were to lower our tariffs on their goods, we could induce them to lower their tariffs on our automobiles and hence would increase the sales of our cars as manufactured here. The European demand for our harvesters, our cash-registers, typewriters and fountain-pens would also increase and our business in these lines would consequently be improved.

Our economic interests should therefore lead us to lower our tariffs and increase the area of trade. The United States is within itself the greatest free-trade area in the world and our prosperity is largely based on our enormous internal market which has no tariff walls. It will be most interesting to see whether the intelligence of the great mass of Americans will be sufficient for them to see what is to their advantage, and to realize the advantages of the division of labor between, as well as within, countries.

were arrived at except that no one woman should do organizing work for the League of Women Voters and for a party in the same community at the same time or even in the same community at different times. The difference between the obligation of an officer and of members was mentioned and it was the general opinion that during her term of office, no League woman should be active in party work. The question was raised whether a leave of absence was sufficient to clear up the situation in case of a League officer's working for a candidate or a party. In general it was recognized that while it was the obligation of the League of Women Voters to prepare women to make themselves effective in parties, the League would soon cease to exist if too many of its leaders should leave the League and go into party or other political work too soon.

Correspondence with local Leagues

It was asked whether new presidents of local Leagues would like to receive a good deal of material from the state headquarters explaining the methods and procedure of the League. Certain presidents thought it would be welcome but doubt was expressed whether too much written matter was attentively read. Officers present admitted to a general unsatisfactory experience about the handing over of the files of retiring officers to their successors. It was noted that officers have been very inconsiderate about this and that often a woman has come into office in a local League and found herself without any material to explain what had gone before. There was a request made by members of the conference for some sort of list of achievements of the League of Women Voters which could be used both in gaining new members and in asking for contributions.

Local projects

The question was raised as to whether a local League should put upon its Plan of Work local projects in addition to the measures on the state and National Plans of Work. The opinion was expressed that inexperienced Leagues are very likely to get themselves into trouble in the community if they try to do this too soon. On the other hand, it was pointed out that after a League becomes experienced it makes itself useful to the community and attracts members by entering upon some local projects. Mrs. Botsford of Winona gave the example of the question of garbage disposal which has been raised in Winona, and the conference agreed upon the advice that they would give in such a case. The first question to be asked was, Is garbage disposal a matter of government? In this case, it may fall within the scope of the League work. It should next be ascertained in a question of this kind, "What is the best practice on this subject of city housekeeping? Standards may sometimes be found in the National League Plan of Work or a state chairman may be consulted. In such a case as this, the local chairman of Efficiency in Government should consult authorities in the community. She should then bring all her knowledge to the board of the local League which would decide whether or not it wished to recommend the measure to the membership. In recommending a measure for a part of the program, it should always be considered whether the topic was timely and would have other local support besides the League of Women Voters, also whether sufficient material could be provided for study of the subject and whether the League is strong enough and experienced enough to give adequate support to the measure. If these questions were decided in the affirmative, the board might put the question to a duly called League meeting when the final decision might be made. It was cautioned that in general a local project should be adopted by some such careful procedure as that used in adopting the state and national Plan of Work in the League of Women Voters.

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MINUTES
STATE BOARD MEETING
November 15, 1929

The regular meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the Young Women's Christian Association, Minneapolis, on Friday, November 15, 1929. The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m., Miss Wells presiding.

Board members present were Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Cant, Miss Lawrence, Miss Monahan, Mrs. Grannis, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Ringstad, Miss Lusk, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. Roulo, Mrs. Sherwin, Mrs. Thorp and the two new directors, Mrs. Harington Beard and Mrs. E. C. Stakman. Staff members present were Miss Horr and Miss Child.

The minutes were read by Mrs. Morrison, in the absence of the secretary, and approved with one correction.

Treasurer's Report - Mrs. Cant reported a balance on October 1 of $362.65. Receipts during October amounted to $1416.77, of which $562.50 was received in quotas. Disbursements during the month amounted to $1210.36 leaving a balance November 1 of $569.06. Bills payable amounting to $1230.24 were reported. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Sherwin, that the bills be allowed and paid when money is available.

Organization - The chair appointed Mrs. Morrison of Winona as a member of the Committee on City Leagues.

Miss Horr reported upon her work in the field during the last two and a half months. Leagues have been reorganized in Elk River, LeRoy, Shakopee, Farmington, Pine Island; and a new League has been organized in South St. Paul with the help of Mrs. Grannis who is serving as president. Other Leagues visited by Miss Horr and assisted in planning work for the coming year are Winona, Kenyon, Faribault, Northfield, Slayton, Granite Falls, Watson, Norwood and Jordan where the League had been about to disband and organize as a woman's club. Miss Horr's visit resulted in a decision to continue the League organization. Other places visited by Miss Horr where no League organization now exists are Wayzata, Annandale, Stillwater, Spring Valley and Janesville. College Leagues at the Winona and Mankato State Teachers Colleges have been reorganized by Miss Horr and visits made to Hamline University and Macalester College in St. Paul and dates arranged for the reorganization of the Hamline College League and for the organization of a new League at Macalester College.

Reports by District Chairmen - Mrs. Roulo reported for the EIGHTH DISTRICT that the Duluth League has organized a study group in West Duluth and is conducting an evening study group for business women at the Y.W.C.A. Meetings and study groups arranged by the three department chairmen are in progress and a campaign for contributing members is being carried on.

Miss Lusk reported for the FOURTH DISTRICT that the League has been given credit for the large vote on the charter amendment in St. Paul and that the lesson learned from this campaign is the need for starting educational work before the campaign with the opposition active is under way. The League joined with 14 other organizations in arranging a window exhibit in commemoration of Armistice Day. A study group on taxation problems has been formed as a follow-up of the Institute.

Mrs. Ringstad reported for the THIRD DISTRICT that the Faribault league is joining with the college club in plans for a study group on questions of foreign policy. The Northfield League has invited the Farmington and Kenyon Leagues to meet with it next week.

Mrs. Morrison reported for the FIRST DISTRICT that a luncheon meeting of the board was held to hear reports of the state convention by Winona league delegates. As a by-product of the report of attendance at the finance conference, there was general agreement that the Winona League should raise its dues from 50 cents to one dollar. The annual benefit card party held recently resulted in a net income of $60. Mrs. Morrison spoke of the fact that members of the Winona College League are given class credit for their league work.

Appointment of Department and Committee Chairmen

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO PREVENT WAR - It was voted on motion of Mrs. Morrison, second of Mrs. Sherwin, that Mrs. McGuire be named chairman.

EFFICIENCY IN GOVERNMENT - It was voted on motion of Mrs. Sherwin, second of Miss Lusk, that Mrs. Wittich be named chairman.

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Public Health and Social Hygiene - It was voted on motion of Mrs. Ringstad, second of Miss Lawrence, that Mrs. Colby be named chairman.

Women in Industry - It was voted on motion of Miss Monahan, second of Miss Lusk, that Miss Kercher be named chairman.

The chair reported the resignation of Mrs. W. J. Marcley as chairman of the Special Committee on Immigration Problems. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Monahan, second of Mrs. McGuire, that Mrs. C. M. Denny of Minneapolis who has been serving as co-chairman be asked to accept the chairmanship.

Appointment of Executive Committee - IT WAS VOTED that the executive committee be appointed to include the following officers: the president, treasurer, department chairmen and the chairmen of the fourth and fifth districts (Minneapolis and St. Paul).

Suggestions for Future Institutes and Conventions -

1) There was discussion of the basis for awarding delegates credentials for the convention and IT WAS AGREED that this subject should be considered by the Committee on City Leagues and a recommendation made to the board.

2) Miss Wells suggested that the closing day of the convention should be on Friday instead of on Saturday, when the convention occurs in football season, since attendance at the game seriously affects attendance at the convention luncheon. This would eliminate the Young Voters' Breakfast which has proved so helpful in maintaining contact with the colleges. It was suggested that it might be possible to get Young Voters to come in time for a dinner meeting Friday night although this would be after the convention proper and their attendance at a convention session would therefore be impossible.

3) Mrs. Ringstad urged that three instead of four days be given to the Convention and Institute since it is very difficult for women out in the state to come for four days. There was general discussion of what program events might be omitted to eliminate one day but no definite decision was reached. Mrs. Stakman said that the program seemed to her too short rather than too long since it was necessary to crowd so many subjects into the Saturday morning business session, making it extremely difficult to absorb all the information given.

4) It was agreed that more effort should be made to advertise the single admissions to the evening meetings of the Institute, beginning the moment the Institute opened; otherwise it is not generally understood that attendance at these meetings is open to those who cannot attend other sessions.

5) Mrs. Wittich suggested that the sale of printed material on subjects discussed can be greatly stimulated by planning to have the appropriate pamphlets in the room, for announcement and sale by the department or committee chairman following the session. When they are merely announced and must be secured outside the meeting room, there is inevitable loss in possible distribution.

6) It was suggested that it might be well to keep a record of individual attendance so that women who make the effort to attend every session may be recognized by being named in an honor-roll of those with perfect attendance.

Calendar for local Leagues - The chair asked if the board agreed that in sending to local leagues the Plan of Work adopted by the convention, together with a calendar for the year, emphasis should be placed during the first part of the year on federal measures and in the second half of the year on subjects for state legislation. The board approved by consent this suggestion.

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...National League outlining the program planned to begin in January. The chair reported the request that the state League supply KSTP with information on the radio program and it was agreed that Miss Lusk should be asked to interview the director of the station.

Recommendations for National League Program - Reports of proposed changes in the program to be recommended by National League department and committee chairmen for inclusion in the proposed program of work were made by Mrs. Wittich for the Department of Efficiency in Government, Mrs. McGuire for the Department of International Cooperation to Prevent War, Miss Lawrence for the Committee on Education, Mrs. Grannis for the Committee on Child Welfare, and Miss Monahan for the Committee on Legal Status of Women

Miss Monahan asked for discussion on the question whether the proposed omission of definite legislative subjects in the program for support of her department--substituting a general covering statement for definite items--met with the approval of board members. She thought that the question of method in presenting a committee program was one that requires a general ruling on the part of the National League board applicable in the consideration of all committee programs. In the discussion that followed, the point was made that the substitution mentioned by Miss Monahan meets the demand of many for a shorter program and at the same time gives greater flexibility to the states in selecting subjects for state legislation under the general provision. On the other hand, it was pointed out that it leaves the state without definite guidance in the naming of subjects for possible legislative support and might result in different interpretations being put upon a certain legislative measure, such as abolishment of common-law marriage, which might be interpreted by one state as resulting in the protection of women and by another state as taking away needed protection from women. An expression of individual opinions of board members being asked, there was a majority in favor of retaining the definite items of legislation; while a few liked the general flexible provision with definite legislative measures cited as illustrations.

Follow-up of National League Request in re Maternity and Infancy Legislation - Mrs. Grannis reported the request of the National League that certain material be supplied for use in supporting the new federal maternity and infancy measure in the Congress. She reported upon a recent conference with Dr. Hartley in regard to the present status of the state work which is being carried on with four instead of five field nurses as formerly and with the assistance of fewer clerical workers in the office. The decrease in staff was necessitated by the fact that the state appropriation did not compensate entirely for the withdrawal of federal aid on July 1. The concrete information requested by the National League will be forwarded soon, Mrs. Grannis said, including material supplied by Dr. Hartley.

Appointment of Women to State Board of Health - Mrs. Wittich proposed that an effort be made to secure the appointment of women members of this board which is responsible for the maternity and infancy work carried on by the Division of Child Hygiene as well as other activities of chief concern to women. It was agreed that facts as to the make-up of the present board be obtained by Mrs. Grannis as the basis for further discussion of this subject.

Other Business - The chair asked the board to consider the question of the date for the December meeting. By consent, IT WAS AGREED that there should be no change in the regular day (the second Friday of the month).

The report of the Honor Roll Committee for Minnesota was made by Miss Wells. Plans for sending out a general letter have been made. The raising of the separate funds for the six women to be honored is in charge of six members of the committee.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m. Respectfully submitted,

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As Miss Florence Harrison is quoted as saying in a recent California League Bulletin, "If you go to a convention and adopt a definite program of work, don't all go home and busy yourselves doing something else!"

To help you make use of the plan adopted by the convention, I am sending with it some suggestions. If you will read them aloud at your next meeting, it may help you to gain (See following page) the cooperation of your members in planning your own work and carrying it out.

Remember that the whole League procedure - coming together to adopt state and national programs - giving help from headquarters - preparing and distributing material - this whole procedure is just to find a way to help each other make ourselves really effective in government in certain carefully chosen directions.

Best wishes to you in planning and carrying out your part of the convention plan.

Very sincerely yours,

Marguerite M. Wells,
President

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SUGGESTIONS TO LOCAL LEAGUES
Supplementary to the
PLAN OF WORK
1929-1930

There are three kinds of items in the attached Plan of Work:

1) Congressional measures to the support of which all Leagues are committed by action of the National League convention

2) Subjects included in the state League's legislative program in previous years and needing further understanding if they are to be embodied in future proposals for legislation

3) Subjects which have never been adopted for active support but which are suggested for study, all sides being presented.

Local Projects

1) If the local League wishes to add to its program for study only, other subjects than the three recommended by the convention, it should first make sure that suitable League material is available upon which to base this study.

2) If it wishes to add to the active program of work, a local project for support, it should do so only after careful procedure such as that by which the national and state programs are adopted.

Such projects should be considered first by the chairman of the department or committee to which the subject matter belongs; next by the board with the chairman's recommendation; and then, if the board so recommends, by the membership at a meeting duly called, provision for which is made in the League's By-Laws. Questions to be considered in reaching a decision upon such a project are whether or not it is a matter of government--since only matters of government fall within the scope of the League program; whether it falls within the standards set up by the National League Program of Work; or if not, is it advised by the state chairman; whether it will have local support outside the League; whether it is timely and suitable; and finally, whether the League is large and strong enough and the membership can be sufficiently educated upon it to permit of effective support. The League's reputation for intelligent and effective work should not be prejudiced by hasty or ill-considered action.

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PLANNING THE YEAR'S WORK

Call a board meeting with department and committee chairmen present, to make general plans for carrying out the Plan of Work. The effort should be made not only to instruct the members individually on the subjects on the program but to gain their help in supporting it effectively.

To instruct members, study groups are effective with the use of blackboards, quizzes, and round table discussion and an occasional speaker on specific subjects. League representatives may visit governmental agencies in a friendly spirit--city council, board of county commissioners, the state legislature, etc.--and report back to the League, to increase their understanding of government.

To educate the community on League measures, there should be open meetings--afternoon or evening--luncheons or teas, with speakers from your League or other Leagues or with public officials, college faculty members, editors or other experts as speakers on certain phases of the League program. Skits and dialogues may also be used in which young voters take part and which help dramatize and simplify difficult subjects. At least once during the year the League should cooperate with the state League in holding a one-day Citizenship School for which a good attendance should be worked up. On subjects upon which the League has taken no action, open forums may be arranged with both sides represented. This is a service which the public appreciates. Well-informed representatives of the League should visit key people, editors, business men and others and interpret the League and its measures to them personally. Government officials should be interviewed on League measures and their support secured.

In brief, local Leagues should plan a year of activities on this program that will 1) Attract new members and give them something to do; 2) Educate the community and gain its support for League measures; 3) Win political support for League measures; 4) Win financial support in the form of contributions to the League's budget from those who sympathize with the program or with the purpose and methods of the League.

WHAT EVERY LEAGUE SHOULD DO

Hold frequent board meetings at regular intervals

Hold regular League meetings

Hold annual meeting for election of officers and, at following board meeting, appoint department and committee chairmen

Promote listening-in to League radio programs

Conduct election activities preceding each election

Hold one Citizenship School in cooperation with the state League

Follow the Plan of Work adopted at the annual state convention

The Agenda for League Meetings should include:

Discussion of finance

Report on extension of membership

Correspondence from state headquarters

A three to five-minute presentation of the League of Women Voters, its methods, aims and accomplishments

Education on the subjects listed in the Plan of Work

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A CALENDAR FOR LOCAL LEAGUES

Note: State League chairmen of departments and committees will, at regular intervals, furnish mimeographed material and references on state subjects in the Plan of Work. National League publications on federal measures may also be ordered from state League headquarters.

The regular session of the Congress will convene December 2 and will probably last into June. The biennial session of the state legislature opens early in January 1931. Candidates for it will be nominated in the primary election in June and elected at the general election in November 1930. It is therefore suggested that attention be given to the federal measures in the Plan of Work during the next few months and to subjects bearing upon state legislation during the spring and summer months.

Subjects for study only--reorganization of federal departments, taxation, tariff--may be taken up at any time but should not prevent due attention to the active program.

November - December

Study and support of International Cooperation measures

Stimulate voting in local election (if held in December).

January - February

Study and support of all federal measures on Plan of Work
International Cooperation - maternity-infancy -
"Lame Duck" amendment - Muscle Shoals

Appoint radio chairmen to promote "listening-in" at the National League Voters' Service programs over KSTP, Tuesdays from January to April at 6:00 to 6:30 p.m.

March - April

Continued study and support of federal measures

Arrange listening groups for the "Citizenship School by Radio" that will make up the program of the Voters' Service for four Tuesdays in March.

Discuss possibility of having representatives at National League Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, April 22-27.

Stimulate voting in local election (if held at this time).

Take up the subject of the reorganized state government as indicated in the Plan of Work.

May - June

Promote listing of women in the jury panel made up by county commissioners and encourage service of women on juries, when called.

Primary election activities
(The primary election is the third Monday in June.)

Take up the subject of the Working Woman in Minnesota, as indicated in the Plan of Work.

July - August

Take up the subject of the Child in Minnesota, as indicated in the Plan of Work.

September - October

Take up the subject of Laws and Customs Relating to Marriage, as indicated in the Plan of Work.

General election activities, including cooperation with state League in securing replies to candidates' questionnaires
(The general election is the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.)

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The special rate holds good only for the period of our drive-up to December 22. PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO ACT BEFORE THEN. We shall appreciate having your help in our drive.

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ROUND ROBIN

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Callers at the regional office since the last Round Robin were: F. P. Matz, chairman of the committee on Women in Industry of the South Dakota League of Women Voters who was a welcome visitor on October 14: Miss Mary McCumber and Mrs. Chandler, of the North Dakota League of Women Voters, who called on November 30. Miss McCumber is treasurer of the North Dakota League of Women Voters.

National Honor Roll - The Fifth Region is interested in the honor roll which is to be set up by the National League of Women Voters at its tenth anniversary in Louisville when the states are to propose the names of women whom they wish to honor for their service in winning suffrage or in making the women's vote effective for good government through the League of Women Voters. In the name of these women, gifts of money are to be made to the National League with which to carry on the work begun by them. It has been agreed that the states are to give $1000 for each name so honored. The woman that IOWA has chosen has not yet been announced. MINNESOTA is to honor six women: Miss Maria Sanford, Miss Isabel Lawrence, Mrs. C. P. Noyes, Mrs. H. G. Harrison, Dr. Ethel E. Hurd, Mrs. Andreas Ueland. States which cannot make as great a gift in honor of their pioneers are planning nevertheless to make a birthday gift to the National League in which every member shall have a part.

Since the last Round Robin, two conventions have been held. The South Dakota convention in Brookings, October 17 and 18. Mrs. A. J. McGuire, vice president of the Minnesota League of Women Voters and chairman of the department of International Cooperation to Prevent War, was a guest of honor and spoke not only on her subject but on "Woman's Stake in Government." The state's new primary law was presented by its author, Senator C. O. Trygstad and the governor of the state, Honorable W. J. Bulow, spoke on "What Is Wrong with Our Tax System,"

The Minnesota convention was held in Saint Paul in conjunction with a three day Institute of Government and Politics on the subject of taxation, in cooperation with the University of Minnesota. What the delegates liked best in addition to the Institute sessions were the informal fireside supper at the house of Mrs. Jane Humbird Burr; the department and committee conferences where delegates "got down to brass tacks" on their subjects; and the tenth birthday luncheon with its birthday cake of ten candles. The candles were lighted one by one as the outstanding achievements of each League year were recounted.

Montana - The next Montana convention is to be held in GREAT FALLS, January 21, 22, and 23. Chairmen for the convention are Mrs. J. E. Patton, of Great Falls, chairman of nominations; Mrs. Avis Hopkins, of Helena, chairman of the committee on changes in the constitution; Mrs. L. E. Folsom, president of the Great Falls League, chairman of local arrangements; Mrs. Harry B. Mitchell and Mrs. George Berry of Great Falls are to act as joint chairmen for the big convention luncheon which is to be given in honor of the suffragists of the state.

Upon Mrs. Parkes' recent visit to Montana, Mrs. Hopkins entertained in her honor eight ladies from Marysville which is a mine location situated in a canyon 25 miles from HELENA. The local League met at the home of Mrs. J. E. Erickson, wife of the governor. Twenty-five members were present.

In BILLINGS, the local League held a meeting at the time of Mrs. Parkes' visit with fifty members present.

There are all sorts of plans going on in Montana for attending the National League convention at Louisville. Mrs. R. C. Battey, Mrs. A. N. Hoose, and Mrs. Yates, of Billings are among those who are talking about it and Mrs. Harry B. Mitchell of Great Falls.

The GREAT FALLS League met on November 19 and Mrs. Parkes addressed the twenty-five members present, telling them about her experiences at the Congress of the International Alliance for Suffrage, held in Berlin in June.

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December 5, 1929

Dear Board Member:

The December meeting of the state board will be held on the regular day, the second Friday of the month, December 13, at 10:30 a.m.

The meeting will be held at my house, 914 Kenwood Parkway, a five minute ride by automobile from the state office. I suggest that out of town board members meet at the office about 10:00 a.m. and go from there together.

Subjects for discussion by the board include agreement upon organization goals for the year, plans for our state League radio program and for promoting "listening in" upon the National League Voter's Service program beginning in January.

Please let me know whether I may count upon you for luncheon. I hope you will surely be able to come.

Sincerely,

Emily Child
Executive Secretary.

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Note included to District Chairmen

Dear Mrs. Dowling:

Miss Wells would like to have another conference with district chairmen on Saturday following this board meeting if it is possible for most of the chairmen to attend. Will you let us know whether you can plan to remain over on Saturday to continue the discussion begun at the November 16 conference.

E.C.

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ADMINISTRATION OF LAWS AFFECTING

THE WORKING WOMAN IN MINNESOTA

Equal in importance to the enactment of labor laws establishing such standards as will insure the health and general welfare of the worker, is the need for effective administration and enforcement machinery, with adequate appropriations.

The enforcement of these laws has been delegated to the Industrial Commission of Minnesota created by the legislature of 1921 to take over the work of the Department of Labor and Industries. This Commission is composed of three members appointed by the Governor by and with the consent of the Senate, each for a term of six years. The only qualification specified by the statute is that not more than two shall belong to the same political party and they shall fairly represent the interest of all concerned.

The Commission is charged with the duty, among many others, to enforce all laws relating to the employment of women and minors. The work of the Commission has been divided into six divisions, one of which is the Division of Women and Children. This Division has power to enforce, or cause to be enforced by complaint in any Court or otherwise, all laws and local ordinances relating to health, morals, comfort and general welfare of women and children. It is empowered"to collect, collate and publish statistical and other information relating to the work under its jurisdiction and to make public reports in its judgment necessary."

The employes of the Commission may enter any place where persons are employed at all reasonable times and may give such directions as are necessary to enforce the laws.

Facts in relation to violation of labor laws affecting women and minors should be fully reported to the Division of Women and Children, Industrial Commission, Bremer Arcade, St. Paul, Minnesota.

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THE WORKING WOMAN IN MINNESOTA

Part I - THE PROBLEM OF HOURS

History of Hour Legislation in United States

More than eighty years have elapsed since the enactment of the first law limiting hours of employment of women. Since that time most of the states have written into their laws some restriction of hours for women employes.

Behind the enactment of each law have been social forces which have been able to demonstrate satisfactorily to the legislatures of the states the desirability and appropriateness of this type of legislation. It has been necessary to prove that long hours which result in the excessive fatigue and physical exhaustion of women workers are matters of grave public concern and have a direct and disastrous effect upon the health of the race.

It has been necessary to prove that women usually carry a double responsibility--two full time jobs--the home tasks which fall to the lot of most of the women who work, and the duties of their jobs. It has been necessary to prove that health and decent standards of living demand a little leisure in which to study and play.

It has been necessary to bring in the testimony of industrial experts and medical science to prove that there is a direct relation between overfatigue and the frequency with which accidents occur.

Opponents have repeatedly offered trade unionism as a panacea for the evils of long hours. Again and again it has been necessary to remind legislators that a large proportion of the women who work are very young, too young to give serious thought to the forces which control their hours and conditions; that these young women are usually found at the bottom of the economic scale; that they are notoriously difficult to organize and that therefore, unless legal limitations are set up, they are subject to exploitation because their bargaining power is limited by their necessity.

The battle did not end at the legislatures. In a series of court cases the constitutionality of the hour statutes was attacked. The appropriateness of this type of legislation had to be demonstrated to the courts. The Supreme Court of the United States (Muller v. Oregon 208 U.S. 412) upheld in 1908 the constitutionality of an hour law for women.

In the beginning, the lines were so drawn that those interested in the welfare of women workers were on one side and the employers on the other. No longer is this true. Those interested in public welfare and social justice now have the aid of the enlightened employer who has come to recognize the value of the shorter day as good business policy, while on the other side is the smaller group of employers who have not yet learned that the shorter day is best for all concerned.

Standards

The standard that is generally recognized as a goal toward which to work in the interest of protecting the health of the worker and furthering the efficiency of the work is a working day of not more than eight hours, with one day's rest in seven, for women employed in industry.

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Part II - THE PROBLEM OF WAGES

History of Minimum Wage Legislation in United States

The history of minimum wage legislation in the United States has been sad. It dates back to the year 1912 when Massachusetts enacted the first law. The high point in minimum wage legislation came in 1913 when seven states--our own, California, Colorado, Nebraska, Oregon, Washington and Wisconsin--wrote minimum wage laws into their statutes. By 1923 fifteen states and the District of Columbia and Porto Rico had passed such laws. Then began a series of law suits to test the constitutionality of the laws and long legal battles ensued, culminating in 1923 in the adverse decision of the Supreme Court of the United States (Adkins v. Children's Hospital) which practically annulled this type of legislation, so far as adult women are concerned. The result has been that minimum wage laws have never been given a fair trial in this country.

Standards

What shall constitute a reasonable standard of wages must depend upon the cost of living independent of aid from sources outside the employment. The underpaying employer receives a subsidy, and the job fails to carry its legitimate charge. If the woman lives at home and is paid less on that account, the employment is being subsidized to the extent of the value of such living, and the worker's family is paying the deficit. Sometimes the deficit is paid by increased public expenditures, such as hospitals and charities.

Our Minnesota minimum wage statute defines living wages to mean, "wages sufficient to maintain the worker in health and supply him with necessary comforts and conditions of reasonable life."

The Women's Bureau of the United States Department of Labor recommends the following standard: "Wages based on occupation and not on sex nor race, the minimum to cover cost of healthful and decent living and to allow for dependents."

Minimum Wage Laws in Other States

Today three states are administering minimum wage laws affecting adult women. These states are California, Wisconsin and Massachusetts.

California has a law similar in its provisions to Minnesota's ill-fated law, but that law has never been attacked in the Courts of California and has never been held unenforceable by the Attorney General of the state, for it is not opposed by the employers of California.

Wisconsin, when her law was held unconstitutional, (Folding Fur Co. v. Industrial Comm., 300 Federal 991), enacted a different statute by which it is hoped to avoid constitutional objection. Instead of a definite wage fixed by order of a Commission, the law simply says that "no wage paid or agreed to be paid by any employer to an adult female employee shall be oppressive. Any wage lower than the reasonable and adequate compensation for the services rendered shall be deemed oppressive and is hereby prohibited." This means that each case must rest on its own facts. The law has not been in operation long enough to determine its effectiveness.

The Wisconsin law defines a minor as a person under twenty-one years and the law is operative as to minors.

The Congress of the United States has established the 8-hour day as the standard in the government service for workers in private employment engaged on government contracts and for certain specified groups of employees exclusive of clerical and professional service.

In 1919 the Paris Peace Conference adopted the principle which had been recommended by the Commission on International Labor Legislation: "The adoption of an 8-hour day or a 48-hour week as the standard to be aimed at where it has not already been attained."

Hour Laws in Minnesota

In 1858, the year that Minnesota was admitted to statehood, the first law was passed regulating hours of employment for women. By this law an employer was prohibited from compelling a woman to work longer than ten hours a day in mechanical and manufacturing workshops. Such a law was, of course, ineffective since a woman's refusal to work longer than ten hours, if she were requested so to do, probably meant the loss of her job. However, the first state legislature thus recognized the need for the establishment of a legal standard. (General Laws 1858, Ch. 66, Sec. 1).

In 1895 an amendment to the hour law imposed a basic ten-hour day on all persons in certain industries, making it no longer a woman's hour law.

At the present time there are four laws in existence relating to hours during which women may be employed. Together they have resulted in confusion, uncertainty and unfairness.

LAW OF 1909: This law is not to be found in the general statutes. It was omitted by the compilers because they thought it had been repealed by the later law of 1923 which, however, became inoperative in 1926.

The 1909 law is statewide in its application. It limits the employment of women in mercantile and mechanical establishments to 58 hours per week. It further limits employment in manufacturing and mechanical trades to ten hours per day. It will be observed that the law places no limitation upon hours of employment for women in hotels, restaurants and telephone and telegraph establishments. It is the only law which is now being enforced outside of the cities of the first and second class. (1st and 2nd class cities include all 20,000 or over in population.)

LAW OF 1913: You may search the General Statutes in vain for this law. The compilers believed this law also to have been repealed by the law of 1923 and therefore omitted it from the compilation of the General Statutes.

The law is uncertain in its terms. The title of the act states specifically that it applies to cities of the first, second and third class. In the body of the act reference is made to cities of the first and second class only, and it is only in these cities that it is being enforced.

The law limits the employment of women in mercantile establishments to 58 hours per week. Protection to this extent is already afforded by the law of 1909. Restaurants, lunch rooms, eating houses and kitchens are brought within the 58 hour provision. A daily limitation of ten hours is provided in mercantile establishments, restaurants, and lunch rooms and an 11-hour day in mercantile establishments on Saturday.

A nine-hour day or a 54-hour week is permitted in mechanical and manufacturing establishments and in telephone and telegraph establishments. This provision is

Massachusetts has a non-mandatory form of statute, and on this ground it has been upheld by the Courts of Massachusetts. By this law there is delegated to the Minimum Wage Commission the power to recommend wage schedules and to publish (in newspapers) the names of employers who follow the recommendation of the Commission and of those refusing to follow its recommendations. The effectiveness of the law's enforcement depends wholly upon the power of publicity. There is no penalty beyond publication of the facts.

The present minimum wage schedules in these three states are:

California	-	$16.00
Wisconsin	-	11.00 - $13.75
Massachusetts	-	13.50

Minimum Wage in Minnesota

The Minimum Wage Law of Minnesota was passed in 1913. The law, as passed, provided for the creation of a Commission consisting of three members, the Commissioner of Labor, an employer of women and a woman. This Commission was empowered to investigate the wages paid to women and minors in the state, and after public hearings, to determine what should constitute a minimum wage, defined by the act to be a living wage. Upon such determination the Commission was to establish, by order, the minimum wage rates to be paid to women, to minors and to learners. A minor was defined as a male under 21 years of age and a female under 18 years.

It should be noted that the law makes it clear that the question of what shall constitute a minimum wage is not left to any one group, but it is specifically provided that wage rates are to be fixed only after public hearings to which witnesses of all parties interested may be subpoenad, and at which all groups involved, the employer, the worker and the public are represented. This means that the needs of each group must be fully considered in fixing the minimum wages to be paid. These rates must be reconsidered upon the application of approximately one-fourth of the employers or workers in any one class of employment.

Employers are prohibited from employing any woman or minor at less than the rates scheduled in the Commission's order and a fine is provided for violation of the orders of the Commission.

Shortly after its passage, the constitutionality of the law was attacked by the Minnesota Employers' Association on the ground that it violated the due process of law provision of the Constitution and was an unwarranted interference with the right to contract. The lower Court issued an order restraining the Commission from enforcing the law during the pendency of the action. While the appeal was pending in our Supreme Court, and before a decision had been rendered, the Oregon Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of a similar law in that state. The Oregon case was appealed to the United States Supreme Court in 1917 and the decision was affirmed (Stettler v. O'Hara, 243 U. S. 629). The Supreme Court of Minnesota thereupon followed the decision of the United States Supreme Court in upholding the Oregon law and held our own law valid (Williams v. Evans, 139 Minn. 32). Upon the filing of this decision in March 1918, the Minimum Wage Commission proceeded to enforce the law.

In 1921 the Legislature abolished the Minimum Wage Commission and transferred the duties of the Commission to the newly created Industrial Commission.

In 1923 the minimum wage law of the District of Columbia was brought before the United States Supreme Court for review. The case involved an adult woman. By a divided court the former decision in the Oregon case was reversed and the law was

uncertain. However, the law is being construed to limit employment in these establishments to 54 hours a week.

Exception to the provisions of the law is made in canning industries for a period of not to exceed six weeks.

LAW OF 1923: This law was sponsored by the League of Women Voters and other women's organizations. It is found in the General Statutes (Sec. 4116 Mason's Minnesota Statutes 1927). By its terms it applied throughout the state and limited the hours of employment to nine and one-half per day and fifty-four per week. Excepted from the provisions of the act were persons engaged in the care of the sick, domestics in the home, telephone operators in municipalities of less than 1500 population and cases of emergency employment in which the safety, health, morals or welfare of the public is involved.

Through the mistake of a legislative clerk the bill as presented to the Governor for signature failed to include all of the amendments. This error was not discovered until some time after the close of the legislative session. The validity of the law was attacked in the Municipal Court of Minneapolis on the ground that the bill as passed was not the bill signed by the Governor. The Municipal Court held the law invalid in May 1926. Later an opinion from the office of the Attorney General was rendered holding the law to be invalid and unenforceable. Thereupon the Industrial Commission, which is charged with the duty of enforcing labor laws, discontinued the efforts to enforce this law and brought into operation the 1909 and 1913 laws. The 1923 law has never been before our State Supreme Court for review and until that Court has spoken there can be no certainty that it is invalid.

LAW OF 1927: The passage of this law was secured through the efforts of employers of women in canning factories. It exempts canneries from the provisions of the 1909 and 1913 laws for 75 days in each year. The effect of the law is to increase the exemption in the 1913 law from 42 days to 75 days and to take canneries out of the provisions of the 1909 law for 75 days in each year.

Hour Laws in Other States

An examination of the laws of other states discloses that of the 42 states which have set up some limit of hours of employment for women -

34 states and the District of Columbia have a shorter working week than Minnesota in manufacturing and mechanical establishments outside cities of the first and second class;

30 states and the District of Columbia have a shorter week than Minnesota in mercantile establishments;

27 states and the District of Columbia have some regulations of hours in hotels. Minnesota has no limitation of hours for hotel employes anywhere in the state.

34 states and the District of Columbia have some regulation of hours in restaurants. Minnesota has no limitation outside its cities of the first and second class.

26 states and the District of Columbia provide some limitation of hours of women employed in telegraph and telephone establishments. Minnesota has no limitation outside her cities of the first and second class.

was adjudged unconstitutional so far as it applied to adult women (Adkins v. Children's Hospital, 261 U. S. 525). In this decision, however, the Court made it clear that the provisions of the law affecting minors would not have been held unconstitutional if the case had involved a minor. The result was that minimum wage laws of the type of the District of Columbia law--and Minnesota's law falls within that group--were nullified so far as they apply to adult women.

Again our law came before our State Supreme Court for review. This time the case involved a minor and the question of whether our minimum wage law as it relates to minors is valid was considered in the light of the decision of the United States Supreme Court in the District of Columbia case, and the validity of the law so far as minors are concerned was upheld (Stevenson v. St. Clair, 161 Minn. 444).

This leaves Minnesota in a curious situation, unlike that of any other state in which a minimum wage law was affected adversely by the decision in the Adkins case, for since our law specifically defines a minor to be a boy under twenty-one and a girl under eighteen, the protection of the law is now extended to young men of the ages of eighteen, nineteen and twenty and the young women of these ages are without protection.

As a result of these decisions, and the phrasing of our law, the Industrial Commission, following a ruling of the Attorney General in June 1926, has limited its enforcement of the law to minors as defined in the Minimum Wage law.

Wages Paid in Minnesota

The minimum wage rate established by order of the Industrial Commission after inquiry (as already described) was originally $11.00. Later, in December 1920, this was raised to $12.00 as an adjustment to higher living costs. At that time various women's organizations including the League of Women Voters submitted official statements that "In view of the evidence of greatly increased living costs submitted at recent hearings and of the relatively large increases in the minimum wage awards made in other states, a wage of $12 a week obviously fails to satisfy the spirit and wording of the law." No further change, however, was made in the Minimum Wage ruling.

By referring to the Minimum Wage Schedules (attached) it will be noted that the minimum wage of $12 applies only in cities of a population of 5000 or over ($10.25 in smaller cities) and for a week of not more than 48 hours. Overtime at the required rate of 25 cents an hour means that the wage for a 54-hour week is $13.50 and for a 58-hour week, $14.50. Lower minimum wage rates are established for learners or apprentices, graduated for the first, second, and third three months of the learning period and applicable to minors--girls under 18 and boys under 21 years of age. The rates differ for places under and over a population of 5000. (See note below.)

Most important is it to remember that the Minimum Wage rulings have not been enforced for adult women since June 1925. The influence of the Minimum Wage standard established in these rulings both upon wages paid and upon hours of work (controlled through the overtime pay provision) is therefore eliminated except for minors.

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Note: An allowance for board and room supplied by the employer is made as follows: $7 for room and 22½¢ per meal for 21 meals per week upon the minimum wage of $12; $6.25 for room and 21¢ per meal for 21 meals per week upon the minimum wage of $10.25.

Existing Conditions in Minnesota

Four cities in the state between 5000 and 25,000 in population were selected for a complete study. These cities (Mankato, Stillwater, Crookston and Fergus Falls) were visited in 1928. Facts as to hours and wages were obtained for a total of 1519 women employed in industry. The facts gathered show that 39 per cent of these women worked less than 48 hours; 82 per cent worked less than 54 hours; 19 per cent worked more than 54 hours a week. It is interesting also to note the proportion of women in each occupational group (according to the federal census classifications) working more than 54 hours a week.

Working more than 54 hours weekly

70 per cent of women workers in hotels and restaurants
12 " " " " " " mercantile establishments
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In Minneapolis during the same two-year period ending June 30, 1928, the Industrial Commission made 5438 inspections involving 27,147 women. The survey shows that 58 per cent of these women worked less than 48 hours a week; 94 per cent worked less than 54 hours; 6 per cent worked more than 54 hours.

While the progressive employer in Minnesota has established advanced standards because he has learned that the shorter day is desirable as a business policy, there are others who fix their schedules at the maximum permitted by law. It is for this group that standards set up by legislation are necessary.

Many complaints of the hardship of long hours reach the Industrial Commission. Excerpts from a few of those received from small towns in the state during 1929 follow:

"Will you tell me if I have to work twelve hours a day every day, Sunday and all, and if I get Sunday off I have to get a girl to take my place and pay her myself."

"My sister, who works in a restaurant at _____ goes to work at 7 a.m. and works until 12:30 at night on Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays. On the other nights she works until 9 p.m. in the evening. My sister is a willing worker but she is not strong enough to stand such long hours seven days out of the week very long.

"Employers seem to think they can work their help twenty-four hours out of the day and pay any wages they feel like paying. It certainly is not good for the country as most people would rather work for their living than be on charity or earn their living dishonestly and I am sure that people who are working for reasonable wages at reasonable hours make better citizens than those who are not, and for the sake of all girls and women who have to earn their living, I would like to know something in regard to the law in these cases."

"I am taking the liberty of writing you in regard to the ____Cafe in _____. I was forced to quit on account of too long hours, and the last two days, Saturday and Sunday of last week I couldn't even take time to eat my meals. When they hired me they promised me 8 hours, and I worked from 9 to 11 and 12 hours every day."

"There is a place here called ____Lunch Room where they keep one girl. This time they have a widow who has several children to support, and it seems that they use her worse than any of the others they have had. This widow doesn't seem very healthy. She looks so worn and tired--ready to drop any minute. She works from fourteen to sixteen hours every day. Can they use her as a slave?"

The following tabulation represents conditions shown in a study of wages for women in industry in Minnesota during the biennial period 1927 and 1928:

	Minneapolis	Other cities
Less than $12.00	5%	13%
$12.00 to $15.00	20%	38%

During this same period the Industrial Commission in pursuance of its duty to enforce the law secured adjustments of wages paid to minors in the total sum of $5086.39. This sum was paid to 254 boys under 21 and to 174 girls under 18 in amounts ranging from 36¢ to $199.46.

What is a Real Living Wage for Women in Minnesota?

Estimate an individual budget based on current prices and compare it with the minimum wage rates and those given in the tabulation above. Be sure to include all items necessary to provide a decent and healthful living. Such items are:

Room	Clothing
Board (3 meals a day)	Toilet articles
Laundry	Medical and dental care
Carfare (in city)	Recreation
Telephone, postage, stationery	Church and other dues
	Insurance

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December 12, 1929

TO THE EDITOR: The Minnesota Committee on the Cause and Cure of War with a membership of ten state organizations of women requests that you publish this or some similar editorial in your paper at an early date. Your cooperation in the effort to extend information on this subject of current interest will be greatly appreciated.

Final Solution of the World Court Controversy in Sight

The World Court issue which has been hanging fire so long is now by way of being definitely and finally settled. In his inaugural address last March, President Hoover said: "The Permanent Court of International Justice is peculiarly identified with American ideals and American statesmanship. The way should, and I believe will be found by which we may take our proper place in a movement so fundamental to the progress of peace."

Almost four years ago, the Senate voted American adhesion to the World Court by a heavy majority vote, but with five reservations. The following September, the 54 signatory States of the Court, in conference at Geneva, took a conciliatory attitude toward these reservations, agreeing to all of them except the last part of the fifth, the wording of which is vague. The suggestion was made at the Geneva conference that a mutually acceptable formula should be sought through further negotiations. These negotiations have finally been made, as a result of the statesmanship of Elihu Root, a former Secretary of State and a member of the original committee of jurists which drafted the statute of the Court. Mr. Root devised a formula which has been called "a masterpiece of intelligent compromise."

The fifth reservation provided that the World Court could not render an advisory opinion on subjects in which the United States had or claimed an interest. The Root formula safeguards our interest by stipulating that no question in which the United States has or claims an interest can be passed upon by the Court without our consent at the time the question arises. The Assembly of the League formally approved the Root formula last September, and it has been ratified by the governments of all but three of the member States of the World Court. Thus the issue was definitely put up again to our government.

December 9th, Secretary Stimson authorized the American charge d'affairs at Berne, Switzerland, to sign the revised protocol of adherence to the Court, containing the Root formula. With this ceremony, the administration took the final step leading up to ratification by the Senate. Our belated adhesion to the World Court would be a logical completion of the Kellogg Pact. If we are no longer to resort to war as a means of settling our international legal disputes, the World Court is the only alternative machinery now in full working order. But Senate approval is not a foregone conclusion. Many senators who led the original fight against American entrance into the Court are standing out against acceptance of the Root protocol. Its fate rests with the millions of American men and women who were instrumental in securing the decisive Senate vote in 1926, on the Harding-Hughes-Coolidge proposition to adhere to the Court. If these American citizens make their desires known now as insistently as they did in 1926, the Senate will ratify, for even that august body must bow to public opinion.

The world has moved far ahead in its conception of international relations since 1926, while the recent conversations between President Hoover and Prime Minister MacDonald have enormously strengthened peace sentiment and the desire in this country for active international cooperation. The churches and organized women are considered the most dominating forces in the new American peace movement inaugurated by the Kellogg Peace Pact. The National Conference on the Cause and Cure of War, convening in Washington early in January, is appealing to these two powerful groups for leadership in every state in securing resolutions in support of the Root proposal. These resolutions will be presented to the senators by delegates attending the conference, thus repeating an appeal which was made so effectively to the Senate a year ago on behalf of the Peace Pact.

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C A U S E A N D C U R E O F W A R
MINNESOTA COMMITTEE

Mrs. Arthur Brin, Chairman
2566 Lake of the Isles Boulevard
Minneapolis, Minn.

December 12, 1929

Dear Member:

Last year Mrs. Catt sent out a call to the ten organizations constituting the Cause and Cure of War Conference to join their efforts in behalf of the Kellogg Pact. Twelve million women responded to that call.

This year a similar call has gone out in behalf of the World Court. There is the same urgent need for united, intensive action. Without the World Court the Pact remains a paper declaration.

This is an emergency appeal. It calls for action before January 9. You are asked to do two things: 1) Explain to as many groups as possible the present World Court situation. The enclosed leaflet summarizes the facts briefly and clearly; 2) Pass the enclosed resolution in your own group and in as many other groups as possible.

Instructions

Pass the resolution in duplicate form and send one to the National Cause and Cure of War Committee, 1015 Grand Central Terminal Building, New York City; and the other to the same committee for Minnesota at 1130 Nicollet Avenue, Minneapolis. Additional copies of the resolution may be secured at this address.

The Conference on the Cause and Cure of War will meet January 14 to 17 in Washington, D. C. Your organization is invited to appoint delegates and report the names to this same address.

Final Disposition of Resolutions

On Thursday, January 16, while the Cause and Cure of War Conference is in session, delegations of women from each state in the union will wait upon their respective senators. They will use the resolutions in their interview to show that back home public opinion favors the Court and hopes for quick action for ratification.

Last year Minnesota led the states in the number of resolutions presented. This year the Minnesota delegation will consist of Mrs. James Paige, Mrs. Frank Warren and others whom you name. Will you work hard to help show how widespread is the sentiment for adherence to the World Court? Remember resolutions should be in by January 9.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Arthur Brin, Chairman

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STATE BOARD MEETING
December 13, 1929

The regular meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the home of Miss Emily Child, 914 Kenwood Parkway, Minneapolis, on Friday, December 13, 1929. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m., Miss Wells presiding.

Board members present were Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. McKnight (in the afternoon), Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Ringstad, Mrs. Stai, Miss Lawrence, Mrs. Grannis, Miss Monahan, Mrs. Beard and Mrs. Stakman. There were also present Miss Horr and Miss Child.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report - Mrs. Cant reported a balance on November 1 of $659.06. Receipts during November amounted to $1081.94, of which $338.25 was received in quotas. A monthly quota payment was received from Duluth. Disbursements during the month amounted to $1256.27, leaving a bank balance December 1 of $394.73. Bills payable amounting to $1468.92 were reported. IT WAS VOTED to accept the report and allow the bills.

Organization - Reports were given by the following district chairmen: Mrs. Ringstad for the THIRD DISTRICT and Mrs. Stai for the SIXTH DISTRICT. In the absence of Miss Lusk, Mrs. McGuire and Mrs. Stakman reported upon League activities for their departments in St. Paul. Mrs. Wittich reported upon Minneapolis League activities including the organization of six study groups with four more in prospect.

Miss Horr reported the Farmington League as much pleased with the League of Nations film. Work during the month included the organization, with Mrs. Ringstad's help, of college Leagues at Carleton and St. Olaf Colleges in Northfield. Miss Keith Clark of the Carleton faculty was very helpful and said she is glad to work with the League because she thinks so highly of it. Miss Horr said that she has done some preliminary work in Owatonna and has hopes of forming a League there in January.

Supplementary reports on local Leagues were made by Mrs. Grannis for South St. Paul, Mrs. Pearce for Faribault and Miss Child for Duluth. Mrs. Pearce said that the county auditor has complimented the League on the excellent National League publications on jury service. A luncheon meeting of the Faribault League was held recently on this subject.

There was general discussion of the desirability of having the local League name the president of a college League to membership in the board, as has been done in St. Cloud, in addition to appointing a board member to maintain contact with the college League. Mrs. Stakman suggested that the Ramsey County League might assist by keeping in touch with the college Leagues that Miss Horr is now in process of organizing at Hamline and Macalester.

Radio Program - Miss Child reported that plans for a possible state League radio program were discussed at a recent Executive Committee meeting. Mrs. McGuire had volunteered to be responsible for preliminary arrangements. She reported that she has interviewed Mr. Husted of WCCO who suggested 5:00 to 5:30 on Thursday as a good hour available to the League. Mrs. Stai suggested that local Leagues might plan radio supper parties for this hour combined with Mr. Wile's talk from Washington over WCCO. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Monahan, second of Miss Lawrence, to appoint Mrs. McGuire chairman of a committee in charge of the radio program. Members of the committee will be named later.

Executive Secretary Report - Miss Child reported that KSTP has sold the time at which the National League program is scheduled, to the First National Bank of St. Paul. Miss Wells suggested waiting to hear from the National League before making further efforts to have the program accepted by KSTP.

Miss Child reported that the follow-up of Minnesota congressmen on League measures is now about completed. Congressman Clague of the second district is the only one who questions the desirability of new maternity and infancy legislation. The suggestion was made that special inquiry be made of work in Mr. Clague's district that might be reported to him.

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Department and Committee Reports - Mrs. Wittich summarized facts about state issues related to her program and outlined President Hoover's possible plan for reorganizing federal departments.

On the question of diversion of funds in public health work referred to by Mrs. Grannis at the last meeting, Mrs. Wittich said that the Finance Commission is very much interested. It is contrary to our state budget system. Mrs. Wittich and Mrs. Grannis will inquire further into the facts.

Mrs. McGuire spoke briefly of reparations and the Young plan. She reviewed the facts up to date on the question of the World Court, the bearing of the Multilateral Treaty on the Russo-China controversy, the situation in Haiti, and the disarmament conference. Mrs. Grannis mentioned that conference debates in colleges are to be on the subject of disarmament. It was the board's opinion that the League must be prepared with its printed material.

A letter from Miss Morgan was read by Mrs. McGuire. Miss Child reported a similar letter from Miss Sherwin received in the office today asking that:

1. State League send letter in appreciation of signing of Root procol to Court;

2. Local Leagues hold meetings and send letters endorsing entry of United States into World Court;

3. If resolutions are drawn up, copies be sent to Miss Morgan.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Grannis, to send a letter from the board to the President expressing appreciation of the signing of the Root protocol. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Grannis, to have letter sent to local Leagues asking for League and personal letters to the President and to senators endorsing American entry into the World Court.
IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Beard, that we urge Leagues to adopt resolution to send to Committee on Cause and Cure of War.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Wittich, to appoint Mrs. Paige as delegate to the Conference on the Cause and Cure of War.

Mrs. Grannis reported upon the effect of the amendment to the child labor law with regard to stage appearances of children. The number of children appearing and the number of permits asked has been reduced.

Miss Lawrence reported upon the President's education conference.

Miss Monahan mentioned the coming conference on International Law at the Hague. Three subjects to be discussed are of special interest to the League. One is the question of nationality of married women (independent citizenship). The League is urging that women be named as delegates to this conference.

Miss Wells asked Miss Monahan to report at the next board meeting upon discriminations against women in respect to citizenship remaining after the passage of the Cable Act.

Clara Ueland Fellowship - Miss Wells said that Professor Anderson asked whether in accepting the Clara Ueland fellowship, it was understood that the University was to remit fees. Miss Wells wrote to the University regents and they have agreed to remit the fees. Announcement of the fellowship will appear in the next VOTER.

Women in Public Office - League has been asked to bring report on women in public office up to date and Miss Wells asked Mrs. Wittich to confer with Miss Child as to whether or not this is the time to get the facts.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m. Respectfully submitted,

Helen Rogers Pearce, Secretary

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25 " with note to International Cooperation chairmen — 3 copies resolution enclosed
25 " "for your information - page 2" to Public Welfare Chairmen

THE MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

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1639 Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Department Chairman:

I attach for your information a copy of the letter sent this week to your League president. Through error only one copy of the resolution was enclosed. I enclose three more and will ask that you give one of these copies to your League president and use the others in securing the passage of the resolution in some church or club group outside the League that is as interested as we are in supporting America's entry into the Court. Let us know if you wish additional copies of the resolution.

MWW.

December 17, 1929

Dear Local League President:

Though it is Christmas shopping time with us, things are happening at Washington thick and fast and we cannot afford to miss the opportunity to push our program there. So I am writing to tell you what our officers in Washington tell us each local League ought to do, if possible, within the next few days.

1) Call a meeting either of the board or of the entire League and inform them that, at the direction of President Hoover, the World Court protocol has recently beensigned by the government of the United States. Ask your meeting to authorize a letter from it to the President and to Senators Shipstead and Schall expressing to them our endorsement of the entry of the United States into the World Court. As you know, the next step is the submission of the question to the Senate. Do not refrain from acting merely because you have done this before many times. We must show continued interest and eagerness about it. It will be well if you will also ask individual members present at your meeting to write to the same effect both to President Hoover and to the senators. Ask those present to write themselves and to get others to write.

2) At this same meeting pass the resolution which I am enclosing and have two copies signed, one copy to be sent here to this office and the other copy to go to Miss Ruth Morgan, 1015 Grand Central Terminal Building, New York City. This resolution is for the use of the Conference on the Cause and Cure of War which is to be held in Washington, January 14-17.

3) Ask other organizations in your town to pass the same resolution and you yourself make sure that copies are sent both to us and to Miss Morgan.

In order to divide this work that is so hard for us to do just now, I advise you to ask your chairman of International Cooperation to take

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Sincerely yours,

Emily Child,
Executive Secretary

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charge of the three tasks I have just outlined. But there is another--

4) President Hoover in his recent message to the Congress said this: "I recommend to the Congress that the purpose of the Sheppard-Towner Act should be continued through the Children's Bureau for a limited period of years." This is good news for the League of Women Voters and it is highly desirable that at your meeting you ask as many persons as possible to write individually to the President expressing gratitude for the support this gives a measure in which you are so much interested. Ask those present at your meeting also to get others to write such letters.

Just as you asked your chairman of International Cooperation to take charge of the first three requests in this letter, you might ask your chairman of Child Welfare, if you have one, or your chairman of Public Welfare in Government to follow up the writing of these letters and make sure that they are sent by those who undertake to write them.

Of course, if it would not add too much to your burdens, we should be glad to know how many letters on all these subjects you send. Now just one thing more. You have received the December number of the National Bulletin. Did you see on page two an editorial signed by B.S.? This is Miss Sherwin's careful analysis of the President's recent message to the Congress in so far as it related to measures in which the League is taking active interest. It was so helpful to me to read this that I am sure you will want to do so and to call the attention of your chairmen of committees and departments to it.

If you do all these things, I am sure that your conscience will give you a merry Christmas. With best wishes for the holidays, I am

Faithfully yours,

Marguerite M. Wells,
President

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P.S. In order to make it easy for the women to write these letters tell them to address the President's letter to "The President, Washington, D.C." and to begin it "My dear Mr. President". Tell them to address the senators' letters to the United States Senate.

In regard to the World Court they should say to the President in some simple way that they wish to express their gratitude for his authorization of the signing of the World Court protocol and to express the hope that, by action of the Senate, the United States shall enter it. To the senators it is necessary only to express interest in the entry of the United States into the World Court.

On the subject of the infancy-maternity measure, they should simply express to the President the satisfaction they feel by reason of his message to the Congress in regard to the continuance of the maternity-infancy hygiene program. They might add to that anything they wish on what they feel about the necessity for this work in their own community.

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WORLD COURT RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, That the _____ League of Women Voter assembled on _____ 1929, believing that the Permanent Court of International Justice is one of the fundamental international institutions which make possible the substitution of law for war and, believing that the Protocol meets the reservations attached to the Resolution of Adherence passed by the Senate in 1926, now earnestly urges the Senate to ratify the Protocol promptly when presented in order that this imperative part of the peace machinery of the nations may be completed and the good faith of our own country toward the peace of the world stand unchallenged.

(Signed) _____

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December 31, 1929

Dear Board Member:

Mrs. Walter Thorp has invited the board to hold its January meeting at her home, 4428 Fremont Avenue South, Minneapolis. The meeting will be held on the regular day, the second Friday of the month, January 10, at 10:30 a.m.

Important matters of policy referred from the executive committee will be brought to the board for its consideration at this time.

Mrs. Thorp will entertain board members at luncheon. We are anxious to know by Thursday morning, at the latest, whether we may make a reservation for you.

Transportation will be arranged from the state office to Mrs. Thorp's home for out-of-town board members who let us know that they would like to assemble here in time to leave by ten o'clock.

Sincerely yours,

Emily Child,
Executive Secretary

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Petitions enclosed:
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TO DEPARTMENT CHAIRMEN OF
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO PREVENT WAR:

JAN 3 1930

Mrs. McGuire and I have received the following message from officers of the National League of Women Voters. We are relaying it to you with the memorial blanks and shall appreciate your active cooperation in securing signatures and returning the blanks (unfolded) to reach our office on or before Saturday morning, January 18. We will remail them the same day so that they may not fail to reach New York by the date requested.

Marguerite M. Wells

December 30, 1929

Dear Chairman:

The eleven organizations composing the committee on the Cause and Cure of War have agreed to memorialize the London Conference on Naval Reduction, believing that the women of the United States as represented in the Committee should take advantage of the occasion to express their profound desire to see the Kellogg Peace Pact supported by action of the Conference.

To this end a memorial has been drafted, approved and printed on many separate sheets of paper to be circulated in the several organizations, thus to receive as many signatures as possible, to be bound in volumes and finally to be presented in London by women chosen to represent the organizations of this country. The members of the National Board, which was in session when the memorial was proposed, will sign the first sheet in the volume to be sent by the League of Women Voters.

Herewith I am sending you sheets to be distributed widely and to receive as many signatures of women members, and particularly officers of the League as can be obtained in the limited time before returning to Miss Ruth Morgan, 1015 Grand Central Terminal Building, New York City. All the signed sheets must be in this office the morning of January 21st, 1930.

To avoid returning the sheets wrinkled and travel-worn and thus unsuitable for binding, it is suggested that each page or package of pages should be sent out not folded in pasteboard envelopes or be otherwise carefully protected through the mails. Because ~~the~~ time limits the number of signatures which can be secured, I would suggest that you make the first sheet one of signatures from the officers of your state League and ask the local Leagues to get the signatures of the members of their board with their titles in each case. Put the name of the League at the top of the page, as "Otisville (New Jersey) League of Women Voters." The official character of the petition will compensate for its failure to achieve great length although of course as many signatures are wanted as can be obtained in the brief period available.

In all probability women representing other nations will be present at the London Conference. We know now that Japanese women are working to secure 100,000 signatures to a petition, the wording of which we do not know. It is our hope that when the signatures of women from this country are assembled that they will be a creditable indication of the undoubtedly vast amount of interest felt in the outcome of the London Conference.

Faithfully yours,

President

40 copies -

January 3, 1930

Dear League Secretary:

We are making a chart of our local Leagues to be on view in our office. Will you help us by supplying the information we need. If you will fill in the attached card at your earliest convenience and return it to this office, it will help us so much in making the chart correct for your League.

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Minnesota League of Women Voters

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We are sending you some simple statements on each of these measures, with references to other material that may be ordered from us, if you do not already have it. You will not forget that the League's responsibility is not only to inform its own members but the public as well on these matters of immediate legislative importance. You will know how you can extend information on these subjects--through newspaper articles, by speakers to other groups, through the sale of printed material, etc.--after your own members are thoroughly informed. We can furnish you with extra copies of this material at a small charge to cover the actual cost, if you will let us know your wishes.

We will notify you when these measures are under discussion in the Congress in order that you may address communications to your representatives there.

Some Leagues reported, after my letter of December 17, that the action suggested in support of the World Court and maternity and infancy legislation could not be taken until after Christmas. I hope, if your League is one of these, that you will remember to act upon the resolution and to arrange for letters by your officers and members when you meet in January. It will not be too late.

I enclose a report blank that we hope you will fill in with the facts as to your last or your next League meeting. When you return it to us, we will send another blank in its place so that we may thus have a report of each of your meetings. This will help us to keep in touch with your League and give you all the help and publicity in connection with your meetings that we can.

I am sorry to tell you that the Voters' Service program of the National League has been displaced by a local program in the schedule of the Twin City station KSTP. We are disappointed, therefore, in our hope to have groups all over the state "listen in" upon this excellent program Tuesdays from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. It may be heard, however, from station WSAI, Cincinnati or direct from WEAF, New York City.

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Mrs. Fred Donnely of ESTHERVILLE has been appointed by the state board as chairman of the Committee on Education. The state president has set an example this year of helpful contact with the local Leagues. To one-half the Leagues, she has written an average of twenty-six letters during the part of the year already passed. The least number of letters she has written to any League is 13. During the same time, chairmen of the state committees have prepared and sent seven letters to local Leagues in regard to the program.

Minnesota - Mrs, Fred Ihfe, president of the SIBLEY UNIT League, West St. Paul, writes: "We rented the World Court dolls from the Ramsey County League and had them on display for one week in a nicely lighted and well located window. Two newspaper announcements and the superintendent of our schools told the seventh and eighth grades to visit our exhibit. Four of the members spent part of each day at the store, telling the story; so I hope we have done some good. I do hope that we will join the World Court." Mrs. H. I. Yetter, president of the STEPHEN League evidently has the same wish for the new year as she writes: "Just now, 20 below as I write and 35 below two nights ago. If I see a way to get the board together before January 1, I shall do so. We should like to be helping."--about joining the World Court.

1639 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis Marguerite M. Wells, Regional Director

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES that may be ordered from us on subjects in the Plan of Work for the department of International Cooperation to Prevent War are:

The Pan-American Treaties of 1929 Printed pamphlet. Price 10 cents

The Root Formula and the World Court " " " " "

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National League Kit

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ABOUT MUSCLE SHOALS

Before presenting the League's point of view
to her Senator or Representative in the Congress:

1. When did the government acquire the properties which comprise the Muscle Shoals development today? For what purpose? At what cost? What had been the main factors in the history of Muscle Shoals up to 1916?

2. What effect did the ending of the war have on the Muscle Shoals project?

3. What has been done with the properties there since that time? For what purpose are they used now? What is the revenue to the government?

4. What has been the effect on Muscle Shoals of the change in methods of nitrogen fixation? Is it primarily a fertilizer or a power problem now?

5. What was the general plan of operation proposed in Senate Joint Resolution No. 46, the Norris proposal for Muscle Shoals which was passed in both houses in the first session of the 70th Congress (May 25, 1928) but which was not signed by the President? Did it become a law without his signature?

6. How did this measure safeguard the public interest (1) from the point of view of the consumer; (2) from the point of view of the taxpayer interested in the best use of the investment there? Is there any legislation affecting Muscle Shoals now before the Congress? If so, summarize the pending proposals.

7. How many states lie within transmission distance? What is meant by referring to Muscle Shoals as a "yardstick" for consumers all over the country?

8. How did the Senators and Representatives from this state vote?

9. Has the League of Women Voters ever taken any position on the general question of government operation?

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REFERENCES (may be ordered from state League headquarters):

Facts about Muscle Shoals, National League of Women Voters (12 cents)

Muscle Shoals and the Public Welfare, National League of Women Voters (15 cents)

A Review of Facts about Muscle Shoals, Minnesota Woman Voter, November 1928

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ABOUT MATERNITY-INFANCY LEGISLATION

By the Federal Government:

1. What were the general provisions of the Sheppard-Towner Act? When did it go into effect? Under what federal agency has it been administered, and what federal personnel?

2. Was the form of federal grant-in-aid made under the Sheppard-Towner act an innovation? Name similar grants made in earlier measures for work in other fields.

3. How many states accepted the Sheppard-Towner Act? What has been the total appropriation authorized under it?

4. Can you describe several types of activities which have been carried on throughout the country under this measure? Has there been satisfactory co-operation between state and federal agencies?

5. On what date did the original Sheppard-Towner Act terminate? Under what circumstances was the amendment providing for the repeal of the act in 1929 added to the original measure?

6. What surveys were sponsored by the National League of Women Voters to determine whether after June 30, 1929, there would still be a need for federal aid? What were the survey findings? How does the United States compare with other civilized countries in its maternal and infant death rates? Why is maternal and infant mortality an acute public health question today?

7. What bill was introduced in the first session of the 70th Congress to carry forward the work begun under the Sheppard-Towner Act? (The Newton Bill) What form was reported from the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce?

8. What measure is before the 71st Congress? (The Jones-Cooper Bill) Have you studied it thoroughly so that you understand its provisions and can support it effectively?

By the State:

Did our state accept the Sheppard-Towner Act? When? Had our state previously carried on any child hygiene work? Did our state match the whole amount available? What appropriations has our state made to carry on the work in the absence of federal funds? Will our state be able to match funds if federal appropriations are again available? What is our state administering agency? What types of work have been undertaken? How do the maternity and infancy death rates for this year compare with earlier ones?

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Check questions on which you wish information and return to

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THE PROPOSED LAME DUCK AMENDMENT
to the United States Constitution

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The Constitution of the United States provides that the Congress must have an annual session and that they shall meet the first Monday in December "unless they shall by law appoint a different day." The terms of all elected officers in the federal government begin and expire on the fourth of March. There are normally two regular sessions of each Congress--the long session beginning in December of the odd-numbered years and extending until some time during the next summer, and the short session which extends from the next December to the fourth of March following. Members of the Congress are therefore elected four months before they can possibly take their seats and thirteen months before the opening of the first regular session of the Congress to which they have been elected.

The long interval between the election and the commencement of the terms of members of the Congress has several unfortunate effects, chief of which are the following: 1) While the newly elected members of a Congress normally wait for more than a year to take office, members of the old Congress continue to legislate for four months of that time. There is always the possibility that laws may be enacted during that period which are in opposition to the latest expression of popular will. 2) A member of the Congress may be entirely out of touch with his constituency before he ever takes his seat. Furthermore, in the case of a member of the House of Representatives, more than half of his term has expired before he takes his seat and he is often confronted with a primary campaign before his congressional service is well started and before he has established any record. 3) In case the electoral college fails to elect a President and the choice falls to the House of Representatives, under the present system it is the old House which elects rather than the new one, the members of which have been elected upon the same issues as those influencing the presidential election.

Resolutions proposing a constitutional amendment setting dates in January as the time for the terms of officers to begin and expire and for the convening of the Congress have passed the Senate in each of the four most recent Congresses. A similar resolution received a majority vote in the House in the spring of 1928, but not the necessary two-thirds majority required to submit constitutional amendments to the states. The proposal if enacted would make a fundamental, constructive improvement in the machinery of government to which there can be no honest opposition.

REFERENCES: (May be ordered from state League headquarters)

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Federal and State Law-Making Bodies, published by the National League of Women Voters (8 cents) pp. 8-10, p. 19

Amending the Constitution: Current Questions in Government No. 1 (7 cents)

Report No. 5 of the Committee on the Judiciary, U. S. Senate (5 cents)

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January 11, 1930

Dear Local League President:

I am writing to ask if you will cooperate in an undertaking which the state board voted yesterday. The motion was as follows: That the state League attempt to increase the number of League members in the state by one thousand during the period January 15 to March 15, according to quotas to be accepted by each local League.

The reasons that influenced the board in asking local Leagues to undertake this important piece of work were several. We recognized that it has been the policy of the Minnesota League heretofore to emphasize training a few women in each local League in the methods and program of the League of Women Voters rather than to seek members but that the time has come when it is not safe longer to neglect the extension of membership. It was also recognized that there is crying need for a larger membership back of the League's legislative measures. Another reason for undertaking this state-wide addition to our membership at this time is that on March 15 this office must send to the National League office a report of membership. In discussing these and other reasons for a cooperative effort to increase membership, board members agreed that the last year had given evidence of increased sympathy and understanding of the League by the public at large. We should capitalize this sympathy.

Meantime, word has come back to us from the meeting of the National League Council in Washington last spring, indicating that the National League also is aware that this is the psychological time for a continuous effort to increase national membership. Miss Sherwin solemnly adjured delegates at the Council that the League should become "membership conscious." The National League has come to count upon the Minnesota League for an enthusiastic and effective response in all nation-wide undertakings and the state board hopes that you will enter into this one with your usual cooperative spirit.

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In undertaking the extension of membership, we must agree that although there should be in every League as many active and participating members as possible, the League also has need of members whose time will not permit them to be active but whose help to our program will consist of their name upon our membership list and of their dues in our treasury. They will be kept informed of League work through the VOTER.

Let us know what you will try to do and your general plan. Especially let us know anything that we can do to help you. So far the undertaking, wherever it has been mentioned, has been hailed with a good deal of enthusiasm.

With great faith in your cooperation and with best hopes for your success, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Marguerite M. Wells

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League	Miss Horr's Estimate of Possible Increase	Higher Goal Suggested
LeRoy(9)	3	6
Winona(29)	50	100
Redwood Falls (18)	2	4
Slayton (12)	5	10
Faribault (14)	16	28
Farmington (6)	10	20
Jordan (9)	3	6
Kenyon (8)	6	12
Northfield (41)	40	80
Norwood (6)	6	12
Pine Island (9)	3	6
Shakopee (17)	1	2
Sibley Unit (13)	2	4
South St. Paul (16)	4	8
St. Paul (341)	100	200
Minneapolis (699)	200	400
Brainerd (24)	6	12
St. Cloud (58)	12	24
Elk River (3)	7	14
Bemidji (15)	5	10
Olivia (10)	10	20
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Stephen(34)	4	8
Detroit Lakes (26)	9	18
Columbia Heights (3)	7	14
Monticello (5)	3	6
Winona Teachers Coll. (23)	12	24
Mankato " " (20)	12	24
Duluth " " ---	15	30
Bemidji " "-(5)	25	50
St. Cloud " (30)	5	10
U. of Minn. (4)	21	42
Carleton (11)	22	44
St. Olaf (63)	2	4

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STATE BOARD MEETING
January 10, 1929

The regular meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the home of Mrs. Walter Thorp, 4428 Fremont Avenue South, Minneapolis, Friday, January 10, 1930. The meeting was called to order at 10:40 a.m., Miss Wells presiding.

Board members present were Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. McGuire, Miss Lusk, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Stakman, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Stai, Mrs. Sherwin, Mrs. Grannis, Mrs. Spear, Miss Monahan and Mrs. Thorp. There were also present Mrs. J. W. Pribyl of Monticello, Mrs. C. E. Shafer of Minneapolis, Miss Horr and Miss Child.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the secretary and approved. The chair asked Mrs. Wittich for her recommendation in regard to the report on women in public office mentioned in the minutes of the previous board meeting. Mrs. Wittich said that she thought it best to wait until after the November election before attempting to secure new figures.

Treasurer's Report - In the absence of Mrs. Cant, the treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Wittich. The balance December 1 was $694.73. Receipts during the month amounted to $804.92, of which $403.75 was received in quotas. Monthly quota payments were received from St. Paul and Duluth and a payment of $1.50 from the Granite Falls League. Disbursements during the month amounted to $725.72, leaving a balance January 1 of $473.93. Bills payable amounting to $1212.14 were reported. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Spear, to accept the report and authorize the payment of bills as rapidly as possible.

Miss Child reported that the circularization of Woman's Journal subscribers during December brought in some sixty-two renewal and new subscriptions with an estimated income to the League of about forty dollars.

Organization - Miss Wells reported the resignation of Mrs. Roulo as eighth district chairman, owing to the ill health of her husband. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Lusk, second of Mrs. Beard, to accept her resignation with regret.

Miss Horr reported that she is working upon the organization of college Leagues in Hamline and Macalester as well as upon the reorganization of the college League at the University of Minnesota.

Miss Lusk reported upon activities planned by the Ramsey County League and Mrs. Shafer reported for the Minneapolis League.

Mrs. Stai reported the suggestion made by a visiting League officer from New Jersey that clearance with other organizations in such work as in the handling of the World Court resolutions be solved by asking the president and the civics affairs chairman of each other outstanding organization to attend executive board meetings of the League. She said that, in a city the size of St. Cloud, the question of duplication of effort is ever-present. The St. Cloud League is going to try out the plan suggested. The chair called attention to the fact that such a plan might add to the confusion instead of helping it since women do not make a clear distinction between the programs of the various organizations in which they are interested and such a plan would make it still harder to do so. Another danger is that it would be difficult to have full and frank discussion of League business with other organization representatives present. Mrs. Stai mentioned the fact that inviting women to attend board meetings had always proved to be a sure way of securing their support for the League. Mrs. Stai reported that in the sale of Christmas cards they had had very poor service from the Colonial Art Company in the filling of box orders for cards.

Mrs. Sherwin reported that the Monticello League had sold Christmas cards last year and this year and the service from the Colonial Art Company had always been very good, but they had had difficulties with the orders placed with Mrs. Gutgesell.

Mrs. Spear reported for Duluth that her department chairmen are doing splendid work, her only fear being that the board will attempt too much in its enthusiasm. The one difficulty is getting someone to share finance responsibility. Mr. Pittenger has written her several times in regard to League measures in Congress.

Extension of Membership - Discussion of this subject was introduced by the chair with comment upon the fact that the emphasis in the Minnesota League has always been upon program and procedure rather than upon numbers in its membership. For the last

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A MODEL SYSTEM OF STATE AND LOCAL TAXATION

by

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Note: This address is one of a series delivered in the Institute on Taxation conducted by the League of Women Voters in cooperation with the University of Minnesota. The League of Women Voters is not necessarily committed to the theories advanced by the speakers.

That tax system is best which is most socially expedient; which yields the revenue necessary for conducting governments with a minimum of pain, dissatisfaction, and waste. Considerations of most importance in the selection of socially expedient sources of revenue include:

1) The benefits which individuals receive from governments.
   Unfortunately the benefits of governments are for the most part indivisible and immeasurable. Yet where special benefits can be clearly distinguished as in the case of benefits from our highway system, taxes levied accordingly appeal to us as just and appropriate. Witness the almost universal approval of the recently adopted gasoline taxes.

2) The ability of individuals to support the government.
   This is a matter of getting revenue where it is available and at a minimum of sacrifice. Since Adam Smith the justness and propriety of taxes have been measured by their conformity or lack of conformity to the ability-to-pay principle.

3) The effect of taxes upon useful economic activity.
   This is a matter of killing or discouraging the geese which lay our golden eggs for us. It is alleged that taxes upon gifts of nature and irreproducible goods, the value of which depends only upon their scarcity, do not discourage useful economic activity. The followers of Henry George are so impressed by this alleged fact that they would build the entire tax system upon it.

4) Administrative feasibility.
   No tax can be approved unless it can be collected without inordinate expense and wholesale evasion.

The claim has lately been made that we are opportunistic in our tax legislation. We adopt this tax measure or reject that as political pressure appears to dictate and not as sound scientific reasoning requires. That this should be true to some extent is inevitable. There is no scientifically correct tax system. Taxation is a political question; it is a matter of judgment, of weighing merits and demerits of this and that proposal. We can try, however, to be objective in our judgments and intelligent in our thinking.

The National Tax Association's Model Plan

What taxes warrant a place in the most socially expedient tax system and how important a place should each occupy? Few people have had the temerity to draw up anything like a skeleton structure for a model tax system. Among the few, fortunately, is an organization of tax administrators and tax students from all the states, the National Tax Association. In 1919 a committee representing that body submitted a model plan for state and local taxation. The National Tax Association has had a distinguished record as a promoter and critic of tax legislation. It would be well for us, consequently, to consider first of all its recommendations.

The National Tax Association's model plan includes three main kinds of taxes: 1) taxes to be paid directly by all persons having taxable ability and to be levied by the government under which these people are domiciled; 2) taxes on tangible property to be levied by the jurisdiction in which the property is located; and 3) taxes upon business to be levied by the government under which such business is carried on.

several years the state league has been asked to submit membership figures to the National League in an annual questionnaire. This has called attention to the necessary deflation in membership figures in the transitional period marked by a change in the requirement of dues as the basis of League membership. Originally anyone who subscribed to the aims of the League was counted a member and membership dues were not required.

No effort has been made in the state office to keep a record of membership in local Leagues other than as represented in our VOTER subscription list. The desirability of having the VOTER go to every member has always been stressed, but it is known that this request has probably never met with 100 per cent response. Miss Lusk mentioned the fact that St. Paul has a mailing list more than twice as large as its VOTER subscription list. It is certain, Miss Child said, that Leagues other than St. Paul have considered that they had members not represented in the VOTER subscription list. Information as to membership is now being sought from local Leagues by a return postal card mailed early in January to each local League secretary.

The chair explained that increase in membership is now being urged upon state Leagues by the National League. She commented upon the fact that never before has there been so friendly and appreciative an attitude toward the League and its work as represented by individual expressions and general publicity. An effort should be made to enroll these friends of the League in its membership where they may be counted. At the request of the chair, Mrs. McGuire reported briefly upon the appeal made to delegates at the National League Council meeting in Washington last spring. She quoted Miss Sherwin as saying that we must become "membership conscious" and, as a proof of the increased prestige of the League, cited the report of the National League press secretary showing that some 13,500 columns of publicity on the League had been noted for the past year as compared with 3,600 columns for the preceding year. The chair emphasized the fact that the prestige of the League is out of all proportion to its membership and that the time has come to try to increase the membership correspondingly.

Miss Child read the recommendation of the executive committee that "an attempt be made to increase the number of League members in the state by 1,000 during the period from January 15 to March 15 andthat this increase include members in local Leagues and members-at-large according to quotas to be assigned each local League and each congressional district by the state board. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Stai, to accept this recommendation.

In the discussion preceding the vote, the chair asked what shall be considered essential to membership. Mrs. Spear thought active work as well as dues should be required of members. Mrs. McGuire thought attendance at study groups or other meetings on the program of the League should be a requirement, at least for members entitled to vote upon questions of program and policy. Miss Wells thought it desirable to secure as members those who admire the work of the League and wish to be allied with it through payment of dues, even though they cannot be active workers in it even to the extent of attending meetings.

Mrs. Spear said that, according to her observation, in the 50 per cent turnover of League membership in Duluth, the ones who drop out are generally those who have never been called upon for active work. Mrs. Wittich said that the turnover in the Minneapolis League is less than this. It lost 10 per cent of its membership two years ago and about 20 per cent last year, some of whom will be reinstated through payment of dues.

Mrs. Wittich spoke of the importance of members-at-large in the state where there is no local League, in the support of our legislative measures. In addition to the VOTER all should receive a mimeographed letter from time to time (perhaps four during the year) with more personal news of the League and its activities than can be conveyed by the VOTER. She suggested that there might be a chairman of membership-at-large who would decide how to keep such members interested and willing to respond to requests when called upon. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Miss Monahan, that the board appoint a permanent chairman of memberships-at-large. On the nomination of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Grannis, it was VOTED that Mrs. Wittich be named to this chairmanship.

The Voter and Membership - Miss Child reported the executive committee recommendation "that a subscription to the VOTER be included in each membership-at-large and that there be no separate subscription offered. IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Spear, to approve the recommendation. IT WAS AGREED that this action should not change existing conditions for VOTER subscriptions that clear to the state office through local Leagues.

The direct tax recommended is a graduated tax upon the net income of individuals. The suggested rates range from 1 to 6 per cent and the suggested exemptions are $600, $1200, and $300 respectively for single person, married couple, and dependent. Collection at the source is rejected; it is thought to present too serious administrative difficulties and to weigh too heavily upon third parties. Centralized administration is highly recommended. Disposition of the proceeds is to be left to the discretion of the particular states.

The property tax is to be upon tangible property only. The Committee recognizes the right of a jurisdiction to require some taxes from those domiciled by it even though the only wealth of such people consists of an intangible interest in outside property. But the income tax is relied upon to reach such people. The taxation of intangibles has been a failure in practice and has resulted in much double taxation between competing jurisdictions. Tangible personal property had better be classified separate from real estate and given a rate not to exceed one per cent. This classification is not insisted upon but is preferred upon the ground that personal property does not benefit as much as real estate from many local expenditures and is more migratory than real estate. Concerning administration the Committee recommends full-time professional assessors, preferably appointed and for a four-year term. The county rather than the township is preferred for the assessment district. Assessors are to be subject to supervision by a state tax department and to removal by this central body.

The Committee does not choose between the gross earnings tax and the ad valorem tax upon public service corporations. It says that both these methods of taxing public utilities are in successful operation. Bank, forest, and mineral taxation are touched very lighly. These are deemed to involve problems too specialized to consider in drawing the broad outlines of a tax system.

The proposed business tax is to be in lieu of the many taxes upon business now in operation in many states. Our present license taxes, where they are designed for revenue, are illogical and vexatious. Franchise taxes, capital stock taxes, and corporate excess taxes are confusing and likely to lead to double taxation. The Committee recommends a single tax upon all business, individual as well as corporate, with net income as the base. The tax is to be proportional rather than progressive and the rate is not to exceed 5 per cent. It is justified by the special benefits business receives from the jurisdiction in which it is carried on.

A few other tax problems are treated very briefly. The inheritance tax is mentioned as a desirable additional source of revenue. The complete separation of sources of state and local revenue is rejected on the ground that it tends to destroy a state's sense of responsibility in the matter of local taxation and removes a desirable check upon state expenditures. Constitutional limitations requiring a strict and literal uniformity in taxation are thought to be a stumbling block to tax reform and these limitations should be eliminated.

Comment upon This Recommended Tax System

We have purposely condensed the model system of the National Tax Association into a very small compass to give a conception of it as a whole. Now let us stop to consider in more detail its major provisions.

First of all is the proposed graduated state income tax upon individuals. Minnesota is one of the 32 states which have no tax upon net incomes. Let us consider some of the evidence concerning the advisability of adopting such a tax.

What of the experience of the states which have an income tax? In 1918, the year before the National Tax Association made its recommendation, there were 9 states taxing the net income of either individuals or orporations or both. Now there are 16. The last year witnessed the addition of Arkansas and California to the list. The state income tax cannot be said to have made phenomenal progress in its spread among the states. Compared with the gasoline tax for instance its territorial conquests have been modest. However, the tax has not proved unpopular where it has been tried nor is it by any means judged a failure. From a revenue standpoint the income tax has made very satisfactory progress where it has been used. The states which have an income tax collected in 1918 from their income taxes about 15 per cent as much revenue as the federal government collected from the federal tax; in 1927 they collected about 20 per cent as much. The income taxes available to the state governments in 1918 amounted to 13 per cent of the revenue of these governments; in 1927 to 23 per cent. In 1918 state governments obtained 45 per cent as much revenue from the income tax as from the general property tax; in 1927, 155 per cent as much. These figures include only that portion of the income tax

The executive committee minutes were read, recording discussion of ways of making the VOTER more pretentious in form by the use of color on the cover, heavier paper, etc. No vote was asked for since it was thought that plans and estimates should be secured before final action is taken. Mrs. Thorp suggested that the problem of increased cost per issue might be met by reducing the number of issues during the year. Mrs. Spear spoke of the fact that each issue of the VOTER may be a first issue to some (new) members of the League and that there should therefore be some good statement on the League in each issue.

Mrs. Wittich suggested that an early issue might be made a membership issue with a symposium on "What the League Means to Me" by various contributors.

Membership drives are already in progress in two Leagues. The St. Paul League acted upon the executive committee's recommendation as reported by Mrs. McGuire and decided to accept the quota of a minimum increase of 100 members. Board members will each be given the names of 7 possible new members living in their vicinity to call upon. A statement of what to say in asking for membership will be formulated by the committee in charge of the drive, which will close with a tea for new members. The Northfield League has started a drive for new members by sending out 200 letters with the "Why Join" leaflet.

Minneapolis has already secured 40 of the 200 new members that would be its share of the 1000 increase according to the comparative population of Minneapolis and the state. Mrs. Spear thought that Duluth could surely get the 40 new members mentioned as its quota. Mrs. Pearce promised that Faribault would try to get five or ten new members. Miss Monahan thought that Shakopee could perhaps get three or four. Mrs. Sherwin said that she is sure that members-at-large can be secured in her district since there are many women in the small towns where it does not seem possible to get League organization who are sincere admirers of the League.

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Department and Committee Reports - Mrs. Grannis reported that she had secured from the Division of Child Hygiene a tabulation of maternity and infancy work in the second district which may be used in persuading Congressman Clague of the value of the work. She reminded the board that the message came to us from the president of the Redwood Falls League that Mr. Clague had interviewed physicians in his district and found them not favorable to a new federal act. It was the opinion of the board that this report should be placed in the hands of various individuals in the second district who might use it as the basis for letters to Mr. Clague in behalf of the bill for a new act. Mrs. Wittich offered to look over the list of physicians to see whether there are any she knows and could interest in writing Mr. Clague.

Mrs. Grannis reported also upon the inquiry she and Mrs. Wittich made, at the request of the board, into expenditures being made by the Child Hygiene Division from the state appropriation for maternity and infancy work, following the discontinuance of federal assistance. They secured copies of the actual page sheets from the secretary of the State Commission of Finance. Mrs. Grannis also talked with Miss Olivia Peterson, supervisor of nursing work for the Child Hygiene Division, who states that the Division is now using its staff to supervise the work of school nurses with children of school age, since the requirement of the federal Children's Bureau that the maternity and infancy funds be limited to work with children of pre-school age need no longer be met. The payroll shows that with this increase in the field of its work, the Division is getting along with one less nurse and with less clerical help in the office to compensate for the smaller total appropriation available.

retained by the states and leave out of account the portion returned to localities. Two states keep no income tax at all and two others distribute part of their receipts to the localities. In the state of Wisconsin, income tax receipts as a percentage of all taxes collected by the state in all political subdivisions, have increased from an average of something like 4 per cent before the war to more than 12 per cent in 1927. Such information concerning the cost of administration as was available in 1927 showed an average among the states of 2.03 per cent. Comparison with earlier data indicates that the efficiency of collection is increasing.

Writing in 1911, Professor Seligman stated his opinion that "any hope of a satisfactory state income tax is illusory." (He later changed his position.) In 1929, after a survey of the record of the states for the last ten years, Mr. Truman Bigham concludes that the state income tax may be judged "a fair fiscal success in each of the 14 states where it has been on trial except Oklahoma and possibly Missouri." "Mississippi and South Carolina," says this writer, "have demonstrated that a properly drawn law may be made to supply a large part of the revenue in an agricultural state. Although receipts have not been so encouraging in a sparsely settled state like North Dakota, the law is not regarded as a failure even in such a state. The North Dakota law has produced three-quarters as much revenue as the federal statute and in the words of the North Dakota Commissioner, 'it answers quite well the purpose of raising revenue from those who pay the least toward the support of government.'" Professor Blakey, who recently made an excellent study of the North Carolina income tax for the North Carolina Tax Commission, reported that the tax in that state "must be counted a remarkable success." Thus it appears that the income tax as a fiscal measure is no longer an experiment; the states which have tried it have proved that it can be administered at least as efficiently as most taxes and that it can be made to yield a satisfactory revenue.

This is not to say that the income tax has proved an easy and foolproof way to large public revenues. Far from it. The states have learned or are learning by bitter experience that diligent and well-planned central administration is a requisite to anything like satisfactory results. Reliance upon objective information rather than the honesty of the taxpayer is essential in order to maintain the highest respect for the tax. Such information has not yet been discovered for certain sources of income notably that of farmers and that from intangible securities paid to residents of the taxing state by outside corporations. Such information as is available has not always been used.

It has been long recognized that all taxes come eventually out of income. If we are to pay any heed to the principle of ability-to-pay in taxation, taxes must be so adjusted as to bear some relation to the net income from which they are paid. It was probably once true that the largest part of the nation's income came from property. It is no longer true. In a study of the national income and its distribution made by a special staff of the National Bureau of Economic Research for President Hoover's Committee on Recent Economic Changes, the income from property was reported to be only 31 per cent against 69 per cent received from services. In the states which have no income tax we are trying to draw off from less than one-third of the stream of income all of our public revenues, while two-thirds of the stream is allowed to go untaxed. Is it any wonder that in a country universally recognized as rich, governments are hard pressed for revenue and taxpayers are crying out against confiscatory taxes?

Recently the author analyzed income tax statements returned by 2500 individuals in Dane County, Wisconsin. His purpose was to analyze income by sources and to allot to the share from each source, the direct taxes which had to be paid from it. The results show that income from rented property was bearing on the average a burden equal to 44 per cent of the net rent. This was more than fifty times as much as the average burden borne by the income from wages and salaries and more than thirty-two times as much as the average burden borne by interest from intangible securities. The ratio of taxes to income in the case of wages and salaries was .83 per cent and in the case of interest it was 1.36 per cent. These discrepancies occur in a state which has an income tax. Draw your own conclusions as to what they must be in a state which has no income tax.

The virtue of an income tax, of course, is that it is the only tax in the tax system which an individual is always lucky to have to pay. Theoretically, property values depend upon the income which property yields. It need hardly be stated in an agricultural state like Minnesota that there is such a thing as being "property poor." There is truth also in the assertion that "property is a poor man's good."

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These figures are not submitted to prove that the income tax has helped Wisconsin industry. The industrial growth of the state has been due, of course, to a variety of factors. The figures do show that a state with an income tax is not hopelessly hampered in its industrial development. On the other hand, it is true that an income tax bears heavily upon those who are successful. There is very decidedly a limit to the development of income taxation in a particular state while other states refuse to tax incomes at all. That is one reason why the people of Wisconsin watch the annual income tax debates in the legislatures of Illinois, Michigan, and Minnesota with a great deal of interest. Many people cannot see the logic of the situation in Michigan, for instance, where a very wealthy state with large incomes continues to permit its farmers and other large property owners to complain about confiscatory tax bills and does nothing to secure revenue from the people who have abundant ability to pay.

Another argument frequently used against the income tax is that it means just another tax to pay and another addition to one's tax bill. If this were true it should be reflected in the per capita taxes paid in a state having an income tax. The author had computed the per capita taxes paid in Ohio, Inaiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. In 1927, the Wisconsin per capita tax was $51.03 which was slightly higher than the per capita tax of Indiana and Ohio and considerably lower than the per capita tax in Michigan, Minnesota, and Illinois. In per capita general property taxes levied in 1927 Wisconsin ranks the lowest of the six states compared. There is no reason why public expenditures should expand when an additional tax is added to the tax system. Unless public expenditures do expand, the dollar raised from income taxation means a dollar less to be raised from property taxation.

The second main recommendation of the National Tax Association concerns the taxation of property. Whether we like it or not, there is not the slightest doubt that the property tax is detined to be the backbone of our tax system for a long time to come. How can it be improved?

The Committee rightly places a great deal of emphasis upon administration. No study of the assessment of real and personal property in this country, to the author's knowledge, ever reported facts about which anyone could be congratulated. Where lies the trouble? First and most important is the non-professional character of the people doing the assessing. It is no easy job to appraise the property in a modern community, to get it all upon the tax rolls and at its proper value. As your tax commission well observed in its last report, this is an age of experts. We no longer permit politicians to inspect our factories. Some modern cities have turned over their entire governments to city managers hoping thereby to take local administration out of politics and put it in the hands of an expert. No insurance or appraisal company would consider letting a job of appraisement to an untrained man whose chief qualification was his ability to get votes at an election. Your tax commission is in entire accord with the National Tax Association and with common sense when it concludes that the time has come to make assessing a stable, full-time, well-paid job.

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It has often been contended that intangible property should be exempt from taxation since it is representative wealth and not real wealth. To tax it is an instance of double counting or double taxation. On the other hand to tax a debtor upon his gross property with no allowance for debts and to let the creditor off with no taxes at all seems like a grave infraction of the ability-to-pay principle. Creditors are usually much better able to pay taxes than debtors. It is not uncommon to find huge estates consisting entirely of intangible property.

The notion that only tangible property should be taxed is based more upon inability to escape taxation than upon ability to bear it. It is generally conceded that no state has been conspicuously successful in its efforts to get intangible property upon the tax rolls. States that have applied a low flat rate to intangibles have been the most successful. Minnesota is among the state which have used this method. In 1926 there was $414,072,314 worth of money and credits assessed in Minnesota. At the same time there was $860,925,000 worth of deposits in Minnesota banks. If this does not seem like successful assessment it can be shown that few states have made a better record. However, it must be admitted that no state has exhausted the possible ways of improving the assessment of intangible property. If we had professional assessors who had the time and the ability to avail themselves of all possible information concerning the existence and ownership of intangibles, much more could be accomplished. The exchange of information between state officials and local assessors, the examination of information disclosed in the succession of estates, the use of banks to report collateral and deposits (and perhaps collect taxes on the intangibles of their customers at source)--these are only a few of the expedients which might be tried before it can be concluded that intangibles can never be adequately assessed.

It is possible, of course, to levy a special income tax on the income from intangibles as Massachusetts and New Hampshire are now successfully doing. This special income tax could be in addition to the general income tax rather than in lieu of it, as is the case in the states mentioned above. This method of taxing intangibles has the advantage that it is more likely to put the administration of the tax under expert and central administration. Moreover an income tax, especially if it be graduated, is more difficult to shift than a property tax.

The already sufficiently complicated question is not simplified by the recent impasse in the taxation of banks. It is now impossible, apparently, to impose a tax on national bank stock at a higher rate than that imposed upon other monied capital some of which is represented, it seems, by the intangibles of which we have been speaking. And national banks have abundant ability to bear substantial taxes.

This is a knotty problem and it is difficult to draw any conclusions. The writer's present idea of the happiest solution is the following: 1) For the national government to remove the present limitations on the taxation of national banks; 2) To tax intangibles under a general income tax; 3) To put or leave an additional tax upon intangibles, either in the form of a special income tax or a low-rate property tax, the rate being the highest which is compatible with good administration under the most favorable circumstances; 4) To provide the best possible administration of these taxes.

What of the tax on tangible personal property? If an income tax is not a substitute for a tax on intangible personal property, it certainly is not a substitute for a property tax on tangible personal property. Much personal property like much real estate furnishes its owner no income. This property would escape taxation entirely if the income tax were substituted for the tax on tangible personal property. What reason there is for taxing property applies as much to personal property as to real estate.

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The National Tax Association recommends a special classification for personal property with maximum rates of one per cent. The lower rate is justified on the ground that personal property receives less benefits than real estate and is more migratory. It is certainly more difficult to assess. The recommendation appears to be a very sound one.

The other main recommendation of the Association's Model System concerns the business tax. Businesses, corporate and individual, are to be taxed at a low flat rate upon their net income. The tax is to be levied by jurisdictions in which the business is carried on. The Association does not insist upon the necessity of this tax. It observes that most states try to tax business either through a license tax or some other kind of tax and it merely offers what it considers a logical and universally applicable business tax. The tax affords an opportunity for competing jurisdictions each to impose some burden upon a member or an activity which each is felt to benefit. Thus if Mr. Smith lives in Wisconsin and has an insurance business in Minnesota, Wisconsin would levy the personal income tax as the state of domicile and Minnesota the business tax as the state which harbors Smith's business. If this appears to be double taxation, it is double taxation on all alike. Where the rates are kept low, the double tax would be no occasion for complaint. A corporation which has much income and little property would be reached by this tax; also one that reinvests its income to build up a surplus.

So much for the framework of the tax structure. We have followed the National Tax Association on all of its major recommendations with perhaps one exception--the exemption of intangibles from taxation. The Association's Model System has frequently been lauded as a remarkable document containing a very large quantity of tax wisdom. The praise seems highly warranted. The Association has set a goal for the states which is not impossible of achievement and yet which will require the best efforts of tax reformers for a long time to come.

The Association's report did not concern itself with the division of the burden of governmental functions between the different units of government. But this has become a matter of such importance that I believe it should be mentioned. It is common knowledge that different localities differ widely in their ability to support governments. Yet our tax system pays so little attention to ability to pay that districts with the least income and property usually find themselves with the highest tax rates. We have always operated upon the theory that each locality should be financially autonomous--that is should pay for all of the governmental undertakings it inaugurates. This is an application of the benefit principle: why should Stillwater help pay for a new city hall which Red Wing decides to construct? However, the financial autonomy of localities has been under attack and has been subjected to important modifications. A so-called equalization law recently adopted in Wisconsin makes it unnecessary for any school district to pay more than four mills upon the true value of its property to operate an elementary school. Our state highway system and state highway aids are a move in the same direction.

Schools are clearly a state concern, and so, in our time, are highways. Should we go further and say that the minimum essentials of a decent public standard of living for each locality is the concern of all and that the wealthy districts should contribute to the poorer ones until such standard is reached at a common tax rate? Probably we are not ready for such a policy. Yet our equalization laws have set a precedent in this direction.

A Utopian Tax System

By the phrase "model tax system" as we have been using it, is meant the best possible tax system which we can hope to see adopted by the American states in the near future. If we were to set up a Utopian system it would differ in some respects from the system which has been outlined. Taxes on property with the exception of the tax on land might well be abandoned entirely or at least reduced to a nominal rate. It has long been claimed by the single taxers that taxes on land have the peculiar merit that they are on an irreproducible good the owner of which performs no socially useful function. There is a large element of truth in the contention. Moreover, existing tax burdens upon land are capitalized at the time of a new sale and new owners bear only part if any of the old tax burden. Property taxes on buildings and personal property are usually shifted. These goods are reproducible and they will not be reproduced until owners are compensated sufficiently to meet their costs, one of which is taxes. It is the shifting of these taxes to con-

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In our Utopian tax system income and inheritance taxes would occupy a main rather than a subordinate position. This means of course that their administration must be improved and their prestige increased. These taxes if well administered have the merit of being fair. Equally important is the fact that they are the most difficult taxes to shift and that therefore they are compatible with some real measurement of ultimate tax burdens. If income and inheritance taxes are to assume the place in the tax system which they deserve, they must not be confined to the very rich alone as has been the tendency in this country. These taxes should reach the great majority of people in the community.

A third class of taxes which would find representation in a Utopian system would be consumption taxes. The gasoline tax, which falls in this family, has the peculiar merit that it pays for a measurable benefit. (Speaking of gasoline taxes, why should they stop at two or three cents when general property is still being taxed for more than half of the cost of highways?) Aside from the gasoline tax, no consumption taxes should be necessary if the income tax does its work properly.

Until units of government reach a certain standard of public expenditures, the cost of conducting such units of government should be equalized.

This is a very impractical tax system, you say. Granted. That's why I have called it Utopian. Why speak of Utopias? Because present Utopias often become the practical programs and even the existing realities of the future.

February 1, 1930

To Local League Presidents;

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Conducted the first get-out-the-vote campaign following the final enfranchisement of women August 1920, including every device used in later campaigns with the addition of more instruction in the mechanics of voting and of election laws. It included

> The first all-party candidates' meeting ever held in the state and the first state and county fair booths of non-partisan political information —at state fair and county fairs.

Second Year, 1920-21—

Inaugurated the Woman Voter, a monthly bulletin of political education on League of Women Voters measures.

Led the public demand for calling the Washington Conference on Limitation of Armaments, the first League petition numbering 3500 names.

Supported among other successful legislative measures, one making women eligible for jury service.

Supported the acceptance by the legislature of the Sheppard-Towner Maternity and Infancy Act and the state's later cooperation with the federal government in organizing the work under the Act.

Third Year, 1921-22—

Prepared and distributed the first state Digest of Election Laws which is still in use by public officials, teachers of civics in the public schools, and the general public.

Fourth Year, 1922-23—

Supported the act by which the legislature appointed an interim committee on reorganization of the state departments. Without this committee for which the League of Women Voters was primarily responsible, reorganization, the most important governmental change in the state in recent years, might not have occurred or have been long delayed.

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Held the First Institute of Government in cooperation with the University of Minnesota. Such an Institute has since been held every other year.

Fifth Year, 1923-24—

Gathered and carried to Washington a mile of signatures in behalf of the United States' adherence to the World Court—perhaps the most spectacular demonstration ever made in behalf of the World Court.

Held 34 one-day schools in 19 communities, with an attendance of 38,000, as one part of an extensive get-out-the-vote campaign.

Sixth Year, 1924-25—

Ended the get-out-the-vote campaign with the Passing-The-Torch tour from the Canadian to the Iowa border, 1,100 miles, with the final ceremony on the steps of the Capitol where it was met by the governor.

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I believe most of you promised active assistance to me, also, as chairman of membership-at-large. Now is the time to work. Will you not please come to next week's board meeting with two lists of names for me: on the first, names and addresses of women to whom you will write concerning membership-at-large; on the second, names and addresses of women you would like to have me solicit for membership.

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Conducted a new kind of Survey of Voting Habits based upon a study of 8 elections over a period of four years in 12 voting districts.

Ninth Year, 1927-28—

Conducted a second state-wide survey of jury service by women, to promote the inclusion of women in the jury panel in every county of the state.

Organized listening-in groups for the radio Voters' Service of the National League of Women Voters and the National Broadcasting Company as a part of an extensive get-out-the-vote campaign.

Tenth Year, 1928-29—

Supported the act under which the legislature appropriated $43,000 a year for infancy-maternity work, nearly compensating for withdrawal of federal aid.

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These listed achievements are only illustrations from a large number of similar accomplishments of the League of Women Voters during 120 months of continuous day-by-day activity in behalf of good government and political education. They do not include 15 laws enacted with the support of the League, nor do they include a vast output of publications of political education. They do not include the accomplishments of Local Leagues such as support of city charter amendments and similar improvements in local government; nor a multitude of devices for interesting and informing the voters at election time; nor constant observance of and reports on public boards and departments; nor do they include hundreds of study groups on government and politics throughout the state.

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We want to publish this February VOTER as early in the month as possible and, in order to do so, we must assemble our material for it with very little delay. It usually takes a week after our copy has been typewritten before the VOTER is printed and ready for mailing. Will you therefore let us have your contribution by February 5, if possible, or send me word when we can depend on having it.

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We are inviting you--as one of a selected group of girls suggested to us by members of the University faculty--to come to luncheon on Saturday, February 15. We would like to have you consider with us the possibility of having a group at the University affiliated with the state League of Women Voters.

We believe that such a group would find contact with our work and with the women who are leaders in it worth while now, and of value after leaving the University. There are now groups representing us in practically every leading college in the state and we are anxious to be represented at the University by a group of which we can be proud.

Miss Marguerite M. Wells, our state president, has agreed to speak at the luncheon on Saturday. Miss Wells is a trustee of Smith College and knows of all the college and campus activities that absorb the time of college students. She will speak on "Why a College League of Women Voters." Whatever your first reaction may be, we hope you may wish to come and hear what Miss Wells has to say.

Guests of honor invited to the luncheon are Dean Blitz, Mrs. Mason W. Tyler and Dr. Chloe Owings. It will be held at the home of Mrs. Frank G. Jewett, 1816 Fremont Avenue South, at 1:15 p.m. (25 cents). It will be possible to leave by 3:00 o'clock to keep afternoon engagements.

Please write or telephone our office (Atlantic 3718) to let us know whether we shall make a reservation for you. Or give your name to Mrs. Marion Iverson, Room 8, Old Physics Bldg.

Trusting that I shall see you on Saturday, I am

Sincerely yours,

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We shall be very grateful for your help in listing elective and appointive positions now held by women in your county. We hope it may be possible for you to include information as to women holding city or township office as well as those having a county office.

We have the published lists of county school superintendents and members of County Child Welfare Boards. We are not listing names of women members of school boards except in the larger cities. Will you be good enough, however, to estimate the number of women serving on local school boards in your county.

I enclose an addressed postal for your convenience in replying. We shall appreciate the favor of a prompt reply since we are asked to forward our report to the National League of Women Voters for comparison with reports from other states early in March.

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DISARMAMENT

1. Summarize the political, technical, psychological, and practical obstacles to disarmament.(20 minutes)

2. What were the conditions leading up to the Washington Conference? What did that Conference accomplish and what did it fail to accomplish? (20 minutes)

3. What were the causes of disagreement between the United States and England at the Geneva Naval Conference? (15 minutes)

4. In what respects has the disarmament situation changed since the Geneva Conference? (10 minutes)

5. Discuss the importance of disarmament as a step toward peace. (10 minutes)

6. What is the official attitude of France, Italy, and Japan towards the basis for naval reduction proposed by England and the United States? What effect may this have on the chances for success of the London Naval Conference of 1930? (15 minutes)

PAN AMERICAN TREATIES OF 1929

1. What are the main differences between conciliation and arbitration? To which method is the work of the League of Nations Council comparable? To which method is the work of the World Court comparable? (10 minutes)

2. Trace the development of arbitration, commenting on the drawbacks of arbitration agreements which cover only one specific dispute, or which contain reservations of certain kinds. (10 minutes)

3. In your opinion, why is it important for adequate conciliation and arbitration machinery to be established on this hemisphere? What are some of the main types of disputes which arise in the Americas, and what differences of race, religion, industrial development, and geographical situation hinder their peaceful solution? (45 minutes)

4. Summarize the provisions of the two new treaties. (10 minutes)

THE WORLD COURT AND THE ROOT FORMULA

1. Trace the development of the idea of a permanent court. What was the attitude of the American delegation to the Hague Conferences toward the idea? What are the shortcomings of the "Permanent Court of Arbitration?" (10 minutes)

2. To what extent can it be said that the Permanent Court of International Justice is connected with the League of Nations? In its financing? In the selection of judges? In regard to control over its decisions by the League? In your opinion, is this connection such as to impair the value of the Court as an impartial international tribunal? (20 minutes)

3. Give an informal account of at least one judgment and one advisory opinion actually rendered by the Court, explaining how each came before the Court, what the issue was and what was the decision of the Court. (10 minutes)

4. What were the Senate reservations and what were they designed to accomplish? (25 minutes)

5. What has been the history of negotiations for United States entry into the World Court since the Senate reservations were drawn up? (25 minutes)

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February 4, 1930

POWER AND MUSCLE SHOALS

Tariff still holds the center of the Senate stage, but Muscle Shoals is ready to come forward, and restless in the wings. Senate Joint Resolution No. 49, the Norris proposal for government operation of the properties, is waiting on the calendar and will be debated just as soon as tariff schedules can be laid aside.

Muscle Shoals is not a new subject. The plan which the Norris Resolution now embodies was adopted by the Congress in 1928, but a "pocket veto" frustrated Congressional decision and prevented it from becoming law. Only one new feature has been added. That is a section which provides certain remuneration to the states of Alabama and Tennessee from the sale of the excess power which will be available at Muscle Shoals when the Cove Creek Dam is constructed across the Clinch River. For the rest it is an old story, and in asking the Senate to ratify its action of two years ago the Senator from Nebraska will again defend the only realistic plan for Muscle Shoals which has been seriously proposed.

There is no dispute as to the history of Muscle Shoals. It is well known that the investment of public funds at Muscle Shoals was made as a war emergency. Nitrates are necessary in the manufacture of munitions and in 1916 this country imported all of its supply from Chile. It was to relieve that hazardous dependence that one section of the National Defense Act of 1916 directed that a suitable site in this country should be selected and the production of nitrates begun at home. The cyanamid process was then the only method for the fixation of nitrogen which was in successful operation on this side of the Atlantic. And in the cyanamid process an immense amount of electric energy is essential. That is why the Muscle Shoals site with great water power possibilities was chosen, why a nitrate plant equipped to use the cyanamid process was constructed, and why the government became the owner of a vast project which for ten years has been the center of a violent legislative dispute.

From that point there is disagreement. The peace-time uses of Muscle Shoals are controversial. Fixed nitrogen is necessary for fertilizer as well as for explosives, and when the properties were acquired it was expected that the plant would be dedicated to fertilizer production in time of peace. But in the decade since the war the cyanamid process of nitrogen fixation has been displaced by the newer and cheaper synthetic method in which water power is not a factor. With that advance in science the emphasis in Muscle Shoals has shifted. It has become an electric power project; and the energy which it produces can best be used to provide cheap heat, light, and power to all the states within transmission distance. To waste the power in the operation of Plant No. 2 and to manufacture nitrates by a process now almost obsolete is indefensible extravagance. The Norris Resolution recognizes the change and under its terms electric energy will be developed at Muscle Shoals to the advantage of consumers in the nearby states.

The intent of the original act and the need of cheaper fertilizer for the American farmers are recognized in the proposal which provides for experimentation in methods of nitrogen fixation, and which directs that the revenue from the sale of the power at Muscle Shoals should be dedicated to that purpose.

Far more than the wise disposal of a war time investment is involved when Muscle Shoals is discussed, and more than a guarantee of cheap electric energy to consumers of the nearby states is given. A giant yardstick will be offered, so that the whole country may have a chance to judge what a proper charge for electric current should be.

The general welfare will be served when Senate Joint Res. 49 is passed.

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Minnesota League of Women Voters
Committee on Living Costs

February 11, 1930

MUSCLE SHOALS IN THE 71ST CONGRESS
By Mrs. George H. Spear

(Supplementing National League Legislative News of February 4)

Provisions of the Norris Resolution (S.J.R. 49)

1) Provides for the creation of a governmental corporation to manage the properties

2) Authorizes the completion of the power plant at Dam No. 2

3) Requires the sale of power to all states within transmission distance:

4) Gives preference in the sale of powers to states, counties or municipalities and other non-profit making agencies purchasing current for distribution to citizen customers

5) Provides for large scale experimentation in fertilizer production

6) Authorizes the construction of Cove Creek Dam

7) Guarantees compensation to the states of Alabama and Tennessee for any loss they may sustain because the electricity to be developed at this project will be subject to government control and not subject to taxation by the state.

This last provision is the only important new feature of the present bill and "should remove the opposition of those who believed that any rights of the states concerned were violated by the plan as it passed last year."

In his message to Congress, December 3, 1929, President Hoover discussed the question of the disposal of Muscle Shoals which he believes should be settled promptly. He said, "I do not favor the operation by the government of either power or manufacturing business except as an unavoidable by-product of some other major public purpose."

This attitude is not incompatible with that taken by the League nor with the views expressed by the Senate Committee on Agriculture whose report on the Norris resolution states that the large investment of public money at Muscle Shoals has been made "in behalf of national defense and in behalf of methods to bring about improvements in agriculture." It declares that the production of power is incidental and adds, "It is not a question of putting the government into business, but it is a question of protecting government property, the improvement of navigation, and the controlling of damaging flood waters. All these are governmental functions. The improvement of our national defense, the preservation of the fertility of our soil, the control of our navigable streams, and the protection of our people from the damaging destruction of flood waters are the primary reasons why this resolution (S.J.R. 49) should be passed."

Senator Black of Alabama has proposed amendments to the Norris plan which it is believed will bring it more in harmony with the views of President Hoover.

In its original form the Norris bill provided for straight-out government operation of Muscle Shoals. The Black amendments provide that the President and a board of administrators shall first work to negotiate a lease with a private corporation for the operation of the nitrate plant and that if no satisfactory lease can be arranged within three months, the government shall operate the plants. It is understood that Secretary of Agriculture, Arthur M. Hyde, approves these proposed amendments.

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THE PROPOSED LAME DUCK AMENDMENT
to the United States Constitution

January 1930

(Statement quoted from leaflet published by the National League of Women Voters)

The Constitution of the United States provides that the Congress must have an annual session and that they shall meet the first Monday in December "unless they shall by law appoint a different day." The terms of all elected officers in the federal government begin and expire on the fourth of March. There are normally two regular sessions of each Congress--the long session beginning in December of the odd-numbered years and extending until some time during the next summer, and the short session which extends from the next December to the fourth of March following. Members of the Congress are therefore elected four months before they can possibly take their seats and thirteen months before the opening of the first regular session of the Congress to which they have been elected.

The long interval between the election and the commencement of the terms of members of the Congress has several unfortunate effects, chief of which are the following: 1) While the newly elected members of a Congress normally wait for more than a year to take office, members of the old Congress continue to legislate for four months of that time. There is always the possibility that laws may be enacted during that period which are in opposition to the latest expression of popular will. 2) A member of the Congress may be entirely out of touch with his constituency before he ever takes his seat. Furthermore, in the case of a member of the House of Representatives, more than half of his term has expired before he takes his seat and he is often confronted with a primary campaign before his congressional service is well started and before he has established any record. 3) In case the electoral college fails to elect a President and the choice falls to the House of Representatives, under the present system it is the old House which elects rather than the new one, the members of which have been elected upon the same issues as those influencing the presidential election.

Resolutions proposing a constitutional amendment setting dates in January as the time for the terms of officers to begin and expire and for the convening of the Congress have passed the Senate in each of the four most recent Congresses. A similar resolution received a majority vote in the House in the spring of 1928, but not the necessary two-thirds majority required to submit constitutional amendments to the states. The proposal if enacted would make a fundamental, constructive improvement in the machinery of government to which there can be no honest opposition.

REFERENCES: (May be ordered from state League headquarters)

Federal and State Law-Making Bodies, published by the National League of Women Voters (8 cents) pp. 8-10, p. 19

Amending the Constitution: Current Questions in Government No. 1 (7 cents)

Report No. 5 of the Committee on the Judiciary, U. S. Senate (5 cents)

Congressional Digest: August-September 1926 (50 cents)

Popular Will Postponed (5 cents)

An Interview on the Lame Duck Amendment (20 cents)

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Dear Public Welfare Chairman:

The executive committee discussed recently what informational material in our office might prove helpful to you in keeping alive the interest of your members--and perhaps of other groups--in two of the public welfare measures in our program that are now under consideration by Congress. It directed that the following material be mimeographed and sent you (to supplement the pamphlets printed by the National League on these same subjects):

Power and Muscle Shoals - a Legislative News Bulletin of the National League

Muscle Shoals in the 71st Congress by Mrs. Spear, chairman of our own Living Costs Committee

Maternity and Infancy Measures in the 71st Congress - mimeographed by the Child Welfare Committee of the National League

Blank that may be used in ordering the pamphlet "In Behalf of Mothers and Children", telling of the work of the U.S. Children's Bureau.

We expect to send you a little later mimeographed material on the Working Woman in Minnesota, the Child in Minnesota, and on Marriage Laws in Minnesota, since these are items in our 1930 Plan of Work. They are suggested for study by local Leagues in the spring and summer preceding our state convention in the fall, when we must adopt a legislative program to be supported in the 1931 legislative session. Miss Kercher, chairman of the Committee on Women in Industry, has already prepared her material which is characterized by the National League chairman of Miss Kercher's committee as a "stunning job."

In case you have mislaid your November VOTER with the Plan of Work (page 2), I enclose a mimeographed sheet so that you may refresh your memory as to the items. Let me know whenever we can be helpful to you.

Sincerely yours,

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TO BOARD MEMBERS:

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STATE BOARD MEETING
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Board members present were Miss Lusk, ~~Mrs. Spear,~~ Mrs. Ringstad, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Grannis, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Stakman, Miss Kercher, Mrs. Pearce and, after luncheon, Miss Monahan. There were also present Mrs. Dudycha of the South St. Paul League, Miss Horr and Miss Child.

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

Treasurer's Report - Mrs. Cant reported a balance January 1 of $473.93. Receipts during January amounted to $711.84, of which $354.25 was received in quotas. Monthly quota payments were received from Minneapolis and St. Paul and a quarterly payment from Brainerd. The Monticello and Stephen Leagues paid their quotas in full. Other payments since the last board meeting include a payment of half its quota by the Northfield League, a third quarterly payment from the Winona League, and a payment of approximately one-third of its quota by the St. Cloud League.

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Reports by District Chairmen - Mrs. Morrison reported for the FIRST DISTRICT having had a letter from the president of the LeRoy League. The Winona League program is planned in advance with two meetings each month. A new plan is being followed of having all the study groups come together in a general meeting. Attendance has increased with each meeting. A parliamentary law class is being conducted. Arrangements have been made for six expectant mothers to receive the pre-natal letters from the Child Hygiene Division of the state department of health, so that they may be in a position to speak in behalf of the value of such work to their representatives in Congress and the state legislature.

Questions and discussion were stimulated by this last item in Mrs. Morrison's report. Mrs. Grannis suggested that child welfare chairmen in local Leagues might send in names of expectant mothers for pre-natal letters, supplementing similar requests made by physicians and public health nurses.

Mrs. Ringstad reported for the THIRD DISTRICT that the Northfield League has an active board of eighteen members which holds a meeting each month in addition to an open meeting. A new method of planning the program so that some twenty women will take part is to be tried. A series of questions on the subject to be discussed is divided up among various women who, in turn, secure other women to be prepared with answers. Mrs. Ringstad reported also upon her attendance at a meeting of the new St. Olaf College League, in her capacity of representative named by the Northfield League.

Mrs. Beard reported for the Minneapolis League (FIFTH DISTRICT) on the annual meeting, study groups active in the various wards, and departmental teas held in private homes with speakers on program subjects. These teas are so well attended that more may be held than were originally planned.

Mrs. Stakman reported for St. Paul (FOURTH DISTRICT) that the series of teas with speakers on the International Cooperation program is being continued and that a

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Mrs. Pearce reported for the Faribault League that committee chairmen have been named for the Public Welfare committees and that she hopes to secure new members for the League as a result of a talk before the Business & Professional Women's Club.

Executive Committee Recommendations - Miss Child reported that the committee recommends that Mrs. Beard be asked to serve in place of Mrs. McKnight during her absence abroad. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ringstad, second of Mrs. Grannis, that Mrs. Beard be named upon the executive committee during Mrs. McKnight's absence, membership in the committee being according to office held rather than individuals named.

A recommendation that the Lincoln Study Group in Bemidji be authorized to become a local League upon the same terms as the Sibley Unit League in West St. Paul was reported by Miss Child. She explained that in each case the group is organized only in a certain definitely separated section of the city and that it seems just, therefore, these conditions be recognized and quota as well as membership be based upon the population in this restricted area. IT WAS VOTED, on motion of Miss Kercher, second of Mrs. Stakman, that the recommendation of the executive committee be approved.

Program Material to Local Leagues - The secretary read a letter of February 4 from Miss Sherwin to Miss Wells, as state president, upon the present status of League federal measures. Miss Child informed the board of material on these measures that has been sent or will be sent to department chairmen in local Leagues with a covering letter from the state department chairmen. Mrs. McGuire's letter with mimeographed material from the National League is in preparation, together with mimeographed material for Public Welfare chairmen on Muscle Shoals and the Jones-Cooper Bill. Mrs. Wittich's letter and material will be sent out upon her return from the East.

Communications from National League - An analysis of the disarmament memorial blanks forwarded by state Leagues, received by Miss Wells as regional director, showed Minnesota fifth in number of signatures, our total being exceeded only by New York, Massachusetts, Illinois and Michigan.

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Appointment of Woman to State Board of Health - The governor's reply to the letter urging this appointment was read. He is in sympathy with the suggestion and asked to have the names of possible candidates submitted to him. Miss Wells' letter in response was read explaining the policy of the League not to urge the claim of any certain candidate and suggesting the possibility of his consulting individual members of the League whose judgment he respects for unofficial suggestions.

Tenth Birthday Celebration, March 26 - A letter (January 11) to Miss Wells from Miss Sherwin was read suggesting that birthday luncheons be held by state and local Leagues on this day. A National League press release was reported giving the plan of a special radio program from 1 to 1:30 p.m. on March 26, arranged in cooperation with the National Broadcasting Company. Miss Lusk agreed to ask the Ramsey County radio chairman to interview the manager of KSTP immediately to learn whether it will relay the program. The plan for informing local Leagues should be made following her report.

Membership Increase - Officers of local Leagues present reported on the progress of the effort to secure new members in their Leagues. Miss Child read letters to Miss Wells from other Leagues reporting their willingness to accept the quotas of new members assigned them. Board members either gave Miss Child their list for the letter to be sent out by Mrs. Wittich to possible members-at-large, or promised to mail it to headquarters within the coming week.

Report by Miss Monahan - Miss Monahan reported interesting items from the "Legal Status News" of the National League. She explained the treaty on the citizenship of women proposed by the Woman's Party to the Hague Conference on international law. The treaty is not approved by the League for reasons reviewed by Miss Monahan.

Report by Mrs. Paige on the National Conference on the Cause and Cure of War - Mrs. Paige told informally of the conference, comparing it with those previously held. She commented upon the noticeable advance in information and sophistication shown by members of the conference group.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Rogers Pearce, Secretary

pamphlets, mimeographed material prepared by the National League, as follows:

Examination questions on our program

News Letter (No. 2) on Disarmament

I have prepared, at the request of one of our college Leagues, a sketch in two acts representing the Senate considering the World Court proposal. This will be sent to you for use in high school or in any other group, if you will send us a request for it.

Please let me hear from you promptly in order that I may prepare very soon the round robin news letter telling what you are all doing. This should provide an interesting and stimulating exchange of ideas for all of us. I shall also use the facts you give me in making the report for Minnesota to the National League at the national convention in Louisville, April 28 - May 3. Why not plan to go?

Cordially yours,

Maree F. McGuire

Mrs. A. J. McGuire,
Chairman

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February 24, 1930

TO BOARD MEMBERS:

Mrs. Wittich is expected home from the East tomorrow. If you have not already sent her your list of suggested names of women (in the state outside the Twin Cities) to receive a letter inviting them to become members-at-large of the state League, please send it immediately. Also the names of those to whom you will write a personal letter.

E.C.

Disbursements during the month amounted to $682.52, leaving a bank balance February1 of $503.25. Bills payable amounting to $988.91 were reported. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Beard, second of Mrs. Morrison, to accept the report and order the bills paid so far as possible.

Organization - Miss Horr reported upon a visit to Owatonna where it did not prove possible to organize a League. Four memberships-at-large were secured from members of the Business and Professional Women's Club whom she addressed at a dinner meeting. Two days were spent in Brainerd where, with Miss Horr's help, a board of 21 members was secured and a plan made for a board meeting preceding a general meeting each month. Places visited to interest women in organizing a League were Royalton, Little Falls and Sauk Rapids in the sixth district and Red Wing in the third district. Mrs. Stai accompanied Miss Horr to Sauk Rapids and Mrs. Ringstad to Red Wing, where it was recommended by Miss Horr, with the approval of Mrs. Ringstad, that a study group be authorized preliminary to possible organization. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ringstad, second of Mrs. Morrison, that the board authorize a study group in Red Wing.

Existing Leagues visited by Miss Horr since the last board meeting were St. Cloud, Kenyon and Farmington. Miss Horr reported the organization of a college League at St. Catherine's College in St. Paul with some fifty members. Excellent cooperation was given by the college faculty.

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Dear Legislative Council Member:

The program committee for the Council, Miss Elizabeth Fish chairman, met yesterday and decided that a Council meeting should be called immediately to acquaint Council members with recent developments in the Congress concerning legislation proposed to replace the Sheppard-Towner Maternity and Infancy Act. This is a piece of federal legislation in which a majority of organizations represented in the Council are vitally interested. We know, therefore, that you will wish to discuss the facts that have reached us from Washington and perhaps take some action upon them.

The meeting is called at state League headquarters for three o'clock on Wednesday, March 5. We hope there may be time to discuss also the present status in Congress of other pieces of legislation in the interest of the general welfare.

Sincerely yours,

Emily Child,
Secretary

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Iowa - In preparation for the National Convention, the state board at Iowa City on February 11 discussed the proposed program of work at board meeting and later at a fireside supper conference at the home of Mrs. Walter Loehwing, state secretary. The board will finish all new items at another session. Local Leagues are reporting consideration of the proposed program. In preparation for an accurate organization report to the National League, Mrs. G. W. Martin, state president, is investigating through each local Leagues its membership, dues, types and number of meetings, legislative work and publicity. In preparation for the state convention to be held at CEDAR RAPIDS, March 25,26,27, the local Leagues are discussing the proposed program of work and proposed budget.

Dr. Effie McCollom Jones, state chairman of the Memorial Fund for Mrs. Catt, announces county chairmen: Mrs. Dorothy Deemer Houghton, Red Oak; Mrs. Caroline Pendray, Maquoketa; Mrs. Mina Housel, Humboldt; Mrs. Frank Stromsten, Iowa City; Mrs. J. D. Bailey, Orange City; Dr. Margaret Mills, Ottumwa; Mrs. C. E. Greef, Eldora; Mrs. Elizabeth Stoughton, Osage; Mrs. Jessie F. Farver, Wapello; Mrs. F. L. Marquis, Waterloo; Mrs. J. B. McGuin, Grinnell; Mrs. Arthur Miles, Des Moines; Mrs. Dan Turner, Corning; Mrs. Alexander Groves, Webster City; Mrs. H. S. Van Alstine, Gilmore City; Mrs. C. F. Curtiss, Ames; Mrs. Fred Dannelley, Estherville; Mrs. J. P. Shoup, Sioux City. The chairmen are reporting each day to Dr. Jones their success with individual gifts. At the anniversary luncheon on March 26, during the state convention at CEDAR RAPIDS, the results of the fund will be announced. The DES MOINES League has given $100 to the fund and the "every-member-gift" from HUMBOLDT is $33.00.

DES MOINES held a candidates meeting for all city offices on February 24. On February 26 the SIOUX CITY League held a membership tea at the home of Mrs. E. J. Stason, with eighty-five present. A dinner meeting is reported from HUMBOLDT and a full board meeting at ESTHERVILLE. Coe College will entertain delegates to the state convention from the college Leagues at AMES and IOWA CITY.

North Dakota - Mrs. Agnes M. Rex, Legal Status chairman of GRAND FORKS, under Mrs. Voak, state chairman of Legal Status of Women, has made a tabular survey of the service of women on juries. She has investigated 53 counties as to: whether the county uses women on juries; if not, why not; does the county discriminate against women on the panel; number of women who have served; results if any; attitude of court and public; do women accept serviee; if not, why not; are women satisfactory jurors. The analysis will be of value to the neighboring states of Montana and South Dakota which will introduce a jury service measure in the coming legislatures.

South Dakota - The state board is to hold a two-day session at the president's home in HURON on March 6 and 7. On the agenda for discussion is the proposed national program as well as the beginnings of the state proposed program, to be voted upon in convention in October. Mrs. W. R. Bennett, state chairman of Efficiency in Government, has sent out an outline to the local Leagues on the new primary law to be studied before the primary election. An excellent piece of work. The new president of the HURON League is Mrs. F. P. Matz, who is also state chairman of Women in Industry.

Montana - Mrs. R. C. Battey of BILLINGS was elected state president at the convention in January, at GREAT FALLS. Mrs. Ralph Hopkins was elected first vice-president. She is now acting president during Mrs. Battey's absence from the state. Mrs. David Barloga of HELENA is chairman of the anniversary "every-member-gift" and plans for luncheons in March.

A meeting of representatives from all women's organizations was called by the HELENA League to present the managerial and aldermanic forms of government as an educational feature at a silver tea, on January 16. "The work of the League is invaluable to women who wish tobe thoroughly equipped for citizenship," says Mrs. James McCalman, president of the DEER LODGE League. Observation of the business methods of the GREAT FALLS League reveals that the study group meetings are reported each month at the regular meeting of the local League. "A valuable organization point," says the regional secretary.

Minnesota - Who has seen the Minnesota Woman Voter, with alluring red cover? A striking issue. It would be useful for all board members in the Fifth Region in extending membership.

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A limited number of reservations at the Brown Hotel, Louisville, for the National League convention, April 28 to May 3, are being held in the regional office. First come, first served.

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Mrs. J. R. Parkes, Regional Secretary

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Mrs. James Paige supplemented Miss Chase's statement by some facts connected with the passage of the law. She complimented the Women's Cooperative Alliance upon its work in introducing the measure and supporting it successfully to its final adoption.

Miss Schutz commented upon the effect of the law and thought that one thing contributing to the success of its administration is that the permit power for the appearance of children upon the stage is now centered in one place--with the State Industrial Commission--instead of being divided between city and state authorities as formerly. She reported that the effect of the law has been practically to eliminate the stage appearance of children under ten years since only one such permit was issued in the five months following upon the passage of the law, as compared with 130 permits issued to children under ten in the five months' period preceding its passage. Since the passage of the law, only seven permits in all have been issued to children of this age. There has, at the same time, been a decided falling off in stage appearances of children over ten years. Information on the school and health record of the child is sought by the Industrial Commission previous to the granting of a permit.

Miss Schutz mentioned questions as to the application of the law that have arisen, notably in connection with style shows held in theatres, and cabaret performances in hotels when the programs occur after 7 p.m. Questions have reached the Industrial Commission as to the possibility of the use of children in dramatic performances held by and for the benefit of organizations such as the National Association of University Women. She read the concluding section of the law containing specific reference to such entertainments as not coming under the provisions of the law. Prosecution of children in travelling vaudeville acts is involved in the enforcement of the law and discourages managers in billing this type of performance.

Respectfully submitted,
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Concerning reorganization of federal departments, it is very difficult to provide material. President Hoover has appointed a great many committees and commissions to study various problems relating to our federal government and but few of these commissions have as yet brought in definite reports. We know that the enforcement of prohibition in large part has been transferred from the Treasury Department to the Department of Justice; that reorganization changes are going on inside many of the departments such as Education; and that resolutions are pending in both houses of Congress relating to a complete change in the organization of the Federal Power Commission. However, what President Hoover's entire plan is for the reorganization of federal departments, which he promised in his inaugural address, we have no definite information and therefore can supply you with no material at present.

Following up the discussion of taxation in our Institute of last fall, we now have two mimeographed articles on State Housekeeping available for use in the study of Minnesota's income and expenditures. We shall be pleased to send these to you, without charge, if you will have at least one meeting for the presentation and discussion of this material. We also have two digests on Federal Housekeeping dealing with federal income and expenditures, each of which may be purchased from headquarters for 15 cents. I shall be pleased to hear that you are interested in this work relating to public finance which we are calling "The Public Purse" in our Minneapolis study groups.

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If you have not already had one, a meeting on the Lame Duck Amendment to the Constitution of the United States would be very interesting, and we have plenty of material at headquarters for such discussion, including a dialogue on the amendment.

I sincerely hope that you will let me have an answer to this letter, not only because I am interested in hearing what you plan to do about our work but also because I should like to hear what your problems are concerning local questions that fall in this department which after all includes charters and their amendments, taxation, and elections. Hoping to hear from you in the near future, I am

Yours most sincerely,

Joan W. Wittich

Mrs. F. W. Wittich, Chairman
Efficiency in Government Department

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MINUTES OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING
Friday - March 7, 1930

There were present the following organization representatives:

Minnesota Federation of Women's Clubs - Mrs. Cussons of Stewartville
Young Women's Christian Association - Mrs. Healy, Miss Tuttle
Minnesota Public Health Association - Mrs. Junkin
Minnesota Education Association - Miss Fish
State Organization for Public Health Nursing - Miss Rankiellour
Women's Cooperative Alliance - Miss Chase
League of Women Voters - Mrs. Grannis, Miss Kercher, and Miss Child.

Miss Nyquist, field nursing supervisor in Northern Minnesota for the Division of Child Hygiene of the State Board of Health, was also present.

The meeting convened at 3:10 p.m. with Mrs. Grannis presiding. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Grannis explained the decision of the program committee to devote this meeting to a discussion of the present status of maternity and infancy legislation in Congress in view of the recent withdrawal by Mr. Cooper of his bill in the House and the substitution of a new bill on the same subject. Mrs. Grannis then reviewed the history of the movement for maternity and infancy legislation as an introduction to a discussion of the present situation.

Conditions Previous to Sheppard-Towner Act - When the Children's Bureau was organized in 1912, very little was known about maternal and infant mortality in this country. The newly established bureau, therefore, set about a scientific study of the facts through an investigation carried on for a year in eight typical American cities, involving 23,000 home visits. As one of the results of this study, it was learned that in Baltimore one in every seven babies under one year died in the poorer districts as compared with one in 27 in the well-to-do districts. Among the chief causes of these deaths was ignorance. Careful analysis was also made of the 1900 and 1920 U. S. census figures for maternal and infant deaths. These showed that in 1920 the United States ranked 20th and last of the nations for which statistics were available, in its maternal mortality rate. In 1920 also the United States ranked ninth among the nations in its infant mortality rate.

History of Maternity and Infancy Legislation - With these facts as a basis, the women of the country supported the passage of a federal maternity and infancy act and, in 1921, the Sheppard-Towner Act was passed by Congress. This provided for an outright grant of $5,000 to states accepting the Act and for a 50-50 matching by the federal government of state funds appropriated for maternal and infant hygiene work, a certain limit being set for each state.

Forty-five states and Hawaii accepted the terms of the Act and established work under it. The first appropriation bill under the Act provided for $1,240,000 a year for a five-year period ending June 30, 1927. A renewal of the appropriation for two years was then proposed and passed by the Congress with the condition set by the enemies of the measure that both the appropriation and the Sheppard-Towner Act itself should come to an end June 30, 1929. A new act was then necessary to continue federal cooperation with the states in this work. Mr. Newton of Minnesota introduced in May 1928 a bill to provide for a new maternity and infancy act with provisions designed to meet the objections of opponents. The House Committee on Interstate Commerce considered this bill but decided to recommend a bill in substantially the same terms as the Sheppard-Towner Act. No action occurred on this bill in the 70th Congress and, Mr. Newton having resigned his seat, a similar bill was introduced in the 71st Congress by Mr. Cooper of Ohio and Senator Jones of Washington. This is the bill that has been before Congress until a substitute bill was introduced in the House by Mr. Cooper on February 14.

Character and Results of Maternity and Infancy Work under Federal and State Appropriations - Mrs. Grannis explained that, according to the terms of the Sheppard-Towner Act, the work under it was educational in character and was directed to the protection of the health of mothers and pre-school children--up to six years of age. A comparison of figures for the five years preceding 1921 and for the period from 1921 to 1926 shows a decided decrease in maternal and infant death rates in the country as a whole. In 1928, it is estimated that 23,000 babies lived that would probably have died under the conditions existing in the period before the Sheppard-Towner Act.

Miss Nyquist, speaking on the situation in Minnesota, explained the establishment in 1922 of the Division of Child Hygiene of the State Department of Health following

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March 6, 1930

Dear Local League President:

Miss Wells left for the East about a week ago. Before she left, she suggested that I write you about some of the things she hopes you will discuss in your March or April meeting. Most of them are listed in the "Calendar for local Leagues" sent you last November.

SUPPORT OF LEAGUE MEASURES IN THE CONGRESS: We may be called upon at any moment now to write our Congressmen in behalf of these measures. Ask your department chairmen to report up-to-date facts at your meeting. Material has been sent them. See also the National League "Bulletin" for February of which you have received two copies.

LISTENING-IN ON LEAGUE RADIO PROGRAMS: We continue to regret that KSTP is not able to reserve time in its schedule to relay the Voters' Service of the National League so that we shall miss the "Citizenship School by Radio" announced for March. The state League program over WCCO is broadcast each Thursday from 5:00 to 5:30 p.m. How have you liked it?

PREPARATION FOR NATIONAL LEAGUE CONVENTION, Louisville Kentucky, April 28-May 3: I enclose the Call to Convention. Will you make it a point to find out whether there is anyone in your city who might attend, either as a delegate or as a visitor? Send us their names and we will write them all about convention plans. The special rate of fare and a half for the return trip will undoubtedly be available. We rely on your help to make our Minnesota delegation a good one.

You have received, I believe, a copy of the Proposed Program of Work of the National League (a printed pamphlet). You may wish to ask your department chairmen to discuss it for the information of your members. The state board will be glad to receive any comments you may report. I will remind you that our delegates are not "instructed" as to their vote, without reference to facts brought out in convention debate. We do want them, however, to be informed of the opinion of Minnesota League members.

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action by the 1921 legislature in expectation of the passage of the Sheppard-Towner Act. This Division has operated wholly under the joint financing of former federal grants and state grants for maternity and infancy work. The 1929 state legislature almost doubled its former appropriation to compensate for the withdrawal of federal funds. The Division, therefore, has for the present biennium a budget of $43,000 a year, or $5,000 a year less than in the previous biennium.

The activities of the Division have included the organization of pre-natal clinics, the last one being held in 1926, the distribution of nine monthly pre-natal letters to a total of 9,618 women; the sending out of a correspondence course of fifteen lessons in the hygiene of maternity and infancy to 10,060 women; the distribution of 996,000 individual pieces of informational printed material. Other phases of the work have been the introduction of little mothers' classes into the schools as part of the curriculum, with 6,200 certificates issued; educational demonstrations at county fairs and the conduct of classes in pre-natal and infant hygiene for mothers, with 9,235 women in attendance. Classes have been held up to date in 109 different communities in 22 counties. Each class meets with the nurse for eight lessons at approximately weekly intervals. The Division has had the cooperation of the County Farm Bureau represented by the county agent in arranging for groups in each county to receive the classwork. Miss Nyquist explained that St. Louis and Olmsted counties have adequate county nursing service so that the local nurses conduct all-the-year round classes without the help of the Division's field nurses. Another phase of the Division's work is the lectures and demonstrations given by its field nurses to students in the public health nursing course at the University, to medical students, and to students at the Farm School and in Teachers Colleges. The field nurses give advisory service also to local school and county nurses and have assisted in the organization of local advisory boards to give local nurses necessary backing in their work.

Miss Nyquist said that the work in the present biennium under the state appropriation is the same as previously except that its scope is broadened to include work with school children. A monthly letter is sent out to rural schools. In response to a question, Miss Nyquist said that the Division now has in its staff three state nursing supervisors (instead of four as formerly) for the Southern, Central and Northern portions of the state, and one Indian nursing supervisor. Mrs. Beard asked if this did not mean a necessary curtailment of the work due to the decreased budget and staff. Miss Nyquist thought the work had increased rather than decreased in the present biennium.

The Division has attempted to organize in every county, administrative boards made up of the county health officer, a county commissioner, a physician appointed by the County Medical Association, and two women. It had succeeded in securing at least part of the membership of such a board in every county in the state by 1929. With the withdrawal of federal funds and the consequent changed requirements, these boards have ceased to function. In one or two instances, they have become the nucleus for a local nursing advisory board under the permissive law passed in 1925.

In concluding her statement, Miss Nyquist cited figures showing a considerable decrease in the death rates for mothers and babies in rural districts and a smaller but still appreciable decrease in urban districts in Minnesota during the years the maternity and infancy work has been functioning.

Analysis of Substitute Bill Introduced in Congress by Mr. Cooper - Mrs. Grannis asked Miss Kercher to report upon her analysis of the terms of the two inconsistent bills introduced by Mr. Cooper. Miss Kercher explained that in place of the $1,000,000 per annum with no limit as to time provided by the first bill, the substitute bill provides an appropriation of $1,500,000 per annum for three years. This appropriation is divided in two parts: $750,000 being assigned to the U.S. Public Health Service to promote local health units and organizations, and $750,000 being assigned to the Children's Bureau to be expended in cooperation with state welfare agencies. The new bill provides for the expenditure of not to exceed 5 per cent per annum of each appropriation for special studies and investigations. A grant of $10,000 is authorized, if matched by the state, to the state welfare agency from the fund to be administered by the U.S. Children's Bureau and similarly a grant of $10,000, if matched by the state health agency, from the fund to be administered by the U. S. Public Health Service. The remainder of each fund of $750,000 shall be apportioned among the states in proportion to the rural population of the states. A joint board consisting of the surgeon general, chief of the Children's Bureau, and the United States commissioner of education, is provided for the coordination of the health and welfare activities.

CELEBRATION OF THE LEAGUE'S TENTH BIRTHDAY: Everybody can't go to the National Convention but every League can have a birthday luncheon at home. March 26 is the date that will be observed by Leagues all over the country. You might make your luncheon a time to honor new members.

The National League has planned, through the courtesy of the National Broadcasting Company, to broadcast a special program on March 26 from 1:00 to 1:30 p.m. KSTP will relay the program from New York City and Washington. The speakers will be: Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, Miss Belle Sherwin, Miss Katherine Ludington of the National League and Mrs. Henry Goddard Leach of the New York League.

We hope you will plan to have your officers and board members meet informally to hear this program, if no other plan seems possible. Please let us know what you plan so that we may include the news in our newspaper publicity and in the report we shall send to the National League.

MEMBERSHIP INCREASE: Most encouraging response has reached us from local Leagues that have accepted the quota of new members suggested in Miss Wells' last letter. She is delighted with the enthusiasm shown. We are already seeing its effect in our increased VOTER list.

I enclose a sample of the new blank that we have for members-at-large in places where there is no local League. If this blank is suitable for local League use, let us know and we will send you a supply. And send us word if you know someone in the state who might be invited to become a member-at-large.

This letter supplements suggestions for March and April meetings in your "Calendar for Local Leagues." If you have mislaid your copy, let us know and we will send you another. And, before closing this long letter, I want to tell you what a help it is to have the report blank reach us promptly after each of your meetings. It gives us a glimpse of what is going on at your end and all the reports together furnish just the information we need for our annual report to the National League.

Sincerely yours,

Emily Child,
Executive Secretary

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March 5, 1930

Dear Sir:

May I remind you of our request of February 13 for information on women in public office in your county. We have now received replies from all but 16 counties in the state. We shall therefore appreciate very much your assistance in completing our information for your county.

Sincerely yours,

Emily Child, Executive Secretary
Minnesota League of Women Voters

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Report of Action Taken by National League of Women Voters - Miss Child reported that the Minnesota League has recently received a communication from the National League of Women Voters reporting that the executive committee, after careful analysis of the bill, was of the opinion that it is not reconcilable with the president's message to Congress or with the League's position on the federal maternity and infancy program. Its terms are characterized as "confusingly vague in terminology, definition and intent. It arouses immediately questions which the text of the bill does not answer. There is no actual guarantee that any of the money will be spent for maternity and infancy work." Miss Child referred to the fact that the work provided for in the past under the Sheppard-Towner Act owed its beginning to the recognition by women that this was a totally uncovered field in health work. The danger is that unless women who recognize its immediate importance insist upon its continuance as it has been started, at least for the present, the actual education of mothers to safeguard their health and that of their small children will again be lost sight of with the diversion of funds to easier and better established channels of health education such as those provided by the schools, public health associations, etc. She also mentioned the sacrifice of the nine years' experience of the Children's Bureau in administering this work if its supervision is to be restricted to "welfare" activities and part of the appropriation diverted to another government agency.

There followed general discussion of the provisions of the bill and the need of action by organizations interested.

Federal Appropriation for Rehabilitation Work in the States - Miss Fish reported that there is danger that the federal appropriation for grants to be matched by the states to provide re-education for disabled civilians will not be renewed by this Congress. The work in this state is administered by a special division in the State Department of Education and has provided for the vocational training and placement of many handicapped persons. Miss Fish suggested that organizations interested communicate with their congressmen in regard to this appropriation.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary

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Membership slip for state enclosed
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(department chairmen have been appointed

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March 6, 1930

Dear Local League President:

Miss Wells left for the East about a week ago. Before she left, she suggested that I write you about some of the things she hopes you will discuss in your March or April meeting. Most of them are listed in the "Calendar for local Leagues" sent you last November.

SUPPORT OF LEAGUE MEASURES IN THE CONGRESS: We may be called upon at any moment now to write our Congressmen in behalf of these measures. Ask your department chairmen to report up-to-date facts at your meeting. Material has been sent them. See also the National League "Bulletin" for February of which you have received two copies.

LISTENING-IN ON LEAGUE RADIO PROGRAMS: We continue to regret that KSTP is not able to reserve time in its schedule to relay the Voters' Service of the National League so that we shall miss the "Citizenship School by Radio" announced for March. The state League program over WCCO is broadcast each Thursday from 5:00 to 5:30 p.m. How have you liked it?

PREPARATION FOR NATIONAL LEAGUE CONVENTION, Louisville Kentucky, April 28-May 3: I enclose the Call to Convention. Will you make it a point to find out whether there is anyone in your city who might attend, either as a delegate or as a visitor? Send us their names and we will write them all about convention plans. The special rate of fare and a half for the return trip will undoubtedly be available. We rely on your help to make our Minnesota delegation a good one.

You have received, I believe, a copy of the Proposed Program of Work of the National League (a printed pamphlet). You may wish to ask your department chairmen to discuss it for the information of your members. The state board will be glad to receive any comments you may report. I will remind you that our delegates are not "instructed" as to their vote, without reference to facts brought out in convention debate. We do want them, however, to be informed of the opinion of Minnesota League members.

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March 7, 1930

Dear Board Member:

The regular meeting of the state board will be held at the Young Women's Christian Association building in Minneapolis on Friday, March 14, convening at 10:30 a.m.

Several important communications have been received from Miss Sherwin upon which the board will be asked to take action. The appointment of delegates to the National League Convention in Louisville in April will also be a matter of business.

Arrangements will be made for luncheon in a private dining-room (75 cents). Please let us have your reservation by Thursday if possible.

Sincerely yours,

Emily Child,
Executive Secretary

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Since Mrs. Tellier of Farmington gave me your name as a woman interested in all current problems of public importance, I have been wondering if you would not enjoy being a member of the League, there being no local organization near you.

Do look through the accompanying copy of our publication, THE WOMAN VOTER, and review the widely varying scope of program subjects outlined in this special issue by department and committee chairmen.

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Our report must be made up soon. Will you not return the enclosed membership card with fee and let us place your name in our files as a League member?

Please,

Mrs. F. W. Wittich,
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Sent 28 Voter subscribers where there is no local League, who are not state members.
Enclosures: First Ten Years; membership blank.
Mailed March 10

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We have initiated a new policy of more and closer contacts with League members-at-large which takes away the 25 cent subscription price of THE WOMAN VOTER, substituting a one dollar membership in the League. We sincerely hope you will lend us the encouragement of your continued interest by becoming such a member and shall feel very badly if you do not decide to continue on this basis.

The last issue of THE WOMAN VOTER was prepared especially for members-at-large, to give them the general lay-out of the League's scope of program as defined and interpreted by its department and committee chairmen. Right now we are particularly eager to do Minnesota credit by reporting a sizable increase in members-at-large at the tenth annual convention of the National League next month.

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It has occurred to me that you might be interested in looking over the enclosed material presented by Professor Groves of Wisconsin at our Institute of Government and Politics held last October. Mr. Groves has made an exhaustive study of income tax as it operates in various states, especially in Wisconsin, and his information is authoritative as well as illuminating on this subject.

I had the feeling last year when the income tax was being discussed before the legislative committees that its advantages for Minnesota were not fully presented. I recall that one group of people which I am told is becoming increasingly larger in the state did not happen to be mentioned at all. And that is the group made up of a cross-section of professional men, highly paid employees, and so forth who own no tangible property and would come outside the group of those directly taxed to support the locality and the state in which they live.

I have also felt that the group representing business interests were perhaps a little too zealous in opposing any such suggestion, perhaps because they fear innovations disturbing the present tax levels. On the other hand, there is no doubt that our system provides many examples of outstanding inequalities as to tax distribution and certainly all of us should be interested enough to give it serious consideration.

Following the League's Institute on taxation, in cooperation with the University of Minnesota, we have been making further studies of public finance, including analyses of Minnesota's income and expenditures for the year ending June 1929. These are in the form of two mimeographed articles, copies of which we shall be glad to send you upon request.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. F. W. Wittich,
Vice-President

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MINUTES
STATE BOARD MEETING
March 14,1930

The regular meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the Y. W. C. A. Building in Minneapolis on Friday, March 14, 1930. The meeting was called to order at 10:40 a.m., Mrs. Wittich presiding.

Board members present were Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Beard, Miss Lawrence, Miss Kercher and (for morning session) Miss Lusk, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Stakman, Mrs. Grannis and Mrs. Cant. There were also present Mrs. J. J. Cummins of Brainerd, Mrs. T. C. Peck of South St. Paul, Miss Horr and Miss Child.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report - Mrs. Cant reported a balance on February 1 of $ 503.25. Receipts during Feb. amounted to $1032.78, of which $546.08 was received in quotas. Local League quota payments received since the last board meeting came from Minneapolis, St. Paul, Norwood and Kenyon. Disbursements during the month amounted to $1108.25, leaving a balance February 28 of $427.78. Bills payable amounting to $1306.12 were reported. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Lusk, second of Mrs. McGuire, to accept the report and order the bills paid so far as possible.

Organization - Miss Lusk reported for the FOURTH DISTRICT that the League has printed a sample ballot for the city election in St. Paul and that it held a meeting of candidates for the office of mayor. A second candidates meeting for 31 candidates for the city council was planned but cancelled because of difficulty in making satisfactory arrangements for all candidates to attend in person. Miss Lusk reported that the membership increase in St. Paul is approaching the goal of 100. Mrs. Beard reported for the FIFTH DISTRICT that the Shubert Theater benefit recently held netted $450. One hundred new members have been secured, and the membership chairman wishes to continue the special drive past the date named by the state League. The campaign for a redistricting amendment is eliminated by the action of the city council in proposing a limited redistricting plan of its own. Teas for members, under department auspices, are being held monthly.

Mrs. Grannis reported that the new SOUTH ST. PAUL LEAGUE, starting with a membership of eight, now has 23 members. The state legislator in that district has commented upon the increasing strength of the League in Dakota County. Mrs. Cummins, chairman of the League in BRAINERD, reported a membership of 45, of which eight have been recently secured. Meetings with excellent attendance have been held since the reorganization of the League by Miss Horr. Mrs. Pearce reported that the FARIBAULT League has 19 new members.

FIELD REPORT: Miss Horr reported having attended a meeting of the Farmington League where five new members were secured and a membership tea in West St. Paul resulting also in five new members. A joint meeting of the Northfield League with the two college Leagues there is planned for March 19 with Mrs. Wittich as speaker. Visits have been made to Red Wing, and Lake City in the interest of organization. The Columbia Heights League has been successfully reorganized, after a long period of inactivity, with new officers and 22 members. Miss Horr described a meeting of the Carleton College League at which the members presented a successful dramatization of World Court facts prepared by one of the girls. SEVENTH DISTRICT Leagues visited include Granite Falls, Olivia and Atwater.

Mrs. Wittich reported having circularized lists of prospective MEMBERS-AT-LARGE submitted by board members up to date. Enclosures with the letter are the special issue of the VOTER and the leaflet on Achievements of the Minnesota League. Additional names have been listed from the organization records in the office and letters have so far been sent out in the first and second districts.

Plans for Listening to March 26 Radio Program - The Minneapolis League is planning to combine plans for a group to listen to the special National League birthday program over KSTP with the next departmental meeting. The Ramsey County League will arrange for a radio listening group following the city government class held during the morning. The Brainerd League has arranged for a birthday luncheon at Hotel Ransford and will have a substitute program arranged in case they cannot hear the program over KSTP as is probable. The South St. Paul League is planning a birthday luncheon at Mrs. Peck's home to hear the program.

72 copies - Board, local Leagues, College Leagues, also Public Welfare chairmen in Duluth, St. Paul, St. Cloud, Winona, and Mrs. C. E. Shafer, Mpls.

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March 24, 1930

Dear Local League President:

I have just come home from ten days in Washington. The most serious matter for which the League is responsible now under consideration in Congress is the bill for a new Maternity and Infancy Act.

As you know, bills were introduced into both House and Senate some time ago providing for a new act much like the original Sheppard-Towner Act. Later, much to the consternation of the League of Women Voters, another bill was introduced into the House that was not nearly so good as the first one. Now, at the request of the League of Women Voters, Mr. Godfrey G. Goodwin of Minnesota, representative of the tenth district, has introduced another House bill that is also like the former Sheppard-Towner Act. It is very acceptable to friends of maternity and infancy work.

I talked with Mr. Goodwin in Washington and he is very anxious to be supported in this undertaking, especially of course by the people of Minnesota. The least the League of Women Voters can do, especially in Minnesota, is to back him up effectively.

I hope that there are many people in your vicinity both inside and outside the League, and especially perhaps one or two doctors, who know enough about the work to write to Mr. Goodwin and to their own Congressman in its behalf. Those who write should if possible say a word about the special need of this work in such rural states as our own and also about the good work done here with the help of the federal aid given under the former Maternity and Infancy Act.

Remember that this bill provides practically for a re-enactment of the Sheppard-Towner Act by which state funds were matched by federal funds, the administration of the work in the state being under our own Child Hygiene Division of the State Department of Health; and the administration of federal funds being by the United States Children's Bureau of which Miss Grace Abbott is chief. These provisions are favored by the League of Women Voters.

Department and Committee Reports - Mrs. McGuire read a letter of March 1 from Miss Morgan commenting upon the status in Congress of active measures in the department program. Mrs. McGuire also reported upon a letter from Mrs. Marble of Duluth telling of an interview on the World Court with Senator Schall in Washington. He is still definitely opposed to American adherence to the Court.

Mrs. Grannis reported upon the situation of maternity and infancy legislation in Congress and the action of the state League executive committee in following up the action of the National League executive committee, as reported by Miss Sherwin, in expressing opposition to a substitute bill introduced by Mr. Cooper of Ohio on February 14. In response to Mrs. Wittich's letter to Minnesota Congressmen informing them of the executive committee action, replies were received from all of the group except Mr. Clague of the second district. Mrs. Grannis reported that a new bill with provisions similar to the Sheppard-Towner Act and to the original Jones-Cooper bills was introduced by Mr. Goodwin of Minnesota on March 7. Following an analysis by Miss Kercher of the bill opposed by the League and comment upon it by Mrs. Grannis and Mrs. Wittich, IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Grannis, second of Mrs. McGuire, to authorize Mrs. Wittich to write again to Minnesota Congressmen calling their attention to the League's support of the Goodwin bill.

Report on Changes in National League Proposed Program of Work - Mrs. McGuire commented in detail upon the program for her department, indicating certain additions and rearrangements she would like to suggest. After discussion, IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Miss Lusk, that the board make known its preference for Mrs. McGuire's revision of the department program.

Miss Kercher reported no changes indicated by red ink in the printed program for her committee. She informed the board of a suggestion by the Ramsey County League forwarded to her in a letter from Miss Townsend, local chairman of her committee, that a study of the relation between household workers and their employers be recommended for inclusion in the program. Miss Kercher gave it as her opinion that it would be unwise to forward this suggestion to the National League in view of the fact that such a study item involves the possibility of securing adequate facts as a basis for carrying on the study. Miss Kercher pointed out that the League has no such machinery or experience as exists in the Y. W. C. A. for carrying on the study. Miss Kercher also thought that since there is no immediate legislative purpose in undertaking such study and since her program is already heavily weighted with legislation for which it is necessary to make a long, hard struggle, this is not the time to add such an item even to the program for study. After discussion, IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Beard, second of Mrs. McGuire, that Miss Kercher be asked to write the Ramsey County League explaining the reasons why the state board thinks it best not to make an effort to have this item included in the program.

The meeting adjourned for luncheon at 1 o'clock and re-convened at 2 p.m.

Mrs. Wittich read to the board, at its request, a re-arrangement of her department program that she has suggested to the National League in the past. With the approval of the board, she will make the same recommendation again this year.

Miss Lawrence commented upon the proposed changes in the education committee program. IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. Beard, second of Miss Kercher, to approve the rearrangement of the program with the federal items 1 and 2 "recommended for support" in the proposed program arranged as items 3 and 4; and the state item, 2-f, following these as 5, the captions "federal" and "state" to be eliminated. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Lawrence, second of Miss Kercher, to recommend the omission of item 6 in the "program for study."

In the absence of a quorum, the chairman decided not to ask for a discussion of the proposed changes to the By-Laws of the National League or action upon the naming of Minnesota delegates to the national convention. Board members were asked to forward suggestions as to possible attendants at convention, as delegates or visitors.

The meeting adjourned at 3 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Rogers Pearce, Secretary.

Try to get women, men and physicians (if they are acquainted with the work and sympathetic to it) to write such letters. Tell them to write to their own representative, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. Also to Mr. Godfrey G. Goodwin, same address. Mr. Goodwin would also like to have you write to the chairman of the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce--Congressman James S. Parker--since the bill will soon be under discussion in that Committee. If you have time, please check up a little on those who promise to write and let me know what your community has done.

Sincerely yours,

MMW ms

Marguerite M. Wells,
President

P.S. We are preparing our report to the National League on the subject of our membership. A good many responses have already been received from the local Leagues, but we will hold our report until almost April 1, hoping that we shall get some last-minute reports and that you will be able to gather in some more members before that time. I hope that now you have so much momentum, you will keep on and let us hear from time to time of your further increase in membership.

M.M.W.

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The executive committee at a recent meeting discussed the make-up of our Minnesota delegation to the National League Convention in Louisville, April 28 - May 3. It decided unanimously to invite you to accept appointment as a member of our delegation.

We are anxious to have as many Minnesota League officers and members as possible participate in the Convention and bring back word of it to groups at home. We know also that our Minnesota delegates will be able to make a real contribution in the discussion that will take place in special conferences and convention sessions.

I do not need to tell you what a delightful place Louisville is at this time of year. You undoubtedly know too of the interesting historical associations in the surrounding country which our hostesses in Louisville are making delightful plans to show us. And of course the convention program will be a source of interest and stimulus for a long time to come.

The special railroad rate offered is fare and a half, amounting to a total travelling expense from the Twin Cities of $48.69. This includes a lower berth overnight to Chicago and a parlor car seat for the day's journey (12 hours) from Chicago to Louisville. Tickets must be purchased between April 18 and April 28 to secure the special rate. The last date for leaving Louisville is May 10.

Hotel accommodations can be had for upward from $2.50 and $3.00 a day. If you would like us to do so, we shall be glad to make reservations for you and to arrange for your being with a pleasant companion in a double room. I believe that single rooms are difficult to secure in the headquarters hotel where I assume you will wish to be.

I shall appreciate knowing very soon that you will accept appointment as a member of the Minnesota delegation. Have you suggestions of others who might attend, either as delegates or as visitors?

Sincerely yours,

Marguerite M. Wells
President

March 29, 1930

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March 31, 1930

Dear State Board Member:

A letter from Miss Sherwin brings us the information that legislation on Muscle Shoals is now before the United States Senate. We are asked to write our Minnesota senators expressing our support of the bill, S.J.R. 49 that is in accord with the League's adopted standards for legislation on this subject.

I enclose mimeographed statements for your use in refreshing your memory as to the history and present status of this measure. Will you write immediately to Senator Thomas D. Schall and Senator Henrik Shipstead urging their support of the bill now before the United States Senate. We are not asked, as yet, to write Minnesota representatives in the House on this subject.

Miss Sherwin explains in her letter that letters on the Muscle Shoals resolution need not be numerous but rather should be carefully written to show an understanding of the subject. The executive committee therefore decided that this request should go to board members rather than to local Leagues at this time.

Sincerely yours,

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April 2, 1930

Dear State Board Member:

Miss Wells has suggested that the next meeting of the state board be held at her home, 325 Groveland Avenue, Minneapolis. The day is Friday, April 11. The board will convene, as usual, at 10:30 a.m.

This is the last meeting before the National League convention in Louisville the week of April 28. There are various matters for action by the board in connection with the convention, such as the naming of our Minnesota delegation. There are, also, important decisions to be made preliminary to the coming primary election.

We shall hope to hear that you will be present and that we may make a luncheon reservation for you.

Sincerely yours,

Emily Child,
Executive Secretary

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100 copies made and sent to Miss Jones

The luncheon of the UNIVERSITY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS is postponed until Saturday, April 19, to avoid conflict with the luncheon meeting of the Faculty Women's Club on this Saturday.

We shall hope to hear that you can attend the buffet luncheon at 1 o'clock a week from Saturday, at the state headquarters of the League of Women Voters, 1639 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis. You have already received our letter of invitation telling you about the luncheon.

April 9, 1930

Ellen Jones, Chairman
Box 2708

YOU ARE INVITED
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April 10, 1930

Dear League Friend:

As you were one of those who attended the Chicago convention ten years ago and helped organize the League of Women Voters, I hope that you will wish to help celebrate the tenth anniversary at Louisville. The convention is to be held at the Brown Hotel from April 28 to May 3. Many Minnesota delegates will go by train by way of Chicago where no doubt we shall be joined by others southbound to Louisville. Others of us it is hoped will go by motor from here. A motor trip in the vicinity of Louisville is described as a delightful spring vacation.

If you will signify your intention of attending, we shall be glad to help you about plans and reservations. Would you like to be a delegate? Do let us hear from you soon and favorably.

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April 15, 1930

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your membership in the state League of Women Voters. We have entered your name in the mailing list for the VOTER which you should receive each month. The present month's issue has been mailed to you. Please be good enough to let us know if for any reason you fail to receive the VOTER regularly.

I am sending you in the meantime a List of Publications of the National League in order that you may know what printed material may be ordered from our headquarters. Material prepared by the state League is announced in the VOTER.

We appreciate receiving your membership in response to Mrs. Wittich's letter. Mrs. Wittich will perhaps write you herself a little later. Let us know if we can send you information at any time on subjects in our program.

Sincerely yours,

Emily Child

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CORRECTIONS
(From the Laws of 1923, 1925, 1927 and 1929 Legislatures)

Page 2 - Presidential ballot. The surname of the vice-presidential candidate is to be printed on the ballot under that of the presidential candidate. (Chap. 41, Laws of 1925)

Page 4 - See correction for page 10 below.

Additional days for registration are provided up to and including the sixth day before a special primary for filling a vacancy in the office of representative in Congress or member of the state legislature or any other elective state office, unless the primary or election is held on the same day as any other election. (Chap. 297, Laws of 1929)

Page 5 - See changes noted below for pages 5 and 13, 14, 15.

Date of annual elections in all villages is changed to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in December. (Chap. 413, Laws of 1929)

Date of most school elections is changed to the third Tuesday in July. (Chap. 147, Laws of 1925)

Page 7 - Independent citizenship of married women provided by Act of Congress, 1922. The CABLE ACT provides that an American woman married after September 1922 does not lose her citizenship through marriage to a foreigner; and no foreign-born woman becomes an American citizen through marriage alone--the same process of naturalization is required for women as for men. The law is not retroactive. Women whose marriage occurred before 1922 still take their citizenship from their husband.

Page 8 - Changes in boundaries of election districts. In towns of 10,000 population or more, the board of supervisors may provide for the division of the township into not more than eight voting districts, by a resolution adopted thirty days before the annual town meeting. (Chap. 196, Laws of 1929)

Page 10 - Permanent Registration in Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth. Voters may register at any time except during the fifteen 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, Laws of 1923) Registration by mail is possible by forwarding to the commissioner of registration an affidavit, using the form provided. (Chap. 278, Laws of 1925)

Permanent registration is extended to cities of the second class (Faribault, St. Cloud, Mankato, Winona) (Chap. 375, Laws of 1925), and 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, Laws of 1927).

Pages 13, 14,15 - Pre-primary convention law repealed. (Chap. 125, Laws of 1923) Pages 13, 14 and 15 eliminated except for the first two paragraphs. See mimeographed insert in pages 14, 15 correcting also Introduction, page 5.

Page 16 - County Surveyor nominated at primary election in same manner as other county candidates. (Chap. 127, Laws of 1923)

(Chap. [illegible])

Page 41 - Compensation of election judges and clerks shall be forty cents an hour for time spent in registering and receiving votes; fifty cents an hour for time spent in counting and canvassing ballots. (Chap. 228, Laws of 1927)

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Page 23 - Hours of voting. At all special, primary, and general elections, the polls shall be open from 6:30 a.m. until 8 p.m. (Chap. 198, Laws of 1929)

Page 29 - Absent voting is extended to primary elections. (Chap. 108, Laws of 1923) Extended to special primary elections and special elections. (Chap. 289, Laws of 1925)

Extended to those not absent from the city but who because of illness or physical disability are unable to go to the polls. (Chap. 29, Laws of 1929)

Application for an absent voter's ballot may be made not more than thirty days, or less than one day, before an election. (Chap. 77, Laws of 1927) Application is made to county auditor except in first-class cities where it is made to the city clerk. (Chap. 388, Laws of 1925)

Page 31 - 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, Laws of 1925)

Page 33 - The State Canvassing Board shall meet on the tenth day after a primary, on the second Tuesday after each general election, and within thirty days after a special election. (Chap. 280, Laws of 1929)

Page 34 - Vacancy in office of United States Senator. The governor shall make appointment to fill such vacancy until next general election. (Chap. 59, Laws of 1925)

Vacancy in legislative office. (Chap. 297, Laws of 1929) When a vacancy occurs in the office of a representative in Congress or a member of the state legislature, there will be no special election in case Congress or the legislature does not open before the general election.

If a special election is necessary, the governor must call it within ten days after receiving notice of the vacancy for the earliest possible time and not more than twenty-five days after the issuance of the writ.

Candidates are to be nominated by petition or at primaries. If possible, they are to be nominated at regular primaries. If this is not possible, a special primary is to be held not later than seven days before the election.

In any place where permanent registration is required, voters may register until the sixth day preceding the special primary.

Page 37 - Statements of campaign expenditures are not required to be filed during July, August, and September, between the primary and general elections. (Chap. 75, Laws of 1927)

Page 41 - Compensation of election judges and clerks shall be forty cents an hour for time spent in registering and receiving votes; fifty cents an hour for time spent in counting and canvassing ballots. (Chap. 228, Laws of 1927)

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ROUND ROBIN

No. 54 Fifth Region, National League of Women Voters April 1930

When this Round Robin arrives your delegates will have started for Louisville to celebrate the Tenth Anniversary of the League of Women Voters. So many people want to go. Many who want to go unfortunately cannot. Others more fortunately can and will.

From MONTANA, there will be at convention the new president, Mrs. R. C. Battey from BILLINGS. From NORTH DAKOTA, the president, Mrs. J. A. Poppler and Miss Mary McCumber are still hoping to go. From SOUTH DAKOTA, there will be the faithful state president, Mrs. E. W. Feige.

MINNESOTA is sending Miss Alice Kercher, who is a national member of the Committee on Women in Industry and who upon this occasion is to represent the national chairman both in executive committee and at the convention. Mrs. A. J. McGuire, state member of the national department of International Cooperation to Prevent War, is another delegate. Miss Cornelia Lusk, a member of the nominating committee, is another. Others are Mrs. J. C. Holman, Mrs. McNeil V. Seymour, Mrs. Silas M. Bryan, Mrs. A. E. Helmick, Mrs. W. B. Briggs, Mrs. W. Pearce. Miss Wells will represent the state as well as the region, at the convention. Special visitors are Mrs. R. O. Beard, mother of Miss Florence Harrison and Miss Gladys Harrison; also Mrs. James Paige, who, as a former member of the national board, makes a special effort to be present at the anniversary. Another honorary visitor is Mrs. A. L. Searle, chairman of the state memorial fund committee and originator of the whole idea. Honorary visitors who are Minnesota's candidates for the roll of honor are Mrs. H. G. Harrison, grandmother of Miss Florence Harrison and Miss Gladys Harrison, and Miss Isabel Lawrence, who is also the state member of the national committee on Education.

ICWA also is to have a fine large delegation - Mrs.Frank Stromsten of ICWA CITY, president of the ICWA LEAGUE; Mrs. Dorance White; Mrs. F. S. Conaway; Miss Fonda Roberts, president of the AMES COLLEGE LEAGUE; Mrs. W. L. Taylor, president of the DAVENPORT League; Mrs. Estella Disbrow and Mrs. V. Loufek, also of DAVENPORT; Mrs. E. T. Koch; Mrs. Chase Wickersham and Mrs. H. S. Van Alstine. It is hoped that Dr. Effie McCullum Jones will attend as an honorary visitor as she was state chairman of the memorial fund committee.

Everybody knows now that the great event of the convention will be the placing upon the honor roll by the various states of the names of women whose pioneer work both in winning the vote and in making it effective for good government is the inspiration of all that we are doing. The fifth region is proud that IOWA'S candidate for the honor roll is Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt. MINNESOTA is nominating Mrs. H. G. Harrison and Miss Isabel Lawrence as well as Mrs. C. P. Noyes of St. Paul, Mrs. Andreas Ueland, Dr. Ethel E. Hurd and Maria Sanford.

March 26 was the day upon which the anniversary of the organization of the League of Women Voters really fell. Everybody knows now that it was celebrated by a great national radio hook-up for which the speakers were Miss Belle Sherwin, Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, and Miss Katharine Ludington. Many Leagues in our region held luncheons and listened in. In SOUTH DAKOTA after the radio speeches Mrs. John Pyle, former president of the state Suffrage Association and first president of the South Dakota League of Women Voters, gave a thrilling story of the final days of the suffrage campaign in the state. The convention was in session in IOWA and listened in as a body after which Dr. Effie McCullum Jones spoke on "Our Pathfinders" and Mrs. W. W. Ramsey, fifth vice president of the National League, spoke on "Our Undertakings." At GREAT FALLS, Montana, the League met for a listening-in-luncheon, after which the regular monthly study group met and discussion occurred on the proposed changes in the national plan of work. Most Leagues in the region, in fact, combined celebration of the tenth anniversary with discussion of the League program.

New presidents of local Leagues in the region are: Iowa - Mrs. Walter Loehwing, IOWA CITY; Mrs. Claude Ross, ESTHERVILLE; Mrs. J. C. McCormick, MARSHALLTOWN; Dr. Nellie Noble, DES MOINES; Montana - Mrs. DeWitt Peck, DEER LODGE.

There are two new Leagues in the region, in IOWA, at AMES and CEDAR RAPIDS. Mrs. Freeman S. Conaway is president of the AMES group and Mrs. T. F. Crocker is secretary. In CEDAR RAPIDS, Mrs. C. W. Boegel is president and Mrs. J. I. Merritt, secretary.

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April 21, 1930

Dear Local League President:

The action of the Senate Commerce Committee on the Jones Maternity and Infancy Bill, that we have been eagerly awaiting, came last week when the bill was reported favorably. The bill substantially reproduced the terms of the former Sheppard-Towner Act and is now before the Senate for action.

A letter just received from Miss Sherwin of the National League asks that we act immediately in having letters and telegrams sent to our two Minnesota senators. I suggest that at this time we concentrate our efforts upon Senator Shipstead. Can you therefore get the same ones who wrote Congressman Goodwin recently to write or wire without delay to Senator Shipstead?

I was delighted with the reports that reached us from local Leagues of their response to our request for letters in behalf of the Goodwin bill in the House. I hope to hear that you are able to do equally well in seeing that assurances reach Senator Shipstead of the interest of his Minnesota constituents in the Jones bill in the Senate. You will wish, perhaps, to speak particularly of the value and need of this work for mothers and babies in Minnesota.

I shall appreciate, as always, knowing what action you take in response to this letter.

Sincerely yours,

Marguerite M. Wells

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April 23, 1930

Dear Local League President:

The mimeographed report blank on local League meetings has proved so helpful that we would like to depend upon it in future as our chief source of information about your League. If you have been sending it in after each of your meetings, please continue to do so. If you have not been forwarding it, this is a most urgent plea that you send it to us in future.

We are discontinuing this week our clipping service from local newspapers in the state. We shall therefore appreciate receiving copies of especially good local publicity on your League. We often send such clippings on to National League headquarters and we always like to have Miss Wells and our other state officers see them.

If you have no publicity chairman on your board, you may wish to name one to carry the responsibility for sending us reports and clippings following meetings. You may be sure that we shall make good use of all information that reaches us. And we shall be very grateful for your cooperation in making us feel a little less in the dark about what your League is doing.

If you appoint a publicity chairman, please send us her name so that we may have it in our mailing lists.

Cordially yours,

Emily Child,
Executive Secretary

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April 10, 1930

Dear League Friend:

As you were one of those who attended the Chicago convention ten years ago and helped organize the League of Women Voters, I hope that you will wish to help celebrate the tenth anniversary at Louisville. The convention is to be held at the Brown Hotel from April 28 to May 3. Many Minnesota delegates will go by train by way of Chicago where no doubt we shall be joined by others southbound to Louisville. Others of us it is hoped will go by motor from here. A motor trip in the vicinity of Louisville is described as a delightful spring vacation.

If you will signify your intention of attending, we shall be glad to help you about plans and reservations. Would you like to be a delegate? Do let us hear from you soon and favorably.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Department Chairman:

I have been very much pleased with the response from you all to my letter of February 13 asking for a report of our department activities in your League. As I look over these reports, it seems to me that a great effort has been carried on through the state which must result in better understanding of international affairs and that, of course, is very gratifying to us all. Thank you for your cooperation in sending me your statements.

I am taking your reports with me to the National League convention in Louisville when I leave tomorrow night. Miss Morgan, our national department chairman, and others in our department conference will be interested, I know, in some of the facts they contain. I wish you were to be there, too.

Cordially yours,

Marie J. McGuire

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THE NATIONALITY OF MARRIED WOMEN
By Miss Florence Monahan

The question of the nationality of married women is before the public at this time because of the wide discussion of the attempt to prove Ruth Bryan Owen ineligible to hold a seat in the House of Representatives, and because of the discussion of nationality at the Hague Conference on Codification of International Law called by the League of Nations in March.

Before 1907 the law governing the nationality of married women in the United States was not clear. In 1830 the Supreme Court held that the marriage of an American woman to an alien did not alone denationalize her. A majority of the courts held that an American woman lost her citizenship by marriage to an alien, and there was no provision for her resumption of American citizenship upon the termination of her marital status. In 1907 the United States Congress passed a law providing that an American woman citizen on marriage to an alien lost her American citizenship and took the citizenship of her husband. It also provided that an alien woman on marriage to an American citizen immediately became an American citizen.

The world war brought out the injustice of the United States laws regarding the citizenship of married women. American women whose ancestors had lived here for generations, who had married alien men, but who had in many cases never left the United States, found themselves listed as aliens and in some cases enemy aliens. A general demand for independent citizenship for married women led to the passage of the CABLE ACT in 1922. John L. Cable, the author of the Act, says:

> "The Act of September 22, 1922, was particularly designed to give the citizenship of American women the dignity and individuality which had been the exclusive attribute of male citizenship. There was merit in the argument that a woman should have as much right as a man to determine the country of her choice, and it seemed unreasonable to deprive a married woman of the protection of the United States because of her marriage to an alien. Still another reason for sponsoring the bill which became the Act of 1922 was to make it possible for the alien wife of an alien husband to become naturalized separately and apart from the naturalization of her husband. Alien women would have to be educated in order to qualify for naturalization, which was advantageous both from the standpoint of their own interests and in view of the benefits that would accrue to the country at large."

Although this Act was a great improvement it contained many serious injustices to married women. It provides that an American woman married to an alien who lives in the country of her husband's nationality for two years or who lives outside of the United States for five years loses her citizenship unless she goes through certain formalities. This is not the case with a man married to an alien woman and living outside of the United States.

The CABLE ACT also provides that an American woman citizen who marries a man ineligible to citizenship loses her citizenship and cannot regain it during the continuance of the marital status. In this regard the constructive criticism of Miss Jane Addams is a good one. She says: "A curious inconsistency of the Cable Act is that it takes away the birthright of an American-born woman if she marries an ineligible--that is, a man from a country whose people cannot be made citizens--although it is precisely under such circumstances that a woman most needs her citizenship."

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A woman who lost her American citizenship prior to 1922 by marriage to an alien must go through the same naturalization process as an alien woman married to an American man. She must establish her residence in the United States for one year and answer all the questions asked an alien. This is a grave injustice to these women who involuntarily lost their citizenship and who under present laws would not lose it. They should by a very simple process, for the purpose of a record, be restored to American citizenship. Ruth Bryan Owen, daughter of William Jennings Bryan, lost her citizenship through her marriage to a British subject prior to 1922. She was obliged to go through the same process as an alien woman married to an American citizen to resume American citizenship.

Mention has been made of the fact that an alien woman married to a male citizen may by one year's residence in the United States and by complying with certain formalities become a citizen of the United States. The converse is not true since an alien man married to a female citizen must be a resident five years.

A bill H. R. 10960 is now in Congress aiming at the removal of some of these injustices. It has been reported favorably by the House Committee on Immigration and Naturalization and is satisfactory to the League of Women Voters although it still leaves untouched the provision of the present Cable Act that a woman marrying an alien of a race ineligible for citizenship shall lose her own.

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May 3, 1930

Dear Board Member: This will remind you of the board meeting on the regular second Friday of the month. A postcard will be mailed early in the week to notify you of the place of the meeting.

Emily Child

Dear Local League President:

I am happy to extend to you the invitation of the state officers to attend a special meeting of the state board on Friday, May 9. Those who attended the National Convention in Louisville last week will be present to tell the story of the convention. It will be a most interesting meeting and we shall hope that you may be able to attend.

The board will meet at the home of one of its members living in Minneapolis. It will be an all-day meeting beginning at 10:30 a.m. and lasting until about 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon. You are invited for luncheon and we shall appreciate being able to report your reservation as soon as possible.

If you will let us know that you can come, we will send you definite directions for reaching the home where the meeting is to be held. Or you can come to our office (in the Fawkes Building across from Loring Park, at Hennepin Avenue and Harmon Place) at 10:90 a.m. and go with others from here.

We shall be so glad to hear that we may expect you on Friday.

Sincerely yours,

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May 9, 1930

My dear

We are so glad that you have decided to become a member of the Minnesota League of Women Voters. Your name is on our mailing list for the monthly publication, the Woman Voter, and we hope to let you hear from us in a more personal way from time to time.

If at any time you want information concerning our measures or our program of work, we shall do our best to answer your inquiries.

At any time you may be in the city and care to come in to 1639 Hennepin to look us over, we shall be very pleased to meet you.

Sincerely yours,

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Mrs. F. W. Wittich,
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Board meeting - May 9, 1930

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MINUTES
STATE BOARD MEETING
May 9, 1930

The regular meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at Mrs. Wittich's home, 1822 Emerson Avenue South, Minneapolis, on Friday, May 9, 1931. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m., Mrs. Wittich presiding.

Board members present were Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Pearce, Miss Kercher, Miss Monahan, Mrs. Cant, Miss Lusk, Mrs. Grannis, Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. Stai and later for the afternoon session, Miss Wells. Local League presidents and representatives who were present were Mrs. Ihfe, West St. Paul; Mrs. Walter, Farmington; Mrs. Soarl, Kenyon; Mrs. Cashman, child welfare chairman, St. Cloud; Mrs. Bridgeman, Bemidji; Mrs. Fairchild, Willmar; Mrs. Pribyl, Monticello; Mrs. Ferguson, vice-president, South St. Paul; Mrs. Ethel Hanson, president Hamline University League as well as Mrs. J. R. Parkes, regional secretary; Mrs. Jane Humbird Burr, Miss Alice Pollard, Miss Nellie Merrill, Mrs. C. E. Shafer, Mrs. G. B. Griggs, Mrs. Harold Bordewich of Olivia, Miss Helen Horr, Mrs. Silas Bryan, and Miss Fonda Roberts, president of the Ames College League of Ames, Iowa.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Mrs. Wittich corrected the statement following the treasurer's report: "The present deficit began to accumulate last October and is perhaps largely due to the fact that the full monthly quota payments of the Minneapolis League have not been received during the present fiscal year." Mrs. Wittich stated that inasmuch as there has been a change in the amount of Minneapolis quota agreed upon for monthly payments and since this amount has been paid regularly, Minneapolis cannot be said to have a deficit in its quota payments. Under the heading "Organization", the correction was made that new Leagues organized in Lake City, Fergus Falls and reorganization of Columbia Heights League should have been mentioned.

Treasurer's Report - Mrs. Cant reported a balance on April 1 of $471.23. Receipts during April amounted to $1808.50 of which $278.00 was received in quotas. Payments were received from Farmington, South St. Paul, Granite Falls, Olivia and Duluth, with $7.50 received in state memberships. Disbursements during the month amounted to $1829.83, leaving a balance May 1 of $449.90. Bills payable amounting to $782.21 were reported. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Beard, second of Miss Monahan, to accept the report and order the bills paid when possible. Mrs. Wittich told the board of an anonymous gift that had been presented to the League of $1200.00 which enabled the League to discharge most of its current bills. The board's appreciation of this gift was expressed.

A gavel was presented to the board by Dr. Annah Hurd in memory of Dr. Ethel E. Hurd. Mrs. Beard read the letter which Dr. Annah Hurd wrote to the board, presenting the gavel and Miss Monahan accepted in the name of the League, giving a summary of Dr. Hurd's life, telling particularly of her suffrage experiences in the early days of suffrage in Minnesota and reading some letters written by Dr. Hurd. The board members arose and responded to the tap of this new gavel.

Organization - Miss Horr told of meetings attended in Fergus Falls and Wayzata, of new Leagues organized in Willmar, Breckenridge and Ortonville, and of a visit to Appleton in the interest of reorganization. Miss Horr reported a second luncheon meeting of the University of Minnesota League and of the organization of a League in Hamline University. Mrs. Wittich introduced chairmen of local Leagues who were present.

STATE MEMBERSHIP: Mrs. Wittich, chairman of the committee appointed to stimulate state memberships during March and April, reported that some 800 letters had been sent out and that 19 memberships had been received as a result of this circularization. A follow-up postalcard was then sent out, resulting in nine additional memberships being sent in.

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN REPORTS: Mrs. Stai reported a meeting at which Mrs. Wittich, of the St. Cloud League. Mrs. Cashman of St. Cloud gave a very interesting report of the same meeting. Mrs. Dowling reported that several good meetings have been held in Olivia and that letters have been written to Congressmen. The Granite Falls League is holding regular meetings.

Board meeting - May 9, 1930

Agenda

Inf. & Maternity
Shipstead

1 City assessor
1 mayor

(Note: Agenda for this meeting was not mimeographed. This is copied as a matter of record. AH)

National Convention
E. in G. — Mrs. Bryan
Women in Industry — Miss Kercher
Int. Coop. to Prevent War — Mrs. Parkes
Education — Miss Lawrence
Legal Status — Miss Lusk
Social Hygiene — Mrs. Pearce
Living Costs — Mrs. Griggs
Child Welfare — Mrs. Grannis
{Miss Wells, Mrs. McGuire} New Capacities

Frivolous Dialogue
Alice Kercher
Fanny Bryan

Pre-Primary Activities - Mrs. Wittich reported negotiations with WCCO for two talks before the primary elections, one talk to be on methods of nominations and the second on "What Is Your Ballot Worth?" During these talks, information secured from the candidates' questionnaires can be given. Questionnaires to state-wide officers are being prepared by state chairmen. Before the primary, the Ramsey County League is to hold charter meetings. West St. Paul has had one meeting on charter revision, and another is planned. They are planning a candidates' meeting for the county, and Monticello is also planning a candidates' meeting for the county. Mrs. Cashman reported that the St. Cloud League is to sponsor a child health meeting and asked that Mrs. Grannis and some physician speak.

State Convention - The chair explained that in Institute years, the convention and Institute must be held in one of the Twin Cities. In other years, successful conventions have been held out of the cities, one in Duluth and one in St. Cloud. Winona has invited the League to come there for its 1930 convention. October 1-5 or October 15-18 are possible times to be considered. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Stai, second of Mrs. Grannis, to accept Winona's invitation. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Monahan, second of Mrs. Cant, to recommend to the executive committee that the convention be held during the third week of October.

Report on Women in Public Office - Mrs. C. E. Shafer reported that four states (Connecticut, Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota) had been asked by the National League to prepare a report on the number of women holding public office in their respective states. Mrs. Shafer prepared the report for Minnesota and reported to the board.

National Roll of Honor - Miss Morrill reported on the memorial fund and honor roll as features of the Louisville convention.

Department and Committee Reports - Mrs. Grannis reported that local Leagues have been asked to write letters to Senator Shipstead asking his support for the Jones bill. Miss Kercher mentioned that she talked at Louisville with Miss Gwenn Geach, Congressional secretary of the National League, who said Senator Shipstead was listed among those probably opposed to the Jones bill.

Convention Reports - Mrs. Bryan, reporting on Efficiency in Government, told of a very fine kit which was on display for use in this department. Miss Kercher explained additions and changes in the program of the Committee on Women in Industry. Miss Kercher felt that Dr. Leiserson's talk at the open conference had influenced the committee members as to additions to the program as proposed. Mrs. Parkes presented the report on the Department of International Cooperation to Prevent War and Mrs. McGuire added comments. Legal Status of Women was reported by Miss Lusk, Social Hygiene by Mrs. Pearce, Living Costs by Mrs. Griggs, Child Welfare by Mrs. Grannis.

A delightful dialogue on convention was given by Miss Kercher and Mrs. Bryan.

The chair introduced the new vice-president of the National League, Miss Wells, who led a discussion on what is meant by items for study and items for support; also on the League's procedure in leaving to committees of 44 members each the preparation of the National Program of Work for submission to the convention. The question was raised whether the League is going to be able to make this procedure work since such a small proportion of these committees actually function. The role of proxies was discussed.

Other Business - The chair reported the invitation of the Olivia League that the June board meeting be held in Olivia. Mrs. Dowling said that Olivia is about 100 miles from Minneapolis on highway no. 10. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Dowling, second of Mrs. Grannis, to leave the decision to the executive committee.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Rogers Pearce, Secretary

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Dear Local League President:

A telegram has just come from the National office reminding us that hearings have already begun in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on the London treaties and that at convention in Louisville it was voted that the League should support these treaties as marking progress towards international understanding and promise of future similar conferences while the building program provided for under the treaty for the United States is permissive only and not mandatory. It is now our part to give Senator Borah, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, a demonstration of the extent to which the League of Women Voters and the community we influence are heartily in support of these treaties. Will you consult your chairman of International Cooperation to Prevent War and together make plans for telegrams and letters to go to Senator Borah at once?

I must also hasten to call your attention to the fact that the National Voters' Service is now broadcast over KSTP and that on May 20 at 5:00 o'clock there will be a tremendously interesting program on "The Tariff and the Campaign" with speeches from several points of view. I hope you may get up some sort of meetings in your town for this hour.

You remember that at our last state convention a year's work for the League of Women Voters was voted and afterwards divided into months with the understanding that we should send you, on the month when it was due, material on the subject to be studied. We had to be so busy on congressional measures during the session that we set aside the summer and fall months for our state legislative measures. These measures must be mastered by our membership before our convention and the legislative session. It looks, therefore, as though we must provide for some sort of study during the summer. The subject indicated for May is women in industry measures which you remember the League has supported in the legislature for several years with a growing impatience at their defeat and a growing determination for success. Miss Kercher has prepared a superb piece of material which will be sent you upon request. Do you want it?

Another piece of work planned for this month is promoting the listing of women in jury panels which are made up by county commissioners at about this time and the encouraging of women to serve when called.. If women have not been included in the panels of your county, you should plan to see your county commissioners in some effective way on the subject at this time.

You know that Miss Child sailed on May 9 for a short vacation in Europe and I am sure you join in wishing her a well earned rest. Best wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,

Marguerite M. Wells

May 13, 1930

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May 15, 1930

Dear Board Member:

The last board meeting referred to the executive committee the invitation from Olivia that the board hold its June meeting at Lake Kandiyohi beach Friday, May 13. I understand that the board was told that there are good roads to the beach with not more than two and a half hours of riding time and that a meeting could be held from 11:00 to 3:30 making the going and the coming very convenient. The executive committee decided to accept this invitation if a sufficient number of members of the board think it is probable that they can attend.

Will you therefore write me what the probabilities are in your case? We ought not to hold up our answer to Olivia much longer; so I should be grateful if you would return me an answer at once.

Sincerely yours,

Marguerite M. Wells

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May 20, 1930

Dear Candidate:

It has been a practice of the League of Women Voters to send out questionnaires at election times in order to make available to our members and others reliable data about the candidates furnished by themselves.

The League has no desire that any candidate should commit himself on measures if he is not willing to do so at the time, but it does offer the opportunity and earnestly hopes that you may wish to avail yourself of it.

Measures to which the enclosed questionnaire invites your attention are those in which the League of Women Voters is especially interested as they are upon its active program for support. We are not unmindful of your record on some of the measures included, but in fairness to all candidates we believe that the form of questionnaire should be identical and we trust that you will not object to restating your attitude even when you are aware that it is known to us.

Very sincerely yours,

Marguerite M. Wells

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QUESTIONNAIRE
To Candidates for STATE AUDITOR and STATE TREASURER

Name _____

Residence _____

Candidate on _____ Ticket

Would you cooperate with the Commission of Administration and Finance in its efforts to get up budgets and to balance accounts according to modern business standards? _____ And would you keep a system of books that conforms with those set up in other departments? _____

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Would you care to express yourself at this time in 150 words as to what you think ought to be the qualifications of a candidate seeking the office of auditor or treasurer?

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Q U E S T I O N N A I R E
To Candidates for UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Name _____

Residence _____ District _____

Candidate on _____ Ticket

1. Do you favor the amendment to the Constitution of the United States called the Lame Duck Amendment? _____

2. Do you favor an amendment to the Constitution which would provide for giving residents of the District of Columbia the right to vote for President of the United States and representation in the Congress? _____

3. Do you favor the enactment of measures to assure cooperation by the federal government with the states for the promotion of maternal and child hygiene and the administration of such an act by the United States Children's Bureau? _____

4. Do you favor the development of Muscle Shoals under governmental auspices in the interests of the public welfare inasmuch as the United States already has a large investment of public money in it? _____

5. Do you favor adequate appropriations for the United States Women's Bureau? _____

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Would you care to express yourself at this time in 150 words as to what you think ought to be the qualifications of a candidate seeking the office of United States Congressman?

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Q U E S T I O N N A I R E
To Candidates for UNITED STATES SENATE

Name _____

Residence _____ Candidate on _____ Ticket

1. Do you favor ratification of the treaties which resulted from the recent conference on limitation of naval armaments held in London? _____

2. Do you favor proposals to secure the entry of the United States into the Permanent Court of International Justice, under the terms of the Root Formula?

_____

3. Do you favor ratification of the Pan-American Arbitration Treaties? _____

4. Do you favor the amendment to the Constitution of the United States called the Lame Duck Amendment? _____

5. Do you favor an amendment to the Constitution which would provide for giving residents of the District of Columbia the right to vote for President of the United States and representation in the Congress? _____

6. Do you favor the enactment of measures to assure cooperation by the federal government with the states for the promotion of maternal and child hygiene and the administration of such an act by the United States Children's Bureau? _____

7. Do you favor the development of Muscle Shoals under governmental auspices in the interests of the public welfare inasmuch as the United States already has a large investment of public money in it? _____

8. Do you favor adequate appropriations for the United States Women's Bureau? _____

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Would you care to express yourself at this time in 150 words as to what you think ought to be the qualifications of a candidate seeking the office of United States Senator?

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QUESTIONNAIRE
To Candidates for GOVERNOR and LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR

Name _____

Residence _____ Candidate on _____ Ticket

1. Do you favor modern methods of business administration as applied to bookkeeping procedure, personnel, purchasing, and pre-view of expenditures with the governor responsible for policies developed through the Commission of Administration and Finance? _____ And do you think it practicable in the operation of state government? _____

2. Do you favor adequate appropriation to maintain at its present level state work for the promotion of maternal and child hygiene? _____

3. Do you favor the state's taking responsibility for the protection of children from the exploitation of industry as to hours, wages, and working conditions?

_____

4. Do you favor an amendment to the minimum wage law removing the discrepancy between the protection of boys and of girls between 18 and 21 by making the minimum wage law applicable to all persons under 21 years of age? _____

5. Do you favor measures for the protection of women in industry, with standards no lower than the law of 1923 (declared inoperative due to an irregularity in its enactment) which limits hours of work for women in industry to 54 hours a week, or 9½ hours a day? _____

6. Do you favor amending the marriage laws to provide safeguards against hasty and ill-advised marriages? _____

7. Do you favor the continued use of state aid for the purpose of raising the quality of schools in the poorer districts? _____

8. Do you favor placing the Teachers Retirement Fund on a sound financial basis?

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Would you care to express yourself at this time in 150 words as to what you think ought to be the qualifications of a candidate seeking the office of governor or lieutenant-governor?

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April 21, 1930

Dear Local League President:

The action of the Senate Commerce Committee on the Jones Maternity and Infancy Bill, that we have been eagerly awaiting, came last week when the bill was reported favorably. The bill substantially reproduced the terms of the former Sheppard-Towner Act and is now before the Senate for action.

A letter just received from Miss Sherwin of the National League asks that we act immediately in having letters and telegrams sent to our two Minnesota senators. I suggest that at this time we concentrate our efforts upon Senator Shipstead. Can you therefore get the same ones who wrote Congressman Goodwin recently to write or wire without delay to Senator Shipstead?

I was delighted with the reports that reached us from local Leagues of their response to our request for letters in behalf of the Goodwin bill in the House. I hope to hear that you are able to do equally well in seeing that assurances reach Senator Shipstead of the interest of his Minnesota constituents in the Jones bill in the Senate. You will wish, perhaps, to speak particularly of the value and need of this work for mothers and babies in Minnesota.

I shall appreciate, as always, knowing what action you take in response to this letter.

Sincerely yours,

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May 23, 1930

Dear Local League President:

Yesterday I received a telegram from Washington signed by our acting president, Mrs. Anderson, and telling us that the infancy-maternity bill has been placed on the Senate calendar and that action on it is expected within a few days. It is Senate bill 255 called the Jones bill. This is the bill that the League favors. It provides federal aid for infancy-maternity work and leaves federal administration in the Children's Bureau of which Grace Abbott is chief, in whom we all have such confidence. Will you get lots of messages from League members and others (from doctors when you know they are sympathetic to our views) to our two senators, Schall and Shipstead, urging that they help to get a vote on the bill before the session ends and that they give this bill their support?

In case I do not need to trouble you with another letter in the near future, I would better remind you in this letter that there is a great deal of work to be done in getting out the vote before the primaries June 16. Dial in on WCCO Wednesday, June 11, at 1:30 and Saturday, June 14, at 1:00 for a get-out-the-vote primary dialogue. There will be publicity about this later. On May 27 at 5 o'clock, get KSTP for the final Voters' Service--news from the Congress and a last word for this season from Miss Katharine Ludington.

You will be interested to hear that your state board has accepted Winona's invitation to hold the state convention there October 15, 16, 17. It is not too early to begin to save your own carfare or gasoline and to sign up good delegates from your League.

Shall I repeat the important points of this letter: messages to the United States senators at once about the Jones bill; plans for a pre-primary campaign; radio hours; saving time for the state convention in October? With best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

Marguerite M. Wells,
President

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June 9, 1930

Dear Board Member:

If you will be at the state headquarters at nine o'clock Friday morning, the 13th, there will be room in a private automobile to take you to Kandiyohi beach. We shall count on your being here ready to start at that time unless you let us know to the contrary.

Sincerely yours,

President

June 6, 1930

Dear Board Member:

The regular monthly meeting of the state board will be held at Kandiyohi Beach as guest of the Olivia League. It will be held at the Danzer cottage. The attempt will be made to call the board to order at half past eleven and to adjourn at 3:30. This invitation was accepted with the assurance that each board member would make an especial effort to be present. Neighboring Leagues are to be invited and we hope to do something for their members as well as to enjoy their hospitality.

If you are going by bus to arrive in Olivia at 11:32, please inform Mrs. Edward Kircher, Olivia, so that she may arrange to meet you. We shall try to arrnage for as many as possible to go in private automobiles from Minneapolis.

In anticipation of meeting you there on Friday, June 13, as early as possible, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Marguerite M. Wells,
President.

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The following is quoted from a letter just received from Mrs. Dowling: "Trail # 10 could be taken directly to Willmar but construction work is being done there, so that I advise the following route. Follow trail # 10 from Minneapolis to Wayzata. Leave the trail to follow the short cut (S C) from the west end of Wayzata straight through to Lake Lillian, striking Hutchinson about midway in the trip. The distance is about 75 miles. At Lake Lillian, follow the road north and northwest for five miles to Lake Kandiyohi. It would be well to inquire at Lake Lillian for the beach and cottages. With a bit of dry weather, the roads should be good and the drive itself a pleasant one."

Not used at June meeting - see board minutes -

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STATE BOARD MEETING
June 12,1930

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Chairman, Committee on Child Welfare

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STATE BOARD MEETING
June 13, 1930

The regular monthly meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at Kandiyohi Beach in the seventh district, Friday, June 13, 1930.

Board members present were Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Grannis, Miss Lawrence, Mrs. Stai, Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. Pearce, Miss Monahan. Others present were Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Botsford, Miss Horr, and Miss Hampe. Local League members present were:

Atwater League:
Miss Hilma O. Norman
Mrs. Joseph Passonneau
" William Bergstrom
" Edith Strong
" Sara Anderson
" Mathilda Anderson
" S. B. Glader
" Elvira Reamer
Miss Hazel DeFoe
Mrs. Nels Christianson
Miss Lou A. Reamer
Mrs. F. Couell

Granite Falls League:
Mrs. A. W. Winter
" William Lee
" L. H. Kraemer
" A. J. Johnson
" Frances Feley
Miss Lou A. Olds
" Minnie Kraemer

Olivia League:
Mrs. Edward Kircher
" Warren Heins
" C. O. Brecke
" T. P. McIntyre
" L. J. Lauerman
" Harold Bordewich
" W. A. French
" O. R. Erickson
" G. P. Smith

Olivia League (Cont.)
Mrs. A. A. Chapman
" Amund Dahl
" A. A. Passer
" J. M. Freeman
" James Empey
" Ed Lindquist
" John Comfort
" Ed Heins
" George F. Gage
" Morse Winter
" Jess Schieble
" Julius Heinicke
" Simon Wolpert
" A. H. Leitzke
" B. L. Maertz
" Henry Bordewich
" Ida Neuenberg
Miss Kathleen Dowling
" Evelyn Freeman
Mrs. J. S. Burrell
" Frank Murray
" H. T. Robb
Miss Eileen Murray

Redwood Falls League:
Mrs. C. V. Everett
" W. R. Roberts
" W. C. Starr
" Lee Alexander
" Ella Buechner
" R. P. Tenny
" Emma Kuck

Redwood Falls League (Cont.)
Mrs. Rud Stensvad
" C. H. Whiting
" A. D. McRae
" James Baikie
" F. L. Carpenter
" A. W. Park
" A. E. Laidlaw
" Fred Rome
" Ted Quandall
Miss Mona Leavens

St. Cloud League:
Miss Ruth Mitchell
" Bessie Adams
" Charlotte Knudson
" Blanche Atkins

South St. Paul League:
Mrs. Vera Burt Kennedy

Willmar League:
Mrs. David L. Fairchild
" Dunlevy
" E. L. James
" Thomas H. King
" A. C. Carlson
" D. N. Tallman
" W. F. Kelly
" S. O. Diffendorf

The board arrived at 11:30 a.m.

Owing to weather conditions, it was not possible for all to meet together in any one cottage. Therefore, there was no formal business transacted. Miss Wells presided over a group at 12:00 o'clock in Mrs. Dowling's cottage while Mrs. Grannis reported for the Committee on Child Welfare, chiefly on the subject of infancy--maternity hygiene. Later Mrs. McKnight presided over this group while Mrs. Wittich reported on her department, discussing chiefly the primary; Mrs. McGuire reported for her department on the active subjects in her department program; Miss Monahan reported on the Committee on Legal Status of Women chiefly on the nationality of women, the Cable Act and its pending bills; and Miss Hampe made a report on the office. While Miss Wells was presiding over this group in the Dowling cottage, Mrs. Wittich was addressing another group in Mrs. Freeman's cottage on her department. After lunch, Miss Wells presided over this group, while Mrs. Grannis, Mrs. McGuire, Miss Monahan and Miss Hampe presented the same reports.

The meeting adjourned and the board left at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marguerite M. Wells, president

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No. 54 ROUND ROBIN Fifth Region, National League of Women Voters June 1930

Greetings and hearty good wishes to the League women of the fifth region. I know how you are all missing Miss Wells and the "new" director feels decidedly new when she thinks of following Miss Wells' stimulating leadership. Fortunately, however, the opportunity I had of meeting you last year makes me feel that I am coming among friends. I assure you I deem it a great privilege to work and to learn with you. Current tides in public life offer a challenge and a most cogent reason for continuing political education. I am sure that all of us who attended the Louisville convention realize how fully the League of Women Voters is filling this need.

Iowa - The Iowa state board had a very interesting session on finance at the state board meeting, May 17. Mrs. Arthur Miles was appointed state finance chairman and is already making plans for a state-wide finance committee. DAVENPORT is the first Iowa League to report its decision to make quarterly payments on the state quota. It was decided by the board to send quarterly financial statements to each local League. Mrs. J. S. McCormack is the new chairman of the MARSHALLTOWN League. Mrs. Parkes reports that an exceptionally good working conference was held there on the occasion of her recent visit, May 19. At AMES a temporary League organization was formed on March 29 with Mrs. F. R. Conaway as chairman. This group recently held a porch party conference at the home of Mrs. Curtis. In the evening, the annual college League banquet was held to close the year's work. A dramatic installation service was presented by the retiring officers when they gave a solemn charge to the new officers to carry on the ideals of service and progress. The new college president is Betty Martin of Wyoming. Mrs. F. A. Stromsten, state president, has just finished a "presidential tour" which included CORYDON, OTTUMWA, DES MOINES and CEDAR RAPIDS.

Minnesota -Minnesota Leagues report much political activity in connection with the primary election June 16. Candidates' meetings, get-out-the-vote activities, etc. The Ramsey County League had a flying squadron of a hundred women carrying charts and printed material explaining the proposed city-manager plan of government. Minneapolis had a round-up of study clubs at the summer home of Mrs. S. T. McKnight. About 150 women were present. The chairman of each department and standing committee gave a sales talk on the items in her program and suggested items for next year and then the group voted as to which program should be pursued in the study clubs next year. Efficiency in Government won out with International Cooperation a close second. The dramatic sketch, "The Trial of Susan B. Anthony" was presented. The Minnesota state board was entertained by the Olivia League at a picnic luncheon on Friday, June 13 with a goodly representation of League women from five neighboring towns. Tentative plans are being made for the Minnesota state convention to be held in Faribault, October 15, 16, 17.

Montana - Mrs. R. C. Battey, state president, reports her plans for a midsummer board meeting and visits to local Leagues with Mrs. Parkes in June and July. Mrs. Ralph Hopkins, first vice-president, tells of a good meeting on public welfare in government held by the HELENA League on May 27. HARDIN has a new League just organized.

North Dakota - Mabel Vasler has been re-elected chairman of the GRAND FORKS League for the third time. The North Dakota League is planning an exhibit for the state fair which will be held at Grand Forks in July. If no other space is available, the University Extension Division offers space in their section in the exhibit building. The state board met on June 10 at the home of Dr. F. M. Peake. Reports on the London treaty, the status of Muscle Shoals and maternity and infancy legislation were given; also a résume of state work under the Child Welfare Bureau.

South Dakota - The state board meeting was held at Huron the latter part of May. Members from ARLINGTON and from MITCHELL were in attendance. Mrs. Donald Georgia forwarded the $100 anniversary gift. Two new members reported at CLARK--Mrs. R. C. Mitchell and Mrs. Sterling Clark. Mrs. Mitchell is a former county chairman of the Pennsylvania League. The ARLINGTON League served a dinner at which the League organization and services to citizens were stressed by speakers as a means of interesting the men of the community in League work. A total of 98 persons attended. One-half of the proceeds of the dinner was sent to the state League. A splendid undertaking for a group of rural women with a membership of 15! Mrs. E. W. Carlson is chairman.

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Of the five bills which the League is supporting in Congress--appropriation for maternity-infancy work, Muscle Shoals legislation, amendments to the Cable Act, the Lame Duck Amendment and the London Naval Treaty--the only one that seems likely to pass and that will require a special session is the London Naval Treaty.

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July 3, 1930

Dear Board Member:

Miss Monahan has invited state board members to be her guests at Shakopee for the regular monthly board meeting on Friday, July 11. The meeting will be held at the state Reformatory for Women.

We shall try to arrange for several to go to Shakopee in private automobiles leaving League headquarters at 9:30 Friday morning. Anyone wishing a place in an automobile should notify the office in advance, and then plan to be at headquarters not later than 9:30 Friday morning.

May we have an early reply from you as to whether or not you can attend so that we may send word to Miss Monahan?

Sincerely yours,

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1639 HENNEPIN AVENUE
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May 26, 1930

Dear Candidate:

Not very long ago, the 20th of this month, we sent you a questionnaire on subjects of interest to the League of Women Voters. Although many answers have already been received, yours is not among the number and with apologies I am writing to ask if it would inconvenience you, in case you are intending to reply, to do so very soon.

The reason for haste is practical. On June 16, occur the primaries. At least a week before that date information about them ought to be in the hands of our members. Meantime the bulletin containing this and other pre-primary information takes a week in the printing.

In view of this necessity for haste, I am bringing the questionnaire again to your attention, hoping you will wish to send a reply in time for our bulletin. Thanking you for your cooperation in this service to the voters, I am

Sincerely yours,

Marguerite M. Wells,
President

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Sent to Int. Coop chairman in Winona, LeRoy, Redwood Falls, Faribault
Farmington, St. Cloud, Olivia, Atwater, Duluth, Detroit Lakes, with copy to Local League Pres.
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Lady sent to all but Coop. chairman with copy enclosed to local league chairmen. See attached letter. Note appended to a few where no But Coop chairman has been appointed.

Copies both letters to board

July 10, 1930

Dear International Cooperation Chairman:

The ratification of the London Treaty is the most important and urgent item on our program at the present time. As you know, it is now before the Senate in special session. The opposition in the Senate is limited to a very small group, quite incapable of voting the treaty down, but the danger lies in the possibility that it will be difficult to maintain a quorum until action has been taken. This danger is real. It is a matter on which you can help decidedly.

It is important first to remember a few things about the treaty itself and the action which the League has taken in support of it:

1) The National League of Women Voters passed a resolution supporting this treaty after careful study not only of the treaty but of the entire work of the conference in London.

2) No intelligent person believes that our national defense is not entirely safeguarded by the treaty. The issue is simply whether there shall be agreed limitation for the principal navies of the world or whether there shall be a revival of unrestrained competitive building.

3) If the minority can defeat the will of the people which is undoubtedly for ratification, there is danger that the actual control of our foreign policy will pass into the hands of men in the Navy Department whose training and whose habit of mind make them think in terms of war instead of peace. The Baltimore Sun on July 7 makes this statement: "Make no mistake. The question whether actual control of our foreign policy shall be in the hands of statesmen or professional warriors lies directly behind this treaty fight. As against Great Britain, all the furor boils down to the contention that three of the cruisers allowed us should have eight-inch guns instead of six-inch guns. As against Japan, all the fur or boils down to the statement that we shall not be able to attack Japan in her own waters. Both these objections are idiotic if we are trying as a practical people to consummate a treaty of limitation or if we are serious about having a navy solely for defense."

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July 12, 1930

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Very sincerely yours,

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In this urgent situation, will you not immediately wire Senator Schall asking him to remain in Washington until the vote is taken and to vote for ratification. And then get as many influential people as possible in your town to wire. I am suggesting herewith a telegram which you might send.

Senator Thomas D. Schall
Washington, D. C.

I (or we) respectfully urge that you remain in Washington until the vote on the London Treaty is taken. I(or we) feel that the American people are anxious to keep faith with the other nations and ratify this treaty which was signed by our American statesmen. Do you not feel that your favorable vote would be of service in the cause of world peace?

This is merely a suggestion. I think it would be well to have a little different wording in each telegram. I believe that payment of a few of these telegrams from the fund of the local League would be a legitimate expense. I think in addition to individual telegrams, your League should send one signed by the president.

Will you please report how many messages you were able to secure?

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Miss Hilma Norman, President
League of Women Voters
Atwater, Minnesota

My dear Miss Norman:

I earnestly call the enclosed copy of a letter to your attention. We have had advice from the National League that letters and telegrams to Senator Schall will be very helpful in the present emergency which exists in regard to the London Treaty. You will recall that Minnesota was high in the list of states sending resolutions to the London Conference, and I hope that this record will be kept up and that a great many messages from Minnesota will reach Senator Schall at once.

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July 12, 1930

You know an emergency exists in respect to the ratification of the London Naval Treaty. Advices from Washington from unpartisan sources such as the League of Women Voters, the Foreign Policy Association and other independent organizations and newspapers indicate that it is important to send telegrams or special delivery letters to our senators. I hope that you will wish to send one to Senator Schall asking him to remain in Washington and to vote for ratification.

It seems to me that the handful of men who are opposing the treaty should not be allowed to dictate the foreign policy of this country against the expressed will of President Hoover and the majority of the American people.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. A. J. McGuire, Chairman
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MINUTES
STATE BOARD MEETING
July 11, 1930

The regular meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the State Reformatory for Women at Shakopee on Friday, July 11, 1930 as guests of Miss Monahan. The meeting was called to order at 11 a.m., Miss Wells presiding.

Board members present were Miss Wells, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Thorp, Miss Monahan, and Mrs. Ringstad. Mrs. Denny was also present.

The minutes of the June board meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report - The treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Pearce. She reported a balance on June 1 of $375.07. Receipts during June amounted to $1073.92, of which $722.00 was received in quotas. Monthly quota payments were received from Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth. Payments completing the quota for the year were received from Detroit Lakes and Farmington. A quota payment in full for the coming year was received from the Watson League. The St. Cloud Teachers College League voluntarily paid a quota of $5.00. Disbursements during the month amounted to $1183.25, leaving a bank balance June 30 of $265.74. Bills payable amounting to $851.97 were read. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ringstad, second of Mrs. McKnight, to accept the report as read and pay the bills so far as possible.

Reports of Department and Committee Chairmen - Miss Wells reported for the Department of International Cooperation to Prevent War that a telegram had been received from the National League saying that communications on the London Naval Treaty to Senator Schall would be helpful. Mrs. McGuire had sent a telegram which was read. Letters had been sent to about twenty people asking that letters and telegrams be sent to Senator Schall. On motion of Mrs. McKnight, second of Mrs. Ringstad, it was VOTED to send a telegram to Senator Schall from the board asking for his support of the treaty and that he work for it.

Miss Monahan reported on the passage of the Cable bill--a real victory, two steps ahead. Miss Wells asked whether there were any cases in Minneapolis of women who had been affected by these discriminations. Mrs. Denny thought there were no outstanding instances.

Mrs. Denny explained the difference between the Special Committee on Immigration and the regular standing committees.

Miss Wells reviewed the history of the measures that had been introduced into Congress to carry on the maternity-infancy work.

Miss Monahan reported an informal conference at which the fee system for county officers was discussed. There was some discussion on how to make and use a fee system investigation, also on proposed marriage legislation.

Memorial and Anniversary Fund Committee - On motion of Mrs. McKnight, second of Miss Monahan, IT WAS VOTED to present Mrs. Searle with a resolution of thanks for her service on the memorial and anniversary fund committee.

Report on Questionnaires - A report was read on the questionnaire sent out before the primary; also a projected questionnaire to candidates for the state legislature

Reports of District Chairmen - Mrs. Ringstad reported on a candidates' meeting in Northfield.

Mrs. McKnight reported on a meeting in Wayzata which fifteen women attended. Mrs. Wittich and Mrs. McKnight talked to them about organization and membership. Miss Wells commented upon the good impression that had been made on Miss Harrison as to Miss Horr's accomplishments in organization. It was the opinion of the board that some follow-up work was needed in new Leagues immediately after they were organized. The executive committee has voted to ask the national board to send Miss Frederic, secretary of the Efficiency in Government department of the National League, to Minnesota for several weeks to work in the field.

Mrs. Ringstad said that Mrs. Anderson of Red Wing had reported that there were two women who would take over League work there in the fall. She will send names to the office.

Miss Monahan reported on a meeting in Winona which she attended, held at St. Teresa College. She said there were 150 women present at the luncheon. The Winona League is growing continually.

Miss Wells asked for expressions of opinion as to how local Leagues can get the League program to more and more people. The meeting adjourned at 3 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Rogers Pearce, Secretary

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July 17, 1930

Dear Board Member:

As I think you know, the Minnesota board received one page that made a part of a gift book that was given to Miss Sherwin at the Tenth Anniversary celebration, and with which she was extraordinarily pleased. With the signatures of board members, there was a message from this state which was written by Mrs. Wittich. The share of expense for this book which has been allocated to Minnesota is $10.00. If every member of the board gives fifty cents of this, it will more than meet our share. If you care to do this, please send it to this office and it will be assembled and forwarded to Mrs. Hixon.

The book, as you perhaps know, was illustrated and bound and in fact fully prepared by Miss Adele Clark of Virginia who is an artist of no little ability. Miss Sherwin carries it everywhere she goes and nothing could have pleased her so much.

Sincerely yours,
Marguerite M. Wells

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360 copies - sent candidates for state legislature (on letter head)

July 28, 1930

Dear Candidate:

It has been a practice of the League of Women Voters to send out questionnaires at election times in order to make available to our members and others reliable data about the candidates furnished by themselves.

The League has no desire that any candidate should commit himself on measures if he is not willing to do so at the time, but it does offer the opportunity and earnestly hopes that you may wish to avail yourself of it.

Measures to which the enclosed questionnaire invites your attention are those in which the League of Women Voters is especially interested as they are upon its active program for support. We are not unmindful of your record on some of the measures included, but in fairness to all candidates we believe that the form of questionnaire should be identical and we trust that you will not object to restating your attitude even when you are aware that it is known to us.

Very sincerely yours,

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8. As the present Teachers Retirement Fund operates, its income is insufficient to fulfil its terms. Do you favor placing it on a sound actuarial basis?

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July 31, 1930

Dear Local League President:

Letters from local Leagues tell us that some have met during the summer; others are now thinking of plans for early fall meetings. I am therefore writing you in the absence of Miss Wells (who is having a brief vacation, the first in a long time) to tell you things you may wish to know. You will probably call your board together soon to decide upon the date and program of your next meeting.

CALENDAR FOR LOCAL LEAGUES: Are you following this outline in informing your members on the subjects that will be voted upon in our state convention (October 15,16,17) when we adopt a legislative program for support in the 1931 legislature? If you have not yet had Miss Kercher's excellent material on the subject for May-June, THE WORKING WOMAN IN MINNESOTA, let us know and we will send it to you without charge. It should be in the hands of your Women in Industry or Public Welfare chairman. And your members should be familiar with it and should plan how to inform the women of the community of conditions it describes, needing improvement.

The subject for July-August is THE CHILD IN MINNESOTA. We are late in preparing this material but it is now being completed and will be mailed to you before the end of the week. Miss Monahan is at work upon material for use in September on LAWS AND CUSTOMS RELATING TO MARRIAGE.

Our pre-election QUESTIONNAIRE TO CANDIDATES for the state legislature went out July 28. As soon as your members are thoroughly informed on the subjects listed in the Calendar for Local Leagues, you will be ready to arrange interviews with the candidates on these measures. You will receive a letter from Miss Wells telling you what replies we receive from candidates in your district and suggesting a plan for these interviews. In the meantime it is important that your League inform as many people as possible in your community of the facts in order that they may be a force behind proposed legislation when their support is needed.

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July 1930

Q U E S T I O N N A I R E
To Candidates for the State Legislature

Name _____

Residence _____ Legislative District _____

1. Do you favor modern methods of business administration as applied to bookkeeping procedure, personnel, purchasing, and pre-view of expenditures with the governor responsible for policies developed through the Commission of Administration and Finance? _____ And do you think it practicable in the operation of state government? _____

2. Do you favor adequate appropriation to maintain at its present level state work for the promotion of maternal and child hygiene? _____

3. Do you favor the state's taking responsibility for the protection of children from the exploitation of industry as to hours, wages, and working conditions?
_____

4. Do you favor an amendment to the minimum wage law removing the discrepancy between the protection of boys and of girls between 18 and 21 by making the minimum wage law applicable to all persons under 21 years of age? _____

5. Do you favor measures for the protection of women in industry, with standards no lower than the law of 1923 (declared inoperative due to an irregularity in its enactment) limiting hours of work for women in industry to 54 hours a week or 9½ hours a day? _____

6. a) At the last session H. F. 686 passed the House with a large majority but did not reach a vote in the Senate. It forbade unlicensed marriages without a written contract, to be filed with the clerk of court. The purpose was to secure an official record of all marriages, whether ceremonial or otherwise. If this bill should be introduced again what would be your attitude toward it?
_____

b) Do you approve of a bill providing for a waiting period between the application for and the issuance of a marriage license? _____

7. Do you favor the continued use of state aid for the purpose of raising the quality of schools in the poorer districts? _____

8. As the present Teachers Retirement Fund operates, its income is insufficient to fulfil its terms. Do you favor placing it on a sound actuarial basis?
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You will have noticed in the August VOTER that the CABLE ACT AMENDMENT passed Congress and was signed by the President. We sent you last April Miss Monahan's interesting statement on The Nationality of Married Women. Let us know if you would like another copy now for your chairman of Legal Status of Women, if you appoint one for the coming year.

MISS SHERWIN'S NATIONAL CONVENTION SPEECH: Miss Wells hopes that you will order a copy of this speech (price 15¢) and read it without fail. It might be read in turn by members of your board and reviewed by one of them at some future League meeting. It gives you a vivid sense of the fine spirit and worth while goals of the organization you are helping to build, and is the very best inspiration for the coming year of League work.

I know you will be interested, too, in the article on the League of Women Voters by Anna Steese Richardson of the Woman's Home Companion. It is a leaflet that can be ordered in quantity at the special price of $1.75 a hundred for use in membership work. Or send us two cents each for a smaller supply.

I am looking forward to seeing you and others from your League in Faribault the middle of October. In the meantime let us know what we can send you from this office for your fall meetings.

Sincerely yours,

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THE CHILD IN MINNESOTA

Introductory Statement

A comparison of our Minnesota laws for children with standards formulated by recognized child welfare authorities gives the best basis for assessing our protection of children. Such standards were agreed upon in a series of conferences held during May and June 1919 under the auspices of the United States Children's Bureau, and reported in its Bureau Publication No. 60. This contains reprints of the speeches of the best informed men and women who could be gathered together, as well as a statement of the recommended Minimum Standards for Child Welfare in the various fields of legislation relating to children. Standards for state child labor legislation have also been formulated by the National Child Labor Committee.

During the summer of 1929, a second effort to concentrate attention and reach significant conclusions upon conditions affecting the welfare of children, with a view to developing plans for the future, led to the calling of the "White House Conference on Child Health and Protection" which is expected to hold its final meetings during the fall of this year. The conference is characterized as a loosely-knit, extra-governmental organization sponsored by the administration at Washington. Secretary Ray Lyman Wilbur, secretary of the Interior, is general chairman. President Hoover has defined the purpose of the conference as "to take national stock of the progress and present situation in the health and protection of childhood" by safeguarding which "we contribute to that equality of opportunity which is the unique basis of American civilization."

Minnesota is well represented in appointments of its citizens to special committees of the Conference. All interested in the subject of child welfare should watch for the report of the Conference when it becomes available.

The whole field of child welfare legislation is one that we shall not attempt to cover in this summary. Laws that have had the active support of the League of Women Voters in Minnesota, and which we shall continue to study in their operation, are the ones upon which we hope our members may become fully informed, through this statement and through a study of the supplementary references.

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Part I - THE ADMINISTRATION OF LAWS RELATING TO CHILDREN

It has often been said that equally important with the passage of a law is its effective enforcement. This requires the support of an informed and sympathetic public sentiment as well as properly equipped government departments.

A brief characterization of the federal and state agencies concerned with the administration of laws affecting children, supported by the League of Women Voters, will serve as a background for the discussion of these laws.

The United States Children's Bureau

This Bureau in the Department of Labor was created by Act of Congress in 1912, six years after the proposal for such a bureau was first made. It is charged with the duty of investigating and reporting upon "all matters pertaining to the welfare of children and child life" and especially of investigating "the questions of infant mortality, the birth rate, orphanage, juvenile courts, desertion, dangerous occupations, accidents and diseases of children, employment, and legislation affecting children in the several States and Territories."

The Children's Bureau was also given responsibility for administering the Sheppard-Towner Maternity and Infancy Act of 1921, with a special appropriation of $50,000 a year to use in carrying on research in maternity and infancy problems. This appropriation is eliminated by the termination of the Sheppard-Towner Act in July 1929. The last Congress did, however, grant an increase to the Bureau of $47,800 over its former budget, so that for the year beginning July 1, 1930, it will have a total budget of $368,000.

Miss Julia Lathrop was the first chief of the United States Children's Bureau. Miss Grace Abbott is the present chief. Both are distinguished women whose leadership has resulted in a type of government service of which the women of the country may well be proud.

Reference: In Behalf of Mothers and Babies - The Story of the United States Children's Bureau. Published by the National League of Women Voters. Price 25 cents. (Order blank attached).

The Minnesota Children's Bureau

This Bureau was established by the State Board of Control in 1917 to assume the responsibilities delegated to the board in the Children's Code passed by the 1917 legislature. Recommendations for revising and codifying laws of Minnesota affecting children were submitted to that legislature by the Minnesota Child Welfare Commission appointed by the governor in 1916 (after five years of agitation for such a commission). Judge Edward F. Waite was chairman. William H. Hodson, its executive secretary, became the first director of the Children's Bureau. He was succeeded by Charles F. Hall, the present director, formerly judge of probate in Yellow Medicine County.

The duty of enforcing laws relating to dependent, delinquent, defective, handicapped and illegitimate children rests with the State Board of Control whose agent is the Children's Bureau. By the laws of 1917, it was authorized to organize county child welfare boards, at the request of boards of county commissioners, to assist in carrying out the purposes of the legislation embodied in the Children's Code. Contact with county boards and with local communities and county officers is maintained

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by the Children's Bureau through a staff of six field agents. There are now child welfare boards in 83 of the 87 counties of the state.

All state activities in behalf of the welfare of children are centered in the Children's Bureau except those of education, health and industry.

State Department of Education

The Department of Education was created by act of the 1919 legislature to take over the powers and duties previously vested in the state high school board, the state library commission and the office of the state superintendent of education. The department functions under a board appointed by the governor which employs as its executive a commissioner of education. Under him there is a staff of division heads in charge of the supervisory services to public schools throughout the state. State and federal aid to public schools is disbursed by the department in accordance with the requirements established by law for the payment of such aid. In addition, the financial report of the department shows expenditures for teachers institutes, training schools and examinations; a teachers employment bureau; vocational training of disabled civilians; physical training in public schools; travelling libraries.

The State Industrial Commission

Minnesota was the first state in the union to provide by law for a Bureau of Women and Children in the former State Labor Department. In 1921, the legislature created the State Industrial Commission to take over the functions of this department as well as of the Minimum Wage Commission appointed by the 1913 legislature. The Division of Women and Children of the State Industrial Commission is responsible for the enforcement of laws relating to the employment of children. This involves cooperation with superintendents of schools in the enforcement of the compulsory education law. The prosecution of violators of the law is the responsibility of the Commission, after the school superintendent has done everything possible to bring the child into school.

Miss Louise Schutz is the superintendent of the Division of Women and Children. Serving with her is an assistant and three investigators who maintain personal contact with the various parts of the state.

State Department of Health - Division of Child Hygiene

This Division was established in 1922 following action by the 1921 legislature providing for acceptance of the terms of the federal Sheppard-Towner Act and authorizing a program of maternity and infancy work to be jointly financed by federal and state funds. Dr. E. C. Hartley was the first director of the Division. He was succeeded by Dr. Ruth E. Boynton but returned to serve as director, upon a part-time basis, when Dr. Boynton resigned. He is assisted by a director of public health nursing and four field nurses who instruct classes for mothers and carry on other educational work in the state.

The Division also carries on an advisory service for local public health nurses, receiving reports from them and making advisory visits, thus relieving them of a depressing sense of isolation in their work. The Division's director of nursing is in charge of the placement of public health nurses upon requests from local groups.

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Part II - LEGISLATION AFFECTING CHILDREN

Maternity-Infancy

In 1912 when the Children's Bureau was organized, Miss Julia Lathrop began a study of the deaths of mothers and babies in these United States. It was found that this rich land was losing more babies during their first year and more mothers in childbirth than were lost in most civilized countries. The Sheppard-Towner Act, passed in 1921, was the result of these nine years of investigation of causes and conditions here and of methods used in lands where it was safer to have babies and to be born. (From the leaflet, "Mothers and Babies First", of the New York League).

The facts as to federal and state legislation under which work to promote the health of mothers and babies has been carried on since 1921 are reviewed in the minutes of the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (including representatives of other state organizations) for March 7 (attached). The 71st Congress adjourned on July 3, 1930 without having taken action to provide for the resumption of a federal program of maternity and infancy hygiene. When the Congress meets again in December, it will again have before it bills on this subject. The active support of the National League of Women Voters assisted by its state Leagues will be given to the bill that assures the continuance of work already under way in the states in behalf of mothers and babies. This was decided by vote of the delegates in the National Convention last spring.

Reference: Maternity-Infancy Hygiene Legislation,
Speech by Dr. R. O. Beard of Minneapolis at
National League Convention, April 1930.

The facts as to the appropriation made by the 1929 state legislature are given in the April 1929 issue of the Minnesota Woman Voter ~~(attached)~~. The League of Women Voters worked hard for this appropriation as it has worked for appropriations made by previous legislatures when the stimulus of the offer of federal aid made the task far easier. It has, with the assistance of local Leagues, studied the work conducted in the state by the Child Hygiene Division of the State Department of Health and has prepared mimeographed material upon it, for the information of its membership, such as the page of letters quoted from mothers who have benefited by the work (attached) and a two-page statement on Minnesota's Work for Mothers and Babies" (~~attached~~). This is suitable for distribution to those who want in the briefest form a summary of the type and value of the work financed, until a year ago, jointly by state and federal funds.

For the Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency

Two laws which had the support of the League of Women Voters in their passage are summarized in the Digest of League Laws and Their Enforcement (copy attached) published as a supplement to the VOTER of July 1924. These are concerned with:

1. Public Dances
2. Itinerant Carnivals

The first law provides a substantial code for licensing and regulating public dances. The Women's Cooperative Alliance of Minneapolis which played an important part in the passage of the law made a study of its operation in Minneapolis and found so many violations that it concluded that the only way out is for the city to take care of the recreation of its young people itself. It does not believe that

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the law will ever be observed in commercial dance halls and it believes that the principle of legalizing them by license is wrong. The statement of the assistant attorney-general to the Legislative Council in November 1925 was that, for the state at large, "the whole secret of successful enforcement is gaining the support of public sentiment. In counties where this exists, there is little trouble."

The second law defined the itinerant carnival for the first time and prohibited it as a public nuisance. A study of the enforcement of the law in the state by the Women's Cooperative Alliance indicated that objectionable features of the type defined in the law often occur in connection with local or county fairs. Observance of the law in this connection is a matter for the citizens of the community to watch.

Laws Affecting Children in Public Schools

The League of Women Voters supported in the 1923 legislature measures to:

1) improve the school attendance law;
2) increase the required length of the school year from six to seven months;
3) require physical education in the public schools.

These laws are summarized in the attached leaflet, League Laws and Their Enforcement.

More than three-fourths of the schools of the state have a nine months term. Most of the remainder have an eight months term. The amendment mentioned above was needed to eliminate the six months term in a small group of schools in which the children were not having "equal opportunity" with those in other schools.

Before the passage of the physical education law, very few rural schools had any regular hygiene instruction. The law set the standard of a minimum of thirty minutes a week for such instruction and of three hours a week for a program of physical activities in all schools. "If the law accomplished nothing else, it has been justified in having focused the attention of school superintendents and groups in the communities upon this aspect of school responsibility for the physical well-being of children."

Mothers Pensions

The law providing for the payment of county allowances to mothers was adopted by the 1913 legislature, Minnesota being one of the first states to have such a law. An amendment added to the law in 1917, providing that the state refund to counties one-third of all expenditures for allowances, was repealed by the 1927 legislature after providing an appropriation of $474,000 for a refund covering expenditures in the 1925-26 biennium. Since the payment of the refund was conditional upon the maintenance of certain standards in the granting of allowances, the State Board of Control being the judge of these standards, the elimination of the refund provision takes away a very necessary stimulus to proper procedure. The indiscriminate granting of pensions to mothers without means of knowing that the aid is necessary and that it is used to the best advantage, may defeat the purpose of the law. The helpful supervision of the Children's Bureau is an invaluable factor in the proper working of the law.

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Proposed Child Labor Amendment

The Child Labor Amendment was passed by Congress in 1924 to give the federal government power to make laws protecting working children and under certain conditions to prohibit child labor. To amend the Constitution two steps are necessary: 1) passage of the Amendment by Congress (this has been done); 2) ratification of the Amendment by three-fourths of the states.

Only five states have ratified the Amendment. In two more, a favorable vote on ratification was recorded in one house of the legislature. In four the question of ratification has never been voted upon by the legislature. When a state ratifies, its act is final. Rejection by a state is not final and the same state may later vote to ratify.

The Minnesota legislature in 1925 defeated the bill to ratify the amendment. The vote was very close, there being only two votes over the required majority in the House and two in the Senate, when the final vote was taken on rejection of the amendment.

References: An Outline for a Round Table Study of the Child Labor Amendment (in four meetings). Prepared by the National League of Women Voters, revised 1927. Price 15 cents.

The Family Takes Notice. Price 7 cents.
A dramatic skit prepared by the Minnesota League and published by the National League of Women Voters.

Child Labor

The main provisions of the child labor laws for Minnesota are:

1) Children under 16 may not work more than 8 hours a day, 48 hours a week, nor before 7 a.m. or after 7 p.m.

2) Children under 16 may not be employed during school hours without a labor permit.

3) a. Children under 16 may not be employed on or near dangerous machinery, nor at setting pins in bowling alleys or operating elevators.

b. No female under 16 may be employed at any occupation which requires that she be kept standing constantly during such employment.

4) All permits for children to appear in theaters must be issued by the Industrial Commission. The law practically prohibits, except in rare instances, the appearance of children under 10 in theaters.

5) No child under the age of 18 may be employed as a rope or wire walker, contortionist, etc., or in any practice injurious to his life, limb, or health.

6) a. Boys under the age of 18 may not be employed as messengers after 9 o'clock in the evening.

b. No girl under the age of 21 may be employed in delivering messages at any time.

7) Boys under 16 and girls under 18 are prohibited from engaging in peddling, bootblacking, distributing or selling newspapers, magazines, periodicals or circulars upon the streets in cities of the first, second, or third class (all cities over 10,000 population, according to the last state census).

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The Analysis of State Child Labor Laws by the National Child Labor Committee, with a separate leaflet commenting upon Minnesota laws, is attached. These standards are in substantial accord with those set in the Minimum Standards for Child Welfare already mentioned.

Reference: Compilation of Minnesota Laws Relating to Children, 1927.
Published by the State Board of Control.

It is of interest in this connection to note the standards embodied in draft conventions of the International Labor Office (of the League of Nations) that have been ratified by a significant number of nations. It must be remembered that these standards represent the poorest conditions that it is believed should exist rather than the highest goal recommended for this type of legislation. "The convention prohibiting the employment in industry of children under the age of 14 years has been ratified by 18 countries; that prohibiting the night employment in industry of young persons under 18 by 21 countries; that prohibiting the employment at sea of children under 14 by 22 countries; that prohibiting the employment in agriculture of children under 14 during school hours by 12 countries."

Stage Child Law

The Minnesota League of Women Voters opposed the weakening of the Child Labor Law by amendment in the 1927 legislature. There was finally adopted, however, an amendment removing the restriction by which children under 10 years had been prohibited from receiving a permit to appear in theatrical exhibitions. In the 1929 legislature this lost ground was regained through passage of the "stage child bill" sponsored by the Women's Cooperative Alliance of Minneapolis.

The law provides that all applications for permits shall be made direct to the Industrial Commission. Formerly permits for children between 10 and 16 were granted by mayors of towns and notice was then sent to the Industrial Commission which had power to revoke the permit if investigation revealed conditions warranting such action. Provisions of the 1929 law are:

1) Children under 10 years may not be exhibited in theatrical entertainments except under two conditions,

   a) Playing a child's part in a legitimate production of adults when the part can be portrayed only by a child;

   b) Playing a musical instrument in a family group with one or both parents.

2) Children 10 to 14 years may not be exhibited during school term of district. During that part of the year when they may perform, the State Industrial Commission may grant permits after an investigation.

3) Children 14 to 16 years may be exhibited by permit of Industrial Commission after an investigation.

4) The law does not apply to entertainments for the benefit of religious or educational organizations or to recitals connected with the teaching of music where the whole program is devoted to the purposes mentioned.

According to a statement by Miss Schutz of the Industrial Commission, "In the five months prior to the change in the law regulating the appearance of children in theaters, 130 permits were issued for the appearance of children under ten. In the

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five months subsequent to the change in the law, but one permit has been issued for the appearance of a child under ten. There also has been a decided decrease in the appearance of children over the age of ten as well, since the law was modified. When application is made to the Industrial Commission to permit a child ten years of age or over to appear in a theater, the place of performance, the circumstances of the performance and the school work and health record of the child are investigated. No permit is issued to any child who has not satisfactory records."

Reference: What of the Stage Child - A Study of Child Labor on the Stage in Minneapolis. Published by the Women's Cooperative Alliance. Price 10 cents.

Child Labor in Industrialized Agriculture

The child labor law establishing regulations for the work of children under 16 applies to the employment of children in industrialized agricultural pursuits such as on truck farms and in beet sugar fields. The biennial report of the Minnesota Industrial Commission for 1925-26 has this to say of the work of children in beet fields: "There has been throughout the country a misunderstanding of the work of children in the beet fields and in other types of agricultural labor. It is our contention that 9 to 12 hours' work in commercialized agriculture constitutes labor. The words 'fresh air' and 'exercise' hypnotize some people into believing that it is right to take from the child its health, education and playtime. It is the belief of people interested in the welfare of children that work done in agriculture by children should be done under the same restrictions which decency and humanity have long imposed on other forms of labor. It is a far cry from John who helps his father with chores on the home farm, and John who works in a gang under an overseer at hard repetitious labor for 9 to 12 hours a day."

"Children from the age of seven years and up are desirable in the beet fields. Sometimes local farmers take the contracts, but most often families are brought in, sometimes from great distances (Mexicans), sometimes from the large cities of the state. The children of these migratory families are those whose school attendance has been neglected . . ."

Miss Schutz, in a statement prepared in December 1929, says: "Due to the scarcity of migratory labor in Minnesota in 1929, boys hired directly by the beet sugar company were taken to work in the beet fields. In these cases the child labor law regulates their employment. When the contract is made by the beet sugar company with the father of the children, however, the child is considered to work for the father and it is difficult to make the child labor law apply. The compulsory education law, however, does apply in requiring the school attendance of children under 16 who have not completed the eighth grade. All migratory children should be enumerated in the school census of children between the ages of 16 and 16 that is required by law to be taken between July 1 and October 1, and they should then be compelled to attend school according to law.

"In the year 1929, there were probably twice as many acres of beets planted as there were in 1928, which means more Mexican families and more Mexican children employed in the fields. In one county alone it is estimated there are 225 migratory families working in the beet fields. . . . The Industrial Commission started a study in the summer of 1929 of 70 families working in beet fields, for the purpose of ascertaining how much the school attendance of children involved was affected. This study is not yet completed."

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HOW MINNESOTA'S CHILD LABOR LAWS OPERATE
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The Hour Limitation

1. Complaint reached the Industrial Commission that a boy under sixteen was employed by a telegraph company. Upon investigation it was found that a boy fifteen years of age was working until 12:40 a.m.--a total of 14½ hours a day, 62½ hours a week. The child labor law was violated, in this case, in that a minor under sixteen was found working after 7 o'clock at night, more than 8 hours a day and more than 48 hours a week.

2. Upon complaint, investigation was made of the employment of a minor girl at a restaurant. The investigator from the Commission found that a fifteen year old girl was working at the restaurant from 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. daily, in spite of the fact that the manager had been informed by the school authorities that she was under sixteen. The firm was prosecuted and fined twenty-five dollars with stay of execution of sentence for nine months.

Work Permits

Labor permits usually are issued by the superintendent of the school in the district in which the child resides. Under certain circumstances other officers may issue such permits. Monthly reports in regard to the issuance of permits are mailed to the Industrial Commission. The representatives of the Division of Women and Children then investigate to see whether or not the children to whom permits have been issued are working in accordance with the law, i.e., not more than 8 hours a day, not on dangerous machinery, etc.

A boy to whom a permit was issued to work in a drug store was found to be working 9 hours a day. His employer was notified that his hours must be reduced to not more than 8 in any one day.

Provision Regarding Dangerous Machinery

1. A child under sixteen had been injured on a factory punch press. The boy who was large for his age had been employed by the foreman, who had assumed that he was sixteen years of age. All the fingers of his right hand were injured so that he has completely lost the use of his right hand. The firm which had employed him was at fault in that it had not taken the precaution to verify the boy's age before hiring him. This incident explains why children under sixteen may not be employed at dangerous occupations. They are not always able to coordinate their motions, sometimes wish to investigate machinery from which they have been told to keep away, and thus get into trouble.

2. Upon complaint, investigation was made of the employment of a girl under sixteen in a laundry. A representative of the Industrial Commission found this girl working as a shaker in the laundry some days 8½ hours, some days 9½ hours. The law was violated in that she was working over 8 hours a day at an occupation which required constant standing.

Children in Theatrical Performances

1. Application was made by a theater for permission to employ a child under the age of ten in a legitimate production. Although the boy in question was but nine years of age, since he was doing satisfactory school work and was in good physical condition, the Industrial Commission granted permission for him to appear "in a part which could be portrayed by a child only and in a part involving no singing, dancing or acrobatic work."

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August 6, 1930

Dear Local League President:

This is the statement promised you in my letter of July 31. Mrs. Grannis, chairman of the Committee on Child Welfare, says: "I wonder if anyone will read it." I hope you will let her know if your League does use it and does find it helpful in becoming familiar with our laws for children in this state. Perhaps if your committee chairman will first read some of the illustrations of "How Minnesota's Child Labor Laws Operate", to your membership, they will then be interested to hear more about all the laws.

Miss Wells is having a record kept of what subjects are taken up by all local Leagues month by month. She will appreciate knowing if and when you have this material reported to your membership.

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2. Investigation was made of the exhibition of an eleven year old boy at a moving picture theater. It was found that the boy was doing acrobatic stunts. Three people were prosecuted for violation of the law--the booking agent who arranged for the exhibition, the father of the boy for permitting his child to be exhibited, and the manager of the theater because he had not obtained a permit to legalize the act, as required by law.

Messenger Service

There has been no complaint of a violation of this part of the child labor law for many years.

Compulsory Education

1. The Industrial Commission systematically advises county school superintendents of the function of the Commission in the enforcement of this law. In October 1929, one county superintendent requested the Commission to write to the parents of seventeen children who were not in attendance at school. The father of three girls, eleven, twelve and thirteen years of age, wrote in reply that he had "started a harvest of my sugar beets. I had excuse from the school board for two weeks." This excuse was illegal as there is no provision in the law that children under fourteen be excused to work. The school board of the district was notified that the excuses were not valid.

2. In the course of an investigation in a cannery in one of the small towns of the state, a boy of fifteen was found working. Since he had not finished the eighth grade, he was not eligible to a work permit, even though he was over fourteen years of age. The boy was working to buy clothes for school. The case was reported to the superintendent of schools, who in turn reported it to the Red Cross and the County Child Welfare Board. The boy was supplied with a complete outfit of clothes and went back to school.

Industrialized Agriculture

1. A truck gardener was prosecuted by the Industrial Commission in 1922 for employing children after 7 o'clock in the evening. He was put on probation for one year. He was prosecuted again in 1928, and the case was dismissed. In July, 1929, he was fined twenty-five dollars and again in September 1929, he was fined twenty-five dollars. Three other truck gardeners were prosecuted in 1928, one for employing children over 48 hours a week, one for employing children over 8 hours a day, and one for employing children after 7 p.m.

2. In a Mexican family which had lived in a town for three years next to the home of the superintendent of schools, there were three children; 15 years, 12 years and 13 years. The children had not enrolled in school and had not appeared on the last school census. One child in the fifth grade had attended school six and one-half days in 1928. Another in the first grade had not attended at all. Another in the fifth grade attended intermittently. This case is cited as one of several which the Industrial Commission found in its very limited investigations during 1929.

General Enforcement Policy

It is the policy of the Industrial Commission to secure by persuasion, if possible, compliance with labor laws. If, however, an employer is defiant or careless and prosecution seems to be the only recourse left open to the Commission, the case is then referred to the city prosecuting attorney or the county attorney for such action as he deems advisable. In the biennial period, July 1, 1926 to July 1, 1928, 38 prosecutions were instituted for failure to comply with the provisions of the child labor law.

Louise E. Schutz
December 18, 1929

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August 6, 1930

Dear Local League President:

This is the statement promised you in my letter of July 31. Mrs. Grannis, chairman of the Committee on Child Welfare, says: "I wonder if anyone will read it." I hope you will let her know if your League does use it and does find it helpful in becoming familiar with our laws for children in this state. Perhaps if your committee chairman will first read some of the illustrations of "How Minnesota's Child Labor Laws Operate", to your membership, they will then be interested to hear more about all the laws.

Miss Wells is having a record kept of what subjects are taken up by all local Leagues month by month. She will appreciate knowing if and when you have this material reported to your membership.

Emily Child, Executive Secretary
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REPLY CARD

August 20, 1930

Dear Clerk of Court:

We sent you a questionnaire on August 9 and hope you may find it possible to fill it in and return it by August 30. If you have mislaid it and would like another copy, please let us know on the attached card.

We have now received replies from 71 counties and shall appreciate receiving your reply as soon as you can conveniently send it.

Sincerely yours,

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August 8, 1930

To the Clerk of Court:

You have been good enough in previous years to reply to questions relating to jury service by women in your county. We are interested in knowing what changes if any have come since we assembled the facts for 1927. We shall therefore hope to have your help in filling out and returning the enclosed blank at your earliest convenience.

We also wish to know the number of marriage licenses issued by your office during the calendar year of 1929.

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JURY SERVICE OF WOMEN IN MINNESOTA
1929

_____County

1. Were women listed in the jury panels for 1929? _____

2. How many women served during 1929

On grand juries? _____

On petit juries? _____

3. How many women are listed in the current jury panel? _____

4. If women were listed for jury service in 1929 but did not serve, was this because they asked to be excused or because they were not called upon to serve?

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(Signed) _____
Clerk of Court

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OUR BIG BUSINESS

Note: This article by Mrs. F. W. Wittich is a reprint from The Minnesota Woman Voter for December 1926 of the speech delivered by Mrs. Wittich at the 1926 state convention.

Seventy-seven years ago when Minnesota became a territory, there were only 5,000 people here with property valued at about $800,000; now, a one mill tax levy brings almost $2 millions into the state treasury. Seventy-seven years ago, congress sent us a governor with great powers for a four year term; just a few weeks ago more than 700,000 participated in the election of a governor for the ensuing two years. Seventy-seven years ago, congress appropriated some $15,000 to carry on the affairs of our state government for a year; last year about $75 millions flowed into the state treasury and more than $62 millions went out of it. Who is there to say this is not big business!

Minnesota is an agricultural state whose welfare depends upon the prosperity of its farmers so that several years ago when the farmers lost their markets and prices slumped, the crisis was considered important enough to warrant the establishment of a new government agency, the rural credits bureau. And the credit of the state was pledged to the extent of $71 millions, if necessary, to make loans to the farmers to encourage them to hold and improve their property. There are numerous societies of citizens in the state engaged in stimulating interest in agricultural pursuits whom the state encourages by financial help. Also, there are the major departments of agriculture, and dairy and food.

As industries grew and public utilities increased their activities, it became the duty of the state, in the opinion of many people, to provide protection for the public against unfair and unsound practices and so the office of railroad commissioner, established when the state was only thirteen years old, gradually grew into that vital department of state government, the railroad commission, with its ten large divisions, the most important of which perhaps are those regulating the public utilities and grain inspection. The grain fund alone averages about $1 million a year.

From its beginning, the state recognized its responsibility toward unfortunates such as defectives and the feeble-minded, as well as criminals, and provided government agencies to care for them. Twenty-five years ago these agencies were all consolidated into one, the board of control, now the department of public institutions, which today administers property valued at about $10 millions for the eighteen institutions with more than 13,000 inmates. Not the least important work is the business of manufacturing binder twine and farm machinery at the penitentiary to the extent of about $3 millions a year.

Always, education has held a first place in state activities, a total of more than $58 millions having been expended for this purpose last year. More than $11 millions were granted to local districts in aid from the state to help them educate their children. Nor must we overlook the building of highways which has occupied such a big part of state finance during the past decade. Stimulated by liberal federal aid, Minnesota has an ambitious highway program that will cost many millions of dollars before its completion.

We may differ as to the relative importance of these various state activities, but certainly we do not want them abolished! Shall we prohibit buses because we do not want to add a department for regulation of them to a state agency? Shall we abolish the University or force it to remain stationary by refusing it funds to grow because we do not want to increase public expense? Shall we discourage industries from coming to Minnesota because their regulation may mean another obligation on the part of the state? How absurd! It is time for us to stop quoting Jefferson's much heard statement, "That government governs best that governs least," for he said it about the United States when it had fewer people than our own state now boasts and only one occupation--agriculture. The states have more rights now than ever and they have no difficulty exercising them.

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A good many arguments are advanced in support of the policy. Any argument in favor of retirement allowances for teachers, to which the public is asked to contribute, must be based on better teaching service. Unless a teachers' retirement fund results in better teachers and therefore better schools, it would be difficult to support it as a public enterprise.

The better arguments for it, based on this principle, as I have found them, are about as follows. As the result of a sound teachers' retirement plan:

1. The teaching profession attracts more and abler persons.

2. Teachers who desire to make teaching a profession seek employment in states and cities where favorable retirement provisions exist.

3. Persons of ability tend to remain in the teaching profession who otherwise would change to some occupation offering better assurance for old age.

4. Since the work of teaching does not lend itself well to business enterprise, better school work will result when the inevitable period of declining years is provided for.

5. A basis is furnished on which teachers whose usefulness has passed because of age or decrepitude may be retired.

6. Finally, and from a somewhat different angle, while teachers are not the only group of deserving public servants, they are a very important group, one on which the public welfare is dependent. It would appear to be good public policy, therefore, that such service as is rendered through a life time of teaching should be rewarded by some protection against want in the teacher's declining years.

The plans of retirement adopted in different states and cities vary much in detail, but in general their support is provided by contributions both from the teacher and the state or city. By no means all of the plans adopted in the earlier years of the movement are on a sound financial basis or give much real assurance to those teachers who have depended on them. More experience, better business judgment and less sentiment have resulted more recently in sound laws in many states and cities.

The Minnesota law passed in 1915 is one of the earlier laws which has proved inadequate in its provisions for support, and is rapidly becoming worthless to those who count on it for support. The very serious problem which

A New Administration for States

Someone has said, "Government is the silent partner in our progress and well-being." If government stops growing, certainly, our progress and wellbeing will suffer. But with its phenomenal growth have come grave problems--chief among which is that of the right type of administration. A new administration of experts, governed by policies determined by elective officials, seems to be the solution but it means uprooting the tradition that every American is capable of holding any public office. Twelve states have recognized this need for a better administration and have effected reorganization of their state departments according to various plans.

Reorganization Operating in Minnesota

Our 1925 legislature enacted a reorganization plan that is plotted on the accompanying chart and that has been in operation since July, 1926. The Commission of Administration and Finance is the warp that holds together the pattern of the plan as a whole and by it the plan will be judged. Through it the governor exercises his control over the fiscal policies and finances of the state. With but a few exceptions, no financial transaction can be culminated by any of the state departments without the approval of one or all three of these commissioners. It has the power of auditing requests for money in advance of expenditure, of the purchasing for almost every department, of instituting uniform bookkeeping systems throughout the state departments, and of controlling in a limited way the public personnel.

Delayed appointments handicapped these commissioners, limiting their time before the plan had to go into operation. Wisely enough, they sent their executive secretary to Massachusetts, where a plan somewhat similar to ours has been in successful operation for about eight years, and allowed him to remain there long enough to study thoroughly the operation of their finance system. A staff of about sixteen people has been organized. The appropriation of $75,000 for the biennium is none too large for the proper functioning of the Commission. Unfortunately, misunderstandings with some of the state departments led to several test cases in the courts at which time the Commission was the object of some unpleasant publicity, being called the "big three."

Using its power of pre-audit, the Commission immediately set into operation the practice, well established now, of a quarterly review of budget requests in advance of actual expenditure, even carrying the efficiency of this procedure to such perfection that a machine was installed for recording the allowances of the various departments, which locks if expenditures are listed in excess of them. Surveys of special problems common to many departments were made with resulting rules governing procedure throughout the state in such matters as travel and subsidence allowances, instruction about budget requests, and telegram and telephone tolls. Experts were called in to survey the bookkeeping systems in operation in the various departments and a new and uniform plan was drawn up and installed in every state department, with uniform abstracts of expenditures and quarterly budgets according to a detailed classification of appropriation ledger accounts. A survey of personnel is now being made which we hope will result in standardized positions and salaries and promotion for merit. The purchasing department can show very tangible results, somewhere in the neighborhood of half a million dollars having been actually saved by careful buying in bulk, etc., during the first year.

Improvements Indicated

The plan is not yet complete. There should be a greater degree of consolidation--only about 25 boards and offices were abolished. Administration of personnel is a vital consideration in any such reorganization--there should be definite civil service procedure established. And there are other improvements that would undoubtedly strengthen its administration. A liaison officer, sympathetic with the needs of the various departments and yet realizing the value of the proper functioning of the Commission, would smooth out many of their difficulties. An advisory board of representatives from the largest departments, as in Massachusetts, could perhaps accomplish the same results. Also, a department within the Commission that would be qualified to advise local government units in the state concerning public improvements, bond issues and other problems, would prevent many unwise expenditures of public money and help localities fund their government in the most efficient way possible. And there should certainly be a provision making it possible for departments to do their own emergency purchasing to a limited extent, which would remove the friction caused by delay when an outside agency must review every

confronts the Board of Trustees and the teachers who are concerned is that of securing an amendment to the law, so as to put the fund on a sound financial basis. Obviously, it is bad policy for the state, as well as for the unfortunate teachers, that the present unsound condition should be allowed to continue.

The present law exempts the cities of St. Paul, Minneapolis and Duluth from its terms, and each of these has what we have reason to believe is a sound system of its own.

The law, as it now stands, provides for contributions from the teachers and from the state. Both are wholly inadequate. The law contemplates a retirement annuity of $500.00, for which, actuaries inform us, more than $7,000.00 would have to be accumulated. The amount paid in by the teachers is less than $500.00, during the accumulative period and that contributed by the state, by means of the one-twentieth of a mill which the law provides, not far from $200.00. It is clear that on this basis the anticipated annuity cannot be paid.

From the beginning, the Board of Trustees adopted the opinion that the sums paid by teachers should be kept intact as a capital investment, the interest and the state's contributions being used for the payment of annuities. This policy, intended to protect the teachers from possible loss of their trust funds, has resulted in a capital fund of approximately a million dollars, all invested in high quality bonds, generally those of school districts.

The amount of the annuity which the Board has been able to pay has gradually declined until for the last year and this, only forty per cent is being paid. That is, teachers whose expected annuity would be $500.00 are receiving $200.00, and this amount must decrease as the number of annuitants increases.

The Board of Trustees, acting on the suggestion and using an appropriation of the 1921 Legislature, employed actuarial assistance and made a study of the fund. To the 1923 Legislature, they recommended an amendment to the law which they were advised would make the fund sound. The bill failed to pass. Having made minor changes in the measure, as proposed in 1923, the Board feels compelled to offer it again to the next Legislature in the hope that the present unfortunate situation may be corrected.

The main features of the measure asdrawn may be briefly summarized. The three large cities are still exempt, but provision is made for them to come under the law, should they at any time desire to do so.

All other public school teachers, teachers in state institutions and public librarians are included. Teachers under twenty-five years of age may be exempt on their request from participation in the fund.

Beneficiaries to receive the full $500.00 annuity on which the law is based must have rendered thirty years of service and must be at least fifty years of age.

The annuity is created by equal contributions from the teacher and the state, the teacher's share being $65.00 per year during the accumulative period. The state's share is to be raised by a one-half mill tax. Should the teacher leave the field before the annuity has been fully earned, she may withdraw her own money with interest. Should she have taught more than ten years, she will be entitled annually to a pro rata part of the annuity to which she might ultimately have been entitled.

Liberal provision is made for the transfer of teachers from the present depleted fund to the new. Especially liberal terms are made for those who have been long in service and for present annuitants.

The Board believes that the plan is fair, both to the teachers and to the state, and that it will be generally approved whenever it is well understood.

The Board has had opportunity to examine the plans of other states and cities, and is unanimous in its approval of the plan offered. That the present unfortunate situation ought to be relieved in some manner there can be no doubt.

expenditure in advance. Such adjustments would tend to make its operation more flexible and break down antagonisms existing between the new Commission and the older state departments.

Voters' Responsibility to Their State

Our problem as voters, then, in connection with government today is how we can exercise an intelligent share in directing public policies. Its details are too complicated for our casual understanding, but we want to feel that we are receiving a maximum of service at a minimum expense. We can favor this new administration whereby we help elect a few officials whom we hold responsible for the right kind of administration and we can try to elect the type of administrator that Bagehot, the English statesman, defined more than a century ago. "Ordinary administrators are very common; every-day life requires and produces every-day persons. But a really great administrator thinks not only of the day but of the morrow; does not only what he must but what he wants; is eager to extirpate every abuse, and on the watch for every improvement; is on a level with the highest political thought of his time, and persuades his age to be ruled according to it--to permit him to embody it in policy and in laws."

With the legislature about to convene for another session, the time has come to decide upon what to tell our representatives there we hope they will do. In regard to this plan for reorganization, may we advise them to work for further improvement that Minnesota may be ranked with those eastern states now regarded as forward looking and advanced in administration. In less than two years, all of these surveys with their marked changes in procedure throughout the state departments have been made without disturbing the routine business of the state--surely an accomplishment that merits admiration in the main, not criticism of its details. May we hope the vision toward perfecting a good beginning will not be wanting!

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August 26, 1930

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I am asking the board to meet at my house for the day and for luncheon on Friday, September 5. This board meeting has been advanced one week, partly because of my going away, and it becomes a very important meeting at which we must make our plans for the convention and therefore to a certain extent for the coming year. I think we would better not invite anyone outside the board, but I am hoping that every board member will make an unusual effort to be present as there are some important decisions to make.

Hoping to see you at the usual hour on that day, I am

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FOR INFORMATION OF STATE FAIR BOOTH ATTENDANTS - 1930

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The Hague Tribunal - 1899

This plan for the pacific settlement of international disputes was drawn up at the First Hague Conference in 1899 but completed at the Second Hague Conference in 1907. A total of 45 nations pay for the upkeep of the Hague Tribunal, or as it is also called, the Permanent Court of Arbitration. It is really not a court at all but a panel or list of names made up of four appointees of each of these 45 nations. Formation of a court to arbitrate a dispute is optional with the nations concerned. About 20 cases have been considered by the court of arbitration since 1899. The effort to convert this court into a permanent court of international justice failed in 1907 because each of the 45 nations insisted upon being represented by a judge in the court for which only 15 judges could be named.

The Washington Disarmament Conference - 1921

A conference of the five great naval powers (Great Britain, France, Japan, Italy and the United States) called by President Harding to agree upon limitation of armament. The conference met from November 1921 to February 1922 and resulted in an agreement by the five nations to stop the construction of capital ships, except to replace old ones, up to a specified limit. They adopted the following ratio of capital ships: Great Britain 5; United States 5; Japan 3; Italy 1.75; France 1.75.

Multilateral Treaty - 1928

This treaty is called also the Kellogg-Briand Treaty and the Paris Peace Pact. It was originally proposed by France to the United States which proposed the inclusion of other nations in a "many-sided" treaty. It was signed in Paris on August 27,1928 by representatives of fifteen important nations. It was not until July 24, 1929 that the treaty went into effect by reason of having the ratification of all the signatory nations.

Pan-American Treaties - 1929

Two treaties were drawn up and signed by the representatives of 20 American republics present at the International Conference of American States in Washington on January 5, 1929. One of these treaties - the General Convention of Inter-American Conciliation - was approved by the United States Senate on February 20. The other - the General Treaty of Inter-American Arbitration - is still awaiting its action. The Pan-American treaties represent an important step in building up a definite machinery for the peaceful settlement of disputes in this hemisphere.

London Naval Treaty - 1930

The United States Senate ratified this treaty on July 21 and the president signed it on July 22. Other nations party to the treaty are England, France, Italy and Japan. If ratified by these other countries, it will remain in effect through 1926. For provision of the treaty see The Minnesota Woman Voter for August 1930.

Note: See printed pamphlets for fuller information.

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August 26, 1930

Dear Board Member:

I am asking the board to meet at my house for the day and for luncheon on Friday, September 5. This board meeting has been advanced one week, partly because of my going away, and it becomes a very important meeting at which we must make our plans for the convention and therefore to a certain extent for the coming year. I think we would better not invite anyone outside the board, but I am hoping that every board member will make an unusual effort to be present as there are some important decisions to make.

Hoping to see you at the usual hour on that day, I am

Sincerely yours,

Marguerite M. Wells,
President

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FOR INFORMATION OF BOOTH ATTENDANTS AT STATE FAIR - 1930

Place: Women's Activities Building
(Second entrance on Snelling Ave. from University Ave.)

Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (St. Paul women)
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Minneapolis women)
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (" " "

The exhibit this year shows the steps already taken by the United States in cooperation with other countries in setting up machinery for peace. It calls attention to the pending decision by the United States Senate on the Root Proposal for America's entry into the Court.

The three departments of League work are graphically represented by the poster panels on the three-leaf screen which forms the background of the booth. PRINTED MATERIAL on subjects of current interest in our program, as well as on the League of Women Voters, is available to those interested as follows:

A flier designed to convey the same information that is represented in our exhibit may be given to every passer-by.

A leaflet on "State and Local Government in Minnesota" may be given (free) to those who would like elementary information on the subject. This is our one piece of get-out-the-vote material this year so it should be given out to all really interested visitors--though not handed out indiscriminately as is the flier.

Digest of Minnesota Election Laws (10¢) with mimeographed pages containing revisions up to date. This is an excellent reference for high school civics teachers, for election officials, or for voters seeking information on absentee voting, etc. It may also be consulted by booth attendants in answering questions relating to the November election.

A pamphlet (10¢) and a leaflet(1¢) on The Root Proposal and the World Court. Also other publications of the National League's Department of International Cooperation to Prevent War. Use "sample" kits in taking orders for duplicates to be sent by mail.

Copies of former issues of the Minnesota Woman Voter. These may be given (free) to especially interested visitors as a means of interesting them in membership in the League of Women Voters.

Printed material on the League may be given to anyone especially interested.

List of Publications of the National League of Women Voters, with mimeographed Supplement, may be given to individuals wishing to send in orders for printed material. Orders may also be taken and reported to the state office.

MEMBERSHIPS - State League membership blanks are provided for taking ($1.00) memberships outside the Twin City Leagues which have a supply of their own blanks in the booth. We are especially anxious to secure such memberships in communities where there is no local League. We no longer take 25 cent subscriptions to the VOTER. It now goes only to members and is included in the membership fee of $1.00.

VISITORS' BOOK - Get everyone who will to register name, address and comments on the exhibit. Use the book also to record requests, orders for printed material, etc., to be cared for in the state office at the close of the fair.

DO NOT KEEP too many copies of "for sale" material out on the table 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 memberships as promptly as possible to the state League office.

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Dear Local League Treasurer:

In September the Budget Committee assembles all the information available relating to the finances of the state League so that the budget presented to the delegates at the state convention may be as accurate as possible.

Our largest item of regular income is made up of quotas from local Leagues. As a further move towards a dependable budget, we are hoping to get some indication from our local Leagues as to what quota they can send to the state League this coming year. When it is not possible for the local League to undertake to pay the quota in full, because of lack of organization strength, the state board recommends that it give careful consideration to the question of what quota payment it can be responsible for during the fiscal year (beginning November 1). It is very helpful to us to know the amount in advance and to have the quota paid throughout the year at stated intervals. Whether payments shall be monthly, quarterly, or semi-annually depends upon the decision made by the local League, but again it helps us very much to know what this decision is.

Will you confer with your president at once and let me know what you think we may depend upon as the year's quota from your League? We do not expect you to guarantee the amount--merely to let us know the probability. There is, of course, no penalty for failure to pay the amount you name to us.

I would like to recommend that you prepare a budget for your own League this fall, if you have not already done so. One of the expense items would then be the amount of quota you decide you can pay to the state League for the year beginning November 1. We have in the office a suggested budget for a small League and will send it to you if you wish.

Will you write me as early in the month as possible, and by September 20 at the latest, so that we may know what to count on from your League in the budget that will be recommended and voted upon in the convention at Faribault?

Sincerely yours,

Elinor J. Cant

Mrs. Harold G. Cant, Treasurer

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September 5, 1930

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LAWS AND CUSTOMS RELATING TO MARRIAGE

Historical Background

In the early history of any tribe or people we find marriage ceremonies and customs part of religious customs rather than civil customs. This is true also of the Christian religions. We find that the Lateran Council of 1215 made publication of the banns obligatory. This had been customary in many Christian countries for centuries. The term "marriage license" was originally applied to a release from the obligation of publishing the banns, issued by a bishop or archbishop. Gradually in Christian countries the regulation of marriage was transferred from the ecclesiastic control to state control until in some countries, such as France, the state requires a civil ceremony performed by a designated civil officer in every marriage. Those wishing a religious service must go through two marriage ceremonies. In many other countries such as England and our own, the state has authorized church dignitaries to solemnize marriages and candidates may choose between a marriage ceremony by church authorities or by civil authorities. Under the dual system of England and America it became necessary, in order to secure any enforcement of existing marriage laws, to provide some central control and so the device finally adopted was the marriage license.

According to the types of settlers and customs of the countries from which they came, various systems of licensing grew up in this country. In the New England colonies from the first marriage was a matter of civil procedure rather than a religious ceremony. Governor Bradford's history of Plymouth Colony tells of an English bishop who questioned Winslow as to marriage celebrations upon his return to England in 1635. "He (Winslow) also confessed that, having been called to place of magistracy, he had sometimes married some. And further told their lordships that marriage was a civil thing, and he found nowhere in the word of God that it was tied to ministry. Again, they were necessitated so to do, having for a long time together at first no minister." For two hundred years there was very little admixture of foreign stocks in these colonies; therefore in the New England state there has been a logical progress in the growth of its marriage law policies.

In New York, by contrast, the population was mixed and cosmopolitan from its earliest days. There developed no clearly defined policy regarding marriage control. When Massachusetts and New York were settled, the form of marriage by consent alone, called common law marriage, was valid in England. In 1753 the Hardwicke Act forbade such marriages. Massachusetts never recognized Common Law Marriage and in 1810 a decision of the Chief Justice declared against it. In New York the legality of such marriages was upheld by the Chief Justice and such marriages are still recognized there.

Universal adopting of the licensing system came slowly. As late as 1887 eleven states had not yet adopted licensing, and publication of the banns is still a legal substitute in three states. Except for this all states now require a license.

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Need of a Waiting Period

The male candidate is the one who usually applies. He answers the questions for both parties and except in eight states, where advance notice is required, the license is usually issued immediately. In Minnesota the county clerk of court is the issuing officer. He is bound to satisfy himself that neither party is insane, feeble-minded, of improper age, and not divorced within six months. However, he usually only sees one party and must take his word that neither is disqualified. It is obvious that no real discrimination or judgment can be shown no matter how conscientious the issuing officer may be. A short interval of time between the application for a license and its issuance would give the officer time to inform himself as to the qualifications of applicants. Many hasty, ill-considered marriages would never be consummated. Child marriages (of which there are a great many), bigamous marriages, and marriages of the unfit could be prevented.

Social service organizations can point to many family tragedies brought about through hasty marriages. Many students of the divorce problem think the first remedy is to prevent ill-considered marriages. Numerous examples may be culled from the divorce court records.

A negro, posing as a Spanish actor, the son of a rich man, induced a young white woman to marry him upon less than 24 hours acquaintance. In three months she discovered the fraud of which she had been the victim and left him. Another woman who married after an acquaintance of only a few days found later that her husband was under indictment for burglary at the time of the marriage. She soon obtained a divorce. A man asked to have his marriage annulled because the wife was insane. He had married her after three days' acquaintance and thought her peculiar actions due to nervousness.

A recent case in a Minnesota divorce court set forth that the couple had married after a prolonged drinking party. Neither knew what was going on and had any desire to marry the other.

It is obvious that most of these marriages would never have occurred had there been an interval of time between the applications for a marriage license and its issuance. Eight states including Massachusetts, California, Michigan and Wisconsin now have this requirement. In Minnesota the League of Women Voters and other organizations have tried for several sessions of the legislature to secure such a provision in our law. We have met with organized opposition from only one source and that a surprising one--the organization of Clerks of Court of the state. These are the elected county officials who issue marriage licenses. Why should they lobby to oppose a public welfare measure? Do you know that all county officers in Minnesota, except the superintendents of schools and except in certain counties which have been exempted by law, receive part of their remuneration in the form of fees paid for certain work? The Clerk of Court receives many fees and one of the largest is the marriage license fee of $2.50. Every time he issues a marriage license this fee goes into his pocket; so it is to his financial advantage to issue as many as possible. If Minnesota requires a waiting period before the issuing of a license in order to prevent hasty marriages, a few couples will go to other states to avoid this provision and the clerk will lose the fee. Wisconsin now requires a waiting period, and some couples come from there to Minnesota to be married. Clerks of Court in counties bordering Wisconsin profit by these bootleg marriages and they are reluctant to give up the added income. It is therefore not hard to understand why the Clerks of Court oppose this measure, but it ought to arouse in thinking citizens a question as to how long these elected officials should be allowed to oppose a measure for the general good of the commonwealth.

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Need of Recording All Marriages

A common law marriage is a marriage not solemnized in any particular form but based on mutual agreement, between persons legally capable of making a marriage contract, to enter into the relation of husband and wife. The state is given no part in this arrangement, has no record of it, and no opportunity beforehand to pass upon the qualifications of the parties to it. This form of marriage contract was brought to this country from England although it was abolished there by the Hardwicke Act of 1753. In pioneer days, with great difficulty in reaching an authorized official or minister, there were cases where persons were justified in entering the marriage relation without ceremony or record. But today there is no excuse for persons legally competent, of right intention, to avoid a marriage ceremony. In most cases the common law marriage is a cloak to cover an illegal union; usually one of the parties has another undivorced spouse and could not legally marry. Whether a marriage of this sort is legal or not is never certain until a court has passed upon it. The children of such a union may be declared illegitimate if the court finds the marriage invalid. It is a dangerous situation and entirely unnecessary for people of good intention. Most of these so-called marriages begin as clandestine relationships with no idea of permanency. After children are born, the relationship continues and is called a marriage. In Minnesota we have tried to secure legislation which would declare invalid all marriages for which no license was issued or record made. The state needs to know what persons are married and should require definite recording.

References

You are urged to secure more information on this subject by reading the following:

Marriage Laws and Decisions in the United States by Geoffrey May,
Russell Sage Foundation - 1929

Child Marriages by Mary E. Richmond and Fred S. Hall,
Russell Sage Foundation - 1925

The Social Effect upon the Family of Forced Marriage -
The Family, Vol. 5, March 1924

Especially useful is the Russell Sage publication by Mary E. Richmond and Fred S. Hall called "Marriage and the State." Much of the material in this discussion has been taken from that source.

Florence Monahan, Chairman,
Committee on Legal Status of Women

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WHY ONLY LICENSED AND RECORDED MARRIAGES SHOULD BE VALID

Note: We cite the following typical cases, summarized from the records of a Minneapolis social agency, to show the uncertainty of the common law marriage relationship and its consequent lack of protection of the women and children involved. These cases also illustrate the injustice that often results to the legally married wife and to her children in a state where there is no law requiring a license and a record for all valid marriages. Such a law was recommended for adoption in all states by the Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws of the American Bar Association in 1911.

1) A man had lived with a woman of bad repute and established common law marriage. He later tired of the woman and left her, not considering common law marriage to such a woman binding. After he had been separated from her for some years he entered into a ceremonial marriage; he had 5 children by this marriage and gathered together quite a comfortable fortune; this wife knew nothing about his common law wife. The man died and the common law wife laid claim to the wife's share of his possessions and got it.

2) A man and woman were married legally and had one child. Husband deserted and wife never bothered to divorce him. Later she became interested in another man and justified herself for living with him by calling him her common law husband; she had 2 children by him. Of course she was not eligible for any marriage, not having been divorced, but hundreds of ignorant people justify themselves in this way to their neighbors--by claiming common law marriage.

3) A man legally married had 2 children. He became interested in a woman in another town and wished to marry her; he tried to get a divorce but failed. He did not want to tell her he was married and could not get a divorce so told her he did not believe in a marriage as binding as a legal marriage and persuaded her to enter into a common law marriage although he was not eligible to marry under common law. They had several children. The man died and the wife could inherit nothing as it developed that the man was still married to his first wife and the common law agreement was therefore not binding.

4) A man had a wife and child living outside the city. He met a woman in whom he became violently interested. He suggested a common-law marriage; made over his insurance to her, introduced her as his wife. He was killed within a day or so in a street accident. Before his legal wife learned of the accident the common law wife had collected his insurance.

5) A couple living together claimed they were married but admitted that this was not so when proof of the marriage was asked. The father was very brutal to the mother and children. She claimed that the man was her common law husband but he, having tired of the woman, claimed that it was an illicit relationship. It was never possible to prove the exact status of this case and thus to settle whether the children were legitimate or not.

6) Husband died and wife entered common law relationship with another man. Child was born and mother insisted no ceremony was necessary because "common law" would "hold". The man died leaving insurance which could not be collected because the child was held to be illegitimate.

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How many DELEGATES' CREDENTIALS do you need? The board has authorized me to say that you may choose as many delegates as you wish who will assume responsibility for being present at convention sessions and bringing back a helpful report to your League. Admission to the Fireside Supper on Wednesday evening and to other social events of the convention will be, as in previous years, restricted to accredited delegates. Convention sessions are open to the public though only accredited delegates may vote.

The public Mass Meeting in the Armory on Thursday evening when candidates for the United States Senate and for the governor's office will speak will be a dramatic and stirring event in this election year. Please see that it is advertised to men as well as women in your community. Mr. Cheney of the Minneapolis Journal recently characterized our meeting as a "highlight of the campaign that now is opening" for these candidates.

The convention luncheon is also open to the public and is always a most attractive event in the convention program. We have a surprise in the luncheon speaker that we shall announce in our newspaper publicity very soon.

The DEPARTMENT AND ORGANIZATION CONFERENCES that have been a feature of our last two conventions will be held this year on Wednesday afternoon. Miss Wells, who has gone to Washington to take up her duties as acting president of the National League, will return for the convention and will meet informally with presidents of local Leagues to talk over local League organization problems. Mrs. Cant will confer with local League treasurers. The department and committee chairmen wish to meet your chairmen of the same subject at informal luncheon conferences on Wednesday. Special letters to your officers will carry the invitation. In the meantime, will you talk to them very soon about reserving the time and making their plans to go to Faribault.

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WHY ONLY LICENSED AND RECORDED MARRIAGES SHOULD BE VALID

Note: We cite the following typical cases, summarized from the records of a Minneapolis social agency, to show the uncertainty of the common law marriage relationship and its consequent lack of protection of the women and children involved. These cases also illustrate the injustice that often results to the legally married wife and to her children in a state where there is no law requiring a license and a record for all valid marriages. Such a law was recommended for adoption in all states by the Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws of the American Bar Association in 1911.

1) A man had lived with a woman of bad repute and established common law marriage. He later tired of the woman and left her, not considering common law marriage to such a woman binding. After he had been separated from her for some years he entered into a ceremonial marriage; he had 5 children by this marriage and gathered together quite a comfortable fortune; this wife knew nothing about his common law wife. The man died and the common law wife laid claim to the wife's share of his possessions and got it.

2) A man and woman were married legally and had one child. Husband deserted and wife never bothered to divorce him. Later she became interested in another man and justified herself for living with him by calling him her common law husband; she had 2 children by him. Of course she was not eligible for any marriage, not having been divorced, but hundreds of ignorant people justify themselves in this way to their neighbors--by claiming common law marriage.

3) A man legally married had 2 children. He became interested in a woman in another town and wished to marry her; he tried to get a divorce but failed. He did not want to tell her he was married and could not get a divorce so told her he did not believe in a marriage as binding as a legal marriage and persuaded her to enter into a common law marriage although he was not eligible to marry under common law. They had several children. The man died and the wife could inherit nothing as it developed that the man was still married to his first wife and the common law agreement was therefore not binding.

4) A man had a wife and child living outside the city. He met a woman in whom he became violently interested. He suggested a common-law marriage; made over his insurance to her, introduced her as his wife. He was killed within a day or so in a street accident. Before his legal wife learned of the accident the common law wife had collected his insurance.

5) A couple living together claimed they were married but admitted that this was not so when proof of the marriage was asked. The father was very brutal to the mother and children. She claimed that the man was her common law husband but he, having tired of the woman, claimed that it was an illicit relationship. It was never possible to prove the exact status of this case and thus to settle whether the children were legitimate or not.

6) Husband died and wife entered common law relationship with another man. Child was born and mother insisted no ceremony was necessary because "common law" would "hold". The man died leaving insurance which could not be collected because the child was held to be illegitimate.

The state board on September 5 approved the recommendations of department and committee chairmen for the PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM (enclosed) that will be presented to the convention for action. Will you have it discussed in your next local League meeting for the information of your members and your delegates who will vote upon it in Faribault? It is not necessary, Miss Wells says, to act upon it. Just give your delegates an opportunity to be prepared to vote wisely upon it.

You have already received study material on these legislative issues, prepared by our committee chairmen. We are now sending you material on the subject listed for September-October in the Calendar for Local Leagues--LAWS AND CUSTOMS RELATING TO MARRIAGE. Let us know if you wish to have duplicate copies of material for other months.

GENERAL ELECTION ACTIVITIES is another subject on the Local League Calendar for September and October. Have you planned a candidates meeting? And have you checked over the candidates' replies in the September VOTER to see how many of the nominees for the legislature in your district replied to the state League questionnaire? I will remind you that we have a Digest of Minnesota Election Laws that contains all information relating to election machinery and procedure if you should wish to have it as a reference in supplying information on absentee voting, etc. before the election. Let us know if you do not already have a copy.

Perhaps you have seen the newspaper announcement that we are to lose Miss Wells to the National League where she is needed to act during the remaining four months of the leave of absence granted Miss Belle Sherwin last spring. The best proof we can give that her generous and able leadership has been appreciated in Minnesota is to make this Faribault convention the biggest in point of attendance and the best enthusiasm and interest that we have had since the early days of the League of Women Voters. Will you help in this?

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P.S. I am sending you this morning's Minneapolis Tribune editorial, since I know you will be glad to have a copy.

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ROUND ROBIN

No. 55 — Fifth Region, National League of Women Voters — September 1930

MISS WELLS is at national headquarters in Washington as ACTING PRESIDENT of the National League. It will be a pleasure to communicate with her under this title and she too will welcome hearing from us all.

LEGISLATION - State legislatures will soon be getting underway and preparatory to the sessions the Leagues in every state are deciding on the measures which they will support. Questionnaires are being sent to candidates for national and state offices reminding them of our continuing interest in legislation and giving education on League measures. From the national Congress, we thankfully record two victories--the amendment to the Cable Act and the ratification of the London Treaty.

STATE FAIR EXHIBITS have been the rule in the region. North Dakota started the ball rolling with a booth in the hottest week in July; Iowa in August "with an unusual display--the Roll of Honor occupying the center of the wall, electrically lighted steps leading up to it." Minnesota in September featured the three departments, Efficiency in Government, Public Welfare in Government and International Cooperation to Prevent War with artistic posters and a flight of stairs showing the steps taken on the upward path to peace: the Hague Conference, Locarno, London Treaty, etc. The South Dakota exhibit demonstrated a voting machine.

CONVENTIONS - Autumn sees the fifth region busy with conventions. North Dakota state convention will be held at Grand Forks September 26 and 27. Miss Katherine Frederic, secretary of the Department of Efficiency in Government in Washington, will conduct a round table on "Some Essentials of Good State Government." Minnesota's convention will occur on October 15, 16, 17 at Faribault. A new item proposed will be "Study of methods of stabilizing employment." South Dakota's convention will be at Huron on October 29, 30, 31. The two last conventions will feature a mass meeting for candidates for United States Senator and Governor.

FINANCE - Two states, Montana and Iowa, send out quarterly treasurer's reports to all Leagues and donors in their states.

NEW LEAGUES - It is a joy to report the organization of two new Leagues--one at Hardin, Montana with Mrs. Fred Taylor, president and Mrs. J. S. Bennett, secretary; the other at Bradgate, Iowa with Mrs. C. W. Burr as president.

PLANS AND PROGRAMS - Of special note is the program of the Great Falls, Montana League from June 1 to December 31 with fortnightly meetings following closely the state's program of work with special consideration of federal legislation and pre-election issues; also a One Day Voters School. Mrs. George Berry is the president. A novel candidates' meeting at which wives of the candidates acted as hostesses was held in Helena during July and a large attendance was reported. Mrs. Norman Winestine is president of the Helena League.

The presidents in the fifth region do unusual things. Mrs. E. W. Feige of South Dakota paid a special visit to Minneapolis to interview the director and secretary on the legislative campaign for jury service. Mrs. R. C. Battey of Montana, a new president, organized a new League as her first job and has visited other Leagues in company with the regional secretary. Mrs. Frank Stromsten of Iowa has spent her vacation visiting nine towns on League business, stopping at the state fair and interviewing persons on the Anniversary and Memorial Fund. Mrs. J. A. Poppler of North Dakota always does the lion's share of visiting her Leagues and securing new pledges for the state budget. And Miss Wells, Minnesota's president, made all arrangements for the state convention before her departure for Washington. She will come back to preside at all sessions.

CHANGE IN REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS - Please take notice that the headquarters of the Fifth Region are 4214 Harriet Avenue, Minneapolis - Telephone, Colfax 9091.

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MINUTES
STATE BOARD MEETING
September 5, 1930

The regular meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at Miss Wells' home, 325 Groveland Avenue, Minneapolis, on Friday, September 5, 1930. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m., Miss Wells presiding.

Board members present were Miss Wells, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Colby, Mrs. Morrison, Miss Lawrence, Mrs. Ringstad, Mrs. Stai, Mrs. Stakman, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Cant, Miss Kercher, Miss Monahan, Mrs. Dowling and Mrs. Pearce. Mrs. Wittich attended in the afternoon. Miss Horr and Miss Child were also present.

The minutes of the July meeting were read and approved.

Finance - Miss Wells presented the Missouri Cook Book Finance Plan outlined in a letter from Mrs. Chadeayne who is to undertake it as a private enterprise since neither the National League nor the Missouri League can back it. Miss Wells explained some reasons why there might be dangers in participating in this money-making project. It seemed to be the opinion of the board after an informal discussion that it would be unwise for the League to enter into any such enterprise. The matter was laid on the table for the present.

The treasurer's reports for August 1 and September 1 were read by Mrs. Cant. She reported a balance July 1 of $265.74 and receipts during July of $1091.55, of which $614.50 was received in quotas. Disbursements during July totalled $939.19, leaving a balance August 1 of $418.10. Receipts during August amounted to $907.15, of which $633.25 was received in quotas. Disbursements totalled $491.02, leaving a balance September 1 of $834.23. Bills payable as of September 1 amounting to $960.85 were read. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Colby, second of Mrs. Beard, to accept the report and pay the bills as fast as possible. Quota payments received during July and August were regular monthly payments from Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth, and the last quarterly payment by Winona. Shakopee paid one-half of its year's quota and the Atwater League paid its quota in full for the coming year.

Mrs. Cant reported having written local League treasurers asking them to report to her on the amount of quota that could probably be expected from each League next year, the information to be relayed to the budget committee for the state convention.

Organization - Miss Horr reported upon her trip with Miss Florence Harrison in June to Willmar, Fergus Falls, Duluth and St. Cloud. Since her return from her vacation the middle of August, she has met with local League boards in Northfield, Kenyon and Norwood.

Miss Horr said she will accompany Miss Frederic of the National League in a trip to new local Leagues during the next two weeks. Miss Child reported the recommendation of the executive committee that the suggestion of the National League for a division of Miss Frederic's expenses in Minnesota, half to be met by the state and half by the National League, be accepted. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, second of Mrs. Ringstad, to approve this plan.

Miss Child reported that the study material promised local Leagues in the Calendar sent them after the last state convention will be completed with Miss Monahan's statement on marriage laws to be sent out next week.

Resignations - The secretary read Miss Wells' letter offering her resignation as state president, to take effect at the state convention. (Letter on file). IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Lawrence, second of Mrs. McGuire, to accept her resignation. Miss Wells then reported the decision of the executive committee to continue to meet regularly and to be available for consultation in the interval of Miss Wells' absence, before the state convention.

Letters of resignation were read from Mrs. William Duncan and Mrs. H. O. Tellier. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ringstad, second of Mrs. Dowling, to accept the resignation of Mrs. Tellier. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Stai, second of Mrs. McGuire, to accept Mrs. Duncan's resignation.

Preparation for State Convention - Miss Wells told the board of the meeting of department and committee chairmen yesterday to agree upon recommendations for the proposed legislative program. Mrs. Pearce gave a brief report on the progress of local arrangements for the convention. Miss Child reported the recommendations o

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the executive committee for convention committees which the board voted upon as follows:

Program committee - IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. McKnight, second of Mrs. Cant, to ask Mrs. Pearce and Mrs. O'Neil of Faribault to serve with the executive committee under the chairmanship of Miss Lusk.

Budget committee - IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Colby, second of Miss Monahan, to appoint Mrs. Harington Beard, Mrs. F. W. Johnson and Mrs. Cant.

By-Laws - IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McKnight, second of Miss Monahan, to appoint Mrs. Kurt Stai, Mrs. Edward Ringstad and Mrs. J. D. Morrison.

Nominating committee - IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Miss Kercher, second of Mrs. Colby, to name Mrs. O. M. Botsford of Winona (first district) as chairman with the following representatives from the remaining congressional districts respectively: Mrs. James Baikie; Mrs. S. M. Searl; Mrs. Edwin White; Mrs. C. M. Denny; Miss Ruth Mitchell or Mrs. D. E. Crary; Mrs. Edward Kircher; Miss Margaret Beggin and Mrs. J. W. Pribyl. Mrs. Spear is to be consulted as to a representative from the 8th District.

Printed Material - IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Colby, second of Miss Monahan, to appoint Mrs. C. E. Shafer as chairman with Mrs. W. B. Griggs and a committee of Faribault women to assist her.

Woman's Journal Subscriptions - IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McKnight, second of Mrs. Dowling, to appoint Mrs. W. E. Morris, Mrs. A. J. Butzerin and Mrs. George Hoke.

Conference of college League delegates - IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Dowling, second of Miss Lawrence, to ask Miss Keith Clark of Northfield to accept the chairmanship of a committee of arrangements for this conference.

Tentative Program Plan for State Convention - Miss Child reviewed suggestions by the executive committee for the scheduling of convention events. There followed discussion as to the best method of presenting information on the various legislative issues in the regular convention sessions. The general opinion was in favor of having the presentation of one of the issues in the form of a legislative committee hearing, with speeches on the other subjects.

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Convention Luncheon - IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Miss Kercher, that Miss Wells be asked to make the luncheon address.

It was suggested by Miss Wells that the local Leagues be asked to come prepared to pledge a certain amount of quota toward the state budget at the luncheon, so that they as well as the Twin Cities will be represented in the money-raising there.

College League Conference - It was the opinion of the board that the young voters should be invited to come in time for the candidates mass meeting on Thursday evening and remain for the day Friday, their special meeting being a breakfast.

Other Business - A letter from Mrs. Anderson of the National League was read asking for suggestions for the General Council meeting next spring. A letter from Miss Morgan was read on the subject of the naval treaty.

Miss Monahan reported on the state fair exhibit that she thought it very good. There was discussion of methods of attracting attention to our exhibit. Some thought the location of the booth was particularly good, others very bad.

Jury Service Questionnaire - Miss Monahan reported that a 1930 questionnaire on jury service had been sent to county clerks of court early in August. She will compare the results with those for 1928 as soon as full replies have been received.

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September 18, 1930

Dear Friend:

We have your name as one of the visitors who registered at our State Fair booth this year. Since you have thus expressed an interest in our work, we are planning to send you a complimentary copy of the October issue of our monthly publication, the Minnesota Woman Voter. It will contain information on the program planned for our state convention in Faribault, October 15, 16 and 17.

We shall be very happy to hear that you can attend the convention as a visitor. Or if you should decide to become one of our members-at-large in the state, we shall be glad to offer you the privilege of attending as a delegate. We have this type of membership for women living in places where there is no local League of Women Voters but who wish to have some direct contact with our work, as well as access to our informational printed and mimeographed material. The membership fee of $1.00 entitles you to a year's subscription to the VOTER.

I enclose a membership blank and hope that you will wish to become a member. A special sixteen-page issue of the VOTER, containing pictures of our officers and articles by them on all the state and federal legislative measures in our program, will be sent to you as a state member. We also have special mimeographed material on state laws affecting women and children that we offer our members without charge.

Trusting that we may enroll you among our members in the state, I am

Sincerely yours,

Emily Child,
Executive Secretary

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September 22, 1930

Dear College League President:

We are to have a breakfast conference for college League delegates at our state convention in Faribault this year, as we have for several years past. It will be on the concluding day, Friday, October 17. We are writing your president today to ask his cooperation in approving the attendance of your delegates. Deans of women are invited to attend as guests of honor.

In the absence of Miss Wells, the executive board has asked me to write you suggesting that you appoint at least two (or more if you wish) delegates to come to Faribault Thursday afternoon, October 16, and remain until after the convention luncheon Friday noon. This will enable them to attend the mass meeting Thursday evening at which the speakers will be candidates for the United States Senate and for the office of governor; the Friday morning convention session; and the Friday luncheon at which Miss Wells will be the chief speaker. The Faribault League has offered to arrange for the entertainment of student delegates in private homes to save hotel expense.

The state League will be hostess at the Friday morning breakfast, but it will be necessary for college representatives to purchase their own luncheon tickets. They will probably be $1.00. The round-trip ticket from St. Paul to Faribault by bus is $2.55 (from Minneapolis $2.90) but it may be possible for women driving from Minneapolis or St. Paul to save this expense for your delegates.

Miss Keith Clark of the Department of History and Political Science of Carleton College in Northfield has accepted the chairmanship of the college League conference. Miss Helen Horr of our staff will assist her in making arrangements for it.

Will you write or telephone Miss Horr at this office, as soon as you can, to let her know whom we may count on coming from your college League.

Sincerely yours,

Emily Child,
Executive Secretary

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September 24, 1930

We are planning again for the breakfast for representatives from our college Leagues at the state convention in Faribault, on Friday morning, October 17. We hope that it may be possible for you to be there.

Miss Keith Clark of the Department of History and Political Science of Carleton College, has accepted the chairmanship of the breakfast conference. Attendance at the breakfast is restricted to deans of women, faculty advisers of college Leagues, and student representatives, with members of the state League board.

The mass meeting at which the speakers will be candidates for the United States Senate and for the office of governor is to be on Thursday evening. We are suggesting that those who attend the breakfast plan to come in time to attend this meeting, staying overnight in Faribault. We also hope it may be possible for them to remain for the convention luncheon Friday noon, at which Miss Wells will deliver the address, in her double capacity of president of the state League and acting president of the National League of Women Voters.

Please let me know whether we may count on you for the breakfast and whether I may make a reservation for you at the Harvey Hotel in Faribault for Thursday evening.

Sincerely yours,

Emily Child,
Executive Secretary

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P.S. Harvey Hotel rates are from $1.50 to $2.50.

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MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
1639 Hennepin Avenue
Minneapolis

September 29, 1930

Dear Local League President:

I am authorized by the executive committee to invite you to attend the pre-convention meeting of the state board at the Harvey Hotel in Faribault at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 15. The opening session of the convention will follow at 11:00 o'clock. Credentials for your delegates are enclosed.

Miss Wells is planning to meet with the group of local presidents at luncheon on Wednesday to discuss local League organization problems as she did in St. Paul a year ago. It is our hope that you will make a special effort to attend this conference.

The Fireside Supper at which the Faribault League will be hostess to delegates from local Leagues will be held Wednesday evening. This is the time when you will have an opportunity to meet informally the officers of the state League as well as officers of other local Leagues. It has always been an exceedingly pleasant occasion, and it will be the last time that Miss Wells, in her capacity as state president, will meet informally with local League representatives.

Other features of the convention program will be announced in the VOTER reaching you next week. Are you doing everything you can to urge your officers and members to honor Miss Wells by being present at the Faribault convention?

Sincerely yours,

Emily Child,
Executive Secretary

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P.S. We must let the Faribault League know just how many to expect at the Fireside Supper, by Monday or Tuesday of convention week. Please do not fail to send us word of how many to count on from your League.

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MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
1639 Hennepin Avenue
Minneapolis

September 29, 1930

Dear Board Member:

The pre-convention board meeting will be held in the Harvey Hotel in Faribault at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 15. Information on train and bus schedules is enclosed. Please let me know--so that I may tell Miss Wells, if she asks--whether you can surely be present at the board meeting.

The detailed program for the Convention will reach you in the October VOTER which will be mailed to you within a few days.

Sincerely yours,

Emily Child,
Executive Secretary

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1639 Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis

September 1930

INFORMATION ON TRAIN AND BUS TRANSPORTATION
To State Convention in Faribault
October 15-17, 1930

Milwaukee and Rock Island Trains

One way ticket from Minneapolis $2.28
" " " " St. Paul 1.88
(No reduction on return ticket)

	Minneapolis	St. Paul	Arrive Faribault
Trains leave	7:00 a.m.	7:40 a.m.	9:30 a.m.
	8:30 a.m.	9:10 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
	5:00 p.m.	5:40 p.m.	7:30 p.m.
	5:15 p.m.	5:55 p.m.	7:45 p.m.

Trains leave Faribault to return to St. Paul and Minneapolis (2½ hours to Minneapolis)

4:00 p.m. (Milwaukee)
4:21 p.m. (Rock Island)

Union Bus Company

Tickets to Faribault:	One way	Return trip
From Minneapolis	1.85	2.90
" St. Paul	1.60	2.55

(Return tickets are good for an indefinite period)

	Minneapolis	St. Paul	Arrive Faribault
Buses leave	7:00 a.m.	7:40 a.m.	9:30 a.m.
	8:00 a.m.	8:40 a.m.	10:30 a.m.

(Buses leave Minneapolis also at 11:00 a.m. and every two hours after that until 7:00 p.m. Buses leave St. Paul 40 minutes later than Minneapolis.)

Note: Return buses from Faribault leave there at 2:44 p.m. and 6:09 p.m. We shall arrange for a special bus leaving Faribault at 4:00 p.m. on Friday if we can be sure of 30 reservations for it. Report to Miss Emily Child, executive secretary, whether you wish a reservation. Return tickets will be good on this special bus.

OPENING CONVENTION SESSION - 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, October 15
Harvey Hotel, Faribault

550 for $3.50
Lund Press

TWELFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

HARVEY HOTEL, FARIBAULT, OCTOBER 15-17, 1930

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MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
1639 Hennepin Avenue
Minneapolis

October 1, 1930

Dear International Cooperation Chairman:

I hope that you are planning to attend our convention in Faribault, October 15-17. The plan of having conferences of department chairmen from local Leagues has been so successful that we are again to have an adequate period for informal discussion of the work of our department. This will be a luncheon conference on Wednesday at 12:30 in a private dining room at the Harvey Hotel. The price will be 75 cents.

I am making tentative plans for this conference. I plan to discuss the new Program of Work with you and tell you of the meeting of our department at the national convention in Louisville and also of the work on our congressional measures. But I am particularly anxious to hear again about the progress you have made during the last year. I took the letters you wrote me a year ago to the national convention and the national chairman, Miss Morgan, was most gratified at the way the work is being carried on through your efforts.

Every individual citizen, I believe, should make it a matter of duty to do everything possible to spread information and arouse public opinion in behalf of world peace, especially as we are now entering a very tense period. So please come prepared with suggestions and ideas and questions. If you care to write me before the conference as to something you would particularly like to have discussed, I should be very happy to have you do so. If you can't possibly come for the conference yourself, will you get your local League president to appoint a proxy and let me have the name as soon as possible. I must make reservations for our luncheon, in advance of the convention.

With cordial good wishes and hoping to see you, I am

Very sincerely yours,

MFMcG ms

Mrs. A. J. McGuire, Chairman
International Cooperation

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Sent Department chairman in local Leagues and to President of L.L. where no Department chairman has been appointed

MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
1639 Hennepin Avenue
Minneapolis

October 6, 1930

Dear Efficiency in Government Chairman:

It happens again this year that our Efficiency in Government Conference comes on the very first day of the Convention in Faribault, October 15th.

The Efficiency in Government program is especially interesting this year and we certainly need to discuss ways and means of action upon it, so I hope you will do your very best to be present, so that we may have the benefit of your advice and experience in making our plans for the coming year.

Following is the program I expect to present to the State Convention for adoption, with your permission:

Study of the fee system in county government

Study of taxation

State Government-
Observing the operation of nomination and election procedure

Support of
1) Coordination of administrative departments toward greater efficiency and according to function

2) Improved administration of public personnel by recruitment and promotion through merit, and by standardization of salaries and position

3) Improvement of the budget so that it will show a complete picture of the state's finances

Hoping to meet you at Faribault, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Mrs. F. W. Wittich, chairman
Department of Efficiency in Government

45 copies - sent treasurers with P. S. crossed out for those who had not answered

MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
1639 Hennepin Avenue
Minneapolis

October 8, 1930

My dear Treasurer:

You will note in the convention program printed in the October VOTER that there are to be luncheon conferences of state and local League officers on next Wednesday, the opening day of convention.

This year we are to combine our finance conference with the organization conference at which Miss Wells will preside. Organization is so closely allied with finance that we thought they should be considered together.

I know you will appreciate
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P.S. Thank you so much for
about the quota.

October 7, 1930

Dear Local League President:

I would like to send the attached card to Faribault as soon as possible. The Faribault League board is to entertain our delegates at a private home and must know just how many to plan for.

Will you be good enough to fill out the reply card even if you have already reported the number of your delegates. And will you ask anyone who is uncertain to send their own reservation to
Mrs. James O'Neil, Faribault

Sincerely,
Emily Child, Executive Secretary
Minnesota League of Women Voters

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ELEVEN MONTHS'
TREASURER'S REPORT
November 1, 1929 through September 30, 1930

Receipts

Quotas from local Leagues	$ 5669.50
Minnesota Woman Voter	533.63
Sale of educational material	98.03
Woman's Journal subscription drive	41.50
Institute of Government and Politics, 1929	308.50
Miscellaneous, including small donations	106.19
Raised by finance committee	2901.39
	9658.74
Balance November 1, 1929	569.06
	$10,227.80

Expenditures

Travelling expenses for organization work		495.09
Minnesota Woman Voter		950.29
Educational material		179.55
Institute of Government and Politics, 1929		194.45
Office expense:		
Rent, telephone, telegraph	740.10	
Stationery, stamps, and other supplies	451.54	1191.64
Salaries (office and field)		4903.50
Annual convention, 1929		149.35
State fair exhibit		6.00
Quota to the National League		1818.10
Money advanced (to be repaid by National League)		25.50
		9913.47
Balance September 30, 1930		314.33
		$10,227.80

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Director	Mrs. James O'Neil, Faribault	_____

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PROPOSED BUDGET

For the fiscal year beginning November 1, 1930 and ending October 31, 1931

Estimated Receipts

Quotas from local Leagues	$6200.00
Minnesota Woman Voter	800.00
Sale of educational material	150.00
Woman's Journal subscription drive	100.00
To be raised by finance committee	4179.00
	$11,429.00

Estimated Expenditures

Travelling expenses for organization work	725.00
Minnesota Woman Voter	800.00
Educational material	250.00
Office expense	1400.00
Salaries (office and field)	6200.00
State fair exhibit	10.00
Annual convention, 1930	100.00
Quota to the National League	1944.00
	$11,429.00

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PRE-CONVENTION BOARD MEETING
October 15, 1930

Minutes

Recommendation of Executive Committee Resolution on Mrs. Noyes

Treasurer's Report

Monthly report for September

Annual report to be submitted to the convention

Proposed Budget for 1930-31 — Mrs. Beard

Proposed Program of Work

Action on "Recommended Policy"

Report of Progress by By-Laws Committee — Mrs. Ringstad

Communications from the National League

Miss Sherwin's letter of acknowledgment

Miss Wells' letters of September 16 and 25

Other Business

Action on Mrs. Stakman's resignation

Booth at M.E. A. State Convention

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October 15, 1930

Questions Suggested for Discussion at
CONFERENCE ON ORGANIZATION AND FINANCE

Amount of local League dues - inclusion of VOTER

How many and what kind of meetings should local Leagues have

How can they increase and hold their membership

How can they raise their budget if memberships are not enough

What is the function of department and committee chairmen

How can local Leagues reach a wider public than the membership with information and education and still avoid giving people outside the League the same privileges as those within it

What return does the state League make to the local League for its support through quota, etc.

Should state League be expected to supply speakers able to attract and hold an audience

How many visits can local League expect from field secretary in the course of a year - what kind of help from her

etc. etc.

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1639 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis

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RECOMMENDED POLICY
Supplementing the Proposed Legislative Program

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 1931 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 1931 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.

Minnesota League of Women Voters
Committee on Education
Miss Isabel Lawrence, Chairman

October 10, 1930

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Put a cross-mark (X) opposite the name of each candidate you wish to vote for in the Squares indicated by the arrow.

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U. S. Senator in Congress—THOS. D. SCHALL—Republican.	VOTE FOR ONE
U. S. Senator in Congress—ERNEST LUNDEEN—Farmer-Labor.	
U. S. Senator in Congress—EINAR HOIDALE—Democrat.	
U. S. Senator in Congress—CHARLES A. LUND—Independent. Nominated by Petition.	
U. S. Senator in Congress—RUDOLPH HARJU—Communist. Nominated by Petition.	
U. S. Senator in Congress—	
Governor—RAY P. CHASE—Republican.	VOTE FOR ONE
Governor—FLOYD B. OLSON—Farmer-Labor.	
Governor—EDWARD INDREHUS—Democrat.	
Governor—KARL REEVE—Communist. Nominated by Petition.	
Governor—	
Lieutenant-Governor—JOHN H. HOUGEN—Republican.	VOTE FOR ONE
Lieutenant-Governor—HENRY ARENS—Farmer-Labor.	
Lieutenant-Governor—ANDREW ROINE—Communist. Nominated by Petition.	
Lieutenant-Governor.	
Secretary of State—MIKE HOLM—Republican.	VOTE FOR ONE
Secretary of State—ANNA OLSON DETERMAN—Farmer-Labor.	
Secretary of State—MARY C. MACGREGOR—Democrat.	
Secretary of State—HENRY BARTLETT—Communist. Nominated by Petition.	
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State Auditor—STAFFORD KING—Republican.	VOTE FOR ONE
State Auditor—HENRY G. TEIGAN—Farmer-Labor.	
State Auditor—BENJAMIN M. LOEFFLER—Democrat.	
State Auditor—	
State Treasurer—JULIUS A. SCHMAHL—Republican.	VOTE FOR ONE
State Treasurer—FREDERICK MILLER—Farmer-Labor.	
State Treasurer—J. PIERCE WOLFE—Democrat.	
State Treasurer—	
Attorney General—HENRY N. BENSON—Republican.	VOTE FOR ONE
Attorney General—JOSEPH B. HIMSL—Farmer-Labor.	
Attorney General—WALTER F. DACEY—Democrat.	
Attorney General—	
Railroad and Warehouse Commissioner—FRANK W. MATSON—Republican.	VOTE FOR ONE
Railroad and Warehouse Commissioner—ELMER GOTTFREID JOHNSON—Farmer-Labor.	
Railroad and Warehouse Commissioner—AUGUST BLOMQUIST—Democrat.	
Railroad and Warehouse Commissioner—NICK MAKI—Communist. Nominated by Petition.	
Railroad and Warehouse Commissioner—	
Clerk Supreme Court—GRACE KAERCHER DAVIS—Republican.	VOTE FOR ONE
Clerk Supreme Court—ROY C. SMELKER—Farmer-Labor.	
Clerk Supreme Court—	
Chief Justice of the Supreme Court—SAMUEL B. WILSON—Nominated Without Party Designation.	Vote for One
Chief Justice of the Supreme Court	
Associate Justice of the Supreme Court—ANDREW HOLT—Nominated Without Party Designation.	VOTE FOR TWO
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Associate Justice of the Supreme Court—ROYAL A. STONE—Nominated Without Party Designation.	
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October 10, 1930

EDUCATION: SUGGESTED REFERENCES

Publications of the State Department of Education (Historical Building, St. Paul)

Studies of Elementary and High School Costs in Minnesota

Publications of the League of Minnesota Municipalities (University Library) Minneapolis

Minnesota Municipalities (magazine), May 1930 (Vol. XV, No. 5)

pp. 180-83 The County A School Administration Unit by C. E. Campton

pp. 186-91 A Phase of School Finance by Senator A. L. Thwing

Mimeographed article - Financing Educational State Aids by Harold Henderson

United States Daily (newspaper), published in Washington, D. C.

May be consulted in public libraries in the larger cities. An excellent weekly index makes it easy to refer to articles on Education.

The issues from June through November 1929 contain articles on the reorganization of the federal Bureau of Education under Commissioner Cooper.

Publication of the National Advisory Committee on Education (appointed by President Hoover)

Federal Relations to Education - A Memorandum of Progress

(May be ordered from the Office of the Committee, 26 Jackson Place) Washington, D. C.

Sent with 15 sample ballots to all Leagues except:
Mpls - 500 Duluth -
St. Paul League printed own
Minnesota League of Women Voters
1639 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis

October 20, 1930

Dear League President:

I am sending you 15 sample state ballots for use in your pre-election work. You may wish to post them on bulletin boards or in store windows during these two weeks before the November 4 election. A larger supply for distribution at meetings, etc. may be ordered from us at the actual printing cost of 40 cents per hundred.

The county ballot will be, as you know, different for each county. It is prepared by the county auditor.

The sample ballot of proposed amendments to the state constitution will be printed in the next issue of the VOTER with an explanatory statement about them.

Sincerely yours,

Emily Child,
Executive Secretary

500 — 20th Land Bank.

MINNESOTA LEAGUE of WOMEN VOTERS

TWELFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

October 15 - 17, 1930

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WEDNESDAY
October Fifteenth

Opening Session
11:00 A. M.

MISS WELLS, *Presiding*

Invocation - - - - - - - Dr. Frederick F. Kramer

Welcome from Hostess League - Mrs. James O'Neil, *Chairman General Convention Committee*

Response - - - - - - Mrs. J. D. Morrison, *President Winona League of Women Voters*

Appointment of Committees

Report of Treasurer - - - - - - Mrs. Harold G. Cant

Report of Executive Secretary - - - Miss Emily Child

Submission of the Budget - - - Mrs. Harington Beard

Report of Nominating Committee - Mrs. O. M. Botsford

Submission of Proposed Program of Work

Convention Committee Announcements

Special Conferences on Program and Methods
1:00

(For presidents, treasurers and department chairmen of local Leagues)

3:00 P. M. Drive for Delegates and Visitors

4:00 P. M. Tea at St. Mary's Hall

6:30 P. M. Fireside Supper for Local League Delegates
Home of Mrs. J. M. Murdoch

THURSDAY
October Sixteenth

Efficiency in Government Session
Mrs. F. W. Wittich, Chairman

10:00 A. M.

MRS. BEARD, *Presiding*

12: 30 to 1: 30 P. M. Polls Open for Election of Officers

Public Welfare in Government Session
1:30 P. M.

MRS. McGUIRE, *Presiding*

Education - - - - - - - - Miss Isabel Lawrence

Legal Status of Women - - - - Mrs. Woodard Colby

Child Welfare - - - - - - - - Mrs. D. L. Grannis

Living Costs - - - - - - - Mrs. George H. Spear

Women in Industry - - - - - - Miss Alice Kercher
(Dramatization of a Legislative Committee Hearing)

4:30 to 5:30 P. M. Polls open for Election of Officers

Candidates' Meeting
The Armory

8:00 P. M.

MISS WELLS, *Presiding*

Addresses by Nominees for United States Senate and for Governor: Thomas D. Schall, Einar Hoidale, Ernest Lundeen
Ray P. Chase, Floyd B. Olson, Edward Indrehus



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