



## League of Women Voters of Minnesota Records

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Minnesota League of Women Voters,  
March 26, 1942  
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# WARTIME SERVICE DISPATCH

March 26, 1942

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Columbia Heights, St.

Minnesota League of Women Voters,  
914 Marquette Ave., Minneapolis  
April 14, 1942

Comparison of 11 months Receipts and Disbursements  
with 1941 - 1942 Budget

## RECEIPTS

### Pledges from Local Leagues

A total of \$8,500 in pledges from local Leagues was budgeted. \$7,433.45 has now been paid on pledges for this year, including credits amounting to around \$800 brought forward from last year. \$1,111.13 is outstanding on pledges. If all pledges are paid, budget estimate will be slightly more than realized.

It was estimated in the budget that \$500 might be expected in contributions made to the State League in communities in which there are Leagues - which are credited to the local League, in addition to the League's pledge. \$330 has been realized.

### Woman Voter Subscriptions

The total receipts for the 11 months have exceeded the total receipts for the year as estimated in the budget (\$694.39 as compared to \$650.) April receipts will not be large, but total may run to \$700. Charged costs are running under the budget estimate (\$467.77 as compared with \$550.) As total subscription list increases, cost per individual copy decreases. However, only two 8-page issues were published this year, which probably would not be enough during the coming legislative year. Also printing costs may rise.

### Sale of Material

While total receipts have already run considerably over the budget estimate (\$1,074.80 as compared with \$700.), charged costs are correspondingly higher, (\$396.55 as compared with \$600), so that net receipts are only \$178 over charged costs. As proportion of National League publications increases, the net receipts will decrease, as such publications are resold at exact cost.

### Contributions Direct to State League

\$1,082.12 has been realized on the budget estimate of \$1,130.00.

## DISBURSEMENTS

Pledge to National League of \$4,000 will be paid in full

### Salaries

The actual salaries paid during the 11 months period total \$3,477.19, as compared with \$4,595. budgeted. The budget allowed for a third staff member; there has been no regular third staff member in the state office since last fall, with only occasional clerical assistance.



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Finance Letter No. 2

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914 Marquette Avenue  
Minneapolis

April 14th,  
1942

Dear Finance Chairman:

(Note to Presidents: Please pass this letter on to your finance chairman. Otherwise, please consider that it is addressed to you.)

First of all, thank you for the fine response to the first finance letter. It showed a fine responsibility on the "three League levels", and a good practical sense that money spent on the League will help prevent inflation. More of you will be writing in soon, I am sure.

You will find enclosed some "budget comments." It will be helpful if your delegates to the State Convention would be thoroughly conversant with the League's finances so as to "vote intelligently" on the budget. These comments might clarify any questions that arise in your present discussions of increasing your pledge to the state.

Every attempt is being made to streamline the program of the convention. We are now planning to omit a meeting of the finance department. Any questions of finance policy you may pass on to your president to bring up at the President's Conference. Would that be satisfactory to you?

Will you please bring up for discussion in an early meeting of your League -

Does your League have a budget? Does operating on a budget lead towards financial strength and understanding?

What League officer has the responsibility of collecting dues? of sending in quota payments?

What League officer has the responsibility of raising all money other than membership dues?

Why should the League ask for contributions? How many in your League might consider doing it?

Do any of your members make contributions? do others? (by contributions we mean any sum more than the minimum dues)

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WARTIME SERVICE DISPATCH  
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"Critical governmental problems arise at every turn. Statesmen are needed to solve them. Citizens who know and care about how they are solved are needed."

Forty-five Leagues in Minnesota organized for War-Time Service!!!

Thirty-nine War-Time Service Chairmen appointed!!

WE TAKE OUR INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC -

VIA SPEAKERS' BUREAUS in Northfield, Rochester, Austin, Glenwood, Lake City, Minneapolis and St. Paul. "Our speakers' bureau is organized and letters have gone to various groups, telling them of our new service." (Rochester)

VIA RADIO in Austin, Rochester, Fergus Falls, Duluth, Albert Lea, Willmar, St. Cloud. "Five minutes every week - material taken from broadsides." (St. Cloud)

VIA BROADSIDES Placed on bulletin board in library (Tracy), members "planted" at club meetings and church groups to stimulate discussion (Cass Lake), through Victory Aides in entire county (Litchfield), placed in doctors and dentists offices, beauty shops and all other waiting rooms (Willmar), copies sent to school with children (Gaylord), one woman regularly phones four others each week - another leaves a broadside on the street car seat (Minneapolis)

VIA POSTERS Regularly placed in post office window (Tracy), special poster display with plans for regular changes (Willmar).

VIA PUBLICITY Twelve Leagues report many news items. Thirteen Leagues report Declaration reprinted. Eight report editorial comment.

VIA CONVERSATION Innumerable and original ways of talking to individuals

Many Leagues report broadsides on local problems in process - two completed (Rochester and Minneapolis). On assessment problems in Grand Rapids, St. Cloud and Willmar; on local civilian defense set up in Austin, Columbia Heights, St. Cloud; on city charter (Fergus Falls and Minneapolis), on local election (St. Paul and Rochester).

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#### CIVIL SERVICE AND THE WAR TIME EMERGENCY

The defense program and the war emergency have placed a tremendous burden on federal, state and local civil service systems. Never was the need for qualified public employees greater and never was it so important for administrative officials to be relieved of the pressure of the spoils system. The problem is to maintain strong merit systems that will insure efficient personnel and at the same time to develop administrative procedures that are sufficiently flexible to secure qualified persons at an abnormal rate of speed.

Minnesota's civil service system is facing many emergency problems -

Shortage of workers has resulted in rapid turnover Greatly extended federal government employment and attractive openings in war industries, as well as the draft, have sky-rocketed employment turnover in nearly all departments of state government and enormously increased the recruitment problem of the state civil service department.

Shortage of persons trained in personnel procedures Increased demand for personnel technicians throughout the country, as well as for clerical workers, has caused a 50% turnover in the staff of our civil service department in recent months, resulting inevitably in loss of efficiency and in much time consumed in training new employees.

Registers of eligible people quickly exhausted The lists of persons passing examinations and eligible for state employment are exhausted rapidly, due to increased opportunities for employment. For instance, a stenographic register of 720 names was exhausted within a few months although under normal conditions it should have lasted at least two years. Instead of the usual simple procedure of filling vacancies by certifying the top three names on any list, it is often necessary to contact dozens of persons before three can be found who are still interested in state employment.

Some pay schedules inadequate Pay schedules established two years ago under relatively normal conditions require change in certain classes of employment, because of the present abnormal competitive labor market. A faulty and probably unintentional wording of the law, however, makes it impossible for the Civil Service Department to make needed adjustments between legislative sessions, except to a very limited degree.

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To meet the emergency -

every effort is being made to attract competent citizens of the state who are not engaged in or needed for war work to apply for examinations for state employment

a larger number of women is being employed

rules with respect to retirement age are being relaxed when feasible

more streamlined examination techniques are being used, and certification speeded by long distance and telegraph communication

rules have been amended to permit hiring of new employees at salaries above the minimum rate, and for more rapid salary increases for incumbents when there is a demonstrated necessity

in the Civil Service Department, work assignments have been redistributed, procedures routinized wherever possible in order to use fewer or less skilled employees.

Through the civil service system it has been possible to uncover sources of labor supply which would not ordinarily be available to operating officials and to attract applicants who would not be interested under a spoils system. It has been possible to avoid costly internal competition among departments for available workers, and to simplify in many ways the problems of administrative officials.

Certain rules and procedures of the department have already been modified and others may have to be made more flexible to meet the present abnormal conditions, but every effort must be made to prevent any permanent weakening of the merit system in Minnesota.

Not all of the problems have been solved. Some important operations of the department have been delayed and some desirable functions have had to be postponed. BUT CIVIL SERVICE IS MORE THAN JUSTIFYING ITS EXISTENCE IN THIS EMERGENCY. WITHOUT SUCH A CENTRAL CLEARING AGENCY IT IS EASY TO IMAGINE THE CHAOS WHICH WOULD EXIST IN STATE EMPLOYMENT.

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April 1942

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Dear Local League President:

Helen J. Duff  
Mrs. Philip S. Duff,  
Treasurer

National League of Women Voters,  
726 Jackson Place,  
Washington, D C

April 17, 1942

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May 1942

PROPOSED BUDGET  
1942 - 1943

RECEIPTS

Pledges from Local Leagues		\$8,745.00	
Contributions from League communities		500.00	
Woman Voter			
	Total receipts	\$700.00	
	Charged costs	600.00	100.00
Educational Material			
	Total receipts	1 000.00	
	Charged costs	950.00	50.00
Interest on Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund			35.00
Direct contributions		1 060.00	
			\$10 490.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Pledge to National League	\$4,200.00	
Salaries	4,500.00	
Social Security Taxes	70.00	
Office Maintenance	1 020.00	
Office depreciation fund	75.00	
President's contingent fund	25.00	
Travelling expenses of President to General Council meeting	100.00	
Legislative and Field Work	500.00	
		\$10,490.00



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Dear Local League President:

The state convention is soon upon us and with it comes the voting on our next year's budget. Mrs. Cant, the State Finance Chairman, has written about the additional National request. You know, too, from your own local experience, how much more the League could do with our war-time passing on of information were our finances more adequate. At the same time, we appreciate how much the total of local League pledges has increased over a ten year period, and we don't want to push any League beyond its ability.

Will you be good enough to call your finance chairman, if you have one, and your treasurer to discuss the amount of your next year's pledge, and let me know before April 30th, so that the budget committee will have figures to work with. Your pledge for support of the State and National Leagues for this year was \_\_\_\_\_.

Very sincerely yours,

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PROPOSED BUDGET  
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\$10 490.00

DISBURSEMENTS

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Salaries	4,500.00
Social Security Taxes	70.00
Office Maintenance	1 020.00
Office depreciation fund	75.00
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The League's Wartime Service to the public is on its way. It has only to increase in volume to succeed.

BUT OUR WARTIME SERVICE CANNOT BE LIMITED TO INSPIRING IN THE PUBLIC a greater sense of responsibility toward government. The League must itself exercise responsibility. The times call for action. Action needs preparation - fast, intensive preparation - directed to immediate action.

THE SPEED-UP has become one of the essentials to all that is done in this world, in our country. Speeding production, speeding military action, speeding the citizen's attention to government - is the battle cry of the hour.

The League of Women Voters has accepted service in the realm of citizen responsibility. The League faces the demand for speed. But speeding up means

## Conversion:

Industry has faced conversion. Labor has faced conversion. The military has faced conversion. Factories have been converted. Machinery has been converted. Skills have been converted. Blue prints for machinery have been prepared in weeks that once would have consumed months. New skills have been taught and learned in record time that once might never have been learned.

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FUNDAMENTAL SCHOOL PROBLEM IN MINNESOTA

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Dear Board Member: -  
would be wonderful if this year we could make it 100 per cent. The demands upon the League at this time warrant the best combined leadership which we can give.

Credentials for your registration for the state convention will be held at the convention registration desk for you.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth H. Mitchell,  
President

To reach Mrs. Cammack's home, coming from Minneapolis, turn right on to the boulevard. Her home is on the corner of Jefferson and Mississippi River Blvd.

Price - 2 cents

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Recognizing the crucial importance of the coming Congress, the League of Women Voters presents to the voters of Minnesota these

SIGNIFICANT ROLL CALLS

The most important foreign policy votes in the 77th Congress and votes on recurring domestic issues are listed. These votes are presented as indicative of the attitudes of members of Congress on important issues. Some votes in the 76th Congress on foreign policy are included as being an important part of the record of those members who were in the 76th Congress as well as the 77th.

Minnesota Senators

1. Vote on continuing the mandatory arms embargo provisions of the Neutrality Act (10/27/39). This amendment was proposed as an attempt to retain the arms embargo provisions of the Neutrality Act. A "yes" vote may be considered as an isolationist vote. The League of Women Voters opposed this amendment.  
Ball - Not a member when vote taken  
Shipstead - "Yes"
2. Vote on Senate ratification of Reciprocal Trade Agreements (3/29/40). Extension of the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Program for a three-year period was voted by the 76th Congress. The roll call on requiring Senate ratification of each of the agreements is chosen as being more indicative of the attitude of members of the Senate toward the program of freer international trade than was the vote on passage of the measure. The League of Women Voters took the position that requiring Senate ratification of the agreements would prevent the carrying out of the program.  
Ball - Not a member when vote taken  
Shipstead - "Yes"
3. Vote on an amendment to the Selective Service Act to limit the use of the armed forces of the United States to the Western Hemisphere.  
Ball - "Nay"  
Shipstead - "Yes"
4. Vote on passage of the Lend-Lease Act (3/8/41). This measure was supported by the League of Women Voters.  
Ball - "Yes"  
Shipstead - "Nay"
5. Vote on retaining combat zone and belligerent port bans of the Neutrality Act (11/7/41). (The League of Women Voters supported repeal of the Act at this time.)  
Ball - "Nay"  
Shipstead - "Yes"
6. Vote on passage of the bill to extend military service for an 18-month period (3/7/41).  
Ball - Paired for  
Shipstead - "Nay"
7. Vote on an amendment to the Deficiency and Supplementary Appropriation Bill for National Defense which would have permitted the purchase of farm products by the Army and Navy from outside the United States (3/31/41). This amendment was considered a slap at friendly relationships with the other American countries.  
Ball - "Nay"  
Shipstead - "Nay"

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8. Vote to override the veto on a defense highways appropriation measure (8/6/41). The bill was vetoed on the grounds that it called for an unnecessary expenditure of funds. The President had requested as appropriation for defense highways. The bill as passed carried a general federal aid highway appropriation to be divided among the states in the usual way.  
Shipstead - "Yes" Ball - "not recorded"
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Shipstead - "Nay" Ball - "Yes"
  10. Vote on lowering income tax exemptions from \$2000 to \$1500 for married persons and from \$1000 to \$750 for single persons (9/4/41).  
Shipstead - not recorded Ball - not recorded
  11. Vote on the O'Mahoney Amendment to the Price Control Bill (1/10/42). This amendment gave even greater advantage to farm commodities than was finally included in the price control Act.  
Shipstead - "Yes" Ball - "Yes"

Minnesota House Members

1. Vote on retaining the mandatory arms embargo provisions of the Neutrality Act. This amendment was adopted by the House on 6/30/39 when the administration bill liberalizing the provisions of the Neutrality Act was being considered. The bill then went to the Senate where it was not considered until after war broke out in Europe in September 1939. The League of Women Voters opposed this amendment, and supported the Administration bill.

Andresen	Yes	Maas	Nay	Andersen	Yes
O'Hara	Not a member	Youngdahl	Yes	Pittenger	Yes
Gale	Not a member	Knutson	Yes	Buckler	Yes
2. Vote on retaining the mandatory arms embargo provision of the Neutrality Act after the Senate had voted to eliminate the embargo. This action was taken on November 3, 1939, after the war broke out in Europe. The League of Women Voters supported the Senate bill.

Andresen	Yes	Maas	Yes	Andersen	Yes
O'Hara	Not a member	Youngdahl	Yes	Pittenger	Yes
Gale	Not a member	Knutson	Yes	Buckler	Nay
3. Vote on the three year extension of the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act (2/23/40) supported by the League of Women Voters. This vote indicates attitudes toward freer movement of goods among all countries.

Andresen	Nay	Maas	Nay	Andersen	Nay
O'Hara	Not a member	Youngdahl	Nay	Pittenger	Nay
Gale	Not a member	Knutson	Nay	Buckler	Nay
4. Vote on passage of Lend-Lease Act (2/6/41). The Lend-Lease Act was supported by the League of Women Voters.

Andresen	Nay	Maas	Nay	Andersen	Nay
O'Hara	Nay	Youngdahl	Nay	Pittenger	Yes
Gale	Nay	Knutson	Nay	Buckler	Nay



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5. Vote on bill further liberalizing provisions of the Neutrality Act (11/13/41) as passed by the Senate. The League of Women Voters supported repeal of the Neutrality Act at this time.

Andresen	Nay	Maas	Nay	Andersen	Nay
O'Hara	Nay	Youngdahl	Nay	Pittenger	Nay
Gale	Nay	Knutson	Nay	Buckler	Nay

6. Vote on extending military service for a period of 18 months (8/12/41).

Andresen	Nay	Maas	not recorded	Andersen	Nay
O'Hara	Paired against	Youngdahl	Nay	Pittenger	Yes
Gale	Nay	Knutson	Nay	Buckler	Not recorded

7. Vote on acceptance of the Inter-American Coffee Agreement (4/1/41). Failure to accept this agreement would have been a blow to friendly relations with other American countries.

Andresen	Nay	Maas	Nay	Andersen	Paired against
O'Hara	Nay	Youngdahl	Nay	Pittenger	Yes
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O'Hara	Not recorded	Youngdahl	Yes	Pittenger	Yes
Gale	Yes	Knutson	Nay	Buckler	Not recorded

9. Vote on passage of the Smith Anti-Strike bill (12/3/41). This bill was opposed by organized labor and has been held in the Senate Committee on Education and Labor on the grounds that it would delay production rather than speed it.

Andresen	Yes	Maas	Not recorded	Andersen	Yes
O'Hara	Yes	Youngdahl	Yes	Pittenger	Nay
Gale	Not recorded	Knutson	Yes	Buckler	Not recorded

10. Vote on passage of the price control bill (11/28/41).

Andresen	Nay	Maas	Not recorded	Andersen	Nay
O'Hara	Nay	Youngdahl	Yes	Pittenger	Yes
Gale	Not recorded	Knutson	Yes	Buckler	Nay

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TUNE: U. S. Marine Song  
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Information that all need.  
We talk taxes, chatter rationing  
To all people whom we meet  
In street car, bus or school  
Or shop - Here is our rule  
We'll purvey our knowledge everywhere  
With broadsides as our tool.

TUNE: "Deep in the Heart of Texas"

A broadside here  
A broadside there  
O that's the War-Time Service.  
And if they glare  
Why we don't care  
Yes, that's the War-Time Service.

For all we meet  
Upon the street  
We do the War-Time Service.  
It's quite a treat  
Our penny sheet  
Shout out the War-Time Service.  
Disseminate, it's not too late  
To do our War-Time Service.  
So make a date,  
Disseminate,  
Cheer on the War-Time Service.

Oh, on the trolley  
Give out a volley  
And do your War-Time Service.  
Purvey, by golly  
It ain't no folly,  
To do the War-Time Service.  
Present the facts, and  
If they ask, say  
"It's the War-Time Service."  
He who relaxes  
Can't beat the Axis  
Keep on the War-Time Service

TUNE: "I've been working on the R R"

We've been studying Civil Service  
Every time we meet.  
We've been talking Civil Service  
To each man on the street  
We must fight to keep it going  
We can't let it fall through  
Let us keep this merit system  
It's the best thing we can do!

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They always fill their quota  
To help make the War-Time Service  
Program complete.  
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Do you know them  
Yes, you know them  
You'll find them in  
The Capitol and out on  
Main Street  
The U S A's promoters  
The League of Women Voters  
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Yes, Sir!  
They can't be beat!

TUNE: "In an Old Dutch Garden"

On the college campus  
In the college hall  
In the nineteen twenties  
You could hear them call,  
"Come, get out the vote  
Either yeas or nays  
All you voters in your  
Sloppy college clothes."

"You must be responsible  
And do your share  
And you can't do that  
Unless you are aware  
Of the issues broad  
But beware of fraud  
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We'll learn to know  
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And our college voters  
Just simply thrive and thrive,  
As the years roll on  
We still keep on  
And we're getting more  
Vote conscious every day.



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Urgent Problem The educational program is receiving much attention these days. The Interim Committee on Education has prepared an extensive report to be submitted to the 1943 Legislature, and if approved will result in important and necessary changes in school laws pertaining to standards, state aid, and other matters. Conferences have been held to discuss school difficulties that have developed as a result of the war. At a recent session of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, President Dewitt S Morgan made this statement: "We are confronted with the same thing that confronts industry, the task of turning out a quality product as quickly as possible."

But in all these necessary and worthwhile deliberations no move has been made to attack again a fundamental problem of long standing in this state that has possibilities of bringing educational opportunities to the rural pupil equal to those enjoyed by his city cousin. Renewed study and necessary investigation of the values of larger units for administration and school support should be undertaken along with the other acute situations that require remedial measures at this time.

Movements to Improve Rural Schools Ever since our public school system was organized in Minnesota, there has been a consistent effort to make the school serve the needs of the community in which it is located. As urban centers developed, their schools grew larger and gradually better as funds increased, and in the course of time they outstripped the scattered schools in rural areas. However, the rural schools were not wholly neglected. They have had their champions. It is interesting to note that two very marked movements to improve the rural schools started in earnest about the beginning of this century. The purpose of the first movement was to educate the public concerning the need of a sanitary school plant, necessary equipment, and a trained teacher for every classroom. The second movement has been an endeavor to create interest in larger school units.

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Experiments of the Second Movement The second movement which aimed to establish larger school units has progressed slowly. But interesting activities started in 1901 when the Legislature made the organization of consolidated school districts possible. In thirty-eight years Minnesota could boast of 434 fine consolidated schools, each brought about by the union of two or more districts into one administrative and support unit with pupils housed in up-to-date school buildings. Unfortunately 161 of these schools did not offer high school training and that is the very thing needed if educational opportunities are to be equalized for rural and urban pupils. It is regrettable also that the cost of this type of school has proved prohibitive for many localities.

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In 1909 another effort was made to provide more equal opportunities for rural school pupils. This time legislation permitted rural schools to be associated with a graded or high school and thus enjoy the benefits of the special courses in manual training, home economics, and agriculture. This plan, though received enthusiastically, was soon abandoned.

The Ten-or-More-Township School District was created in 1913. Deer River, Grand Rapids, International Falls and Towner-Soudan operate under this organization.

In 1923 the Legislature provided for the Unorganized Territory School District. This took care of the large areas in the northern counties not included within the organized school districts.

Six years later, in 1929, the Legislature authorized another plan known as the County School District, which means the organization of all school districts of a county into one administrative unit with one school board of five members. This proposition appeared attractive and more economical than any plan so far, because local school houses could be used wherever needed, and all small and undesirable schools were to be closed and pupils transported to other schools having accommodations for them, thus reducing the number of teachers. With a school year of nine months, high school training for every pupil, and well qualified teachers, one might expect this type of organization to become popular, but only one county in the state has undertaken it.

Lake County has demonstrated that the experiment as worked out there has been very successful and also more economical than the old system of isolated schools and local school boards. The Lake County district has a school board of five members, a superintendent, a nurse and one supervisor or helping teacher. All elementary teachers are at least Teachers College graduates with two or more years of training beyond high school, and are paid the same salary as the teachers in the city of Two Harbors. All pupils have a school year of nine months, free books and all necessary supplies in both elementary and high school. Transportation is provided for those living two or more miles from a school, or room and board, if transportation is impossible. Some time ago at a meeting of educators, Superintendent C. E. Campton made this statement about the Lake County system: "We feel that Lake County has come as nearly equalizing the educational opportunities of the city and rural children as it can be done and at the same time remain within the bounds of our financial ability to do so."

The last attempt to interest the public in providing more equal opportunities for rural pupils was made in 1937 when the Legislature received that splendid and voluminous report entitled: "Summary Report of a Study of School District Organization in Fourteen Counties in Minnesota, Prepared by the Minnesota State Department of Education and the Minnesota State Planning Board, WPA Project No. 1758." The recommendations made warranted the active interest of all citizens of the state with their determination to do something. But 1942 is speeding on and no action has been taken on the findings of that 1937 Report which is buried in the archives of the state.

Recommendations The time has come when this fundamental problem on our educational calendar - Larger Units of Organization and Support - should not be sidetracked longer. Some satisfactory solution should be worked out. We need to unearth that 1937 Report, study it again, add the ideas that the following years of experience have developed and also consider again the committee's suggestion when it said, "The Committee further recommends that educational studies be carried on to the end that additional data may be gathered and the most efficient plans developed for the progress, advancement, and education of Minnesota children."

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This will be my last meeting as your state president and I find myself sincerely hoping that each and every one of you can be there, so that I can collectively thank you for the tremendous help which you have been to me and ask those of you who are remaining on the board to give your incoming president the same loyalty and cooperation which it has been my privilege to have.

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BUDGET  
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Total receipts \$700.00  
Charged costs 600.00 100.00  
Educational Material  
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Charged costs 950.00 50.00  
Interest on Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund 35.00  
Direct Contributions 1 060.00  
\$10,515.00

## DISBURSEMENTS

Pledge to National League 4,200.00  
Salaries 4,500.00  
Social Security Taxes 70.00  
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 The conference of local League presidents will be in the Century Room on the mezzanine floor. This conference is open only to local presidents or presidents elect.  
 The meeting for discussion of the National Active List and Platform will be in the Colonial Room on the mezzanine floor. Participants in this discussion will be Mrs. Baldwin of the National Board, and members of the delegation from Minnesota to the National Convention. Open to all except those attending the Presidents' Conference.

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The conference of local League presidents will be in the Century Room on the mezzanine floor. This conference is open only to local presidents or presidents elect.

The meeting for discussion of the National Active List and Platform will be in the Colonial Room on the mezzanine floor. Participants in this discussion will be Mrs. Baldwin of the National Board, and members of the delegation from Minnesota to the National Convention. Open to all except those attending the Presidents' Conference.

#### ATTENTION - WAR TIME SERVICE DIRECTORS!

A special meeting for War-Time Service Directors (or presidents serving in this capacity) is planned for Friday noon. Notify the Information Desk if you wish to attend, and reservation will be made for you. The Information Desk can also tell you in which room it will be on the mezzanine floor. Luncheon - 85 cents.

Bring your delegate's envelop with you to all sessions.

Kindly remove your hat at all sessions.

Your delegate's badge will admit you to every convention session, and to come in to hear talks following luncheon or dinner. It is absolutely necessary for admission to the Fireside Supper.

There will be a 25¢ fee for League members not registering for the convention to attend single convention sessions or to come in following luncheon or dinner to hear the talks.

Tickets for all luncheons and dinners should be purchased upon registration. Tickets for the Fireside Supper (open only to League members registering for the convention) must be purchased by FRIDAY NOON unless advance reservation has been made.

The Blue Room on the mezzanine floor has been reserved as a retiring room.

Inexpensive places to eat (within close vicinity of Lowry Hotel)

Lowry Hotel Coffee Shop

Alverdes - between 5th and 6th on St. Peter

St. Paul Hotel Coffee Shop

Lee's Broiler - corner St. Peter and 6th

Schuneman's Inc. (department store) tea room

The Crossways - St. Peter between 4th and 5th

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Week of

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	Mileage	Hotel	Meals	Tips	Phone
Mon.					
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Wed.					
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Fri.					
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Totals					

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#### BUDGET 1942 - 1943

Salaries	4,500.00
Social Security Taxes	70.00
Office Maintenance	1 020.00
Office depreciation fund	50.00
President's contingent fund	25.00
Travelling expenses of President to General Council meeting	50.00
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Memorandum on 1942 Tax Proposals

A. Size of Tax Program

The March 1942 Treasury Department recommendations for increased taxes were designed to bring in \$7.6 billion more than present tax laws. These proposals were in line with President Roosevelt's Budget Message of January. Supplementary Treasury recommendations made in May increased this figure by \$1.1 billion.

In view of the estimates of the amount of money that may be available for spending in excess of goods on which to spend it, i.e., "the inflationary gap," this recommended tax program is conservative as to size and should be considered a minimum. See broadside, "Bigger Taxes are Better Taxes," for figures indicating the general situation in this respect. One expert, A. G. Hart of Iowa State College, testifying before the House Ways and Means Committee said that this year's tax program should be at least \$12 billion.

Even with the levy of increased taxes as recommended, borrowings in the year ending June 30, 1943 may total more than \$50 billion.

B. Lower Income Tax Exemptions

1. First Treasury proposal on income tax

The first Treasury proposals included no recommendations for changes in the personal exemptions or the exemptions allowed for dependents under the personal income tax. At that time, Mr. Morgenthau minimized the dangers of greater inflation resulting from the buying of persons not already paying income taxes, and emphasized the tax burdens already carried by that group. The Treasury did however propose increased rates on the present taxpaying group to bring in \$3 billion more than at present.

2. Second Treasury Proposal

In May, after two months of consideration of new taxes by the House Ways and Means Committee and after the movement for a sales tax had gained considerable headway, the Treasury put forth recommendations for a general lowering of exemptions: for single persons from \$750 to \$600, for married persons from \$1,500 to \$1,200, and for dependents from \$400 to \$300. It is estimated that this would bring in \$1.1 billion additional revenue - \$100 million from new taxpayers and \$1 billion from those already paying. The number of new taxpayers under this proposal is estimated at 6,900,000. Mr. Leon Henderson immediately followed up this recommendation with an endorsement and suggested that the reduction in exemptions might well go further. Mr. Colin Stam, congressional tax expert, suggests the possibility of exemptions of \$1,000 for married persons and \$500 for single persons and a lowering of proposed rates on some of the present taxpaying group, so that less of the burden of lowered exemptions would fall on the middle income groups.

3. Pertinent points about lower exemptions

a) Fairer than sales tax

With the need for unprecedented amounts of revenue and with the need to curb excess buying power because of the limited supply of goods on hand civilians can spend money, all groups will have to share the resulting tax burden. Middle income groups will have to pay more, small



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income groups will have to pay more, everybody will have to pay more. The essential problem becomes one of sharing the burden as fairly as possible. This is the basic reason for urging lower income tax exemptions. It would be better to impose even heavier rates than those already suggested for the lowest income groups subject to an income tax under the proposed reduced exemptions, than to have a sales tax.

A sales tax allows no exemption for the first dollars of spendable income, it makes no allowance for the size of the family, and it hits hardest the groups that spend most of their incomes on goods. The movement for the sales tax has already made considerable headway. To congressmen a sales tax looks like an easier solution to heavy taxation than a broader income tax base: a sales tax doesn't appear to those affected to be as severe as an income tax at the time it is levied; also a sales tax is easier on the middle income groups than lower income tax exemptions and congressmen are very loathe to increase the burdens of the middle income groups. Congressmen need to be encouraged to avoid a sales tax until better solutions such as lower income tax exemptions have been tried.

b) Secure revenues promptly through collection at source

One of the goals of a tax program today is to draw off purchasing power promptly. This is achieved under an income tax only if tax payments are withheld at the time wages and salaries are paid. The terms "collection at source" and "withholding tax", although sometimes used as if they meant different things, apply to the same fundamental idea - payment of all or part of the tax on income at the time the income is received instead of later. Different proposals have been made from time to time as to the rates that should apply for taxes collected by this method.

In the original 1942 tax recommendations, it was recommended that discretion be given to the Treasury to collect part of the income tax at source. In recommending a broader base for income taxes no supplementary recommendation on a withholding tax was made.

Since it is important to collect promptly as much tax revenue as possible, it seems unnecessary to give the Treasury Department discretion about collection at source. It should be mandatory to collect as much income tax revenue at source as can be arranged for. This not only helps to find the government, but it is easier for the small taxpayer than trying to find the cash to pay his income tax in a lump sum or in four installments.

C. Joint Income Tax Returns

1. Treasury proposal

The Treasury Department has renewed the proposal made last year that married couples be required to file joint income tax returns. The purpose of the proposal is to eliminate tax avoidance through transfer of property from husband to wife and the paying of taxes on two smaller incomes instead of one large one, and to eliminate the tax differential that favors the eight community property states where the husband-wife relationship is treated as a business partnership and income is divided with the result that lower income taxes are paid because lower rates apply to the shares than to the total income. It is estimated that closing these tax loopholes by the requirement of joint returns would produce about \$300 million in revenue.



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The proposal is opposed not only by those who derive an advantage from the present system, but also from women who fear that their hard won independent legal status may be jeopardized.

2. Legal Status of Women

Mandatory joint returns would modify the principle of taxation that treats taxpayers as individuals. But in this respect women are put at no greater disadvantage than men. Furthermore, the recommendation for joint returns as made by the Treasury provides that after the total tax is computed, the tax liability of each person may be determined and the taxes paid individually.

As far as women's status before the law is concerned, there seems to be little to worry about. One woman lawyer sums it up in this fashion: "It seems impossible to conceive that any court would hold that the requirement of a joint income tax return for husband and wife would repeal any of the statutes which enable a woman, though married, to own and control her own property, convey and devise it, free from her husband's debts, own and control her own earnings, sue and be sued, etc. All of these statutes (which, it must be remembered, are state statutes), would remain in full force and effect. The only change would be that, for the purpose of federal income taxation, the husband and wife would be considered as one taxable unit."

3. The issue

The primary issue in the joint tax return question is to close tax loopholes. This is important when we are taxing everybody on an unprecedented scale. Woman's basic independent legal status would remain. If a privilege she has enjoyed in the past is taken away, so also are the privileges of many others.

However, if joint returns are adopted, it might be desirable to allow some exemption for earned income. This would take account of increased household expenses which accrue when the woman works outside the home. Some such allowance becomes increasingly important as income taxes are levied farther down the income scale. It is also important not to affect adversely the willingness of women to work outside the home by too drastic measures with respect to earned income. The Treasury has recommended a special allowance for earned income.

Other League Material on Taxes

Bigger Taxes are Better Taxes, 100 for 75¢  
Trends, Vol. I, Nos. 1, 4, 5  
Taxes: 1942 and After, A Quiz  
"Paying for the Defense Program" in Battle of Production, 10¢

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How Should Government Be Financed  
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There are two objectives:

- 1) To stimulate public understanding of the tax issues in every possible way, through

Widespread distribution to the public of the broadside, "Bigger Taxes are Better Taxes."

Reach labor organizations; factory workers, clerical employees and others in the lower income groups

Every-member send broadsides in her personal mail; some of these friends might even undertake distribution of the broadside

Ask for permission to distribute broadsides at meetings of various groups

(Consider possibility of securing special contributions from men in your community to finance distribution of the broadsides.)

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and

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Number attending: members \_\_\_\_\_ non-members \_\_\_\_\_

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Subjects and speakers or leaders of discussion:

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And this isn't all. You will hear the plans for the congressional campaign, part of our war-time service, almost immediately. That will continue through the November election. Broad sides will also be sent from time to time, and we are counting on you to watch the administration of your local government.

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Enclosure:

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Mrs. Philip S. Duff

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The flier is the opening gun in a campaign which will be carried on from the beginning of political filings, June 10th, to election day, November 3rd, and is the major work of the League at the present time. The entire campaign will be directed toward impressing upon the state electorate personal responsibility in nominating and electing members of the 78th Congress.

According to Mrs. Philip S. Duff, Wayzata, state president of the Minnesota League, the business of making Minnesota citizens thoroughly conscious of their responsibility in the coming election is considered of first importance. Said Mrs. Duff, "We believe that there was never a time in our country's history when the qualifications of the men we send to Congress should be so carefully scrutinized. We believe also that responsibility for the quality and ability of Congress rests squarely on the shoulders of the electorate. The League will devote every possible effort toward bringing about a realization of that obligation to the voters of Minnesota up to the date of the election in November."

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### CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES QUESTIONNAIRE

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Party \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Public Offices Held: \_\_\_\_\_

Endorsed by what groups: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Experience: \_\_\_\_\_

Civic activities: \_\_\_\_\_

Which of your experiences do you believe would be (or have been) most useful to you as a Congressman?



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2. What weight do you believe a representative should give to programs of economic or other groups within his state or district in making decisions on legislation affecting the entire country?

3. Do you think a representative should lead or follow public opinion?

4. What do you think is the role of Congress in wartime: a) initiating policies; b) in acting upon policies initiated elsewhere; c) in checking on execution of legislative policies?

5. What role do you believe the United States should play in the post-war reconstruction period?



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1. The interview is to be based on generalized questions (see Congressional Candidates Questionnaire) planned to reveal the political philosophy of the candidate.
2. The questionnaire is to be filled out by the candidate himself. Ask that his replies be concise.
3. Make an appointment for your interview. If the candidate is out of the state, write to him, asking for an appointment at some time when he is to be at home.
4. Take at least one other person with you.  
One of you should be thoroughly familiar with the questions to be discussed (see Supplementary Information); one should be a member of the same political party as the candidate.
5. If the candidate is a present incumbent, be familiar with his voting record (see Significant Roll Calls)
6. Open the interview by explaining what the League of Women Voters is and why we feel the coming Congress is so important.
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First - a few reminders

- 1) Please be sure that the names of newly elected officers are reported immediately.
- 2) Please appoint your department chairmen immediately after your annual meeting and send us their names.
- 3) Please report Finance, Membership and Publicity Chairmen - also War-Time Service chairman.
- 4) Please make out your budget and plan to begin quota payments this summer.
- 5) Please keep us informed as to your activities - perhaps copies of your newspaper publicity.
- 6) ARE LETTERS GOING TO YOUR CONGRESSMAN ON THE PENDING TAX LEGISLATION?

Now for our three summer war-time responsibilities:

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- 2) Those of you at the Presidents' Conference received a free copy of Significant Roll Calls. Such copy is now being sent to the rest of you. Use it where you think it will be valuable; order more if you need them.
- 3) A news article for your paper is enclosed. Also take them the flier and Significant Roll Calls.
- 4) How about a movie trailer, based on the flier? Can you arrange that?

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- 5) See your county party chairmen and women and know what they are thinking, saying, doing.
- 6) Urge mens' organizations (or do it yourself) to hold dinners like the congressional dinner at the state convention. Other states have copied the plan - why don't you? Use Trends, the Significant Roll Calls, the flier, the Chicago Round Table of May 3rd, as material to base it on.
- 7) Urge members to work in parties, but not the President nor any board member whom your board thinks too closely identified with the League in the public mind.

B. After July 30th - giving out information regarding candidates.  
There will be a new state broadside on the record of our congressmen's votes.  
Questionnaires to candidates  
Interviews with candidates  
Find out who your legislative candidates are, too, and be thinking over a plan for a public luncheon. More details later.

C. Pre-election - getting out the vote  
Both before the Primary and the General Election.

III. Attention to local government and its adaptation to the necessities of war time - decreased revenues and increased local services. More about this soon.

I keep thinking of Mrs. Cheek's statement in Chicago, "It is hard to fight an unseen war." If we were living in constant danger of bombing or invasion, if we were seeing death and pillage all about us, we would be keyed to doing our utmost for our country. We are fortunate. But let's not let our comparative security dull our determination to build a better democracy; this task our soldiers have left for us. Take your pencils, check this list, and keep going. And do let us hear from you for we all need the encouragement of companionship!

Sincerely yours,

*Helen J. Duff*  
Mrs. Philip S. Duff,  
President

Enclosures:

Newspaper release  
Sample flier  
State Board - 1942-1943  
State Program of Work - 1942-1943 (will be printed in Sept. WOMAN VOTER)  
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Average distribution of each issue - 1 per member. Shameful!

Hints on how to learn what is in a broadside -  
Have each member read one paragraph while the rest of the group writes down questions that come to mind. At the end of the meeting, try to answer all questions. Anew League, Excelsior, assigns each broadside to a member to present. She must devise a way of presenting it adequately and forcefully, through a skit, questions and answers, or plain teaching of important points.  
Try a spell-down quiz with defense stamp prize.

Mankato WTS chairman reports: "I have sold a number of broadsides to men. I find they like to pay for the literature as they feel it is something worth while then and will take it home and read it in their leisure time. I advise them to be sure to have their wives read it too. I tell them each sheet represents many hours of study and research and that it is authentic, and we are trying to keep the public informed on many problems facing us today."

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The Red Wing League is planning posters based on broadsides.

The "Gaylord plan" shows the indispensability of a regular individual "clientele" as the backbone of our distribution. But be sure you recognize and grasp your opportunities!

One Minneapolis League member is giving TRENDS to two men as Father's Day gifts.

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July 3rd,  
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Dear Local League President:

As we get into summer, - and I hope leave the floods behind us - it is amazing

- 3) TRENDS is about the best source of authentic information concerning current governmental issues the League offers. It is invaluable to publicity chairmen. Also it should be in every library and could be used to advantage by schools. It might be wise to appoint a Trend chairman to sell subscriptions.
- 4) Congressional Campaign. All save 200 of the 25,000 fliers are gone and another broadside is in the pot brewing. This one emphasizes the tigness of the congressman's task, the responsibility of the individual, and the importance of the primaries. Interviews are being conducted as filings take place. We'll send you the answers of your Congressional candidates with the hope that your local papers will publish them or that you can use them in election booths, etc.
- 5) The fall conference meetings are being planned for September and you will be told soon of the date and place of the conference to which your League will be invited. I hope many of your members may find it possible to attend for we all need the inspiration of united planning, and I am anticipating

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July 3rd, 1942

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

\$6 billion through lowering personal exemptions. In collecting this sum through a withholding tax - a 10% wage or salary deduction - revenue is obtained at once and purchasing money in excess of available goods is drawn off. If Congress adopts this recommendation, three fourths of the goal is attained and a further brake put on inflation. The if depends upon the public's comprehension of the need.

The League believes everyone should have a share in the tax program. To give this opportunity to a larger number by lowering exemptions and thus broadening the income tax base, demands public action. To win the war by a maximum amount of taxation depends, to a large extent, on public

MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
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August 4th,  
1942

Dear Local League President: -

Another "request for action" on the tax bill has come from Washington. As you know, a "request for action" is a chance to do something influential as a result of our study. This is where the League can be really effective; we can

- 1) distribute the new broadside which you will receive - "Next Year's Taxes";
- 2) see that letters and telegrams go to our two Senators, Henrik Shipstead and Joseph H. Ball.

I quote from Miss Wells' letter of July 27th:

"Finally the tax bill has gone from House to Senate - \$2.5 billion short of the estimated minimum needed. Now the Senate Finance Committee has begun hearings and are due to continue them at least two weeks. Some members of the Finance Committee express fear of the threat of inflation. No one of them seems to have the courage to advocate income taxes that will be drastic enough to do the job. The Congress and the country seem to fear inflation, but seem to want no one to suffer in the attempt to control it.

"Only public opinion can give courage to the Senate, the kind of public opinion that puts the salvation of all of us ahead of the desires of any one group of us. Everything the League of Women Voters can do will help. Nothing it does will be too much. Our danger is that we do too little."

Letters from your League and from your members will do something but they will not do enough. You must ask men and women of your community to write or telegraph our Senators. Go to the readers of your broadsides - Bigger Taxes and the new one - and tell them now is the time to make their opinions vocal. They will realize the need for taxes high enough to meet to the fullest possible extent the cost of the war and lighten the post-war debt; taxes enough to decrease the inflationary funds now in the hands of the public to spend.

Enclosed for your help also is a sheet of information "Tax Discussion in the Senate". It shows what the tax bill as the House passed it does and gives the answers to the current arguments against the withholding tax and against heavy taxation of both middle and low income groups. (It might be well also to have some letters go to your House members, expressing disappointment in the House bill.)

The job of being a good citizen is an active one these days - no time off for hot weather! Let us know what you are able to do.

Sincerely yours,

*Philip S. Duff*  
Mrs. Philip S Duff,  
President

P.S.

In the same package with the new tax broadside, you will receive your supply of the new congressional flier-broadside, to be used in our concentrated pre-election work of the next few weeks. A letter will go to you in a few days with suggestions for use of this broadside and other pre-election activities.



MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
914 Marquette Avenue  
Minneapolis

July 3rd,  
1942

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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR 1943 LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Legislative District \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Endorsed by what groups:

Business Experience:

Civic Activities:

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b) What state services do you feel should not be curtailed in time of war?
2. \* Do you think civil service is an essential service to the state? Will you work against measures which might weaken the system? Will you work for an appropriation large enough to meet the requirements of the service?
3. Do you favor a county assessor system?
4. A permanent interim legislative council would be of immense value in planning war and post-war legislative problems. Would you work for the establishment of such a council for Minnesota?
5. In making decisions on legislation, would you put the interests of your locality ahead of the interests of the state as a whole?

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- 1) A news article for your local paper on the House Ways and Means Committee recommendations re the tax bill is enclosed. They are strangely in agreement with the League stand. There is still danger, however, of a sales tax, so we can't relax yet. Letters to Congressmen are still helpful.
- 2) Broadside. Distribution is apparently continuing well. It seems to me now that the emphasis should be upon quality rather than quantity of distribution. It is not how many we spread about, but how many are really read and comprehended. Don't worry if the issues are stacking up, but be alert to hand them out at a timely moment and choose the right broadside for the right person.  
  
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Assurance from the "folks back home" of willingness to carry their full share of a big tax burden, is all that is needed, according to the League of Women Voters, for the passage by Congress of legislation to finance the war to the fullest possible extent by taxation. Recent action of the House Ways and Means Committee, recommending lower personal exemptions and "collection at the source" have paved the way for early congressional action.

With a warning that bigger taxes are better taxes, the League reminds all citizens that war demand cooperation for the total good, regardless of the individual burdens imposed, and, furthermore, that the wise taxpayer knows his burden will be greater if he does not favor sufficient taxation now.

How big must the tax be? The Treasury Department has recommended a goal of \$34 billion of new tax money. By a method fairer than the sales tax, the House Ways and Means Committee recently recommended raising approximately \$6 billion through lowering personal exemptions. In collecting this sum through a withholding tax - a 10% wage or salary deduction - revenue is obtained at once and purchasing money in excess of available goods is drawn off. If Congress adopts this recommendation, three fourths of the goal is attained and a further brake put on inflation. The if depends upon the public's comprehension of the need.

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August 18th,  
1942

Dear Local League President:

Another year has rolled around since we last met in our fall conferences, a year so burdened with cataclysmic events and with changes in the lives of each of us, that to meet and map again our course is essential. We have set our goal, but we need the impetus of fresh enthusiasm to re-dedicate ourselves to the tasks we have set.

There will be a discussion of how Leagues may participate in problems of local government; a report from each League as to its progress in pre-election activities; an outlining by Miss Mitchell or Miss Horr of our legislative interests; and further planning as to how we can extend our service to the public in explaining current governmental issues.

We are fortunate that gas rationing has not yet been ordered, so I hope that many, many of your members will seize what may be our last opportunity for some time to gather together and plan how best we, as citizens, can serve our country in these crucial times.

The date and place of the fall conference for your League is given below. Do urge your members to turn out en masse!

Sincerely yours,

*Helen J. Duff*  
Mrs. Philip S Duff,  
President

Place \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Time 10:30 to 3:00

Registration fee - \$1.00 for each  
League - payable at time of meeting



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Dear Local League President:

The accompanying letter from Miss Wells, full of election suggestions, may help you very much. You have received a letter from me earlier this month also listing possible election activities. The two overlap somewhat but there may be ideas in the National letter which appeal to you as workable in your community - for instance, the bill board plan or the full page newspaper advertisement.

You realize that the importance of these elections is tremendous. We have got to pass on realization of its importance. We have got to get out a large vote. Remember our goal - for each member, 20 voters to the polls!

The second part of Miss Wells' letter deals with the greater responsibilities of the League in these critical days. There is much food for thought. Please ponder the questions she raises and come prepared to discuss them at your fall conference.

Two new broadsides - one on Lend-Lease and the other on OPA - will be in your hands soon, both with suggestions for discussing them, and the former with a reference reading list.

You can't say that you aren't armed with material! Enclosed also is the Explanation of the Active List, which, if the National Program is a maze to you, will help you find your way. You could base a meeting on this information.

Again - Yours sincerely,

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Dear Local League President:

Now is the time for all good citizens to come to the aid of their country! This is a rally cry for pre-election activity. Our congressional campaign reaches its climax and there is a job for every member. Please read this letter carefully and check the items to see that you have not omitted any step. There must be a large vote and there must be a wise vote. The League has a big job.

#### MATERIAL

Congressional broadside You have been sent the new flier-broadside: - "Your Vote will help make the future." It stresses the importance of the individual's vote and the primary, and tells the duties of Congress. For discussion at a meeting, we suggest the following articles amplifying the broadside:

Kirk's Test for Congressmen - July Members' Magazine

Politics in War-Time - Chicago Round Table, May 3rd (League office - 10¢)

Significant Roll Calls - LWV - 3¢

Also watch current newspapers and magazines for articles and editorials.

Get this broadside into many hands - go way beyond your usual distribution of broadsides. Reorder from us. Special low price - 50 cents a hundred.

Voters Instructions We enclose a copy of the instructions prepared by the Minneapolis League which could be easily adapted to your own community.

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Candidates' Meetings (congressional, legislative, county, etc.) if run briskly and presided over ably are well worth while. Instructions for such meetings are available on request.

#### PUBLICITY

Newspaper Print as much as the papers will take - an account of what your League is doing, the broadside itself, the roll call votes of present incumbents, instructions to voters. The radio spot announcements could also be used for newspapers. If many new people have come in to your community, stress the voting requirements of change of address.

TIME 10:30 TO 3:00

DATE

PLACE

PHONE - 242-1111 or 242-1112  
REGISTRATION 100 - 27-00 for 1942

LISTENERS  
MR. & MRS. J. DUFF

STUDENTS' ROOMS

IN THIS ROOM MEMBERS ARE TO BE SEEN BY THE  
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Radio Those Leagues with local radio stations should plan to make full use of this medium from now until election day. Three National League scripts are available on the congressional campaign. A page of spot announcements is enclosed, to which may be added the local requirements. On September 8th, try to have "Have you voted?" or some such phrase, inserted after each program. These spot announcements are also suitable for newspaper use.

Movie Trailers Two trailers are available. One, prepared by the Red Wing League, is based on our "Measure your Congressman" flier. Arrangements for its use may be made through Mrs. Wm. Pearce, 725 West 4th St., Red Wing. Price very low.

The Minneapolis Junior Chamber of Commerce also has a 40 second pictorial "get out the vote" trailer. If there is a local Junior Chamber in your town, ask them to see that it is used in your community. Otherwise, one or more service clubs might joint with you in bringing it to your theatres. Arrangements for booking it may be made through the League office. Probable cost - around \$9.00 a week.

Posters Make and place get out the vote posters in prominent places.

If new people have come in to your community, make an attempt to reach them with information on voting requirements (maybe the congressional broadside as well). For instance, the Minneapolis League is asking all defense plants, and others, to post the instructions to voters on their bulletin boards.

As a check-up on the efficacy of the campaign, find out what percent of the voters voted in your community at the last primary and the mid-term one four years ago and compare it with this year's vote.

A busy and successful month to you!

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosures:

Instructions to Voters  
Legislative questionnaire  
Radio spot announcements

TIME 10:30 TO 2:00

DATE

PLACE

Subject - Instructions to voters of Minnesota  
Legislative Questionnaire - 21'00 (for each)

Enclosure  
Helen J. Duff

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Do make your campaign to vote out as much as possible  
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Dear Board Member: -

This isn't a greeting after the summer's vacation, for most of you haven't had a holiday and many of you I've seen or corresponded with. It is just an announcement that the August board meeting will be on Friday, the 14th, beginning at half past ten, and I'm hoping that you will come to my house at Maplewoods, Lake Minnetonka. Please tell the office if you can come and if you can offer conveyance or want a ride. Instructions for reaching my home will be furnished to all who drive.

There is much to discuss and many plans to make - for the fall conferences, preparation of material - and the new members to quiz! Most of all I hope that you have been thinking a little of general League problems and have fresh ideas to offer as to how the League can interest and keep busy more people in active citizenship.

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SUGGESTIONS FOR WARTIME SERVICE CHAIRMEN  
ON "OPA" BROADSIDE

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PROGRAM SCHEDULES FOR FALL CONFERENCES

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
10:30 Conference opens  
Welcome from president of hostess League \_\_\_\_\_  
and introduction of presiding officer \_\_\_\_\_  
10:40 MORNING SESSION  
to \_\_\_\_\_  
12:10 \_\_\_\_\_  
12:30 LUNCHEON  
1:30 AFTERNOON SESSION  
to \_\_\_\_\_  
3:00 \_\_\_\_\_

Leagues invited to attend:



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ON "LEND-LEASE" BROADSIDE

The lend-lease program has two main aspects: 1) the Lend-Lease Act of 1941  
originally a defense and now a war measure, under which aid is supplied to  
our Allies; 2) the master lend-lease agreements which have to do with the  
settlement of lend-lease obligations, and which are forming the basis of our  
post-war policy. There is a great deal of misinformation about the first and  
lack of information about the second.

The broadside is an attempt to give an over-all picture of the lend-lease  
program and some interpretation of its importance for the future. It is not  
meant to be detailed or to give specific information about lend-lease aid to  
individual countries.

Master lend-lease agreements all follow the same pattern as the original  
one with Great Britain which was sketched in TWO FRONTS: WAR AND POST WAR.

Emphasis should be given to the fact that we are receiving as well as giving  
lend-lease aid, and that the program is an effort to avoid the mistakes of  
the last war and to lay the economic foundation for peace.

The purpose of the lend-lease program must be understood by the American  
people and the idea that we can receive benefits in return for lend-lease  
aid which may be of greater value than goods or cash needs to be stressed.

Suggested references:

Magazine articles:  
"Building in War for Peace" -- Dean Acheson -- Vital Speeches, Aug. 1, 1942  
"First Year of Lend-Lease" -- Current History, May 1942

Pamphlets (order direct if not available in local library)  
U. S. Aid to Britain -- Foreign Policy Report -- 25¢  
Foreign Policy Assn., 22 East 38th St., N Y C

Reports to Congress on Lend-Lease Operations by President -- 10¢  
Supt. of Documents, Washington, D C



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Public Offices Held: United States Senator since October 14, 1940

Endorsed by what groups: None

Business experience: Newspaper reporter twelve years, including five years as state political writer.

Useful experiences: Newspaper work

Walter K Mickelson, New Ulm

Public Offices Held: Secretary to Senator Henrik Shipstead, Assistant Administrator Work Progress Administration of Minnesota

Endorsed by what groups: The people

Business experience: Have been meeting a payroll for more than 20 years. Editor, Delavan Wisconsin Republican; Publisher Stoughton, Wis., Daily Courier Hub; Publisher, Blooming Prairie Times, New Ulm Daily Journal

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Henry J. Soltan, Minneapolis

Endorsed by what groups: Minnesota Good Government League, churches of all denominations, young people's organizations, Townsend Clubs and farm organizations

Business experience: Clergyman for thirty-three years. Field secretary of Anti-Saloon League, three years; newspaper editor, 6 yrs.

Civic Activities: Work in law enforcement. Active part in political campaigns



FARMER - LABOR

Henry Arens, Jordan

Public Offices Held: Member of Congress one session. Member of State Senate four sessions, State House of Representatives, 2 terms, Lieutenant-Governor 1 term.

Endorsed by what groups: None

Business experience: Manager of local creamery 10 years. Vice president of Land O Lakes Creamery, 10 years.

Civic Activities: President of Commercial Club of Jordan, President of Jordan School Board, president or member of local fair board.

Useful experiences: Member of Congress 2 years, member of State Legislature 12 years, Lieutenant-Governor and presiding officer of State Senate 2 years.

Elmer A. Benson, Appleton

Public Offices Held: Securities Commissioner, Banking Commissioner, United States Senator, Governor

Endorsed by what groups: Farmer-Labor Association

Business experience: Independent business and farming

Civic Activities: Most all local activities

Useful experiences: Life in my home community

Mrs. Ernest Lundeen, Minneapolis

Public offices held: None

Endorsed by what groups: Civic, professional and business groups. Also individual supporters of my late husband, Senator Ernest Lundeen, from all over the state.

Civic activities: I have sponsored religious and charitable organizations and have been active in every possible way.

Useful experiences: My continued association with my late husband during his many years of public service. I was actively interested.

Herbert L. Millington, White Bear Lake

Public Offices held: None

Endorsed by what groups: Veterans, labor, retail clerks, Townsend groups and state pension groups

Business experience: Executive and general management employing 300 people

Civic activities: Member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars. Have been active in the promotion of civic enterprises.



DEMOCRATIC

Ed Murphy, St. Paul

Public offices held: City Prosecuting Attorney, City of St. Paul  
Assistant Corporation Counsel, " " "

Endorsed by what groups: No group. Democratic Party

Business experience: Lawyer, 18 years; Secretary of Public Affairs, St. Paul  
Association of Commerce, 2 years.

Useful experiences: As lawyer for 18 years and 9 years attendance at the  
State Legislature as City of St. Paul Representatives;  
Naval service in World War I.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

1. We recognize the need, even in wartime, for constructive criticism. Disagreements develop over the definition of "constructive". What standards do you set for yourself in deciding what constitutes constructive criticism? Do you think different standards should apply to a Congressman than to a private citizen?

Ball Criticism is constructive if it proposes an alternative to the policy or action criticized. I believe Congressmen should be held to even stricter standards than private citizens.

Mickelson I believe the most important single thing facing America today is the winning of the war just as speedily as possible. If elected Senator I shall never hesitate to criticize anything that impedes speedily winning of the war. I believe this same standard should apply to private citizens as well as to Senators and Congressmen.

Northrop Standards - justice to all groups. The same standards should apply to every group and every individual.

Soltan Constructive criticism must be based on facts. Different standards should not apply.

Arens Any criticism that will improve methods or will point out waste or inefficiency. Anything that would be intended to win the war should be permitted and held constructive.

Benson Constructive criticism during the war period ends when the criticism interferes with the war effort. Yes, I do place a different standard for a Congressman or any other Government official because of his official position and for no other reason.

Lundeen Constructive criticism is criticism that can in no way give aid or comfort to the enemy but that can serve a useful purpose in our own war effort or in our general welfare. These standards should apply to all.

Millington I am much in favor of constructive criticism. I think Congressmen come under the same standard as a private citizen when it comes to constructive criticism. Any criticism that tends to be personal in scope is not good for a citizen or a congressman. In other words, if we can't say something good, say nothing. The standard applies to both the citizen and the congressman.



Murphy An honest belief that any criticism will aid in the war effort is the criterion, but should be accompanied by a substitute honestly presented. Same standard for Congressmen or private citizens but one in Congress should be constantly aware of the greater significance given to his expressions and guard against loose talk.

2. What weight do you believe a representative should give to programs of economic or other groups within his state or district in making decisions on legislation affecting the entire country?

Ball Weight proportionate to the soundness of social and economic bases of program plus degree of consideration given national welfare - inverse proportion to the purely selfish group interest reflected in program.

Mickelson I believe that under our representative form of government a Senator should represent the interests of his constituents.

Northrop Country first, state second, local district last

Soltau I would consider these groups in relation to all concerned and make my decisions on the bases of justice and equality.

Arens He should ask himself if they do the most good for the most people.

Benson I believe a representative should give due consideration to economic groups within the state and/or district, the same consideration that we give to other reliable sources of information.

Landeau The interests of a representative's state or district should always be considered with due respect to the best interests of the entire country.

Millington I do not believe in class legislation unless it is beneficial to the entire country or state. There are times when legislation is beneficial to a district but may have a bad effect on the state or nation. Problems of economics should be figured to benefit the nation as a whole and not any particular group.

Murphy Must try to protect the interest of the people, subject at all times to the national interest.

3. Do you think a representative should lead or follow public opinion?

Ball A representative should lead public opinion. He is devoting full time to the study of issues which are very complex, where the public generally spends only part of its spare time.

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Northrop Primarily he should lead.

Soltau I think a representative should declare himself for high democratic principles, let the people know where he stands and then lead them.

Arens He should lead.

Benson I believe a representative should lead public opinion



Lundeen A representative should at all times keep his state in touch with the "bulletin board" of the nation and should at all times give due respect to the reactions of his constituents in this, our democracy.

Millington Public opinion is man's greatest guide, it is not well always to follow public opinion, or is it well to lead public opinion. Public opinion may be inflated by demagogism or it may get out of control by a silent campaign. Public opinion must first be carefully weighed, the subject matter or effect diagnosed, then it might be well to follow.

Murphy Should be a leader but not so certain of himself as to think he alone can be right in defiance of commonly accepted, although new, ideas.

4. What do you think is the role of Congress in wartime: a) initiating policies; b) in acting upon policies initiated elsewhere; c) in checking on execution of legislative policies?

Ball Chiefly b) and c). Congress has not facts on which to initiate war plans, but should review them and check on their execution.

Mickelson The policy of Congress in war time is to cooperate in every way possible in helping to win the war. Congress should not hesitate to attack extravagance, inefficiency or muddling.

Northrop Executive department in a crisis.

Soltan I think all three policies should have careful consideration

Arens At times should do all three

Benson I believe the Congress at all times should initiate policies.

Lundeen In war time, as in peace, Congress should never shirk its own duties as defined in our Constitution. The war effort should have first consideration and policies initiated elsewhere should be debated and passed upon using sound judgment rather than rubber stamps. The welfare of the country as well as the war effort should be safeguarded by watching the execution of legislative policies.

Millington Initiating policies

Murphy No single one is adequate; must be a combination of all these activities.

5. What role do you believe the United States should play in the post-war reconstruction period?

Ball The United States should take the lead in working out a democratic program to maintain a greater degree of peace and economic stability in the world.

Mickelson After we have won the war, our first duty should be the dismantling of this great war machine. The continuation of this huge bureaucracy will destroy our republic. I believe in restoring to the people the economic and political liberties that they have had to surrender during the war. I stand for the elimination of the empire racket by all countries of the world before any hope of a permanent peace can be assured.



Northrop The United States will be the natural leader in developing a post war world of peace and freedom whether we will it or not.

Soltan Ours must be the role of helping all nations to have equal opportunity. We must lift the standards of all people and make a practical application of democracy.

Arens Support the Atlantic Charter, with one paragraph added -- freedom of religion.

Benson I believe the United States should take a leading part in post-war reconstruction together with the other nations of the world and so unselfishly re-organize our social, economic, and political systems as to make another World War wholly unnecessary and impossible.

Lundeen In the post-war reconstruction period the United States should "Consider first the members of its own household" -- Timothy. The Christian spirit upon which our nation was founded well defines the policies we should initiate -- "Friendship with all -- Trade with all -- Entangling alliances with none."

Millington If we are to have a sound post war reconstruction period, we must first establish a sound pension system for the boys who will return from the armed forces. I do not believe we should be the police of the world. I would be for a program of social and rehabilitating work by America's best trained men for that job, to be sent any where in the world. I feel Congress will and must keep its hands on our purse string. I would be opposed to any program that would make of us a United States of Europe, and cause us to lose our freedom. Our post war program should be/build a strong home economic front, so that we may set an example for democracy at work, so the rest of the world may follow.

Murphy A leading, unselfish role like that taken by our President, Woodrow Wilson, after the last war. In this way only lies the hope of preventing a recurrence of the present world conflict.



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SUGGESTIONS FOR WARTIME SERVICE CHAIRMEN  
ON "OPA" BROADSIDE

Most people approve the idea of price ceilings, rent control and rationing, in the hope that prices of the things they buy will not go up; they criticize the specific application of these programs when they pinch or demand sacrifices.

Many judgments of the whole program are formed from individual experiences with only one part of it. Because the inconveniences are felt today while the benefits will not be seen fully until the war is over, the ultimate goal of curbing inflation is often lost sight of. There is a tendency to focus criticism on the administration of price ceilings, rent control and rationing, and to make a whipping boy of OPA.

This broadside attempts to explain OPA in terms of the job it has to do. It does not answer specific criticisms, but tries to get behind the specific to the fundamental causes of complaint.

The two major points to be emphasized are the size of the job and the purpose of the program.

If OPA's appropriation and staff seem large, look at your local War Price and Rationing Board, and multiply its job and staff by the number of local boards in the country.

If you hear more about OPA in Washington than you do of your local board, stop before you cry "Bureaucracy" and remember that policies and regulations which make headlines come from Washington. Your local board's job is to administer and enforce them.

If you think you are being asked to give up too much, try to imagine an inflation even worse than the famous one in Germany after the last war, and think what you would have to give up if that happened here.

People must raise their sights, and see OPA and its job as a whole -- more than the way it affects them individually or their own community.



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A minimum wage is defined in Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 4232, as a wage "sufficient to maintain the worker in health and supply him with the necessary comforts and conditions of a reasonable life." Minnesota's minimum wage law was first passed in 1913, declared unconstitutional except for minors in 1925, but re-instated by U S Supreme Court decision in 1937. It is administered by the Industrial Commission through the Division of Women and Children, by a staff consisting of a chief and five investigators. The biennial report of the Division stated that 2,330 women were paid wage adjustments amounting to \$110,000.

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Short legislative sessions and increasing complexity of governmental problems with which legislatures must deal prevent adequate consideration of all measures introduced. A Legislative Council would be a general interim committee of legislators from both houses, aided by expert research assistance, which would meet periodically between legislative sessions to gather useful information on problems which will face the next legislative session. Such a Council would be invaluable in helping to meet problems accentuated by the war, and in planning for the post-war period.

##### 1. Representation

The Council should proportionately represent both houses, all areas of the state, in so far as possible, different points of view. A fairly large council seems advantageous because an appreciable number will more likely be re-elected and will provide informed leadership at the next session.

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The Council should meet as often as necessary to perform its duties, provided, however, that it shall meet at least once in each quarter.

##### 4. Research

Factual research has been recognized as essential to wise law making. A law should provide for the selection by the Council of a research director and necessary assistants to be paid salaries determined by the Council.

##### 5. Governor's Message

It is important that the Governor have the privilege of submitting proposals to the Council.

##### 6. Reports

There should be provision that periodic reports be sent to all members of the legislature.

##### 7. Compensation and appropriation

Limited experience in other states indicates the need for an appropriation of about \$25,000 a year to pay the expenses and per diem compensation of members of the Council and to provide reasonably adequate research staff.

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Minneapolis  
At. 0941

September 2nd,  
1942

Dear Board Member: -

Is it because our days are so full that time gallops on so rapidly? By next Friday, September 11th, four weeks will have sped by since our August board meeting. This time we are back to winter schedule - ten o'clock at the Hampshire Arms in Minneapolis.

Before then, I am going to ask each of you to see that at least three letters go to Senator Henrik Shipstead, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C., urging him to support an adequate tax bill. The new "Next Year's Taxes" broadside gives you the information on which to base the letters. Senator Ball has expressed his concurrence with our views so letters to him are unnecessary.

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MANY PEOPLE IN THE WORLD TODAY HAVE LOST THEIR RIGHT TO VOTE  
SHOW HOW YOU VALUE THAT PRIVILEGE  
BY VOTING  
IN THE FALL ELECTIONS

Primary Election - September 8

General Election - November 3

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IN ORDER TO VOTE YOU MUST

and changes in registration may be made at the registration bureau on the ground floor of City Hall-Court House any time up to 20 days before election.

Registration for Primary closes August 18 and for General Election October 13. County residents outside of St. Paul register when they vote on election day.

ABSENTEE VOTING

A REGISTERED voter unable to vote on election day because of illness

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THE LEAGUE'S POSITION ON WAGE AND FARM BILLS

The League of Women Voters takes the position that Congress should act without delay on effective inflation curbs. Inflation is threatening the country because rising wages are putting into people's pockets more money to spend on a decreasing supply of goods, and the omission of one large group of essential commodities - farm products - from price control increases the cost of living and threatens to push other prices through their ceilings. President Roosevelt, in his Labor Day message to the Congress, said that since 1939, annual wage and salary disbursements have increased 71% and cash farm income has increased 75%. The prices of almost all commodities (except farm products) are now under rigid control. This alone cannot check inflation. Congress must act now on the stabilization of wages and farm prices.

Action on wages and farm prices must be taken simultaneously because:

Parity expresses the relationship between prices farmers receive for their products and prices they pay for goods. Therefore, if wages increase, the prices farmers must pay for goods increases, and parity will go up thus making it possible to raise farm price ceilings. When farm price ceilings go up, thereby increasing living costs, there will be further demands for wage increases which, if granted, will send farm prices up again.

Wages and farm prices need not be set as of the same date. Congress, however, should specify dates for each when favorable conditions prevailed. If wage and farm price ceilings are to be effective, it is essential that the law provide as little opportunity as possible for exceptions and adjustments.

Congress as the legislative body should give direction to the President as to the ways in which he should fix wages and farm prices. This does not mean that Congress should give such detailed direction that the President is not free to exercise the discretion which is necessary in wartime. It does mean that Congress should block out the methods which should be used, such as fixing the basic dates for setting ceilings, and set positive standards, such as the specific conditions under which adjustments may be made. Determining the policy and area within which the executive may act is the job of Congress. Should Congress pass the responsibility over to the President by giving him blanket powers, it is shirking its own responsibility.

By the same token, the bill should make immediate action mandatory on the President. Congress should take the responsibility for determining that wages and farm prices shall be controlled. Congress should not simply give authorization to the President to do the job, but should make clear its intent that wages and farm prices be stabilized now.

Neither the official Senate or House bills meet the standards mentioned above. The Senate bill, while the better of the two, doesn't make mandatory concurrent action on wages and farm price control thus leaving it possible for the President to act on either one alone. Instead of setting positive standards to guide the President, the bill gives a broad grant of power and then defines the areas in which the President may not act, e.g., that he may lower wages and farm price ceilings to relieve inequities, but not below parity or contrary to the Fair Labor Standards Act. The bill does not say when the President must act, nor does it indicate methods.



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#### WAGES AND FARM PRICES

#### MAJOR POINTS IN SENATE AND HOUSE BILLS

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House Resolution 7547 (Introduced by Mr. Steagall of Alabama)

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The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to make loans to farmers at not less than 100% of parity, parity to include all costs including the cost of labor. This power is to extend for three years after the end of the war.

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- 1) to pass a tax bill which will really make a dent on excess purchasing power, and
- 2) to plan wage and farm price legislation which will be effective inflation curbs.

These requests brook of no delay; this is our opportunity to prove the quality of our citizenship.

The League's stand is that inflation is the American people's greatest danger; therefore

- 1) Congress must pass a tax bill drastic enough to draw off excess purchasing power;
- 2) Congress should without delay pass wage and farm price control legislation which would
  - a) Provide for fixing wages and farm prices as at a specified date for each but to take effect simultaneously. It should allow for the fewest possible exceptions.
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Enclosed is a "memo" prepared by the National League, giving the League's position in detail on the Wage and Farm Bills, and the major points in the Senate and House bills. Additional copies may be ordered at 2 cents each.

Sincerely yours,

*Helene J. Duff*  
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President

P.S. The new membership folder prepared by the National League is now available from this office at 1 cent each. It is an excellent statement of the League in Wartime and would be exceedingly helpful in securing new members.



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Please let the office know whether or not you will be present at the board meeting and whether we should count on you for luncheon.

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St. Paul has a system of permanent registration of voters. Once having registered you are entitled to vote at all elections, PROVIDED

you have voted once in past two years in which elections were held and you have notified the registration bureau of any change of address.

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#### PARTY TICKETS

State Officials and Members of Congress ONLY are nominated and elected on party tickets. In the PRIMARY you cannot split your ballot. If you vote for candidates of more than one party, your ballot will be rejected. In the GENERAL election you may cross party lines and vote for a candidate of one party for one office and for a candidate of another party for another office. Where voting machines are in use, the voter pulls the lever marked for the party for whose ticket he is voting.

If there is only one candidate for an office on a party ticket, he is automatically nominated and his name will not appear on the primary ballot.

#### REMEMBER

YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO VOTE FOR THE MAN OF YOUR CHOICE IN NOVEMBER IF YOU DO NOT HELP TO NOMINATE HIM IN SEPTEMBER. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MEN YOU CHOOSE TO REPRESENT YOU IN YOUR GOVERNMENT. CONTINUE THAT RESPONSIBILITY AFTER ELECTION.

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 One Senator and two Representatives from each of the six legislative districts into which Ramsey County is divided.  
 The Courts  
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 Two Associate Justices of the State Supreme Court  
 One Judge of the Ramsey County District Court  
 One Clerk of the District Court  
 In Ramsey County  
 (without party designation)  
 Six County Commissioners  
 (4 from St. Paul and 2 from 2 county districts)  
 Abstract Clerk  
 Register of Deeds  
 Auditor  
 Treasurer  
 Superintendent of Schools (county voters only)  
 Sheriff  
 Attorney  
 Surveyor  
 Coroner  
 Things you as a voter can do

Learn something about the candidates and the duties of the elective offices.  
 Talk to your friends and neighbors about what you have learned.  
 See that those friends and neighbors go to the polls on these election days.  
 WAR TIME GOVERNMENT NEEDS YOUR BEST  
 BE THE KIND OF RESPONSIBLE CITIZEN A DEMOCRACY NEEDS

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- 3:30 REGISTRATION AND TEA HOUR  
Commons Room, Mendel Hall
- 4:00 Commons Room, Mendel Hall  
PANEL DISCUSSION: "Can War and  
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Responsibility for Government?"  
Participants:  
College of St. Catherine  
University of Minnesota  
Winona Teachers College
- 6:00 DINNER  
Senior Dining Room, Derham Hall  
Presiding Mary Teresa Hayes  
Welcome Evelyn Densmore  
Response Mankato T C
- 8:00 FIRESIDE EVENING Whitby Lounge  
"The League Turns Outward"  
Discussion led by:  
Miss Ruth H. Mitchell, Director,  
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Saturday, October 17th

- 8:00 ALL COLLEGE LEAGUE BOARD MEETING  
Breakfast Senior Dining Room  
Meeting Founders Parlor
- 10:00 Commons Room, Mendel Hall  
MORNING SESSION  
"Legislation in the Public  
Interest"  
Discussion led by: Miss Helen  
Horr, Organization Secretary,  
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- 12:00 LUNCHEON Senior Dining Room  
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"Importance of Wartime Elections"  
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2. \* Do you think civil service is an essential service to the state? Will you work against measures which might weaken the system? Will you work for an appropriation large enough to meet the requirements of the service?
3. Do you favor a county assessor system?
4. A permanent interim legislative council would be of immense value in planning war and post-war legislative problems. Would you work for the establishment of such a council for Minnesota?

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REPLIES FROM CANDIDATES FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR

Joseph H. Ball St. Paul Republican  
position and for no other reason.

Murphy An honest belief that any criticism will aid in the war effort is the criterion, but should be accompanied by a substitute honestly presented. Same standard for Congressmen or private citizens but one in Congress should be constantly aware of the greater significance given to his expressions and guard against loose talk.

Nelson Criticism directed at maintaining American standards and institutions. A private citizen's right to criticism should equal that of a Congressman, since under our system the powers of government are derived from him.

2. What weight do you believe a representative should give to programs of economic or other groups within his state or district in making decisions on legislation

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You were sent a questionnaire to be used with your prospective legislators before the primary or the general election. Some of you used this questionnaire. Will you, immediately after election, send in the responses you received from the successful candidates? We want to know the sentiments of legislators on measures we wish to support and this is our only method. If your League did not ask your candidates for this information, will you immediately after election submit these questions to your elected members of the legislature, sending in their replies as soon as possible? The second page of the legis-

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REPORT OF LOCAL LEAGUE MEETINGS  
Minnesota League of Women Voters  
914 Marquette Av., Minneapolis

This report is to be filled out by the secretary and mailed to the state office immediately after each meeting. Please attach publicity and report board meetings and changes in officers or chairmen.

Name of League \_\_\_\_\_ Date of meeting \_\_\_\_\_

Place of meeting \_\_\_\_\_ Open to public? \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending: Members \_\_\_\_\_ Non-members \_\_\_\_\_

Program: How Planned: By Board? \_\_\_\_\_ By chairman? \_\_\_\_\_

Subjects and speakers or leaders of discussion \_\_\_\_\_

Activities on War-Time "Fronts"

1. Service to Public (discussion and distribution of broadsides) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Legislation (discussion and action taken on requests)

Federal \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

3. Local Government (observation of and action on, including projects undertaken and broadsides prepared)

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR LOCAL LEAGUES

1. At least 15 members in towns over 2,000 population, and every member a Voter subscriber. At least 10 members in smaller towns.
2. \$10.00 minimum quota pledge for support of State and National Leagues.
3. Eight meetings a year, plus one meeting open to the public.
4. At least 3 board meetings a year for Leagues with over 25 members.
5. Trends - at least one subscription for every 15 members, plus one subscription outside the League membership (preferably a man)
6. Attending of one member at one out of the three following meetings: state convention, presidents' conference, fall conference



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##### Without Department Chairmen

1. Pre-Election Chairman Active until November election. Responsible for interviews or questionnaires to candidates, and all other pre-election activities.
2. Service to the Public Chairman (formerly called War Time Service Chairman)  
Plans for discussion of broadsides at League meetings  
Plans for distribution of broadsides to public
3. Federal and State Legislation Chairmen (one person in charge of each)  
Responsible for helping all members to understand all items on the National Active List (except those pertaining to local government only) and on the state active list, i.e., authorized for active legislative support.  
Cooperates with president in putting into effect requests for action.
4. Local Government Chairman  
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Legislative Support All items on the National Active List (except those pertaining to local government) and on the State legislative support list fall within the scope of the different department chairmen.

Pre-Election A special chairman should be appointed.

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The "Four Fronts" should be discussed at each meeting, with plans made to do something about each front as need arises. The chairmen work for the whole - whatever "Front" needs help.

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Dear Local League Treasurer:

At the end of the first half of our state fiscal year, November 1st, your treasurer finds it necessary to send out an SOS for financial assistance. So that you may fully appreciate the condition which brings this about, I am enclosing a tabulation showing just how each League stands with relation to the payment of pledges.

As you know, pledges from the local Leagues are a chief source of income of the State League, amounting to \$8,745 out of our \$10,515 budget, and only one third of these pledges were paid by November 1st. Fortunately, we have been able to get by the first six months because of a nice bank balance with which we started our fiscal year (which is considerably lower at this time) and because renewals of contributions made direct to the State League have been received nearly 100%.

This letter may be interpreted as one of commendation and appreciation to those Leagues which have made regular monthly or quarterly payments, and most of all to those which have paid their pledges in full, but to those which have made no payments, it is a plea for payments up to date and for arrangements through which regular payments could be made.

We are wondering if it would not be possible for those Leagues whose pledges are \$50.00 or more, to place themselves on a quarterly payment basis. We realize that many of you are still operating on a fiscal year basis which is different from that of the State League, but we believe that once the quarterly payment basis is established, it will work out to the benefit of all. Even small Leagues, with pledges under \$50.00, might pay semi-annually so that another year would not find us with so many Leagues not making any payments at all during the first half of our fiscal year.

These past six months have been anxious ones for your treasurer. Therefore, your cooperation in alleviating the situation, by following the plan outlined above, will be very greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Lura Crounse  
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Mrs. Cant called attention to the article in the November issue of the Woman Voter, giving some of the results of Miss Pabst's recent visit to Minnesota. Mrs. Grahame reported that a small committee in St. Paul has been going out for contributions, with unusually good results.

Mrs. Keyes reported that the Columbia Heights League had received more from the Northern Pump Co. than the cost of the full-page advertisement which they sponsored for the League, and that another contribution might be made to their League, both of which could be sent on to the State League.

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The various responsibilities would come under legislative - federal and state; service to the public, local government and election. Miss Mitchell already has the responsibility of directing state legislative work, and a co-chairman could be responsible for federal legislation. These chairmen would work with the president in carrying out requests for action, deciding how they could be continued outside the League; planning with department chairmen for background material (state legislation); be responsible for making suggestions on publicity, and for reporting legislative developments in the Woman Voter. The state legislative chairman would be responsible for direct work at the State Legislature.

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Chairman of the "local government" front would make suggestions for finding and carrying out local projects, corresponding with Leagues about their projects, and planning for exchange of ideas via the Woman Voter, special letters or bulletins.

Under Service to the Public, the chairman, or supervisor, would stimulate interest in discussion and distribution of broadsides, follow correspondence from Leagues on their efforts in this field, prepare special dispatches, work with department chairmen in producing state broadsides, cooperate with the radio chairman.

Following a recent suggestion from Miss Wells that Leagues follow up their pre-election activities throughout the year, a special chairman might be appointed who would plan pre-election campaigns, prepare any special flyers or pre-election dispatches, and stimulate interest in local elections.

It was agreed that "supervisors" in these fields should live in or near Minneapolis, that there should be clear-cut division of responsibility and frequent consultation. Mrs. Beard was suggested as federal legislative supervisor and Mrs. Newhart for local government. No suggestions were made for Service to the Public or Election, although there was agreement that the former should be someone with enthusiasm and imagination, as her job would be largely promotional, and that someone with a political background be selected for the latter.

IT WAS VOTED that the plan be carried through and adapted by the executive committee to any plans coming from the National Board.

State Legislation Miss Mitchell reported on a conference with Mr. Powers, deputy tax commissioner, on the county assessor system. Leagues have been asked to send in questionnaires from successful legislative candidates, so an analysis of replies may be made; also Leagues have been urged to hold meetings with their legislators prior to the session. An editorial has appeared in the St. Paul paper on the need for a legislative council, and the possibility of a broadside was mentioned. The Governor and Lt. Governor are to meet with the Civil Service Council soon, explaining the changes which they feel should be made in the Civil Service Act.

National League memoranda on federal legislation were discussed. It was agreed a standing order should be placed, with two copies sent to each League, as they fill a need for background study material. State Board members wishing to receive copies were asked to deposit 50 cents, mailings to begin simultaneously to avoid bookkeeping.

Pre-election activities of Leagues were summarized, recommendations made for future pre-election work, and a letter from Miss Wells was reading, urging work for better constituents.

Reference was made to the recent letter from Mrs. Toutges, to all Leagues, suggesting ways of finding out about local government. It was agreed that continuous encouragements must be given Leagues in this field.

Service to the Public It was reported that the plan to have a booth at the MEA convention had been abandoned, because of the rental fee involved. It was agreed that Leagues be encouraged to reach teachers in their communities, and that arrangements might be made for League booths at MEA district meetings during the coming year.

Mrs. Grahame gave her ideas on how broadsides should be discussed at League meetings in order that all members may understand all broadsides.

There was discussion of possible state boardsides, and it was agreed that one on the legislative council might be considered, as well as one on manpower, if discussion at the MoIs. League meeting next week indicated that such might be helpful in addition to the NLWV broadside on this subject.

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ERRATUM

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MEMO ON ANTI-INFLATION ACT  
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adjustments to correct gross inequities or to aid in the effective prosecution of the war. Limitations on the President's action are: he may not fix prices of agricultural commodities below parity or below the highest price received between January 1, 1942 and September 15, 1942; prices of processed or manufactured agricultural products may not be fixed so as to reflect to the farmer a price lower than parity, wages and salaries may not be fixed inconsistently with the Fair Labor Standards Act or the National Labor Relations Act. These limitations protect agriculture's and labor's hard-won gains. The bill contains no guarantee to the public that pressures "to correct gross inequities or to aid in the effective prosecution of the war" may not result in adjustments having inflationary effects. A substantial floor is placed beneath presidential action, but the existence of a firm ceiling may be questioned.

The League of Women Voters asked that Congress as the legislative body give direction to the President as to ways in which he should fix wages and farm prices.

The bill as passed does contain some directions to the President. One or two are quite positive, such as the requirement that the President must issue a stabilization order by November 1. Others direct the President to do something, but couch the mandate in such vague language that Congress' intent is not clear; for example, the provision that "adequate weighting" be given farm labor in fixing farm prices. Most of the directions, however, are aimed primarily at protecting some one group rather than at providing positive guides for future constructive action; for instance, the prohibition against fixing farm prices below parity or wages in contravention of the Fair Labor Standards Act. The paucity of positive guides, coupled with the vagueness of some which do appear, make the bill a very broad grant of power to the President.

The League of Women Voters asked that the bill make immediate action mandatory on the President.

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Did the Act as Passed by Congress meet League Standards?

The League of Women Voters asked Congress that action on wages and farm prices be taken simultaneously.

The bill as passed authorizes and directs the President by November 1 to issue a general order stabilizing prices, wages and salaries affecting the cost of living. So far as practicable, stabilization is to be at levels existing on September 15, 1942.

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It will be impossible to evaluate the order as a whole until time has shown the meaning of some sections. There are several interesting phases and developments which should be watched. Neither the Anti-Inflation Act nor the Executive Order could bring inflation under control. This still must be done by the organization created to carry out the order.

To administer the program, the President has appointed James Byrnes as Director of Economic Stabilization, and has not only given him full authority to administer the law but also to formulate and develop a national economic policy. There is an Economic Stabilization Board but it acts only in an advisory capacity to the Director. Administrative details will be carried out by agencies already established (such as the War Labor Board, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Office of Price Administration) but they will act under the Director, and the success of the plan rests with him. His powers are broad and in many respects undefined.

Within the scope of economic policy, the President has included control of civilian purchasing power, prices, rents, wages, salaries, profits, subsidies and related matters - all to be aimed at preventing avoidable increases in the cost of living, cooperating in minimizing labor migration, and facilitating the prosecution of the war. These are vague phrases and much will depend upon their interpretation.

Wages and Salaries In order to administer wage controls under the new Economic Stabilization Director, the functions of the National War Labor Board have been extended to cover all industries and employees whether engaged in war production or not. Wages may not be increased or decreased without the approval of the Board and the Board may not approve increases above September 15, 1942 levels unless necessary "to correct maladjustments or inequities, to eliminate sub-standards of living, to correct gross inequalities or to aid in the effective prosecution of the war."

Again these phrases are so broad and vague that the success or failure of wage stabilization may depend upon how liberally they are interpreted. There is one safeguard, however. If a wage increase would necessitate a change in a price ceiling, the Director must give his approval. If he is firm, price ceilings can be controlled.

There can be no increases in salaries over \$5,000 without the Director's approval. Salaries under this amount are uncontrolled so far as increases are concerned, but there are indications that O E S may assume jurisdiction over them.

The Director is also authorized to "take the necessary action" to keep salaries down to \$25,000 but no guide is given as to how it is to be done.

Another interesting thing to watch will be the interpretation affecting collective bargaining. The executive order reaffirms the government's policy of encouraging collective bargaining agreements but since the War Labor Board must approve all increases or decreases, collective bargaining for wages is out for the duration. The War Labor Board's course may be a rocky one, steering between pressures to "correct gross inequities" and trying to keep wages under control.

Farm Prices Provisions concerning farm prices are somewhat more definite than those on wages but there are vague, unexplained phrases such as "adequate weighting" for farm labor, a "generally fair and equitable margin" - the interpretation of which will bear watching.

A flurry has already arisen over one section of the Order relating to farm prices. Some farm Congressmen are protesting the provision that in fixing prices,



deductions may be made from parity price for government subsidies. They say that this offsets gains hoped for as a result of the stipulation that farm labor costs be considered in fixing farm prices, and in effect would change parity. More may be heard of this.

Perhaps the most important step to be watched in the near future is the development of a man-power mobilization plan. Manpower is probably our most pressing economic problem and it cannot be handled separately but must be geared into wage control and other anti-inflation policies.

The ball is still in motion. The President tossed it to Congress when he asked for legislation, Congress tossed it back when it passed the bill. The President threw it to Mr. Byrnes in appointing him economic czar, but instructed him to pass it further to the War Labor Board, OPA, Department of Agriculture and others. It won't be until we see how the Director in conjunction with the NWLB, Secretary Wickard and Administrator Henderson, interpret their jobs that we can tell whether the Executive Order is sufficiently strong to curb inflation.

#### Votes of Minnesota Members

Senate Roll Call on Thomas-Hatch Amendment to S. J. Res. 161 Anti-Inflation Bill. This was the farm bloc amendment. September 29, 1942

Shipstead - Yea Ball - Nay

House Roll Call on Adoption of Farm Bloc Amendment to the Anti-Inflation Bill. September 23, 1942

<u>Yeas</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>Not voting</u>
Andersen, H. Carl	Gale	Buckler
Andresen, August H	Youngdahl	Maas
Knutson		
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Pittenger		



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#### HOW TO DISCUSS BROADSIDES

Broadside should be discussed, and never merely read aloud. A talk based upon a broadside and having additional background and supplementary material, may properly be given where a talk is requested. For League groups, however, discussion, guided by a leader who has carefully studied the broadside and who is armed with information which will clear up all questions likely to be raised, is a far more fruitful method.

Broadside fall roughly into three categories: The type of earlier broadsides, such as "Why Buy Defense Bonds?" and "This is Rationing" are simple explanations of established facts, issued to prepare the public mind for action already set in motion. This type of broadside is best presented by means of skits or illustrations.

The second type is an informational digest of a large subject. Each of this class of broadside is complete in its field, and carries its message; but each also permits of elaboration to any extent desired according to the time allotted for discussion. In this category fall such broadsides as "The Next Congress," "Lend-Lease," "Next Year's Taxes," "Bigger Taxes are Better Taxes," "OPA." For some of these, according to the particular form, a round-robin reading by paragraph, with discussion of points as they are brought up, is quite a satisfactory method. For others, the leader may bring out discussion by presenting sub-headings in the form of questions.

The third type is more complicated. These broadsides, such as "Wanted: Clear-Out Labor Policies" and "Manpower" deal with questions of policy and legislation not yet clearly defined. The leader, to be adequate, must have a background of research and must guide the discussion carefully, seeking to draw out and define group opinion.

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### HOW TO TALK ABOUT BROADSIDES

Don't be satisfied with just passing out broadsides. Have all your League members so well informed on every broadside that when its subject comes up in conversation (and these subjects do come up, because they are all current, crucial problems and very much "in the news"), she will be able to add some pertinent point, or some clarifying statement. Many opportunities will present themselves for a comment here and there - take advantage of them!

Invite your neighbors in for a "cracker box" discussion of each new broadside. In one town, four members of the League who live near together collect their neighbors for an hour in the morning or afternoon to discuss the subject of one of the broadsides. With rationing coming and transportation difficulties, such neighborhood discussion groups become more and more necessary.

Take your broadsides to your Red Cross group, to your church circle, to your PTA, to your canteen service - and start the conversational ball rolling!

The Minnesota League's "standing order" with the National League for broadsides has been increased by 50% - from 3,000 to 4,500 - with additional orders placed for most broadsides. "The Next Congress" holds top place, with 7,000 copies distributed. "Manpower" - the latest one - is pushing it hard - already at 5,500 copies!



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Sincerely yours,

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Letter from Miss Wells  
Publicity release

Minnesota League of Women Voters,  
914 Marquette Ave., Minneapolis

FOR RELEASE  
Monday evening, Dec. 14, 1942

The National League of Women Voters today warned that isolationism did not die with Pearl Harbor. Believing that the American people generally are aware of the dangers inherent in an isolationist peace, the League offers a formula for detecting the symptoms of visibly growing isolationism among their representatives in Congress.

In a broadside just issued for distribution in every state in the union, the National League says: "In the face of the fact that the groundwork for a lasting peace is being laid at this time, solely nationalist sentiment in the U. S. is growing with every gain made on the military front."

After analyzing typical statements which give lip service to the idea of America's responsibility after the war while at the same time condemning every step toward international good feeling, the League warned all citizens to

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Washington, D. C.  
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#### HELPS FOR INTERVIEWERS

#### Purpose of Congressional Interview:

To impress the Senator or Representative with the fact that he has some constituents who understand the magnitude of the problems the next Congress faces and who expect him to meet them as a national representative, not as a proponent of any special interest or political group. To give him all the encouragement possible to do a good job.

#### Suggested points for discussion:

##### Winning the War

Some of the toughest decisions the next Congress will have to make deal with economic problems. The kinds of decisions it makes on taxation, on farm prices, on administration of economic controls, will determine whether or not we manage to avoid a runaway inflation that can wreck the economic structure of the United States and so disrupt war production that it would jeopardize the winning of the war.

The controls that have to be established to prevent inflation are painful. Just as it is difficult for people to accept painful treatment in order



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Dear Board Member: -

Yes - another month has passed and we are at January and the legislative session. The Board meeting is on Friday, January 8th, at ten o'clock, in Committee Room 3 of the Citizens' Aid Building, 8th St. and 4th Av. So. Remember to let us know if you are planning to stay the night in Minneapolis because several Twin City board members want guests.

As the question of revision of state school aids will undoubtedly come before the State Legislature, we must be ready to consider at either this or the February meeting whether or not we wish to be active in this field. (See item 3 of the Legislative Support Policy reprinted on the reverse side of the 42-43 State Program of Work.) If you have any points to add to this discussion and will not be able to be present, please write them in.

You may have seen that at least one bill affecting the drivers' license law has been drafted and is to be presented. Already some helpful changes in the civil service law are being mentioned which Miss Mitchell will want to discuss with you.

And then - I hate to break the news - Mrs. Collins will be leaving us in another week, and I know you will want to come to say good by to her and wish her Godspeed in her new undertaking with the War Manpower Commission.

Sincerely yours,

Helen J. Duff  
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STATE BOARD MINUTES  
Dec. 11th, 1942

Present: Mrs. Duff, Newhart, Wolf, Crounse, Stakman, Gale, Keyes, Grahame, McQuarrie, McGovern, Cant, Bartlett, Beard, Fraser, Congdon, Hedin, Dr. Boynton, Miss Mitchell - Staff - Miss Horr and Mrs. Collins. Guest - Mrs. Peterson

Finance IT WAS VOTED that the treasurer's report, showing a balance Nov. 1st of \$999.37, receipts during November of \$1 887.77, disbursements of \$957.42, leaving a balance Nov. 30th of \$1 929.72, with bills payable estimated at \$854.36, be accepted and the bills allowed. Mrs. Cant reported on pledge payments from local Leagues, and progress of finance campaigns being conducted by various Leagues.

Organization Miss Horr reported that League units in the Twin Cities seemed to like the League's new approach to governmental problems, and organization and discussion on "fronts" better than our former set program. She reported that both the Willmar and Pipestone Leagues, which had been having organization difficulties, were going to continue.

Resignation from Mrs. Carter as a vice president was accepted with regret. IT WAS VOTED that resignation from Mrs. Toutges as Govt. and Its Operation chairman be placed on file pending further correspondence with her.

Requests for Cooperation Mrs. Newhart reported on a request for cooperation to hold a seminar, with several other state organizations, at the Continuation Center on "Ways to Finance the War." Attendance is to be limited to 40 - 5 from each cooperating organization. IT WAS VOTED that the League cooperate in the sponsorship of such a course. IT WAS VOTED that the League representatives, if possible, be the State GIO chairman, respective chairmen of Minneapolis and Ramsey County Leagues, with selection left to discretion of president.

Requests for Action Mrs. Newhart reported on the request from the National League for interviews with the Republican committeeman and woman prior to the national Republican Committee meeting in St. Louis. Mrs. Grahame reported on her interview with Mr. Dunn, and a letter from Mrs. Carlson, who could not be contacted for a personal interview, was read.

A letter from Miss Wells requesting that the newly elected members of Congress be interviewed was read. It was agreed that district chairmen be asked either to make the interviews themselves or to arrange for them.

Service to the Public There was discussion of possible state broadsides, with agreement reached that manpower problems, on the state level, and the establishment of a Legislative Council, should be considered for future publication. It was reported that Mrs. Blakey is willing to prepare a broadside on state taxes, to supplement the broadsides on federal taxes, and it was agreed that we should move ahead on this.

Discussion on the distribution of the 35,000 "Isolationism Again?" broadsides already ordered brought out many suggestions of publications in which it might be printed, and other organizations and individuals who might cooperate. Higher goals have been set for all Leagues for distribution of this broadside.

Federal Legislation Mrs. Beard, supervisor of this "front", explained why the League took no action on the poll tax legislation, as reported in a letter from the National Board. It was left to Mrs. Beard how to get this information to Leagues, providing it is not published in the Members' Magazine. Mrs. Beard spoke briefly on forecasts of federal legislation the League may be active in supporting - taxes, extension of Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act, manpower mobilization, and Suffrage for the District of Columbia.



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State Legislation Miss Mitchell, supervisor of this "front", reported on forecast of state legislation, and said "The League will stand ready to jump into action when legislation supported by the League comes up." There has been general agreement that the League will not request the introduction of any bills. She stated that about 50% of the Leagues have returned questionnaires from legislators. She warned the board that it must be ready to give careful consideration to the division of League responsibility between present obligations and continuing responsibilities.

Miss McKee told of some of the educational problems confronting the state legislature. She reported that the report of the Interim Committee was not yet ready, although she understood that some of the recommendations in the previous report were being omitted. There was discussion as to how much emphasis could be placed by the League on educational problems, and whether the League should wait until specific legislative problems arise, or whether general interest in the importance of education should be stimulated.

A request from the PEA for League support of a bill authorizing state aid for kindergartens was read. In the discussion, it was brought out that federal aid would no doubt be available in communities where there are defense industries.

The problem of re-allocation of the state income tax was brought up. The possibility of a broadside on educational problems aggravated by the war, and the need for citizen interest in education was considered. There was some discussion of the League's responsibility in the field of education, with the point made that such responsibility might be considered to be more the creating of an informed public opinion, in order that standards might be maintained, than supporting a wide field of specific legislation.

Mrs. Fraser reported on possible legislation affecting women in industry. The question of the revision of the minimum wage law now appears to be an "academic" one. Miss Burton of the Industrial Commission recommends that an expert survey be made before any changes in the minimum wage law are considered. However, there are other laws governing women in industry which she felt could be improved - such as a daily limitation of hours, provision for one day rest in seven and for a luncheon period.

It was agreed that there was no need at this time to make any definite decisions on specific legislation, and that authorization for support of any revision of state educational aids or improvements in protective legislation for women workers should be carefully checked from previous convention action.

Miss Mitchell suggested that a legislative forecast be sent to local Leagues early in January. She also gave a most interesting account of the recent National Board meeting which she attended.

Respectfully submitted,

Theda Wolf, Secretary



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The peculiar function of the League is action. Many clubs exist for educative purposes or for the pleasures of culture. They are delightful and have a definite place in American peace-time life. But the League has never existed for such purposes. The competition would be useless and fruitless. The League exists to equip women to participate in government. Of course, inquiry and education must be the preparatory step but as Miss Wells has said - "In this crisis, we must accelerate, we must cram - we cannot afford the luxury of study alone."

The League has worked out certain devices and methods to interest its members and through them other citizens and to help them feel responsible for government. The broadside is one of the devices, if widely distributed, and is proving its ability to form public opinion. Learning about specific pieces of legislation, informing others, and interviewing and writing legislators, are others. Attending meetings of local governmental units, and finding out the problems, are acts of good citizenship. These are some of the ways of training your members not just to know things but to do things. Reread Mrs. Newhart's article in the December Voter, and see how that group functions. Many Leagues are using some adaptation of that plan, and find it simple and satisfying.

I should like to suggest a yard-stick for your meetings. Test them by these questions:

1. Does this meeting prepare your members for doing something about the problem discussed?
2. Does it give the necessary impetus for action - the will to do?
3. Does it plan how to reach and interest and motivate other citizens beyond the League circle?

If you think I'm stern, forgive me. I so much need your advice and help in this tremendous job we've undertaken together.

It has been the procedure of the League to hold an annual one-day Presidents' Conference in the winter. It has been of mutual help to us all and we do not want to omit it, if time and transportation permit. Will you please tell us on the enclosed postal whether or not you think you can attend such a meeting in February?

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I should like to share with all of you the enclosed extracts from a letter from our National Foreign Policy chairman to all state chairmen - stimulating and a clear picture of our responsibility at the moment.

Now for a few concrete suggestions:

Other organizations might well be asked to purchase copies of this broadside for their members, to reprint it in their bulletins, to arrange for special programs: men's groups - Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions, etc., - College Women's Clubs, Federated Club groups, YWCA and YMCA, farm groups and cooperative associations, church groups (Harry Emerson Fosdick in a sermon quoted in Dec. 6th Mpls. Star-Journal said: "Christians must enter politics and fight for peace.")

Publicity I trust all of you were able to have your newspaper use the release sent you, or some other type of publicity on this broadside. Editorial comment might be asked for. Do send us in clippings.

Radio - For those of you with local stations, there is an excellent new script, "The New Isolationism" from the National League (5¢). Or it could be used as a program in other ways.

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"Those War Aims?"	Gerald W. Johnson, Life, Nov. 2, 1942
"Listen, Hans"	Dorothy Thompson, Houghton-Mifflin, \$2.50
"Prelude to Victory"	James B. Reston (now available in Pocket Book edition)

Preach and teach world cooperation everywhere! There's no better way to spend the New Year.

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P. S. Enclosed is statement of your account for material - please note the special price on Isolationism Again.

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"There is critical work ahead to be done within the next six months. To delay might be fatal. Isolationism, which was a tragic kind of mistaken thinking in the 1920's, is yeasting again. It is not the same stark geographical isolationism of pre-Pearl Harbor days. It has new subtle forms - even plausible forms - that will not be easily detected by the busy citizen. Day after day it becomes more evident in speeches of Congressmen or of spokesmen for organizations and new special interests, in certain elements of both political parties, in casual conversations here and there of average citizens. We must help show the American people, before the undertow that is setting in becomes a tidal wave and before war-weariness and fatigue blinds people again to its power for disaster, that these new forms of isolationism, just as the old familiar manifestations, are incompatible with justice, freedom, security and a peaceful world. The quality of the thinking of the American people in the next few months may determine world history for the next century.

"The drive will require the all-out activity of our whole League membership. There should be varied kinds of work for all to do. Foreign policy chairmen will be needed to help boards plan for use of every member participation. Yours will be an enkindling job - a supplying of sparks. Also your background training will make you useful in analyzing the subtle signs of the new isolationism for other busy league members who don't see it so readily.

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Be ready to point out significance of any current signs. Help prepare your membership for their daily conversations on the issue. Public opinion is made up of the every-day casual conversations of men and women.

"A new broadside, 'Isolationism Again' has just gone out from the National Office as an opening gun in the drive. Use it in as many ways as you can. There will be a number of broadsides all along the way dealing with different facets of the issue as they have current significance. ... A 'super-broadside' effect in a community can be achieved if a Board plans to synchronize all the activity for maximum effect; e.g., in a given week or two-week period to have all unit groups who are distributing broadsides particularly active conversationally at the same time that radio programs, public meetings, editorials, publicity, posters, public displays, are firing all guns on the same subject. This is a 'blast' method that is effective. There is also the cumulative effectiveness of the 'drip, drip' method.

"One of the greatest obstacles to international cooperation we know is extreme nationalism. It has taken its most virulent form in the economic field and will, no doubt, be the form we shall encounter most often. There are unmistakable signs of its coming to life again as we watch the straws waving in the wind in regard to trade policies. The Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act expires in June 1943. Consideration of its extension will come up soon. Failure of Congress to renew a program whose policy has been the removal of excessive trade barriers and the promotion of a freer movement of goods throughout the world, would frankly say to the world that we cannot be counted on to carry out the principles which we have embodied in the Master Lease Agreements. The only specific tool in existence today for implementing these principles is the Trade Agreements program. There are signs of a legislative battle ahead on this. Support of its extension will be a concrete opportunity we shall have soon to combat isolationism as well as to take one of the steps on the gradual approach to a better world. A memorandum on the present status of the Trade Agreements as well as on new consideration and factors entering into the action on them will be sent you soon.

..... Any interesting and revealing experiences your chairmen and League members have in their conversations with the butcher, the baker, the candle-stick maker, you might write up and send to me. We could work out an exchange of stories on "Adventures in Conversations" that would help us all."

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Although by the end of the first six months of our year only 33% of pledges were paid, the picture is now somewhat brighter. 23 Leagues have paid in full; 27 have made no or partial payments.

One other thing: because of the new bank charges on deposits, will you be good enough to combine payments of quota, Voter, material, etc., in one check?

All this means, of course, better finance, more significant League work, and we are approaching a new year with more and more need for significant League work. Best of luck to you who are the source of it.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Harold G. Cant)  
Finance Chairman

(Mrs. Robert M. Crounse)  
Treasurer

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SUMMARY TABLE OF THE ORGANIZATION OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS

	<u>Kansas</u>	<u>Virginia</u>	<u>Kentucky</u>	<u>Connecticut</u>	<u>Illinois</u>	<u>Nebraska</u>	<u>Maryland</u>
<u>Date Established</u>	1933	1935	1936	1937	1937	1937	1939
<u>Composition</u>	27	7	21	5	22	15	14
<u>Number of Members</u>							
<u>Legislators:</u>							
<u>Senators</u>	11	3	8	2	11		7
<u>Representatives</u>	16	4	8	2	11		7
<u>How chosen</u>	presiding officer	by governor	presiding officer	ex officio	presiding officer	by election	ex officio
<u>Administrative Members</u>			5 heads of chief depts. by governor	governor			ex officio
<u>How chosen</u>				ex officio			pres. officer
<u>Powers and Procedures</u>							
<u>Has research staff</u>	Yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
<u>Full time</u>	8	3	4	2	2	3	2
<u>Part time</u>	6			1		2	
<u>May utilize other state agencies</u>	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
<u>May subpoena witnesses</u>	yes	no	yes	yes	no	yes	no
<u>Regular meetings held</u>	quarterly	on call	on call	on call	quarterly	semi-annual	on call
<u>Governor may send messages</u>	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
<u>Expenses</u>							
<u>Annual appropriations</u>	\$5,000	\$15,000	\$5,000*	\$25,000	\$5,000*	\$7,500	\$10,000
<u>For council expenses</u>							
<u>For research</u>	\$20,000	(*Plus other state funds, Illinois' budget now \$25,000)					
<u>Payment of members</u>							
<u>per diem</u>	\$3.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	No	no	no	7per diem
<u>Expenses</u>	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes

The Rhode Island Legislative Council was established in 1939. It is composed of five members, 2 senators and 3 representatives, chosen by presiding officer. No information as to staff or appropriation. It may use other state agencies but may not subpoena witnesses. It holds weekly meetings.

The Minnesota League of Women Voters  
914 Marquette Avenue  
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA



MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

914 Marquette Avenue  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

January 19, 1943

Dear League President:

I have two requests to make; both in behalf of our efforts against isolationism:

1) Enclosed is an editorial prepared by Mrs. Walter Thorp. Will you ask your local editor to print it or write something based on it? It will also be useful as a basis for a radio talk or speech at group meetings.

2) Harold Knutson, representative from district 6, has introduced a bill to terminate the Trade Agreements Act. Will you see that letters from as many individuals as possible go either to him, disapproving of this measure, or to your own representative expressing such disapproval and your hope that he will scotch any support it might receive.

In addition we are mailing you, at no cost to you, copies which have been made available to us of Governor Stassen's plan for the post-war world. Although the League is concerned only with the steps to be taken now to assure the possibility of international cooperation later, this speech is worthy of analysis to see how essential to the fulfillment of such a plan are the efforts we are now making for the renewal of Trade Agreements, etc. Our sending you these does not mean that this is the plan we advocate--the League has taken no position on post-war plans (and please read this statement to your members)--but because it is the considered plan of our own governor and shows how completely the philosophy of isolationism must be relegated to the past.

In conclusion may I remind you that it is time to renew many Trend subscriptions now. You will need it for information in the busy weeks ahead.

Sincerely yours,

*Helena L. Duff*  
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SAMPLE BUDGET

For a local League of Women Voters  
covering a period of one year

Estimated Receipts

- Membership dues
- Contributions (from men and women friends)
- Money-raising activities (rummage sales, food sales, benefit movies, silver teas, etc.)
- Sale of educational material
- Miscellaneous income from other sources

Estimated Expenditures

- Quota to State League
- Woman Voter Subscriptions
- Expenses of delegate to League convention
- Expense of open meeting (speaker, etc.)
- Educational material - for sale to members (study groups, etc.)  
- for public distribution (pre-election work, etc.)
- Supplies (stationery, stamps, etc.)
- Other expenses

Note: Treasurer's books should be set up to show receipts and disbursements as authorized by the budget.

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Many members of the 78th Congress are trying to engineer a peace based on a return to normalcy, a path which Congress and the American people chose to pursue after the last war. It led them straight into the slough of isolationism, perilously close to the ruin of America and American ideals of freedom and democracy. Nevertheless, they will again tend to turn in that direction because it is familiar and appears to them to offer the most immediate reward.

One of the motivating forces back of this "night and day" blindness on the part of too many congressmen undoubtedly lies in the fact that they believe that it is a "return to normalcy" which their constituents desire. We believe that they are completely mistaken. We believe that the constituent mind, the intelligent and now informed mind of the American public, is no longer turned toward this path which will inevitably, they know, end in a cul de sac--literally a dead-end street. It is our business, as the Supreme Pressure Group--the People--to force upon Congress the realization of the present state of the constituent mind.

The isolationist congressmen believe that we can choose either the old path of American isolation (which in reality never existed after we first began to engage in international commerce); or we can choose the path of international co-operation which will involve us in international responsibility. The point is that today we have, in reality, no such choice, unless we wish to maintain our national life on the basis of an armed camp in which we must pursue the heart-rending course of maintaining a national arsenal forever big enough to protect us from a world combined against us.

To the American of today we believe such a picture of the future is unthinkable. We must make Congress understand this new vision. We must make Congress know that we understand clearly that nationalist-isolationism would mean, of necessity, government domination of industry and trade. It would mean a very powerful army and navy. It would mean a sacrifice of initiative

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and private enterprise. It would mean sacrifice of the benefits of international trade and could only be maintained at a high cost to the American taxpayers in order to support uneconomic industries, such as armament manufacturers and equipment of stupendous military forces. It would inevitably mean that other countries would, as a result of our policy, be forced to adopt similar policies of external armament and that the result would be the quick maturing seeds of war.

This is not a job on which the people of this country can relax their vigilance. Things happen over night. For example, a member of the Minnesota delegation in Congress has already introduced a bill calling for the termination of trade agreements with foreign countries and asking that they be not renewed. The merest tyro in government should be able to discern the enormity of the passage of this bill, introduced by Representative Knutson of the Sixth District, while we have before us, in common with our allies, the tremendous task of trying to lay the foundation of a lasting peace.

We have had our experience with trade barriers, not only our own but those of other nations. We have also had experience of the value of trade agreements in our relations with South America. Here, indeed, is another policy on which intelligent America has no choice. This, too, Congress must be made to understand.

It will not be enough for Representative Knutson's own district to tell him what they think of his bill. But it is necessary that every other representative shall be told that his constituents do not want him to take part in a war on trade agreements at this time. When the policy of a flow on international trade is agreed upon in the re-making of the world after the war, there will be time enough to attend to the details of how such a flow of trade shall be regulated. Not today when decisions made upon it might strangle our whole peace effort.

We must make plain to the 78th Congress that the PEOPLE--The Supreme Pressure Group--will not tolerate partisanship, nor short-time self interest action at the moment in our national life when we most need intelligent statesmanship.

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by Vivian Thorp

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February 2, 1935

Dear League President:

The moment has come for immediate action in support of one of our oldest and dearest friends—civil service. Senator McKellar of Tennessee has introduced a bill requiring Senate confirmation of all government employees who receive more than \$4500 a year, those who have been in government service for years, as well as all new employees. Furthermore, they would be appointed for a four-year term, only. The bill is pending before the Senate Judiciary Committee. It is possible that quick action will be taken on it, but there will be time for you to do effective work if you start without delay. Will you have as many individuals as possible—League members and other citizens who know the dangers of patronage—write Senators Shipstead and Ball that this move to wreck the 60-year old civil service system should not be tolerated? I am enclosing a copy of a press release which will give you many talking points. It might stimulate your newspapers to comment editorially on this patronage grab. This is the most flagrant attempt to return to the spoils system that has occurred since the League inaugurated its personnel campaign in 1934. We cannot, now, keep silent.

The date for the Presidents' Conference is set for the 19th of February—Friday. We are glad that so many of you can come and are anticipating a busy day of discussion and planning. Come armed with all your problems, for they are probably shared by other presidents, and we will try to find a solution. We have decided to enlarge the meeting to include the Service to the Public Chairmen, so will you invite your chairman to come with you? Remember the date, Friday, February 19th at 10:30 at the Hampshire Arms, the corner of 4th Avenue So. and 9th Street. Because of war conditions we must know in advance the number of luncheon reservations.

This fat envelope contains many things of interest. First there is a copy of Miss Wells' letter telling of plans for pursuing our battle for world cooperation. To stimulate your thinking and that of your league there is an article by Senator Ball on "A Lasting Peace". Try to think of many ways of making use of it.

There is also the long awaited Report of the Interim Committee on Education. This probably too complicated a subject for the whole League to study but you might ask one of your members to look it over as Miss McKee's article in the new Voter suggests. A recent handbook for the study of educational problems representing the combined efforts of many educational groups and organizations, "Education in Minnesota", "Some Facts and Principles For Teachers and Laymen", is also available. It may be had for ten cents from The Minnesota Education Association, 2429 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Until the 19th—

Sincerely yours,

*Helen J. Duff*  
Mrs. Philip S. Duff  
President.

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Minnesota League of Women Voters  
914 Marquette Avenue  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

February 2, 1943

Dear Board Member:

Holidays aren't celebrated freely now-a-day so probably we are safe in holding the next Board meeting on our regular second Friday, February 12th, at the usual time and place, 10 o'clock, Citizens' Aid Building.

Our legislative program is so heavy that Miss Mitchell wants real analysis of which bills are musts and where people can be found to speak at hearings or to legislators. There will be a discussion of Public Health Nursing and Aid to Dependent Children.

The time has come, too, to discuss Convention plans. Shall we again "make a program" or shall we substitute something else-- and what?

Then as to our Board, does it need "stream lining"? If there are to be constitutional changes we must begin early.

Come with ideas of how to help leagues to be more and more useful, for the Presidents' Conference is to be held on the 19th and all suggestions can be passed on then.

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Mrs. Philip S. Duff  
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Dear President:

It is time for you to tell your Representative that Lend-Lease should be continued without amendment; that Congress should act quickly.

During the first week of hearings before the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on the renewal of Lend-Lease authority there seemed general agreement that it should be extended. Then questions were asked by certain members of the Committee regarding plans for payment. One such question involved the current controversy over the control of air power after the war. It is possible that there will be an amendment proposed by a minority directing the President to retain title to the equipment installed at air fields all over the world with the idea of continuing control when the war is over. Such an amendment would transform Lend-Lease from an instrument of cooperation among nations to one of imperialism for the United States. The resulting suspicion of American motives could lead to bickering and delay in carrying out our joint military operations.

A broadside on Lend-Lease should reach you in a day or so. Very wide distribution of this will help create the kind of public opinion that is needed to support those members of Congress who recognize the value of Lend-Lease and want it continued without change and would discourage those Congressmen who are now trying to find ways to change it, ways that the American public will not understand and therefore not oppose.

Have as many League members write as individuals as you can possibly get to do so. Go beyond League members to those people in the community who may be taking it for granted that Lend-Lease will be renewed without much trouble and get them to express their approval of the measure and of their desire that it be renewed without amendment. The theme of all communications should be, "Here's something that is really working well; let's keep it as it is."

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Such good radio scripts are arriving from Washington that it seems desirable to have them used widely. Why not present one at a League meeting or before a service club? It is an excellent way of getting an idea across. The subjects are: U.S. Trade Relations; Is Isolationism Dead?; Isolationist Quiz.

Will you please send us immediately the names of your chairmen, either department or front, whichever form of organization you are using, also your publicity and radio chairmen.

With happy memories of the Presidents' Conference,

Sincerely yours,

*Helen J. Duff*  
Mrs. Philip S. Duff,  
President.

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February 2nd, 1943.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The National League of Women Voters today decried the McKellar bill requiring Senate confirmation of all government positions carrying a salary of more than \$4,500 as the "most brazen patronage raid since the Civil Service Act was passed 60 years ago." The bill is now pending before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Pointing out that many thousands of positions in Washington and throughout the country would be affected, Miss Marguerite M. Wells, League president, declared the McKellar proposal would "wreck" the entire civil service system.

She explained that under the terms of the measure:

"Government employees who have given a lifetime of service to their government in technical and scientific as well as administrative positions would have to cultivate the favor of Senators to keep their jobs after June 30, 1943.

"No new or present employees could be hired in their positions who are not 'cleared' by their Senators, who have not been reviewed by a Congressional committee, and approved by a majority vote of the Senate.

"Once through the mill they could serve only four years and then have to go through the process again."

Asserting that Congress cannot be both legislator and administrator, Miss Wells said: "If the Senate takes the time to investigate each one of those thousands of persons carefully, there will be no time to legislate. If it only relies on the recommendation of the Senators from the state where the applicant resides then there can be no purpose other than politics for the move. The principal function of Congress is the making of laws. It has plenty of tough legislative decisions to make, and soon."

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Minnesota League of Women Voters  
914 Marquette Avenue  
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February 3, 1943

Dear League President:

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Minnesota League of Women Voters  
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February 3, 1943

Dear League President:

EXCERPTS  
FROM THE FEBRUARY ISSUE  
OF  
"STATE GOVERNMENT"

This year marks the tenth anniversary of the founding of the first state legislative councils. In 1933 Kansas and Michigan established such agencies. Since that time seven other States, among them--Kentucky (1936), Virginia (1936), Connecticut (1937), Illinois (1937), Maryland (1939)--have taken similar action, while only one State--Michigan--has abolished its council, once created.

Newspaper headlines, such as the one that recently appeared in the Topeka Capital--"Recommendations by Council Ready for Legislature"--testify to the vitality of these new aids to legislative deliberation in many of the States that have adopted them.

Other States, until now without councils, are seriously considering their creation during their present legislative sessions. Governor Donnell recommended such action in his message to the Missouri General Assembly on January 6th; the New Hampshire Legislature has already had such a bill presented (House Bill No. 14); and in North Dakota a recent report prepared for the Governmental Survey Commission suggested the creation of a legislative council to supply the legislature with technical assistance.

A substantial part of the time of the Kansas Legislative Council during the past four months has been devoted to a consideration of the impact of the war upon state and local government. As a result, there is available, as the 1943 legislature convenes in January, a comprehensive program of war legislation ready for immediate consideration by the regular standing committees of the House and Senate. In general, the council committees divided the subjects into three major classifications:

- (1) legislation specifically required because of the war effort
- (2) legislation which was imperative despite the fact that we were at war
- (3) legislation which might be desirable, but which might be postponed, if necessary.

The general sentiment among council members on the final adjournment of the council members on November 13, was that the situation had been given an over-all canvass which had been very informing and helpful, that the preliminary screening given these proposals for war legislation had sifted out the important items sufficiently to present to the legislature, at the beginning of the session, the general war program to be considered, and that substantial progress had been made in preparing material thereon to enable the regular standing committees of the House and Senate to proceed promptly to consideration of the various topics.



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SURVEY GRAPHIC FOR MARCH

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Inflation, the 'gremlin' of our Economy  
Inflation eats away incomes as surely as taxes, but unequally  
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PRESENT STATUS OF MCKELLAR BILL

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"Isolationism of an Imperial America"  
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So far, too many are aiming at a ghost.")

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A G E N D A  
STATE BOARD MEETING  
April 9, 1943



Minnesota League of Women Voters  
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Minneapolis

April 1, 1943

Dear President:

There are still many weeks before Convention but several drastic changes have been recommended by the Board. We want you to know about them long enough in advance to come prepared to discuss them and to vote upon them.

First, as to the Program: Out state program is written in such general terms that it seems unnecessary to change it this year. You remember it states the purpose, method, and four specific aims of the League. With no legislative session in 1944, the legislative items need not be enumerated this year.

Second, as to Board changes: With our new emphasis on action and reaching out beyond league membership, organization on the "fronts" seems more practical and efficient than the old department and district chairmanships. Many of you in local leagues have found this to be true. The Board's recommendation is that a board of not more than 25 members be established, consisting of president, two vice-presidents, secretary, and treasurer, such chairmen and special advisers as the Board deems necessary to carry on the work ("Front", Finance, College League, Voter Adviser, etc.) and about twelve directors. Because most of the chairmen must necessarily be in the Twin City area near the office, it was thought that most of the directors should come from out in the state. This plan would focus responsibility and establish a group not too large for discussion. A committee has been appointed to amend the constitution to this effect and submit it for your approval at the convention.

Third, Convention plans: With time at a premium it was felt that the convention might this year be compressed into one day. We hope to have a surprise feature to tell you of later which will make you all doubly eager to come. The exact date has not been set, but it will probably be the middle of May, following the General Council Meeting which is scheduled for May 4, 5, and 6 in Washington.

Will you be kind enough to discuss these three matters with your league so that your delegates may come to the convention with definite ideas on the subjects, for, as you know, the majority vote determines the decision.

Sincerely yours,

*Helan J. Duff*  
Mrs. Philip S. Duff, President

P.S. A dinner in honor of Governor Stassen before his departure for the Navy is to be held at the Coffman Memorial Union on April 26th. The League is one of the sponsoring organizations. President Coffey will be the main speaker. If any of your members wish to attend will you please notify the office before April 15?

Enclosures: 1) A copy of the Minneapolis Election broadside which may suggest a similar procedure for you.  
2) A list of your Trends subscription which should be renewed now.



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Minnesota League of Women Voters  
914 Marquette Avenue  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

March 12, 1943

Dear Local League President:

A copy of the Legislative Council Bill is enclosed. This bill will be voted on in the house on Monday, March 15, at 3 o'clock on special orders. Watch your papers for word of its passage which appears hopeful. The real work from now on is with the members of the senate. The good work done by many leagues is already showing results.

The editorials are being read by the legislators and commented on. If your paper has not already carried such an editorial, can you still make an attempt to obtain one, for there have not been enough editorials. There is a very good chance that this legislative council bill will be passed this year, as it is increasingly evident that there needs to be a scientific approach to government.

Keep up the channeling of public opinion from your community to your senators. If you have a senator who is on the Civil Administration Committee, letters from five men in his community would have tremendous weight.

Yours sincerely,

Helen J. Duff  
Ruth H. Mitchell

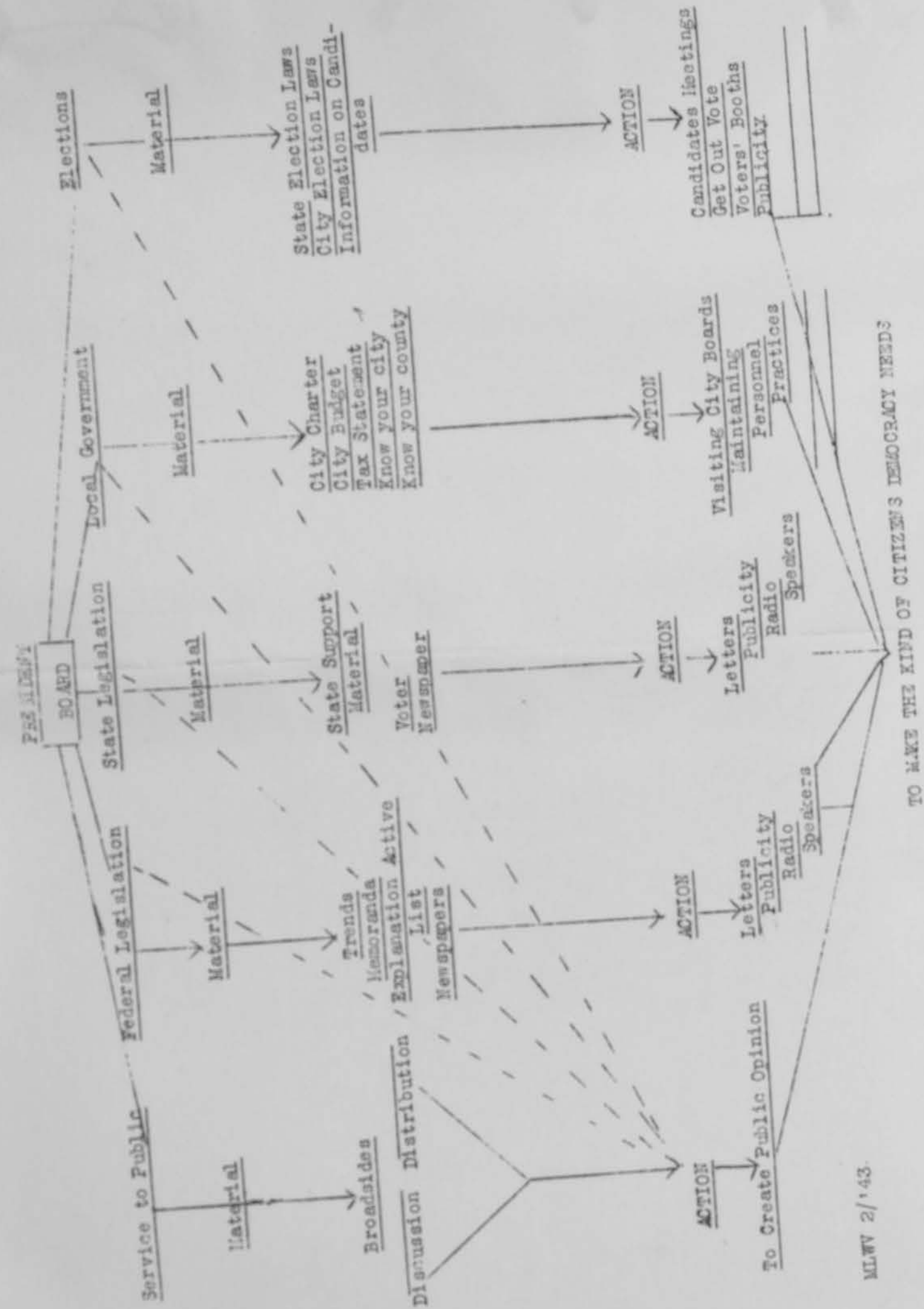
In letters to senators refer to S.F. 459.

Re: Civil Service - Veteran's Preference

While S.F. 495 does not affect H.F. 567 State Civil Service, your community should be made aware how drastically this bill extends veteran's preference to villages, school districts, and all other political subdivisions of the state. As well as in other ways extending veteran's preference. It is a bill similar to one which our governor vetoed at the last session. It should be defeated.



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# SUMMARY TABLE ON THE ORGANIZATION OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS

	Kansas	Virginia	Kentucky	Connecticut	Illinois	Nebraska	Maryland
Date Established	1933	1935	1936	1937	1937	1937	1939
Composition	27	7	21	5	22	15	14
Number of Members							7
Legislators:	11	3	8	2	11		7
Senators	16	2	8	2	11		
Representatives							
How chosen	presiding officer by governor	by governor	presiding officer	ex officio	presiding officer	by election	ex officio
Administrative Members			5 heads of chief depts. by governor	governor			
How chosen				ex officio			
Powers and Procedures							
Has research staff	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Full time	8	3	4	2	2	3	2
Part time	6			1		2	
May utilize other state agencies	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
May subpoena witnesses	yes	no	yes	yes	no	yes	no
Regular meetings held	quarterly	on call	on call	on call	quarterly	semi-annual	on call
Governor may send messages	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Expenditures							
Annual appropriations	\$5,000	\$15,000	\$5,000*	\$25,000	\$5,000*	\$7,500	\$10,000
For council expenses	\$20,000						
For research							
Payment of members per diem	\$7.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	no	no	no	? per diem
Expenses	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes

The Rhode Island Legislative Council was established in 1939. It is composed of five members, 2 senators and 3 representatives, chosen by presiding officer. No information as to staff or appropriation. It holds weekly meetings. It may use other state agencies but may not subpoena witnesses.

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February 27, 1943

Dear Local League President:

This request for action is urgent and immediate and gratifying, for the legislative council bill H.F. 526 has now come out of the civil administration committee in the house, with very few minor changes and will doubtless be voted upon this week, maybe on Thursday, March 4th. Some advance work has already been done by the leagues whose representatives were on the committee and that work has shown results. Now is the time for all the house members to hear from many, many citizens, not only league members, but men as well. Don't stop with one letter, or with two. Use your imagination to think of ways of creating public interest. To those representatives whom you have already written to, write again expressing pleasure that the bill has come out of committee in the house.

The committee hearing on the senate bill, S.F. 459 may be the following week, so it is not too early to get letters to your senators as well as to your representatives, though it is more urgent that the house members hear before Thursday.

Can you get an editorial in your local paper?  
Can you get opinions from some leading citizens on the value of such a council, and print them in the paper?  
Then send copies to your legislators & to us.

What you and your community can do within the next few days in convincing your legislators that these bills are worthwhile may mean the success or failure of this piece of legislation which league members throughout the state have been so interested in and understanding of. This is the league's main responsibility in this session of the legislature, in addition to maintaining our civil service system. Every day in the legislature makes it more apparent that such a council would be of the utmost value.

Sincerely,

Helen J. Duff  
Ruth H. Mitchell  
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Minnesota League of Women Voters  
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February 24, 1943

Legislative News Letter

The Active Support Items

Civil Service

The bills needed to adjust our state civil service system to the stress of war have not yet been introduced. They are being prepared by those understanding civil service and will doubtless be supported by the League. All the many bills relating to Civil Service so far introduced are either detrimental to the service or unnecessary, with the exception of one-- which places under civil service-- the director of rehabilitation in the Department of Education. This bill has been passed out of committee in the senate and recommended to pass, which it should do. Above all the League will be working again for an adequate appropriation.

H.F. 541-- is a bill relating to local civil service for communities of over 1,000 population. Write to your own representative or to Rep. John Antila, the author of the bill, for a copy, if locally interested.

Legislative Council

H.F. 526-- authors: Hartle, Paige, Daun, Haeg and Memmer. Hearing before civil administration committee at which representative of the league spoke. Committee action will be taken later this week.

S.F. 459-- authors: Miller, Galvin and Dietz. Bill in senate civil administration committee, date of hearing not set.

The two bills are in most respects alike and meet the essentials of a good legislative council as expressed in our league material.

Expressions of belief in this measure from the public will greatly help in its passage.

\* County Assessor System

Some bill will very soon be introduced by the house tax committee which will not be a county assessor measure as the leagues have studied it, but will definitely be some improvement in the assessment procedure, doubtless providing for a supervisor of assessors in each county.

Larger Units of School Administration

There seems to be little probability that a bill will be introduced to take care this much needed change, at the session.



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#### Child Labor Amendment

H.F. 418 Mickelson author- Permits children of fourteen to  
be employed in bowling alleys as pin setters. Children of  
school age and to work late hours in the evening. League  
strongly opposes this and will speak against it.

Legislation formerly supported by League and not passed

#### Public Health Nursing

H.F. 657  
S.F. 520

Allotment of state funds to counties to enable them to  
employ one or more certified public health nurses.  
A league member will speak for this bill at the hearing  
in the Welfare committees.

There are several bills relating to Aid to Dependent Children and  
State Aid for Schools, which the League would be authorized to work  
for, but due to such a heavy schedule at the legislature, no work will  
be done on them at this session.

#### Enabling Legislation for Housing

H.F. 631- authors Gibbons and Iverson (Federal Housing  
Authority)  
Still in Welfare Committee-League member will speak in  
support of this.

H.F. 208- author Patke & others. (So-called Governor's bill)  
Committee hearing last week, at which time a League member  
spoke in favor of it- bill still in committee for further  
consideration.

The executive committee of the state league decided that  
since these two bills do not duplicate each other, but deal  
with different phases of housing, both should be given league  
support.

H.F. 631- The Federal Housing Authority more nearly meets  
the requirements of a housing bill as discussed by our state  
convention, but it was decided that H.F. 208 might also be  
supported, as a step toward housing for people on relief.

with state funds, not federal ones, and affecting rural areas  
more than city. Ask your legislators for copies of these  
two bills and analyze your own arguments for support. Refer  
to your penny sheets for help on this subject.

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12 Copies.

Minnesota League of Women Voters  
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April 2, 1943

Dear

The importance of extra-curricular interests and activities  
increases with every year after you've become an alumna. The worthwhile  
organizations we affiliate with in college are the focal point for our  
post-collegiate interests. I know you feel with me the strong part  
League activities will take. All the ideas you have will be a real  
contribution to the growth of our State League Organization.

It was such a pleasure to meet so many of you at the State  
Legislature on March 26. Now I am anxious to know, at least by mail,  
your League advisers. I would appreciate your sending me their names as  
soon as possible so that we may become acquainted.

Please write me, and call on me for any help you might think  
I would give you in your College League Programs.

Sincerely yours,

*C. A. Russ*

Mrs. C. A. Russ  
College League Adviser



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Minnesota League of Women Voters  
914 Marquette Avenue  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

April 2, 1943

Dear Board Member:

The next Board meeting is scheduled for  
Friday, April 9, at 10 o'clock at the Citizens' Aid Building.

It is our last meeting before the Convention  
so there is much to plan. There are new developments of which  
to tell you - but you will have to come to find out what!

In compliance with our By-Laws, Mrs. Beard  
will have the amendments ready for discussion! We hope, too,  
that Mrs. Russ, our new College League Adviser will be present  
to tell us about the recent visit to the Legislature and their  
plans for the spring.

Sincerely yours,

*Helen J. Duff*  
Mrs. Philip S. Duff  
President



QUESTIONS FOR BROADSIDE  
"CONGRESS TURNS TO PATRONAGE"

What is the "Ramspeck Act?"  
What is "Senatorial Courtesy?"  
How is the McKellar bill related to T.V.A.?

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For review of Reciprocal Trade--Read first article in  
March, ATLANTIC MONTHLY by Sumner Welles. THIS IS EXCELLENT.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Philip C. Hall  
President



Minnesota League of Women Voters  
914 Marquette Avenue  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

March 17, 1943

ATTENTION: PLEASE HAND TO SERVICE-TO THE PUBLIC CHAIRMAN

Dear President and dear Service-to-the-Public Chairman:

You will be pleased to know that Minnesota has done the best job in the country on distribution of BroadSides. We are working constantly to do a better one.

We feel now, however, that the time has come to take stock of ourselves, to find out exactly where our BroadSides are going. Such a survey will not only tell us where we are effective but also what groups of people we are missing. We may find some duplication.

Will you therefore make a tabulation of the usual places of distribution in your league? Do not list names of people—only the totals in occupations, office holders, group affiliations.

Question: (1) To whom do you distribute BroadSides in your local League directly?  
Example: Librarians (No.?), local public officials (No.?), Newspaper editors or columnists; men's luncheon groups (No.?), triple A, Local High Schools etc. etc. etc.

Question: (2) To whom do your individual members distribute them? What is their individual clientele?

Example: Friends, housewives, neighbors (No.?): correspondence enclosures; delivery men, church groups; teachers, Red Cross groups etc.

If you come to any conclusions or suggestions of your own, after making this survey as to public reactions, effectiveness, etc., please include them in your report. Do you think our isolationism BroadSides helped persuade our Congressmen to vote for Lend-Lease?

The National Council meeting in Washington occurs the first week in May, and we would like to take an analysis of these reports to it. So please let us hear from you before April 20th.

Sincerely yours,  
Mrs. James Slocum

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Philip O. Dunn  
President



Corrections

In March 12th letter to local presidents- at end of letter referring to Civil Service- Veteran's Preference bill numbers are mixed in the sentence- should read, "While S.F. 495 and H.F. 567 do not affect State Civil Service, etc."

In March Voter- Bottom second page- S.F. 44 should read, "S.F. 43. And instead of passing both houses, etc.-- it has passed only the senate, and been recommended to pass in house."

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Let us look ahead now to see what local projects we might become engaged in. We would like very much to receive suggestions from you regarding projects which seem to you important in your community.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Philip S. Durr  
President



NOTE: PLEASE HAND TO YOUR LOCAL FRONT CHAIRMAN

Minnesota League of Women Voters  
914 Marquette Avenue  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

March 15, 1943

Dear Local Front Chairman:

Even though this is a state legislative year and we have been kept busy with national broadsides, there has been more visiting of local government boards by leagues throughout the state than ever before—such as Council, School Board, Welfare Board etc. This is an excellent practice. We hear on all sides from persons who speak with vision and authority that our local governments must not be neglected because of consuming interest in national and international affairs.

The Bemidji League has done some interesting work on a local project this year. They made a thorough study of the report of the Interim Committee on education and sponsored an open meeting on state aid as it affects Beltrami County which was well attended and highly successful.

Let us look ahead now to see what local projects we might become engaged in. We would like very much to receive from you suggestions for the local projects which seem to you important in your community. They might well fall into one of the following categories: schools—such as visiting school boards, awareness of how your community would be affected by the Interim Committee report, Welfare organization—visiting, submitting names of lay members for Welfare Board, etc; local tax problems—analysis of city budget watching that essential services are not done away with during war, etc., and local election activities.

This last category is obvious and immediate. With local elections coming up this spring—some are over—it is the responsibility of the local front chairman to cooperate with the election activities chairman. Remember of course, that it is the duties, salaries, qualifications for office and making citizens aware of urging qualified people to run for office which we stress in pre-election education. These can be carried out by passing on information concerning the offices to be filled as well as candidates meetings. Duluth has just had a successful candidates' meeting for those running for city commissioner.

In planning ahead for local projects it is well to discuss the project with your finance chairman so that if a fund is necessary for it, she may take it into consideration in the budget and in getting contributions.

May I hear from you soon for you will have many suggestions.

Very sincerely,

Mrs. Ellwood Newhart  
Local Government Chairman

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Philip S. Hull  
President



NOTE: PLEASE HAND TO YOUR TREASURER

Minnesota League of Women Voters  
914 Marquette Avenue  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

March 15, 1943

Dear Treasurer:

Last November your state treasurer sent out an SOS for financial assistance, to which there was a gratifying response. The funds which came in at that time, and in the weeks since, have tided us over until the present. However, as we approach the end of our fiscal year, the picture is not so bright, and we are finding it necessary to send out a plea to those leagues which have made no payments on their pledges.

Considering the importance of the work which the League is doing, our budget is remarkably small. As you know, our budget is based almost entirely on pledges from the local leagues and has been pared down so closely that when even one league does not send in its quota, it causes a deficit which makes it impossible for the state League to meet its obligations.

We are rather jealous of the reputation for good finance practices which we have established in the Minnesota League, and we are counting on you to help us sustain this reputation by carrying your share of the responsibility.

We feel that the nonpayment of your pledge is due, possibly to the lack of finance plan, or, perhaps, to oversight. We hope it is not an indication of any lack of interest in our League work. The constant vigilance of the League is more vitally necessary now than ever before. While League dollars are few, they are multiplied over and over in the work they promote.

Our last payment on the pledge to the National League must be sent in before April 1st which ends their fiscal year. We in turn must have our revenue. The unpaid amount of your pledge is \_\_\_\_\_; therefore, we would appreciate your prompt attention to this matter.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Robert Crounse  
State Treasurer

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Philip S. Dull  
President



Minnesota League of Women Voters  
914 Marquette Ave., Minneapolis

March 4, 1943

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Minnesota League of Women Voters,  
914 Marquette Ave., Minneapolis  
March 4, 1943

FINANCE REPORT FROM LOCAL LEAGUES FOR THE YEAR  
January 1, 1942 - December 31, 1942

ANALYSIS OF RECEIPTS

	Number	Amount
Membership Dues		
Regular members (amount of dues \$_____)	_____	_____
Supporting members (\$5.00 - 10.00)	_____	_____
		Total \$_____
Contributions		
Members (over \$10.00)	_____	_____
Non-members - Men	_____	_____
Women	_____	_____
		\$_____
Special money-raising activities (include description)	Receipts \$_____	Expenses \$_____
		Net Profit \$_____
		GRAND TOTAL \$_____

ANALYSIS OF DISBURSEMENTS

Quote to the State League	\$_____
Printing and mimeographing (produced by your League)	\$_____
Telephone and telegraph	\$_____
Postage and stationery	\$_____
Educational material	\$_____
Delegate's expenses (to any state meeting)	\$_____
Expenses for speakers or open meeting	\$_____
Woman Voter subscriptions	\$_____
News Letter subscriptions for League	\$_____
Miscellaneous	\$_____
	GRAND TOTAL \$_____



Minnesota League of Women Voters  
114 Marquette Ave., Minneapolis

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MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
914 Marquette Avenue  
Minneapolis

December 31st, 1942

Dear Local League President: -

I have postponed sending you the suggestions of ways of distribution of "Isolationism Again" promised in my letter of December 8th, until after the holiday season. So many of you have forged ahead on your own that we've decided your ideas are probably better than ours. The awful suspicion occurs to me that there may be some of you who've let the broadsides lie under your Christmas mail, untouched. If such there be, spring to! Remember this question of world cooperation is not an academic one; it will make great difference in our personal lives.

The enclosed letter from Mrs. McGovern has gone to your Foreign Policy chairman, or to your chairman of the federal legislative "front" (if their names have been reported to us). Either of these chairmen should be of great assistance to you and to your Service to the Public (War Time Service) Chairman in planning for wide use of this broadside.

I should like to share with all of you the enclosed extracts from a letter from our National Foreign Policy chairman to all state chairmen - stimulating and a clear picture of our responsibility at the moment.

Now for a few concrete suggestions:

Other organizations might well be asked to purchase copies of this broadside for their members, to reprint it in their bulletins, to arrange for special programs: men's groups - Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions, etc., - College Women's Clubs, Federated Club groups, YMCA and YWCA, farm groups and cooperative associations, church groups (Harry Emerson Fosdick in a sermon quoted in Dec. 6th Mpls. Star-Journal said: "Christians must enter politics and fight for peace.")

Publicity I trust all of you were able to have your newspaper use the release sent you, or some other type of publicity on this broadside. Editorial comment might be asked for. Do send us in clippings.

Radio - For those of you with local stations, there is an excellent new script, "The New Isolationism" from the National League (5¢). Or it could be used as a program in other ways.

Articles and books to read if you need stimulus (not for study!)

"Democratic Manifesto"	Readers' Digest, January 1943
"Freedom from Want"	Stuart Chase, Harpers, October 1942
"Developing World Citizens"	M. Thos. Tchou, Journal of NEA, November 1942
"Whose War Aims?"	Gerald W Johnson, Life, Nov. 2, 1942
"Listen, Hans"	Dorothy Thompson, Houghton-Mifflin, \$2.50
"Prelude to Victory"	James B Reston (now available in Pocket Book edition)

Preach and teach world cooperation everywhere! There's no better way to spend the New Year.

P. S. Enclosed is statement of your account for material - please note the special price on Isolationism Again.

Sincerely yours,

Helen J. Duff  
Mrs. Philip S. Duff,  
President



Minnesota League of Women Voters

914 Marquette Ave., Minneapolis

March 4, 1943

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- ( ) ( ) Proportion of Local League budget?
- ( ) ( ) Other factors? \_\_\_\_\_
- ( ) ( ) Are payments to the State League made in monthly installments?
- ( ) ( ) Do you have a Budget?
- ( ) ( ) Do you have a bank account?
- ( ) ( ) Are your accounts audited annually?
- ( ) ( ) Do you send bills to members for renewals?
- ( ) ( ) Do you drop delinquent members after three months?
- ( ) ( ) Does your membership year coincide with your fiscal year?
- ( ) ( ) Would you like to see a Kit prepared to help Finance Chairmen?

Minnesota League of Women Voters,  
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March 4, 1943

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Minnesota League of Women Voters  
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March 4, 1943

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- ( ) ( ) Other factors? \_\_\_\_\_
- ( ) ( ) Are payments to the State League made in monthly installments?
- ( ) ( ) Do you have a Budget?
- ( ) ( ) Do you have a bank account?
- ( ) ( ) Are your accounts audited annually?
- ( ) ( ) Do you send bills to members for renewals?
- ( ) ( ) Do you drop delinquent members after three months?
- ( ) ( ) Does your membership year coincide with your fiscal year?
- ( ) ( ) Would you like to see a Kit prepared to help Finance Chairmen?

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March 4, 1943

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Regular members (amount of dues \$ _____)	_____	_____
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		Total \$ _____
Contributions		
Members (over \$10.00)	_____	_____
Non-members - Men	_____	_____
Women	_____	_____
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Legislative News Letter

The Active Support Items

Civil Service

The bills needed to adjust our state civil service system to the stress of war have not yet been introduced. They are being prepared by those understanding civil service and will doubtless be supported by the League. All the many bills relating to Civil Service so far introduced are either detrimental to the service or unnecessary, with the exception of one which places under civil service the director of rehabilitation in the Department of Education. This bill has been passed out of committee in the senate and recommended to pass, which it should do. Above all the League will be working again for an adequate appropriation.

H.F. 541- is a bill relating to local civil service for communities of over 1,000 population. Write to your own representative or to Rep. John Antila, the author of the bill, for a copy, if locally interested.

Legislative Council

H.F. 526- authors: Hartle, Paige, Daun, Haeg and Memner. Hearing before civil administration committee at which representative of the league spoke. Committee action will be taken later this week.

S.F. 459- authors: Miller, Galvin and Dietz. Bill in senate civil administration committee, date of hearing not set.

The two bills are in most respects alike and meet the essentials of a good legislative council as expressed in our league material.

Expressions of belief in this measure from the public will greatly help in its passage.

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Abbotts and Iverson (Federal Housing  
Committee-League member will speak in  
Committee hearing last week, at which time a league member  
spoke in favor of it- bill still in committee for further  
consideration.  
The executive committee of the state league decided that  
since these two bills do not duplicate each other, but deal  
with different phases of housing, both should be given league  
support.  
H.F. 631- The Federal Housing Authority more nearly meets  
the requirements of a housing bill as discussed by our state  
convention, but it was decided that H.F. 208 might also be  
supported, as a step toward housing for people on relief.  
with state funds, not federal ones, and effecting rural areas  
more than city. Ask your legislators for copies of these  
two bills and analyze your own arguments for support. Refer  
to your penny sheets for help on this subject. Refer  
Always stress the point that the league wishes the broader,  
more comprehensive H.F. 631- but that the other may be an  
interesting welfare experiment.  
Improvement in the Driver's License Law  
S.F. 391- author: Senator Galvin  
League member spoke for this at the hearing in Highways  
Committee.  
Bill came out of committee greatly weakened with renewal  
of licenses every five years instead of every two years.  
An attempt was made by Senator Neumeier to abolish the 35¢  
fee, as "another nuisance tax", but he was voted down.  
It is doubtful whether the League will continue to support  
this in its weakened form.  
Abolishment of Short Term for U. S. Senator  
S.F. 43- author Richardson and H.A. Larsen. Passed the  
senate.  
The state board decided that this bill could be supported  
by the league.  
While not on our active list, it falls within League ex-  
perience and received authorization under the final item  
on our program of work.  
Election work done by the local leagues proved without  
doubt the need for such legislation.  
Legislation formerly supported by the League & now  
threatened

### Child Labor Amendment

H.F. 418 Mickelson author- Permits children of fourteen to  
be employed in bowling alleys as pin setters. Children of  
school age and to work late hours in the evening. League  
strongly opposes this and will speak against it.

### Legislation formerly supported by League and not passed

### Public Health Nursing

H.F. 657  
S.F. 520  
Allotment of state funds to counties to enable them to  
employ one or more certified public health nurses.  
A league member will speak for this bill at the hearing  
in the Welfare committee.

There are several bills relating to Aid to Dependent Children and  
State Aid for Schools, which the League would be authorized to work  
for, but due to such a heavy schedule at the legislature, no work will  
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QUESTIONS FOR BROADSIDE  
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What is "Senatorial Courtesy?"

How is the McKellar bill related to T.V.A.?

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Memorandum for War Chairmen:

Questions discussed at Presidents' and War Chairmen meeting in Minneapolis.

Question 1: Does a person who distributes Broadside need to know a lot about the subject of them?

Answer: No. It is intended to be a stimulus to discussion and study. It says: "This is a hot issue." "This is the controversial issue of the moment." "A decision must be made about this." Public opinion is being formed on this—here are some facts to start you off." "Read, talk, ask questions about this." "Watch your representatives about this."

Question 2: How many Broadside can each member effectively distribute to a personal clientele?

Answer: Some groups consider ten a good number. Others strive to reach one-third of the town population. The number being distributed in Minnesota now is certainly not enough to be effective. We must each give thought and work to greater distribution. Please give this immediate consideration in your group.

Question 3: How can we check up on the actual, final distribution by each member, to be sure they are not taken and then forgotten?

Answer: Appoint a "clientele" chairman who will keep a record of individual distribution. She will follow up each person's work; try to find out where it was effective—not just who took one. Be specific. Name successes and failures. She should also check for duplications in distribution. Surely one-third the time allowed for discussion of Broadside should be given to technique of distribution—the other two-thirds to subject matter.

Question 4: How shall we finance the Broadside, particularly when we step up our quota?

Answer: There are three ways suggested: (1) Provide for them in your League Budget—however it is raised. (2) By a Broadside contribution campaign as a separate drive. (3) By individual purchases. Each member may then collect from her clientele or give them as part of her contribution to the war effort. Many groups feel this is the most successful way because what you have paid for you will more likely work for.

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Dear Local League President:

This new quiz has arrived from the National League of Women Voters-30,000 of them. It isn't a broadside. It's a game to be tried on your friends and neighbors and seems easy and amusing to use. It is designed as another means of provoking discussion on international cooperation. They are only 20cents a hundred. Miss Wells hopes that every member will take ten. How many would your League like?

There's a change in the locale of the Presidents' Conference. Mrs. James Slocum has invited us to meet and lunch at her house, 1909 Knox Avenue South, two blocks from the Kenwood bus which runs up Hennepin Avenue. If you wish transportation let us know and come to the League office by 10:15.

Please let us know on the enclosed postal:

- 1) How many quizzes you will want
- 2) Whether you or another delegate are coming to the Conference on Friday, February 19th
- 3) If your Service to the Public chairman is coming
- 4) If you want transportation

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*Helen J. Buff*  
Mrs. Philip S. Buff  
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\$1.00 Luncheon Meeting 12:30 noon - May 14 --Nicollet Hotel

\$1.25 Dinner Meeting 6:30 p.m. May 14 --Nicollet Hotel

DUE TO WAR--The Hotel must know 48 hours in advance as to the number of reservations.

AFTER WEDNESDAY, MAY 12th--We can not make any reservations. Please let us know IMMEDIATELY!

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STATE BOARD MINUTES  
February 12th, 1943

The regular meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held Friday, February 12th, 1943, beginning at ten o'clock, in the committee room 3 of the Citizens Aid Bldg., Mrs. Duff presiding. Present—Mrs. Duff, Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Crounse, Mrs. Stakman, Mrs. Gale, Mrs. Dalrymple, Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Hibbard, Mrs. Keyes, Mrs. Grahame, Mrs. McQuarrie, Miss Knudson, Miss McKee, Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Hedin, Mrs. Luwe, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Slocum, and Mrs. Bartlett. Staff members—Miss Horr, Miss Bondhus. Guest—Mrs. Shearer of the Minneapolis League.

The minutes were read, corrected, and accepted.

Finance

Mrs. Cant gave the treasurer's report for January 1, 1943—Balance \$1,712.69. Receipts \$939.59. Disbursements \$953.61. Balance January 31, 1943—\$1,698.67—and also discussed the nine months' budget. Balance May 1, 1943—\$1,503.64. Receipts \$9,518.84. Disbursements \$8,323.81. Balance January 31, 1943—\$1,698.67.

Jane Gray Swisshelm Home fund. A gift of \$5.00 to the fund from the Governor's colored secretary, long an admirer of Mrs. Swisshelm, was reported.

Miss Horr announced that the Faribault League had reported receiving \$50 from contributors.

Organization

Mrs. James A. Slocum of Minneapolis, who has accepted the responsibility for "Service to the Public" for the state League, and Miss Lois Bondhus, the new State League Executive Secretary were introduced to Board Members by Mrs. Duff.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McQuarrie that the appointment of Mrs. Slocum be accepted. Seconded by Mrs. Grahame.

Mrs. Duff announced that Mrs. C. A. Russ of Minneapolis has been named College League Advisor.

In her report on local Leagues, Miss Horr told of her recent visit to Faribault, where the League is having difficulty because of members moving away. She also referred to a letter from the Duluth League, stating that the 3000 Isolation broadsides, originally refused by that League, had been voluntarily reordered, with a request for 1200 additional copies.

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IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant that action on dropping the Le Sueur League be tabled. Motion seconded by Miss Mitchell.



Miss Mitchell, supervisor of the State Front, reported on the various bills and resolutions being considered by the Minnesota Legislature and reported action being taken on them. She asked Mrs. Galt to give an analysis of the Civil Service Bill which have already come in.

Mrs. Duff urged board members to take the responsibility for writing their Congressmen and getting others to write concerning these bills. She replied that he would oppose the bill in its present form.

The bill. Senator Shipstead sent his usual letter and Senator Hall Subpeted and Bell in answer to League letters concerning their stand on social system. Mrs. Beard reported on the replies received from Senators all government employees receiving more than \$4,500 a year, which has been denounced by the League as a flagrant attempt to return to the

In reference to the McCall Bill requiring Senate confirmation of Knutson's Bill on Reciprocal Trade Agreements.

Mrs. Beard, supervisor of this front, discussed Representative Governor Stassen's leaving the State for service, was discussed.

A request for League cooperation in sponsoring a Senator, recognizing League's active cooperation with the Minnesota United Nations Committee.

Mrs. Duff reported receiving a letter from Dr. Cowling asking for the request for cooperation from the Free World Committee was read.

Mrs. Hewhart was appointed to work on the program committee at that time. cooperation in sponsorship of this course at its December meeting and at the Continuation Center at the University. The Board voted League the "War" as Monday and Tuesday, March 7 and 8. The Senator will be held Mrs. Duff announced the dates for the Seminar on "Ways to Finance

#### Requests for Cooperation

Following the board meeting. suggested that the matter be taken up by district chairman and Mrs. Duff Mrs. Hibbard reported briefly on the Round-Robin letter idea and with the problems of weak leagues.

(qualified to contact weak leagues) and Miss Hord be appointed to deal Under bills concerning economic welfare, Mrs. Hedin listed the Housing bills to be considered with a brief explanation of each and Mrs. Shearer discussed the bills at length. These were the Minnesota Welfare Housing Fund Act, Slum Area Reconstruction by private business, and the United States Housing Law. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McQuarrie, seconded by Mrs. Grahame, to support the United States Housing Law.

Concerning the state broadside on taxation, for which Mrs. Blakey compiled information, it was agreed that such a broadside was not needed at this time and the Voter article and Henderson's pamphlet on taxes were recommended to local Leagues for study and reference material.

Miss McKee, told of the Interim Committee on Education's report and the revised state aid program.

On motion of Mrs. Cant, seconded by Mrs. Beard, the Board voted to support the Bill to eliminate the short term senator.

Mrs. Slocum, Service to the Public Chairman, discussed problems and plans concerning this front, with special reference to the progress being made with broadsides and their distribution. Mrs. Duff asked board members to consider and pass on suggestions concerning broadside problems to Mrs. Slocum. The new broadside quiz on "Am I an Isolationist?" were passed out to board members.

Mrs. Duff called for discussion of plans for the convention to be held in May.

The question of whether or not the State Board should be streamlined was also discussed. These two matters were left to be taken up at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

*Mrs. Hibbard*

Mrs. E. L. Hibbard  
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March 2, 1943

Dear Board Members:

Instead of turning to the leagues, who have had two "requests" within a week, I am writing to ask you to shoulder the responsibility of immediate communication with Senators Ball and Shipstead about the McKellar Bill.

The bill with a few minor amendments was scheduled to be reported to the Senate yesterday, March 1. Only one member of the Judiciary Committee has been actively fighting it, though one or two others think it needs modification.

The only chance for Senate defeat is widespread public reaction against it. I urge you not only to have individuals tell your Senators that they oppose it, but to enlist the support of your newspapers.

To have the higher salaried positions require senatorial approval would prevent promotion on a merit basis and would deter able persons from entering the civil service. If abuses now exist in the federal agencies, the Congress has means of uncovering and correcting them. Investigations are now in progress. Senatorial confirmation is not the cure; it merely substitutes a different abuse. It is jumping from the frying pan into the fire. This is the point to make in your letters.

It is impossible to predict when the bill will be considered, but probably within the next two weeks. Letters have gone earlier from leagues. A new push is needed now and we are depending upon you to stir up your communities to action.

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The next Board meeting is on March 12 at 10 o'clock at the Citizens' Aid Building. It is an important one and convention plans and Board reorganization come first on the agenda.

Very sincerely yours,

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Dear Treasurer:

We are enclosing a Finance Report form which you are familiar with and we ask your co-operation in filling out this form.

PLEASE FILL IN ALL THE BLANKS AND RETURN TO THE STATE OFFICE BY MARCH 18th.

This information must be sent into Washington by the 10th of April, and your report helps us to give an all over picture. Let's have 100% report from the State of Minnesota — that means that you must send in your report.

Very truly yours,

*Lois Bondhus*

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Executive Secretary

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Special money-raising activities (include description)	Receipts \$_____	Expenses \$_____
		Net Profit \$_____
		GRAND TOTAL \$_____

ANALYSIS OF DISBURSEMENTS

Quota to the State League	\$_____
Printing and mimeographing (produced by your League)	\$_____
Telephone and telegraph	\$_____
Postage and stationery	\$_____
Educational material	\$_____
Delegate's expenses (to any state meeting)	\$_____
Expenses for speakers or open meeting	\$_____
Woman Voter subscriptions	\$_____
News Letter subscriptions for League	\$_____
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Try to make your goal a quote of...

Yours,

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Minnesota League of Women Voters

March 4, 1943

914 Marquette Ave., Minneapolis

FINANCE PRACTICE

YES NO

- ( ) ( ) Do you have a Finance Chairman?
- ( ) ( ) Do you have a Finance Committee?
- ( ) ( ) Does your Finance Committee solicit contributions from non-members?
- ( ) ( ) Does your League keep in touch with your non-member contributors during the year?
- ( ) ( ) Does your Finance Committee keep careful record of your contributors and make annual approach to each of them?
- ( ) ( ) Does the State League solicit contributions in your community?
- ( ) ( ) Is the amount of your Local League support of the State League determined chiefly by the Local League?
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- ( ) ( ) Is it based on  
Number of Members?
- ( ) ( ) Proportion of Local League budget?
- ( ) ( ) Other factors? \_\_\_\_\_
- ( ) ( ) Are payments to the State League made in monthly installments?
- ( ) ( ) Do you have a Budget?
- ( ) ( ) Do you have a bank account?
- ( ) ( ) Are your accounts audited annually?
- ( ) ( ) Do you send bills to members for renewals?
- ( ) ( ) Do you drop delinquent members after three months?
- ( ) ( ) Does your membership year coincide with your fiscal year?
- ( ) ( ) Would you like to see a Kit prepared to help Finance Chairmen?



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#### STATE BOARD MEETING

March 12, 1943

#### Minutes

#### Treasurer's Report

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February 26, 1943

LEND - LEASE

PERTINENT QUESTIONS:

Has Lend-Lease caused our food shortage?

What are Master Lend-Lease agreements?

Is Lend-Lease just a give-away for us?

Does Lend-Lease help American farmers, laborers, businessmen?

What parts of Lend-Lease are some Congressmen fighting?

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February 26, 1943

My dear Mr Chairman: (Service to the Public Chairman)

It was a wonderful help to me to have met and discussed problems with so many of you at the Presidents' Conference here in Minneapolis. We asked and tried to answer many questions that were troubling all of us.

As a memorandum for those of you who were here and as a sort of report to those who were not, I am sending herewith a summary of what we discussed, hoping it will be helpful.

We realize now, after months of increasing work on Broad-sides, that it is one of the most effective things the League has ever done. We hear and read more and more references to the League of Women Voters from speakers, commentators, writers, columnists, on the work we are doing in getting people to concern themselves with public issues.

We didn't hear these comments so widely when we were devoted more generally to study. We have become effective since we have become articulate, since we have come to be of "Service to the Public."

At the same time, we must realize that a distribution of 4500 Broad-sides in a state of 3,000,000 people hardly scratches the surface.

We must catch the vision of this thing. We must realize that we have the authoritative material for originating great waves of public discussion and crystallization of public opinion. We do it without special interest and without partisan consideration; and we are almost the only national group so organized.

Please, as soon as you have had a meeting and can discuss some of these things, will you write me and tell me the answers of your group to these questions and particularly about stepping up your standing orders on Broad-sides?

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February 27, 1943

Dear Local League President:

This request for action is urgent and immediate and gratifying, for the legislative council bill H.F. 526 has now come out of the civil administration committee in the house, with very few minor changes and will doubtless be voted upon this week, maybe on Thursday, March 4th. Some advance work has already been done by the leagues whose representatives were on the committee and that work has shown results. Now is the time for all the house members to hear from many, many citizens, not only league members, but men as well. Don't stop with one letter, or with two. Use your imagination to think of ways of creating public interest. To those representatives whom you have already written to, write again expressing pleasure that the bill has come out of committee in the house.

The committee hearing on the senate bill, S.F. 459 may be the following week, so it is not too early to get letters to your senators as well as to your representatives, though it is more urgent that the house members hear before Thursday.

Can you get an editorial in your local paper?  
Can you get opinions from some leading citizens on the value of such a council, and print them in the paper?  
Then send copies to your legislators & to us.

What you and your community can do within the next few days in convincing your legislators that these bills are worthwhile may mean the success or failure of this piece of legislation which league members throughout the state have been so interested in and understanding of. This is the league's main responsibility in this session of the legislature, in addition to maintaining our civil service system. Every day in the legislature makes it more apparent that such a council would be of the utmost value.

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"Better Than Rationing"	NATION	January 9
"Farmer, Labor, and Prices"	NEW REPUBLIC	March 1
"Strategy of Farm Bloc, Labor the Administration"	TIME	February 8
"Inflation Can Still Be Checked"	FORTUNE	March
(President's Seven-Point Program in sound theory poorly practiced)		

#### SURVEY GRAPHIC FOR MARCH

"Taxes Are Good For You" (and good cartoon)  
Inflation, the 'gremlin' of our Economy  
Inflation eats away incomes as surely as taxes, but unequally  
Proceeds do not go into National Treasury

PRESENT STATUS OF McKELLAR BILL      Nation      March 20

"THE NEW ISOLATIONISM      Christian Century March 17

"Isolationism of an Imperial America"  
("If there are Americans who would fight against Isolationism, let it be hoped they will direct their fire at one real thing. So far, too many are aiming at a ghost.")

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#### FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Re: H.F. #418 - A Bill for an act to reduce the age of pin setters from 16 to 14 years.

#### WHY WE ARE OPPOSED

1. Physically hazardous occupation and so classified in State law (Section 4103).
2. Interferes with school work as indicated by numerous complaints received by the Industrial Commission from school authorities.
3. Reports of child delinquency resulting from this work received from police authorities in various towns.
4. 14 is too young to work in any hazardous occupation.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

St. PAUL Y.W.C.A. Public Affairs Committee



Minnesota League of Women Voters  
914 Marquette Avenue  
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March 12, 1943

Dear Local League President:

A copy of the Legislative Council Bill is enclosed. This bill will be voted on in the house on Monday, March 15, at 3 o'clock on special orders. Watch your papers for word of its passage which appears hopeful. The real work from now on is with the members of the senate. The good work done by many leagues is already showing results.

The editorials are being read by the legislators and commented on. If your paper has not already carried such an editorial, can you still make an attempt to obtain one, for there have not been enough editorials. There is a very good chance that this legislative council bill will be passed this year, as it is increasingly evident that there needs to be a scientific approach to government.

Keep up the channeling of public opinion from your community to your senators. If you have a senator who is on the Civil Administration Committee, letters from five men in his community would have tremendous weight.

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In letters to senators refer to S.F. 459.

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STATE BOARD MINUTES

March 12th, 1943

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The minutes were accepted.

Finance

Mrs. Crounse gave the Treasurer's report for February 1, 1943--Balance - \$1,698.67. Receipts - \$821.80. Disbursements \$901.22. Balance February 27, 1943 -- \$1619.25.

Mrs. Cant spoke of growth of financial responsibility in State, hoping for continuance of same.

Finance Campaigns--letter read from Mrs. Herberger reporting St. Cloud's successful Finance Campaign. Methods and approach for contributions discussed. Mrs. Workman of Tracy reported the Tracy method - before Kiwanis Club. List of 17 towns read that have outside financial contributions.

Organization

Recommendations by Executive Committee read by Mrs. Duff: That there be a reorganization of the State Board doing away with the classification of department and district chairmen; that the board consist of not more than twenty-five members including officers, 'front' chairmen, special advisers and directors; that there be only two Vice-presidents.

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W. J. McGovern

Respectfully submitted,

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Discussion of new State Taxation Brochure, which has been prepared by Mrs. Blakey, and is being put into shape by Messrs. Newhart and Stokman.

Discussion of Local Front.

Mrs. Newhart reported that she is writing a letter to each league with suggestions for local activities.

Local Government

button in State - 7,000.

Mrs. Stocum asked for suggestions for financing purchase of brochures by local leagues and what method of distribution to be recommended. Present district-

Service to the Public

Mrs. Hedin and Miss Mitchell reported on hearings on Housing Bills.

Beard and recorded that League withdrew support of Bill. Voted and so carried. Reason because of amendments that have been made in it. Motion made by Mrs. Mitchell suggested Drivers' License Bill be dropped by League this session.

ing hearing.

for Monday at 3 p.m. Report by Mrs. Gale on Civil Service Bill in Legislature and status of same in both House and Senate. Mrs. Fraser on Public Health Insurance.

NOTE: PLEASE HAND TO YOUR LOCAL FRONT CHAIRMAN

Minnesota League of Women Voters  
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Dear Local Front Chairman:

Even though this is a state legislative year and we have been kept busy with national broadsides, there has been more visiting of local government boards by leagues throughout the state than ever before--such as Council, School Board, Welfare Board etc. This is an excellent practice. We hear on all sides from persons who speak with vision and authority that our local governments must not be neglected because of consuming interest in national and international affairs.

The Bemidji League has done some interesting work on a local project this year. They made a thorough study of the report of the Interim Committee on education and sponsored an open meeting on state aid as it affects Beltrami County which was well attended and highly successful.

Let us look ahead now to see what local projects we might become engaged in. We would like very much to receive from you suggestions for the local projects which seem to you important in your community. They might well fall into one of the following categories: schools--such as visiting school boards, awareness of how your community would be affected by the Interim Committee report. Welfare organization--visiting, submitting names of lay members for Welfare Board, etc; local tax problems--analysis of city budget watching that essential services are not done away with during war, etc., and local election activities.

This last category is obvious and immediate. With local elections coming up this spring--some are over--it is the responsibility of the local front chairman to cooperate with the election activities chairman. Remember of course, that it is the duties, salaries, qualifications for office and making citizens aware of urging qualified people to run for office which we stress in pre-election education. These can be carried out by passing on information concerning the offices to be filled as well as candidates meetings. Duluth has just had a successful candidates' meeting for those running for city commissioner.

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Mrs. Philip S. Duff, President

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Enclosures: 1) A copy of the Minneapolis Election broadside which may suggest a similar procedure for you.  
2) A list of your Trends subscription which should be renewed now.

Sincerely yours,

*Helen J. Duff*

Mrs. Philip S. Duff  
President

Minnesota League of Women Voters  
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April 5, 1943

Dear Local President:

You probably have been thrilled by the Ball version of the Burton, Hill, Hatch Resolution in the Senate, and perhaps wondering if the League couldn't endorse it. The National Board has decided that the 1942 Convention gave an authority for such action, and that the time is ripe for such action.

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STATE BOARD MEETING  
April 9, 1943

Respectfully submitted by  
Theda Wolf, Sec.

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Present Mesdames: Duff, Fraser, Bartlett, Knutson, Keyes, Newhart, Howard, McQuarrie, McGovern, Beard, Slocum, Russ, Dalrymple, Mitchell, Witherstine, Wolf, and Dr. Boynton. Staff members: Miss Horr and Lois Bondhus.

Minutes of the March Board Meeting accepted.

#### FINANCE

Mrs. Wolf read the Treasurer's report. Balance \$1,875.99. Receipts \$1,083.01. Disbursements \$826.27, leaving a balance of \$1,875.99 accepted and placed on file. Mrs. Duff reported on finance. Moved by Mrs. Newhart, seconded by Mrs. McQuarrie that the representatives to the National Council be authorized to use their own judgment in pledging the contribution to the National League. This contribution not to exceed \$4200.00 Motion carried.

#### CONVENTION PLANS

Convention to be held Friday, May 14th at the Nicolet Hotel, Minneapolis, beginning at ten o'clock and continuing throughout the day. Mrs. George W. Harsh, general chairman of arrangements and Mrs. Cant in charge of program. Group meetings in the morning until 11:30 followed by business session. Luncheon meeting reports on National Council meeting by Mesdames Duff, Slocum, and Miss Mitchell. Business session after luncheon. Dinner at 6:30 the speaker, Senator Joseph H. Ball. The pre-convention board meeting Thursday evening at the Women's City Club, Minneapolis.



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April 1, 1943

Dear President:

There are still many weeks before Convention but several drastic changes have been recommended by the Board. We want you to know about them long enough in advance to come prepared to discuss them and to vote upon them.

First, as to the Program: Out state program is written in such general terms that it seems unnecessary to change it this year. You remember it states the purpose, method, and four specific aims of the League. With no legislative session in 1944, the legislative items need not be enumerated this year.

Second, as to Board changes: With our new emphasis on action and reaching out beyond league membership, organization on the "fronts" seems more practical and efficient than the old department and district chairmanships. Many of you in local leagues have found this to be true. The Board's recommendation is that a board of not more than 25 members be established, consisting of president, two vice-presidents, secretary, and treasurer, such chairmen and special advisers as the Board deems necessary to carry on the work ("Front", Finance, College League, Voter Adviser, etc.) and about twelve directors. Because most of the chairmen must necessarily be in the Twin City area near the office, it was thought that most of the directors should come from out in the state. This plan would focus responsibility and establish a group not too large for discussion. A committee has been appointed to amend the constitution to this effect and submit it for your approval at the convention.

Third, Convention plans: With time at a premium it was felt that the convention might this year be compressed into one day. We hope to have a surprise feature to tell you of later which will make you all doubly eager to come. The exact date has not been set, but it will probably be the middle of May, following the General Council Meeting which is scheduled for May 4, 5, and 6 in Washington.

Will you be kind enough to discuss these three matters with your league so that your delegates may come to the convention with definite ideas on the subjects, for, as you know, the majority vote determines the decision.

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It was such a pleasure to meet so many of you at the State Legislature on March 26. Now I am anxious to know, at least by mail, your League advisers. I would appreciate your sending me their names as soon as possible so that we may become acquainted.

Please write me, and call on me for any help you might think I could give you in your College League Programs.

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In compliance with our By-Laws, Mrs. Beard will have the amendments ready for discussion. We hope, too, that Mrs. Russ, our new College League Adviser will be present to tell us about the recent visit to the Legislature and their plans for the spring.

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This letter deals with Convention arrangements and with a Request for Action.

The Request, first:

The McKellar Bill has finally been reported to the Senate and the author is hoping for a quick vote, so our letters must go promptly. As you know, the purpose of the bill is to require Senate confirmation of large numbers of federal employees. Besides the employees receiving \$4500 or more the bill as it now stands includes for confirmation all persons in a "policy-making" position. The definition of policy making is such that it goes way down the scale and is extremely bad for the future of government career service.

Civil Service has long been a chief concern of the League. This bill is perhaps the most severe attack it has ever suffered. It puts patronage back in the saddle. Surely we must rally to the rescue again now as we did a few weeks ago, for the friends of Civil Service must be as persistent as its foes. This time we aren't asking you to call the whole League for letters, but to make sure that three letters go from your town immediately to Senator Shipstead. We know that Senator Ball opposes it. Two hundred letters from Minnesota should bear weight. Thank you.

Convention:

You will find the complete program in the Voter. The day begins with registration at ten followed by group meetings. We would like you to divide your delegation among the three. They are planned to furnish as much help as possible.

1. Presidents and Finance - at which Mrs. Cant, Helen Horr and I will assist.
2. Legislative techniques - Miss Mitchell, state front, and Mrs. Beard, federal front, urge that you have representatives from your league at this conference, for we need to evaluate where we succeed and where we fail in our legislative work.
3. Local Government - with Mrs. Newhart and Mrs. Toutges in charge. Professor Ludwig will outline what he considers the communities most urgent need of citizen attention.

At the business sessions come up such vital matters as the reorganization of the state board, the year's budget, quota assumptions, the program, etc. We need all of you together then. We should like to know the amount of your pledge ahead of time.

Luncheon, with the gist of the Council Meeting from Mrs. Slocum, and our Ruth Mitchell telling us what lies ahead, we will all enjoy. Food difficulties are such that the hotel must have definite reservations 48 hours in advance. Will you, therefore, let us know as soon as possible how many are attending the luncheon (\$1) and the plate supper (\$1.25)?



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- 2) Fill out accompanying credentials for all attending delegates (one year we had outsiders discussing our program).
- 3) Make reservations for lunch and dinner by May 11.
- 4) Send in the amount of your pledge for 1943-44 as soon as possible. And do deal generously with us!

President

Mrs. Philip S. Duff

Sincerely yours,

I'll be seeing you!

Bring your husbands and friends. It is a big event. (Your badge will admit you without charge; the public is charged 50 cents.) either attend the buffet supper at 6:30 or come in for the evening at 7:45. A big attendance will show support of trade agreements. You may the Foreign Policy Association of St. Paul and Minneapolis are joining "Steps now for Post-war Peace." Because of the significance of his talk Then the evening is our crowning glory. Senator Ball talks to us on League meeting will wind up the afternoon and will be a most helpful meeting. How a Local League Plans for Action--a dramatized version of a perfect

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# "SPOT" RADIO ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Trade is one of America's biggest post-war opportunities--shall we restrict it with high tariff barriers or shall we continue to extend it with lowered tariffs? The League of Women Voters asks you to think about it.

The present U.S. Trade Policy of Reciprocal Trade Agreements, "says the League of Women Voters, "is one of the best weapons we have against trade barriers of other countries." The question of whether or not to continue this policy now faces Congress. Have you let your Congressman know how you feel about it?

Action to extend the Reciprocal Trade Agreements which expires in June will be a test of the post-war attitude of Congress. If Congress extends the program for another three years, it will show that the United States can be counted upon to work with the rest of the world to solve economic problems after the war. But failure to renew the Act will be interpreted by other countries as a retreat to our old policy of restricted trade.

In June Congress will answer this question: Shall we seize our big opportunity for world trade after the war or shall we shrink into our own borders and try to live on our own markets? If Congress extends the Reciprocal Trade Agreements, the answer will be Yes. If they let them expire, the answer will be no.

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Dear Local President:

At last we have the "go signal" from the National League of Renewal of Trade Agreements, concerning which you have already received much material, and on which it is imperative that we make an effective campaign. Congressional consideration will start immediately.

Failure to renew the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act would be repudiation of all we are saying about post-war international cooperation. This is the fact which we must impress upon the public and the Congress. This is the cornerstone of our drive.

A new broadside dealing with the broad aspects of foreign trade is being sent to you today. Only the number in your standing order has been sent, but we believe you will want to greatly increase the number when you realize what a tremendous campaign we should make of this.

Can you use your War-Time Service unit members to promote a talking campaign on this issue? It might be effective to try a "one-a-day" during a two-week period. Each member of a unit group to talk to at least one person a day on Trade Agreements.

In addition to your work on broadsides do as many of the following things as you find practicable and use your ingenuity as you have in the past to find other ways of making our effort on Trade Agreements a notable success.

1. Write personal letters to your congressmen, seeking their cooperation, and enclose a broadside.
2. Get others of influence in your community men or women to write to Congressmen.
3. Make as much use of the newspaper as you can, (editorials, advertisements, etc.)
4. Use the radio (radio scripts, spot announcements available.)
5. Get some influential men in your community to make public statements in favor of the Trade Agreements program which might be used in newspapers or as a basis for a state flier--particularly men whose influence would count with different economic groups, farmers, laborers, merchants, manufacturers, professional people (preferably those not directly interested in exports).
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Margaret Slocum  
Mrs. James Slocum  
Service to the Public Chairman



45 copies

Minnesota League of Women Voters  
914 Marquette Avenue  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

April 29, 1943

Dear Service to the Public Chairman:

A request letter has gone out to you on Reciprocal Trade Agreements. We are deep in the midst of a campaign to stop Isolationism. The renewal of the Trade Agreements Act is the first step. Only one congressman in the Northwest voted for it the last time. There is much to be done in Minnesota.

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Dear Local League President:

On April 10 we wrote you about action on Trade Agreements enclosing two copies of the letter to be given at once to your Federal Legislative Chairman or Foreign Policy Chairman and your Broadside Chairman. Will you please also send at once the two enclosed copies of this letter to the same chairman?

A letter from Miss Wells received today says, "The Doughton Resolution extending the Trade Agreements Act for three years will probably be sent to the House without amendments. It is expected, however, that there will be a minority report proposing many amendments which would shorten the duration of the Acts or require Congressional approval in some form or change and weaken the present provision in other ways. To limit the extension in any way would indicate to other nations that the Act is not really supported by Congress. We must insist on Adoption without amendment and it is important that all our representatives in Congress receive letters from many citizens soon."

This program, which is the most practical approach to a solution of international economic problems that the United States has so far devised, must be kept as evidence of our intention to pursue the same broad policy when the war is over.

There will be another broadside within two weeks bearing directly on the Trade Agreements Act. We enclose also a copy of "Pat Answers to Pat Arguments" more of which are available in the office. With these to supply willing citizens with the needed information, ask them to tell their representatives how important they feel the renewal of the Act to be. Public opinion must be expressed to be effective; now is their time to speak out.

Thank you for not letting down in these crucial next weeks. Remember, the issue is: TRADE AGREEMENTS WITHOUT ANY AMENDMENTS.

Sincerely yours,

Helen J. Duff  
Mrs. Philip S. Duff  
President



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My dear Senator Doe:

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## Samples of letters: (suggestions only)

As one of your constituents, I am writing in behalf of the bill  
(insert number of the bill, by whom introduced) now before the  
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FOR YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION!

\_\_\_\_\_ How many delegates from your league will attend?  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$1.00 Luncheon Meeting 12:30 noon - May 14 --Nicollet Hotel  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$1.25 Dinner Meeting 6:30 p.m. May 14 --Nicollet Hotel

DUE TO WAR--The Hotel must know 48 hours in advance as to the number of reservations.

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**Friday, May 14th**  
**Hotel Nicollet Minneapolis**

9:30 REGISTRATION OPENS  
 Budget and Nominating Committees  
 Rooms B and C

10:30 GROUP MEETINGS  
 Presidents' Conference and Finance Room D  
 Legislative Techniques Room C  
 Local Government Room B

11:30 OPENING OF CONVENTION Junior Ballroom  
 "Welcome" Mrs. Irvine McQuarrie  
 President, Minneapolis League  
 "Response" Mrs. Joseph Laughlin  
 President, St. Cloud League  
 BUSINESS SESSION Junior Ballroom

12:30 LUNCHEON Terrace  
 Mrs. Irvine McQuarrie, presiding

Reports of General Council Meeting  
 Mrs. James Slocum, Delegate  
 Miss Ruth Mitchell, National Board Member

2:30 BUSINESS SESSION Junior Ballroom

3:30 "LOCAL UNIT PLANS FOR ACTION"  
 (Cast: Minneapolis League members)  
 Convention Evaluator, Mrs. Philip S. Duff

6:30 BUFFET SUPPER Main Ballroom

7:45 JOINT MEETING WITH MINNEAPOLIS AND ST. PAUL  
 BRANCHES, FOREIGN POLICY ASSOCIATION  
 Speaker: Senator Joseph H. Ball  
 "Steps Now for Post War Peace"

4019 graveland Mrs. Dreyer  
 Discussion in Trade Set up



Minnesota League of Women Voters  
914 Marquette Ave., Minneapolis

TREASURER'S STATEMENT  
April 30  
1943

Balance March 31, 1943

\$1,875.99

Receipts

Pledges from Local Leagues	\$1,158.25	
Direct Contributions	110.00	
State Membership	.75	
Woman Voter	6.50	
Educational Material	30.45	
Trends	3.00	
TOTAL	\$1,308.95	\$1,308.95
		\$3,184.94

Disbursements

Woman Voter	52.00	
Educational Material	259.55	
Adjustment	50.00	
Trends	1.00	
Salaries	284.10	
Field Work	109.00	
Office Maintenance		
Overhead	39.75	
Postage	24.00	
Supplies	12.50	75.25
	\$831.90	831.90

Balance April 30

\$2,353.04

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# BUDGET

1942 - 1943

## RECEIPTS

	BUDGET	1942-43	
Pledges	\$8,745.00	\$8,198.56	-\$546.44
Contributions from League Communities	1,585.00	1,220.50	-464.50
Woman Voter			
Total receipts	\$630.29		
Charged costs	374.89		
	255.40	100.00	255.40
Educational Material			
Total receipts	1,263.26		
Charged costs	1,314.85		
	- 51.59	50.00	- 51.59
Interest on Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund		35.00	35.00
	\$10,515.00	\$9,709.46	

## DISBURSEMENTS

Pledge to National League	\$4,200.00	\$3,216.66	-983.34
Salaries	4,500.00	3,943.63	+556.37
Social Security	70.00	28.38	+ 41.62
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Pledges from Local Leagues	\$8,745.00	
Contributions from League Communities	525.00	
Woman Voter		
Total receipts	\$700.00	
Charged costs	600.00	100.00
Educational Material		
Total receipts	1,000.00	
Charged costs	950.00	50.00
Interest on Jane Gray Swisshelm Fund		35.00
Direct Contributions	1,060.00	\$10,515.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Pledge to National League	4,200.00	
Salaries	4,500.00	
Social Security Taxes	70.00	
Office Maintenance	1,020.00	
Office depreciation fund	50.00	
President's contingent fund	25.00	
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three members thereof.

Section 6. Quorum: Seven members of the Board shall constitute a  
quorum for the transaction of business.

After section 6, insert a new section (7).

Section 7. Special advisers and chairmen of Special Committees may  
be appointed by the Board when needed and they may or may  
not be designated members of the Board.

Section 7 becomes Section 8.

Section 8. Executive Committee: The Board shall designate seven of  
its members to constitute an Executive Committee to trans-  
act business in the interim between Board meetings, pro-  
vided that nothing shall be done contrary to the policy  
adopted at the Annual Convention or to any action of the  
Board.

Omit Article IV. Article V becomes Article IV. Article VI  
becomes Article V. Article VII becomes Article VI. Article  
VIII becomes Article VII.

Article IV  
Finance

Section 1.. Budget: The Board shall submit to the Annual Convention a  
Budget for the ensuing year, showing estimated income as  
well as estimated expenditures, and a plan for financing  
the work of the League.

Section 2. The Treasurer: The Treasurer shall be required to furnish  
a bond of at least \$1,000, the cost of the bond to be paid  
from the treasury; or, the Board shall prescribe a procedure  
that adequately safeguards the payment of money from the  
League treasury. The Treasurer shall pay bills only on  
order of the Board.

Section 3. Audit: All accounts of the treasurer shall be audited  
annually by a public auditor, who shall prepare a report  
for submission to the Board.

Section 4. The Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund: All moneys, securities, and  
property of whatever nature, which the Minnesota League of  
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principal of which is not to be expended (except as may be  
specified by the terms of such gift) but is to be invested  
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- Section 2. Submission of Proposed Program of Work to Local Leagues: The Proposed Program shall be sent to the local leagues for their consideration at least six weeks previous to the Convention.
- Section 3. Recommendations for Changes: The Board of Directors, at its pre-convention Board meeting, will consider recommendations for changes in the Proposed Program, if submitted in writing by local leagues, at least one week before the Convention.
- Section 4. Changes in Proposed Program: The Board by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting, may change the Proposed Program at its pre-convention Board meeting, after the consideration of recommendations made in accordance with Section 3 of this Article.
- Section 5. A majority vote of the convention is necessary for the adoption of items on the Proposed Program sent out to the local leagues previous to the Convention.
- Section 6. A majority vote of the Convention is required for the adoption of changes made by the Board in the Proposed Program.
- Section 7. A two-thirds vote of the Convention is required for the adoption of changes in the Proposed Program, when the request for change is made from the floor of the Convention, without previous consideration by the Board. At least twenty-four hours must elapse between the making of such request and action upon the same.

## Article VII Elections

- Section 1. Nominating Committee: A Nominating Committee consisting of one representative from each Congressional District shall be appointed annually by the Board and shall present to the Annual Convention the names of candidates for each office to be filled.  
Amended to read: line 1 after "Committee" and before "shall" insert the following:



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Section 3. Method of Election: The method by which the election of  
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discretion of the Board.

Article VIII  
Parliamentary Authority

Section 1. Parliamentary Authority: The rules contained in Robert's  
Rules of Order Revised, shall govern the Convention in all  
cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not  
inconsistent with these by-laws.

Article IX  
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Section 1. Amendments: These By-laws may be amended by a two-thirds  
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(Articles IX and X becoming Articles VIII and IX...)



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Failure of a member at large to pay the dues so determined by the Board of Directors, shall be cause for termination of her membership in the corporation. Failure of a local league to pay the dues prescribed by the Board of Directors from time to time shall be cause for termination of the existence of the local league. The termination of the existence of a local league shall operate to terminate a membership in this corporation of all members of the local league.

Section b. line 8 Strike all the paragraph after the first "league" and substitute the following: "but in no event shall the dues be less than One Dollar (\$1.00) nor more than Five Dollars (\$5.00) in any one year, and the local league, as such, shall pay dues to the corporation in such amounts and at such times as shall be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors."

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Section b. line 2 Omit after "President" and before "Vice-presidents" the word "three" and substitute the word "two."

The names and addresses of the officers who shall hold office until the first annual meeting of the corporation and until their successors are elected and duly qualified are as follows:

President . . . . . Miss Ruth H. Mitchell, St. Cloud  
First Vice-president . . . . . Mrs. Helen R. Newhart, Minneapolis  
Second Vice-president . . . . . Mrs. Mabel S. Denny, Minneapolis  
Third Vice-president . . . . . Mrs. Harrington Beard, Minneapolis  
Secretary . . . . . Mrs. J. Douglas Winter, Mound  
Treasurer . . . . . Mrs. H. W. Temple, Jr., St. Paul

Section c. Officers of the corporation shall be elected at the annual meeting of the corporation. Their term of office shall be two(2) years. The President and two Vice-presidents shall be elected at the annual meeting held in the odd-numbered years and one Vice-president and the Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected at the annual meeting in the even-numbered years, except that the President and two of the Vice-presidents elected at the annual meeting in 1938 shall hold office for one year

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The terms of directors, other than the officers, the congressional district chairmen and the directors at large, shall be for one year.

Section e. line 13 Omit after the word "officers" and before the word "and"

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Directors  
Dr. Ruth E. Boynton, Minneapolis  
Mrs. L. G. Selover, Winona  
Mrs. R. H. Frost, Wabasha  
Mrs. E. C. Stakman, St. Paul  
Mrs. Gordon B. New, Rochester  
Mrs. W. S. Clay, Hutchinson

Congressional District Chairmen  
Mrs. J. G. Havens, Austin  
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Salaries 1,500.00  
 Office Maintenance 700.00  
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 Service to Public 145.00  
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 914 Marquette Ave., Minneapolis  
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# BUDGET

1942 - 1943

RECEIPTS	BUDGET	1942-43	
Pledges	\$8,745.00	\$8,198.56	-\$546.44
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Total receipts	\$630.29		
Charged costs	374.89		
	255.40	100.00	255.40 +155.40
Educational Material			
Total receipts	1,263.26		
Charged costs	1,314.85		
	- 51.59	50.00	- 51.59
Interest on Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund	35.00	35.00	
	\$10,515.00	\$9,709.46	

# DISBURSEMENTS

Pledge to National League	\$4,200.00	\$3,216.66	-983.34
Salaries	4,500.00	3,943.63	+556.37
Social Security	70.00	28.38	+ 41.62
Office Maintenance	1,020.00	1,201.76	-181.76
Office Depreciation	50.00	12.95	+ 37.05
Presidents' Contingent Fund	25.00	2.85	+ 22.15
Traveling Expenses of President to General Council Meeting	50.00		+ 50.00
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# TREASURER'S STATEMENT

May 1st, 1942 - - April 30th, 1943

Balance May 1st, 1942 \$ 1,503.64

## Receipts

Pledges from Local Leagues	\$ 8,198.56	
Contributions	1,220.50	
State Memberships	20.75	
Woman Voter Subscriptions	630.29	
Sale of Educational Material	1,263.26	
State Convention	109.34	
Adjustments	120.50	
Trends	168.00	
TOTAL	11,731.20	11,731.20
		\$13,234.84

## Disbursements

Woman Voter	\$ 374.89	
Educational Material	1,314.85	
Adjustments	177.12	
Trends	147.00	
Salaries	3,943.63	
Legislative and Field work	461.71	
Pledge	3,216.66	
Social Security Taxes	28.38	
Office Maintenance	1,217.56	
TOTAL	\$10,881.80	\$10,881.80

Balance April 30th, 1943 2,353.04  
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TO BUDGET COMMITTEE OF 1943 STATE CONVENTION

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 Mrs. Einar Anderson  
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(AN EXCELLENT COMMITTEE)

Now let each of us in our own "Boudoir" get at this Budget for 1943-1944  
 with all the concentration we would give if we were seated in conference.

First: Here are our Facts and Figures:--The 1942 - 43 Budget  
 The 1942 - 43 Treasurer's Statement

Let us check the two:

TOTALS: At present we show a balance on hand \$2,353.04. Of course, mostly  
 thinking of increase and growth of the League, we need a back log for lean  
 months of the summer.

Disbursements:

Our total spent, came within the amount the Budget allowed--as it should.  
 There was some adjustment of items. The increase in office maintenance  
 is due to the great increase in mailing out of broadsides. The total  
 of net pledge is less on our books as we do not show a credit from a new  
 CONTRIBUTION to National.

Receipts:

First: In quota payments we received \$500.00 more than last year. But--  
 \$500.00 less than the pledges and estimates made at convention, which  
 were basis of our plan of work. Miss Horr's comments:  
 "Probably due to the loss of some leagues; finance drives not bringing  
 in more, and no new leagues who add much to the finance picture."  
 Second: Is the less amount from state contributions. We are still wait-  
 ing for some leagues to report.

CHANGES IN POLICY OF THE LEAGUE:

1. This change has reduced our "Penny Sheet" business which brought in an income. We can no longer count on an income from Educational Material.
2. Does the wide use of broadsides in programs effect the use of the Voter?

OPINION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE April 28th

The League should not cease to grow. Finance Drives in Minneapolis and St. Paul showed good community backing for the Leagues. "Service to Public" should increase Finance Backing.



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#### NOW WHAT DOES OUR COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:

In general should--we recommend an increase in League plans in its War Service? If this is done, can we ask for approximately the same amount from quotas or more? How best can we spend increased money? Should that be done only after considerable discussion and definite willingness shown in the Presidents' Conference? Some small decrease will be necessary in Educational Receipts.

#### IN DISBURSEMENTS:

Two items we should especially regard:

1. Legislative and Field work--we shall call extension and organization. Changing traveling plans has changed the work in the field. Reduction in that budget item would mean considerable change in policy of your League organization.

#### WOMAN VOTER:

If the Voter is not widely used as material for meetings, it might be cut to a one page bulletin, reducing the cost about \$200.00 (that item is found under receipts). The net item receipt would be so increased. A minor change-- would be reduction of Office depreciation fund (due to priorities in replacements).

Please sketch out a preliminary budget. Be as original as you feel inspired. Include your full comments. Please do it this coming week! I'll get together your ideas, and mail you a preliminary budget. This we will discuss at our Budget Meeting.

9:30 A.M. Nicolle Hotel -- Friday, May 14th

WILL YOU BE THERE??

Sincerely yours,

*Elinor J. Cant*  
Mrs. Harold G. Cant  
State Finance Chairman



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PROPOSED PROGRAM OF WORK  
1943--1944

PURPOSE: To help make the kind of citizens democracy needs.

METHOD: To use the technique developed by the League through the years for meeting problems of government; to divide its fields of interest and its activities into small enough tasks for any individual to undertake but large enough in the aggregate, to contribute materially to the maintenance of that democracy for which we are fighting.

SPECIFIC AIMS TO EMPHASIZE THE FOUR RESPONSIBILITIES OF CITIZENSHIP:

HELP: TO DEVELOP INFORMED PUBLIC OPINION  
The League commits itself to reaching a larger public than ever before with information on matters of vital importance in federal, state, and local government.

VOTE INTELLIGENTLY

The League will stimulate citizens to realize the necessity for the election to office of persons who are capable of dealing with the problems which will arise. The League does not endorse or oppose candidates.

OBSERVE ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTICES

In such fields as public health, welfare, education, particularly to see that principles of qualified personnel, high standards of service and sound finance are maintained as far as possible.

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Your Quota is \_\_\_\_\_

How do you wish to pay  
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Contributions 1,850.00

Woman Voter

Total Receipts \$650.00

Charged Costs 400.00

250.00

Educational Material

Total Receipts \$1,500.00

Charged Costs 1,500.00

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Convention

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