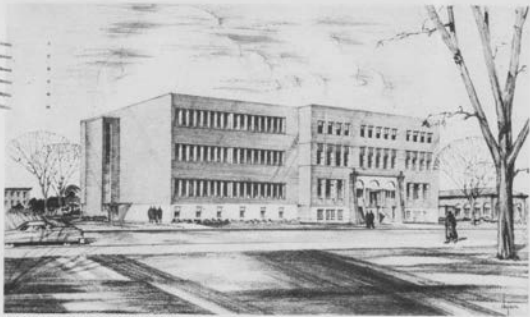




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THE HOME OF FEDERATED MUTUAL—OWATONNA, MINN.

Attn: Opal Gruener

In our annual meeting
Tonight (5/24/55) the
Owatonna League
voted to submit the
name of Mrs. Judith
Smith as a possible
member of the FEP
Commission. Sorry
to be past the deadline
on this, but we have
not had a meeting
before this. If you wish
more information on
Mrs. Smith, please con-
tact me. Barbara McElrath



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League of Women Voters

84 - S. 10th St.

Room 406

Minneapolis 3

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White Bear Township League of Women Voters

WHITE BEAR LAKE 10, MINNESOTA

May 23, 1955

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

Attn: Mrs. Opal Gruner

Dear Mrs. Gruner:

We would like to submit the following names as possibilities for the FEP Commission and the Review Board Panel (one or the other):

H. L. Stright, 2541 Taylor Avenue, White Bear Lake, is an ordained minister although he does not serve a particular church at this time. He has been president of the St. Paul Council of Churches and still serves the Minnesota Council of Churches in some capacity. He has been very active in youth work and is experienced in human relations problems. He is a very conscientious man and does an outstanding job in anything he undertakes.

Mrs. H. L. Stright (Ruth) of the above address is an equally good possibility. She is one of our most faithful League members, having been almost a charter member of the original White Bear League. She is interested in fairness in everything and is an excellent worker. Since her children are grown she would possibly have time to devote to a position either on the Board or the Panel.

If more specific information is wanted, I shall try to obtain it for you. I, personally, recommend both of these fine people, and the Township League is proud to submit their names to you.

Sincerely yours,

Marjorie Frost

Marjorie W. Frost, President
(Mrs. Fred J.)

2206 Minth Avenue East
Hibbing, Minnesota
May 23, 1955

Mrs. Opal Gruner, FEP Chairman
League of Women Voters of Minnesota
84 South Tenth Street, Room 406
Minneapolis 3, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Gruner:

It was impossible for me to reply to your letter of May 16 until this morning since I was unable to reach one of the persons referred to below until a few minutes ago.

I would like to recommend for consideration for the FEP Commission the following two persons from this area, both of whom are qualified in experience as well as interest for the task.

Mrs. C. A. Nickoloff, 815 East Howard, Hibbing, Minnesota.
Mrs. Nickoloff has a long experience in human relations work and is known throughout the state for her contributions in this field as well as the field of international relations. I think you would find that Mrs. Nickoloff has friends throughout the state and that she would give good service to the commission.

Mr. Guy Thorson, 2210 East Tenth, Hibbing, Minnesota.
Mr. Thorson is the Guidance Consultant in the Hibbing High School. For several years he has been active in the human relations field in this area. Mr. Thorson was recommended to me first by Mr. James K. Michie, our school superintendent, whose own work in human relations and positive attitude toward FEP have been outstanding, but whose present work load prohibits his considering anything additional right now.

If you would like any further information concerning these or any other nominees, please feel free to call on me.

Sincerely,

Virginia M. Neumaier
Virginia M. Neumaier, president
League of Women Voters of Hibbing.

May 21, 1955

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

Dear Mrs. Bremer:-

The Board of Directors of the White Earth League
of Women Voters recommends the following
League members as nominees for the
Commission or the Board of Review:

Mrs. F. Rodney Paine

Mrs. Richard Northrup

Mrs. Carl Mahuke

They all have an interest in FEPC
and have good background for the
work.

Sincerely

Mrs. Gerhard von Glahn
President

League of Women Voters
of Alexandria

Alexandria, Minnesota

Osakis, Minnesota
May 21, 1955

To: Mrs. Gruner, NEP Chairman

From: Mrs. Robert Jacobs, Pres.

Re: NEP Commission suggestions

Enclosed are the names of two people whom we consider qualified to be members of the new NEP Commission, after studying the proposed qualifications.

1. H. James Boyd, Alexandria, Minnesota
Sec. - Treas., Gen. Mgr., Alexandria Telephone Co.
2. John Oert, Alexandria, Minnesota
City Editor, Park Region Echo.

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Anoka -
Mrs. Mrs. Andberg
for Board of Review
devoted life to working
for FEPC
Board recommends her

Box 250
Red Wing, Minn.
May 21, 1955

League of Women Voters of Minn.
84 South Tenth St., Room 406
Minneapolis 3, Minnesota

Attention: Opal Gruner, FEP Chairman

In reply to your memo of May 16, the Red Wing
League would like to suggest the following names
to be presented to Governor Freeman to be considered
for appointment to the new FEP Commission and the
Review Board Panel:

Dr. Gordon Lee
1218 W. 3rd St., Red Wing

Rev. Clarence G. Langley
615 Maple St., Red Wing

Mrs. Sidney W. Mauer
RFD. 2, Red Wing

We feel certain that the persons we have named will
meet most of the qualifications set forth by the
Minnesota Council for Fair Employment Practices.

Sincerely,

Mrs. F. R. Bunn

Mrs. F. R. Bunn
President

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SUGGESTIONS for TOUR LEADERS

1. Arrive at Capitol before 10 A.M. (9:30 is about right).
2. Check your coat at HOUSE CHECK ROOM, 2nd floor, near HOUSE entrance.
3. INFORMATION DESK, on Ground Floor, just off Rotunda, is your next stop.
4. With help of their large chart, fill in your TOUR SCHEDULE on the attached sheet, noting time of meeting of House and Senate, Committee meetings scheduled. Look with special interest for committees on which this League's legislators serve. If you can bring carbon paper and make out 3 or 4 Charts, you could give them to the group as it subdivides.
5. Go to Rooms 234 and 348, offices of Clerks of Senate and House. Pick up the publications for the day — Calendars, General Orders, Journals. Get an adequate number but do not ask for one for every member of the group. Double check on information you have on Committee meetings on spindle in House Office Room 348 and on Bulletin Board across from Senate Office Room 234.
6. Confirm with House and Senate doormen the number of reservations (which League office made previously) and that your group will visit the Senate Gallery when the Session opens (usually 10:30) and the House Gallery at 2 P.M. unless otherwise notified later.
7. Confirm with Mrs. Moore, manager of Lunch Room in sub-basement, the number of reservations for lunch and ask whether they have the privilege of taking their trays into the Governor's Dining Room at 12:45; if not, they will eat in Cafeteria.
8. Return to Rotunda by 10 A.M., at which time League members should arrive for Tour.
9. Discuss with them the day's plans, and note on your Chart.

If the group is large, suggest that they divide as to attendance at committee meetings, not more than 10 should visit a committee at once. Ascertain if they want to attend Committee meeting or the Senate which starts usually at 10:30 A.M. Many House Committees convene at 11:30 once a week. Members might attend Senate until 11:25, and then go to a Committee. Committees starting at 9:30 usually are too far advanced for attendance. Most of the Committees of House are on 3rd floor adjacent to Senate Gallery. The House usually convenes at 2 P.M. Reservations have been made by League Office in both Senate and House gallery for you, so just identify yourself as from the League. You are not required to sit through the session of the Senate or House. If you leave gallery, or a committee meeting, leave quietly since the members will appreciate this courtesy. Many have asked to see the Governor's Reception Room. You might take the group there before 10:30 A.M. or after the group leaves the House Gallery.

10. While the group is in the Gallery, or committees, get a message to their Senator and Representative, telling them time and place to meet the League for lunch. You can give the message to the Sergeant-at-Arms in both House and Senate and/or to their secretary in their office, if they have one. There will be no introductions of the League visitors from the gallery this session.

11. If you get confused, and you will, don't hesitate to admit it. Remember the doormen and other Capitol employees are all pretty nice people and they will answer your questions. Be generous with your "thank you's". Impress on your people that they are to be reserved with and polite to the Legislators. When the Tour is over, report to State Office number attending, committees attended, whether they lunched with legislators, and any comments that might be helpful for next session.

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
84 SOUTH TENTH STREET, ROOM 406
MINNEAPOLIS 3, MINNESOTA
Atlantic 0941

July 26, 1954

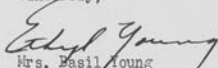
Dear Legislator:

The subject of legislative reapportionment is one in which you naturally have a deep interest. It is also a subject likely to engage a great deal of your time and attention in the coming legislative session. We therefore trust that the enclosed pamphlet will be of interest and value to you.

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota has now completed a year of research and study in the field of reapportionment, of which this bulletin is the end result. You will note that the League has as yet taken no stand on specific legislation. It has rather sought to present those basic facts which we feel essential to a full understanding of this complicated but vital subject.

Should you desire more copies of this study, they may be obtained for 25¢ each at the above address.

Sincerely,


Mrs. Basil Young
President

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

84 SOUTH TENTH STREET, ROOM 406

MINNEAPOLIS 3, MINNESOTA

Atlantic 0941

May 31, 1955

Dear Legislator:

We wish to thank you for your support of Fair Employment Practices in the legislative session just past. We believe that your participation in this forward step in human rights is something which you will be proud to remember.

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota has been cooperating with the Minnesota Council for Fair Employment Practices in compiling a list of qualified persons whose support of FEPC is unquestioned, to submit to the governor for his consideration in appointing the nine members of the new Fair Employment Practices Commission and the Board of Review Panel. The law provides that the commission shall consist of nine members, one from each congressional district of the state and one of whom shall be an attorney at law, and the Board of Review Panel is to be appointed so that each congressional district shall have a minimum of one resident member on the panel. It is specified that four of the twelve members of the Review Board Panel shall be lawyers.

It is our understanding that the governor will welcome suggestions of well qualified persons from all over the state and we hope your interest in this legislation will prompt you to follow through by forwarding to the governor any suggestions which you may have. This should be done at once since we are informed that the appointments will be made in the very near future.

Sincerely yours,

Ethyl Young
Mrs. Basil Young
President

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

84 SOUTH TENTH STREET, ROOM 406
MINNEAPOLIS 3, MINNESOTA
Atlantic 0941

December 13, 1954

Dear,

We wish to extend to you our hearty congratulations upon your election, which is evidence of the trust and confidence your constituents have placed in you, and to commend you for your willingness to serve your district and the state as a member of the Minnesota Legislature.

The interest which you have thus manifested in our state government is shared by the League of Women Voters of Minnesota, which seeks constantly to encourage citizens to take an active and informed part in government. As a nonpartisan organization, we serve no special group and take positions only on issues that concern government, are in the public interest, and on which our 5,100 members have reached consensus after thorough research and study. Our current program consists of working for the calling of a constitutional convention and making recommendations as to what a new constitution should contain, with emphasis on state finances, legislative reorganization and reapportionment. Other items, on which we have worked in the past and to which we are giving sustained attention as continuing responsibilities, are: Fair employment practices legislation, party designation for legislators and civil service.

Information on these issues is made available to interested citizens through our 54 Leagues in the state. You will from time to time receive material in which we think you might be interested, and we cordially invite you to request any further information you feel you would like to have on these vital subjects.

We shall be looking forward to meeting and working with you in the important legislative session which lies ahead.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Basil Young
President

Mrs. Russell Duncan
Legislative Chairman

League of Women Voters of Minnesota

84 South Tenth Street Room 406

Minneapolis 3, Minnesota



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Mrs. Russell Duncan
4400 W. 58th St.
Minneapolis, Minn .

November 30, 1954

ATTENTION, League Lobbyists!

A Training Meeting for League Lobbyists will be held on Wednesday, December 8th, from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. in the Union Building at Macalester College, which is on the southwest corner of Snelling and Grand. (Not Grant, as mentioned in Mrs. Young's letter of Nov. 17).

A Legislator will give us hints on Lobbying.....
A Chalk Talk will show us how laws are made.....
Kits to help you do your job will be ready.....

Come with your questions. Reservations not necessary.
Lunch in the Cafeteria.

Mrs. R.C. Duncan, Legislative Chm.

Pre-election

(Lobbyist
as to get)

1955 session Popovich
speech

- 1- Get to know your candidate
- 2- Find out what he stands for
- 3- Get the candidate indebted to you.
a. Financial contribution
b. time

League as a whole - questionnaires
send a duplicate copy for candidate to keep
what do you do with these questionnaires
have other candidates answer
have answers stand against
other candidates

(St Paul area Teachers)
make up chart

Candidate should get results
of questionnaire

In developing program -

- 1- over-all program
- 2- immediate needs

get data to candidates soon after closing dates
so they know your program

After-election -

Bring mailing list up to date
get it to all members. Spelled correctly

131 House
45 new
25 new female

Immediately after election -

get your literature to candidates early
easily written (3 pages enough)
easily read

1. make sure you have good sponsors

Both parties

good men who will push & work for legislation
have time - not too tied down

Bills are introduced

Keep in touch with legislator

~~two~~ mail, wire, phone

Get File No. to your membership

always use in asking for vote

Liaison within organization

work on Committee first

1- attending hearings

watch last hearings

especially - when bill goes out of committee

Pay people get up & say "I'm in
favor of this bill because" - each
give a little different slant.

Appropriations Committee goes afield -

should be only finance

Keep argument to field of particular committee

Lobbyists - wear a name card -

"Mrs Smith Lobbying
for League of Women Voters -"

Membership keep track of status of bills

Public relations keep public informed of status

News releases - in the paper -

use quotes -

"Mrs Young says Can revision wait
come out of committee unless we get busy" -

Phone committee - each member of League

~~each League~~ Ramsey County delegation - phone no.

~~on floor of house~~

when bill is coming on floor of house

Have them call the night before vote -

* Final impetus

may
persuade ^{over} Go to governor - give him your opinion

Between the sessions

Keep in touch with legislators

- 1 - monthly bulletin - send to legislators
- 2 - Convention - send invitation

Sponsoring bills -

Letters - get an answer.

First importance

telephone - at least minute
arrange point

never get personal "I'm out to beat you" -
say "I am for this because" - - - - - "

if legislator seems in hurry -
don't hold them against them will
ask when you may contact them

when man is on fence - be careful
to have constituent contact him
or League chairman.

don't over - contact if you know ~~what~~ he
- he is with you
but you can ask him how another
man stands.

personal letters afterward thanking them for stance
are good -

also even if they didn't support the bill
write, hope you will see yet to support the bill next ^{time}

Write to each legislator giving League stand

Contact leaders of liberal & Conservative

KUOM
Dec 15
Rose Indine - 2
slipflops
milling station

1 lb. sev. choc (melt in)
2 sq. semi sweet choc (dib. boiler)

3 c corn flakes
1/2 c shredded Cocoanut
drop from trap on cookie
sheet. Chill 'til firm
Store in refrig - 3 doz.

Dear Elsa Duncan,

Dec. 9 '54

I jotted down a few notes on Mr. Popovich's talk. Much of what he said, I knew, so I didn't make note of that. But what seemed new, I noted. Briefly, here it is....

Questionnaires - Legislators would appreciate it if we'd send him a duplicate, so he can keep copy of what he said, so it won't come home to haunt him.

Publicizing questionnaires - Never see them around. He thinks way the St. Paul Association of Teachers judges candidates is good. They use a key, and "grade" the man, a sort of report card on how he stands on Teacher supported issues. It can be greatly condensed, and much information can be printed on 1 sheet, widely distributed. Their's is a sent special delivery to every teacher in the district.

Mailing list - keep it up to date (still getting mail sent to former legislator in district)

Material to legislators - its important to get it to him NOW. Tell him what legislation you want. Better to have 3 easily read pages, than 50.

Supporters of bill have responsibility to get authors - represent both sides politically, outstate and in, people who really have time to work at it..

Get the Bill Number to your members, a short and accurate way to call attention to bill in your correspondence, telegrams, telephone calls.

NAME CARDS on League Lobbyists helpful. Legislators see so many people, they are embarrassed not to recognize them, name card helps.

Keep public informed, as well as members....Quote president, quote legislative chm., interview legislator, quote him...find many devices to get news in paper...

Local members telephoning legislator, very effective. One evening got 74 calls on Regent.

Monthly Bulletin - put your legislators on the mailing list.

Dinner meeting, or any social meeting, between sessions, away from pressure.

Invite your legislators to your conventions, annual meetings, if possible, training sessions, workshops. Municipal Leagues do this - 1 day institutes, also have Legislators Day.

Thank him for favorable stand. personally written better than form letter, which is better however than nothing.

Choice between phone call and letter - unless time demands it, phone call is less good than a letter. A letter the legislator feels bound to answer, gives it more attention.

When writing to legislator, have it done by his constituent.

Reasonable hour - when you call him, this is only courteous.

Never get personal - never be out to GET your man. He gave example of wife of administrative assistant threatening St. Paul legislator, shaking her finger at him, and saying she's defeat him next election, if he didn't do as she said., and then she swore at him. Mr. Popovich said that action has seriously harmed the University's appropriation. Audrey Down, sitting next to he, said "That's true, I heard it happen. It was Mrs. Kiddlebrook, threatening Mr. Beanblossom". And as you remember Mr. Beanblossom was an obstructionist in the appropriation committee on University appropriations.

Don't ask legislator to pressure other legislators. This relationship would be hard on him.

1955 Session

Legislative Workshop Meeting.

Hamline University Ne 4843
Macalester College,,, 1600 Grand Avenue Em 1361
University of Minnesota--
~~Sept. 25 (Sept. 26 Nebraska University Football)~~

~~Oct. 8~~
Oct. 9 (Northwestern University Game) --
Adv. 17-
Time: 10 A.M. to 3 P.M. ?

Rooms offered by St. Paul League members for out-of-town Leaguers.

Program:

- "Drawing card" needed--Mari. Concentrate on feature and offer very specific program.
- Send attractive outline of program of conference in advance.
- St. Paul planning candidates meeting for gubernatorial candidates as well as fourth district candidates and two senatorial candidates.
- Possibility of putting on TV program---see Mpls. or St. Paul for their plans. KUOM interested in programs of state-wide interest.

Mari suggests we stress information on 3 continuing responsibilities--FEPC; Party Designation; Veteran's Preference. She feels we need re-education on these items. *2/8 mimeographed*

Presentation of by resource chmn. & action items.

Possibility of having Mrs. *Mary - Dvorak* ~~Mary~~ *Mary* and Mrs. Eleanor Moen to "spark" interest in work on community level.

Possibility of having taped radio program (through KUOM) on opinion from various parts of the state on League program items, the participants to come from the Legislative chairman attending conference. Possible use of tape recording for ~~summarizing~~ *summarizing* leagues' local radio stations. Mrs. Florence Bard- Mpls. Radio Chairman- Wa 3493 Needs extra tape for emergencies. She will discuss possibility with Mr. Dawson at KUOM. What is state board's procedure in re this? Mrs. Fountain ~~in re this~~ Who would prepare program?

Remainder of Program? Possible discussion of Proposed Plan for Legislative Action. (Slight revision)
Lobby by Letter Kit revised. Emphasis on this especially, as it seemed to "catch on" at Council.

Invite Pres., Legis. Chmn., Resource Chmn.

A. LAKE LAND Shirley Kerr, Route 5, Stillwater, Stillwater 7402
 Mrs. D. G. Wiegand, St. Mary's Point, Stillwater, phone 7218
 Mrs. Mary Ann H onetschlager, Rte. 4, Stillwater, Stillwater 7283

ARDEN HILLS Mrs. A. U. Spear, 3505 Ridgewood Road, Pr. 2462
 Mrs. O. C. Helseth, 1471 Skiles Lane, Pa. 4185

COLUMBIA H TS Mrs. Cecillia Keyes, 3818 N. E. Van Buren, Gr. 5088
 Mrs. Russell Tweedy, 5005 N E 6th St., Ju 8-6614
 Mrs. C. J. Wacker, 4717 Upland Crest, Gr. 6223
 Mrs. eEllis Ap Nelson, 3730 Tyler St. N. E., JU 87038
 Bet Hilton, 4300 4th St. N.E., Mpls. JU 8-6754
 Mrs. E. E. Miller, 3966 Reservoir Blvd., JU 8-7242

EDINA Mrs. Clifford Sommers, 4602 Browndale, Wa. 2-9244

FALCON HEIGHTS Mrs. H. B. Hoesly, 1158 Arona, MI. 2647
 Mrs. Curtis Larson, 1885 Tatum, Pr. 6558

GOLDEN V'Y. Mrs. W. Mock, 1397 W. Larpenteur, MI. 6366
 Mrs. Christina Costigan, 3030 Quail Ave. No., JU 5063
 Mrs. Martha Brown, 3126 Manor Drive, H. Y. 1922
 Mrs. Kathleen Rappley, 1115 ??? member?
 Mrs. Sally Moorhead, 2940 Cherokee Place, H. Y. 8051
 Mrs. Olga Ellis, 4711 Lakeland Ave., Or 7-8634, or 8631

MAINTOMEDI Mrs. O. H. Anderson, 161 Juniper, Billie Janssen, 109 Dahlie, Mahtom-
 Mrs. Jean Buzzell, 95 Quail, Mah 3321 Nah. 3834
 Mrs. Mary Everson, 1956 E. River Terrace, Bro. 0701

MPLS. Mrs. N. Grossman, 2401 W. 52nd St.
 Opal Gruner, 527 7th St. S.E., GI 3489
 Florence Burton, 1831 Second Ave. So., Mpls.
 Marion Sazenski, 2901 E. Minnaha Pkwy.
 Constance Muldoon, 4226 21st Ave. So., Pa 4-3106
 Mrs. Harold Lundquist, 6015 Wentworth So., Lo ool7
 Mrs. K. L. McClernon, 738 E. Minnehaha Pkwy., Re. 2776
 Mrs. C. B. Olds, 4500 17th Ave. So., Pa 4-2741
 Mrs. H. M. Flannery, 4222 Girard No., Ch. 0871
 Mrs. Ralph Norgaard, Co.
 Mrs. M. Laet Jr., 5417 Cumberland Rd., Wa. 6-4212

MOUND Mrs. Philip Lush, Rt1, Mound 812M
 Mrs. H. J. Purvey, Rt 1, Box 346, Mound 812M
 Mrs. R. E. Held, Rt. 2, Box 560J, 335R

NO. ST. PAUL Mrs. D. Karmuth, 1915 Lake Blvd, /VI.7-2064

RED WING Mrs. F.R. Bunn, Box 250, 4582

RICHFIELD Mrs. Jack Huston, 6925 Oliver So., Ro 9-6051 LaVerne Fountain, 6825 Nicollet
 Julie Ranney, 6714 Columbus Ave., Ro 9-5817? Ro 9-5169
 Ruth Simerman, 96 Mid Oaks Lane, St. Paul 13, MI. 8145

ROSEVILLE Catherine Hocraffer, 14 Mid Oaks Road, St. Paul 13, MI. 8300
 Mrs. P. M. LaHue, 1244 Roselawn, MI. 0653
 Luella Warner, 1776 N. Dunlap, Hu 9-1987
 Mrs. Dorothy Melvin, 2915 N. Pascal, MI. 1034 ?
 Lucille Sneath, 1667 Ridgewood Lane, MI. 5509
 Mrs. J. E. Hedlund, 1185 Eldridge, Hu 9-6-51
 Mrs. B. H. Beck, 311 W. County Road B., HU 8-3844
 Mrs. G. A. Donohue, 2403 Simpson, St. Paul 13, Pr. 5641

ROCHESTER Mrs. John R. Hill, 916 S.W.10th St. Rochester, 8821
 Mrs. Louis Murphy, 924 11 Ave. N.E., 818R

ST. LOUIS PK. Eileen Arnold, 8606 Virginia Circle S., Or 5-7321
 Maxine Shol, 3148 Hampshire Ave., Wa. 6-4138
 Evelyn Englund, 3524 Nida Ct. Mpls. 16, Wa. 6-4626

ST. PAUL Hope Washburn, 497 Otis Ave., St. Paul, Mi. 6186
 Phoebe Bere, 1700 Eleanor, Em. 0577
 Mrs. Stephen A. Osborn, 439 Portland Ave., Cap. 6-0137
 Mrs. Mantis, 2352 Buford Ave., Mi. 1156
 Mrs. Clayton Crane, 1395 Chelmsford, Fr. 4932
 Joy Sheirs, 748 W. Hoyt, St. Paul, Hu 9-3675
 Mrs. S. L. Lyksett, 539 S. Lexington, Em. 2123
 Mrs. W. L. Sampson, 1123 Juliet, De. 2968
 Mrs. Albert Driscoll, 644 Goodrich Ave., Ca 6-7169
 Dorothy Egiston ? 1808 Beechwood,
 Mrs. F. L. Tourville, 454 Frontenac Place, Ne. 1766
 Mrs. L. M. Landgran, 1986 Montreatl, Em. 2497
 Mrs. Milo Swenson, 2334 Como Ave., St. Paul 8, Mi. 4986
 Mary Lufkin, 2119 Iglehart, Ne. 5909
 Mrs. C. N. Anderson, 35 Inner Drive, De. 7344
 SOUTH ST. P. Mrs. G. W. Grim, 507 7th Ave. No., La 6258
 Mrs. A. Stoeffen, 200 Liberty Place, La 3800
 Mrs. W. Troubridge, 253 9 Ave. So, La 7525
 WHITE B.T. Georgia Hillman, 5323 W. Bald Eagle Blvd., WB 1261
 Mrs. F. C. Kannerlohr, 2527 Lake Ave., WBL, WB 479W
 Mrs. John Sharp, Rt. 8, WBL, WB 1069 R

HIBBING Mrs. Basil Young
 OFFICE Mrs. Harold Wilson
 GUEST Mr. Peter Popovich.

About fifty or more stayed to meet with the lobby chairmen. These chairmen have the slips listing their committee members.

~~Which is going to happen by itself.~~ *move up chair ③*
WHEN WE WERE PLANNING THIS WORKSHOP, MRS. GRUNER, OUR STATE CHAIRMAN FOR
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ FEP, TOLD US THAT SHE COULD THINK OF NO BETTER
QUALIFIED PERSON TO TALK ~~TO THE SUBJECT~~ ^{with me (FEP)} THAN MR. BABCOCK WHO IS ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ^{David E.}
A VICE-PRESIDENT AND PERSONNEL DIRECTOR OF DAYTON'S. Mr. Babcock ~~HAS~~ ^{Mr. E. C. Brown.}
LONG HAD AN INTEREST IN FEP AND IN HIS POSITION AS PERSONNEL DIRECTOR IS
IN A POSITION TO GIVE US MUCH VALUABLE INFORMATION. IN ADDITION TO HIS
POSITION AT DAYTON'S, MR. BABCOCK IS ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
PERSONNEL GROUP OF THE NATIONAL RETAIL DRYGOODS ASSOCIATION ~~AND HAS BEEN~~
~~ASSOCIATED WITH XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ VARIOUS OTHER LOCAL GROUPS INTERESTED IN
~~FEP.~~ WE ARE DOUBLY GRATEFUL TO MR. BABCOCK FOR HAVING CONSENTED TO
COME HERE TODAY, ^{since} AS YOU ALL KNOW, DAYTON'S IS TEEMING WITH ACTIVITY AND
^{Don't you realize} EVERY MINUTE MUST BE ~~PRECIOUS~~ TO EVERYONE CONNECTED WITH THE JUBILEE.

..... "AN EMPLOYER LOOKS AT FEP."

Questions. Thank him again. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

ONE OF OUR ST. PAUL MEMBERS HAS BEEN ATTENDING THE MEETINGS OF THE
STATE COUNCIL ON FEP, AND I WONDER IF SHE WOULD NOT TELL US WHAT SHE
CAN OF THE PRESENT PLANS OF THE COUNCIL, OF WHICH THE LWV IS A MEMBER.
I UNDERSTAND THAT COPIES OF THE ^{FEP} 1955 BILL ARE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO
MIGHT CARE TO HAVE A COPY. MRS. HOMER MANTIS...

MRS. CAHOUT OF THE MPLS LEAGUE ...has she anything further to add?
(Call attention to FEPC questionnaire sent out by State office, and urge
its completion and return to office.)

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YOU HAVE ALL RECEIVED VERY RECENTLY MATERIAL ON OUR THIRD PLATFORM ITEM:
PARTY DESIGNATION FOR LEGISLATORS. MRS. LUFKIN, THE STATE CHAIRMAN OF
THAT ITEM IS MOST PARTICULAR THAT WE CALL THE ITEM BY ITS FULL NAME, AND
WHEN I SUGGESTED THAT WE ALPHABETIZE IT TO PDFL WE DECIDED THAT IT MIGHT
BE VERY CONFUSING AND ~~XXX~~ OPEN US TO THE CHARGE OF PARTISANSHIP IF THE
HEARER DID NOT HEAR THE FIRST INITIAL! MRS. LUFKIN

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AS THE DAYS MARCH INEXORABLY TOWARD THE GENERAL ELECTION IN NOVEMBER, MRS. CARL FOUNTAIN AND HER COMMITTEE WORKING ON AMENDMENT 3 HAVE BEEN SEARCHING FOR EVERY OUTLET FOR DISTRIBUTION OF THE CITIZENS AMENDMENT STICKERS. BECAUSE FAILURE TO APPROVE THIS AMENDMENT WOULD HAMPER OUR WORK FOR CONSTITUTION REVISION, WE MUST BEND EVERY EFFORT BETWEEN NOW AND ELECTION TO PUSH FOR ITS ~~XXXXXXXX~~ APPROVAL BY THE ELECTORATE. MRS. FOUNTAIN, WHO IS PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN FOR THE STATE LWV ~~XXXXXX~~ ~~XX~~ WOULD LIKE YOUR HELP AND SUGGESTIONS TO HELP "MOVE" THE STICKERS STILL REMAINING IN THE OFFICE.

..... *Instructions on program items.*
PLANS FOR 1955 ~~LOBBYING~~.

(TELL OF RADIO TAPE BEING RECORDED WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE TO LEAGUES COMMITTEE HAS BEEN FORMED.

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
DEC. 9TH -- TRAINING MEETING FOR LOBBYISTS IN ST. PAUL.

LOBBY-BY-LETTER KITS ARE TO BE USED AGAIN, WITH NEW INSERTS ON PROGRAM, BUT RETAINING BACKGROUND MATERIAL ON PLATFORM ITEMS. FILLERS TO BE MAILED AFTER ELECTION, SINCE OUTCOME OF VOTE ON AMENDMENT 3 WILL DETERMINE WHAT CAN BE DONE RE CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION.

up TO GENERAL ELECTION WORK SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON:

AMENDMENT # 3

- VOTERS SERVICE PROGRAM. 1st. TO ENABLE VOTER (AND LWV MEMBERS ARE VOTERS) TO KNOW ATTITUDES AND QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES.
2nd TO ACQUAINT CANDIDATES WITH LWV PROGRAM AND OFFER LEAGUE MATERIAL FOR THEIR USE.

action
AFTER NOVEMBER, AN OUTLINE FOR SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES ON LEGISLATIVE FIELD WILL BE MAILED TO LOCAL LEAGUES. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~,

THE POPULAR LEGISLATIVE TOURS WILL BE CONTINUED THIS YEAR, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF MRS. LUFKIN, WHO HAS BEEN WORKING OUT PLANS FOR YOUR CON-

siderations.

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CONSCIENTIOUSLY STUDIED AND DISCUSSED, WILL PREPARE US TO EVALUATE
PROPOSED LEGISLATION AND HELP US MAKE PROPER DECISIONS WHEN THE TIME
FOR DECISION COMES. 4a

11:05- MRS. FRANK CHESLEY, RESOURCE CHAIRMAN FOR THE LEGISLATIVE REORGANIZATION
ITEM ON THE STATE PROGRAM WILL DISCUSS FOR US SOME OF THE ~~THESE~~
~~KNOW~~ ASPECTS OF THIS BROAD SUBJECT. *Suggest that people write down
questions that may occur on items*

~~MRS. DOWN, COULD WE CALL ON YOU NEXT TO ENLIGHTEN US ON YOUR FORMIDABLE~~
~~SUBJECT?~~

MRS. ARTHUR DOWN, ^{is} STATE RESOURCE CHAIRMAN OF THE ~~THE~~ STUDY ITEM. *State finance*
has always seemed to me a very formidable responsibility ~~RECOMMEND~~

author of the booklet "Democracy Denied"
MRS. STANLEY KANE, FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE REAPPORTIONMENT ITEM, WAS GOOD
ENOUGH TO AGREE TO COME TODAY AND ~~EMPHASIZE~~ ^{discuss} SOME OF THE PROBLEMS WE
MAY FACE IN THE 1955 LEGISLATURE IF THE MATTER OF REAPPORTIONMENT AGAIN
COMES TO THE FRONT.

~~Time for 7:30~~
11:25- THE LNV HAS LONG BEEN CREDITED WITH HAVING HAD A MAJOR PART IN THE
ENACTMENT OF THE STATE CIVIL SERVICE SYSTEM, AND ONE OF OUR MEMBERS HAS
SERVED ON THE CIVIL SERVICE ^{Commission} ~~BOARD~~ SINCE IT WAS FIRST SET UP IN 1939(?)
BECAUSE MANY OF OUR MEMBERS HAVE JOINED THE LEAGUE SINCE OUR LONG CAMPAIGN
FOR CIVIL SERVICE, WE THOUGHT TODAY WOULD BE A VERY GOOD TIME TO HAVE A
"REFRESHER COURSE", SO TO SPEAK, ON CIVIL SERVICE, AND ASKED MRS. HARRING-
TON BEARD TO GIVE US THAT COURSE. WE COULD HAVE NO BETTER TEACHER, I
MIGHT ADD.....

*Ad's over for lunch -
Call attention to table of material.*

John Chealey

Legislative Conference Oct. 3 = Legislative Reorganization

The League of Women Voters, being a group known for its insatiable curiosity and for its ability to carry through on ^{its} ~~a~~ project ~~once started~~, will not be content to merely achieve a constitutional convention, momentous as that occasion will be. We ~~may~~ ^{can} not consider that the job is finished until Minnesota voters have actually approved a constitution which is up to date, which provides for a workable method of amendment, which allows for the enactment of desirable social and economic legislation, and which is flexible enough to meet the needs of the people in our complicated and changing society.

Along with our basic study of the legislature last year came the realization that many recognised defects in our state government could be cured by the legislature itself, for instance, the committee system, with all its important ramifications. However, as anyone tackling a new field is aware, many intriguing ~~and~~ ~~important~~ subjects are often uncovered which it would be worth while to delve into more thoroughly; somewhat in the manner of a group of small boys exploring a cave and becoming so interested in the passages leading off to the left and right that they never get to the treasure at the end, ~~before its time to go home~~. The treasure in our case, of course, is a new constitution, and much as we would like to stop and explore all the defects in our state government, we must concentrate our energies on only those defects contained in the constitution.

Although respect for our present constitution may be somewhat ~~clouded~~ ^{clouded} by a knowledge of its hasty and stormy beginnings, nevertheless it is the basic law of the state and changes in it

must be suggested ^{only} with the utmost care and thoughtful ^{Analysis.} consideration. Once the people have approved the calling of a constitutional convention, it is the duty of the legislature to provide for the preparation of research material and information of a very detailed sort for the use of the delegates to the convention. Citizen groups such as the League ^{can} ~~could~~ make a real contribution at that time by ^{Taking} ~~having taken~~ an informed stand on certain issues and by presenting a program based on serious study, at pre-convention hearings. Thus we see that we have started none too soon to formulate our ideas in preparation for such an event.

The League has chosen the Legislative Article and those other sections of the constitution which relate to the legislature, as our first step toward making recommendations as to what a new constitution should contain. Because of the fact that we are dealing with the constitution, which, in order to change, we must first understand in its present condition, it was thought necessary that we go slowly at first in order to ^{acquire an} ~~have~~ membership understanding of the theories of constitution making, and of the need for change before working on individual items. This ^{was} ~~is~~ the reason for the material on the Constitutional Basis of the Legislature which you received last month. ^{and which} ~~This~~ will be followed shortly by material on ^{concerning the legislature.} ~~the~~ specific items ~~which have been recommended for change.~~

In Minnesota we are particularly fortunate in that some preparatory work has already been done, by the Constitutional Commission, created by the legislature in 1947. Believing that the Commissions recommendations are an appropriate place to start our work, the League will study their suggestions for the legislative branch, one by one.

We are here today to talk primarily about the legislative session coming up in January, and we may be wondering how ~~these~~ ^{the}

somewhat theoretical aspects of the constitution can have very much to do with that. Our work on legislative reorganization being still in the study stage, there can of course be no lobbying done by the League on any phase of the subject. We may, however, use the session to our future advantage by close observation of it, and by being aware of the relationship between the constitution and what the legislature may or may not do. We may also use the knowledge we have thus far gained to perfect our lobby techniques; whether by a timely letter at a crucial stage ~~in the life~~ of a bill; or by showing our legislators that our interest is founded on a real understanding of legislative problems.

During the session we may, for instance, be asking ourselves if the 90 days is long enough for adequate deliberation. Watch the number of bills introduced versus the number passed, and at what time in the session they are acted upon, whether in a mass at the end or in an orderly fashion during the session. We ~~may~~ ^{could} ask our legislators how they feel about more frequent sessions, or the possibility of being able to call special sessions themselves. We know the constitution forbids the introduction of bills during the last 20 days of the session except on request of the governor. We can keep tab on the number introduced after that time - in the last session there were 200 or more.

We may speculate on why revenue raising bills ~~can~~ are allowed to originate only in the House, when, in the opinion of the Constitutional Commission, it would save ~~the~~ valuable time if they could also be introduced in the Senate.

By keeping track of the number of bills which must be acted upon by the governor during the closing days of the

session, we may question whether the three days allowed him by the constitution are enough, or whether he needs more time for consideration to approve or veto important measures.

The constitution states that every bill be read on three different days in each house before it may be passed. Because of the mass of material considered at each session, this requirement has not been followed in recent years. In observing the session we may see an advantage in changing this unworkable provision.

Let us also learn what proportion of the bills introduced and considered in the next session concern purely local matters, not of general interest but yet consuming the time of the legislature. Of the 762 laws enacted in the 1953 session, 21 were special laws for townships. Special legislation under the guise of general laws is a common occurrence in spite of the constitution which forbids this.

More obscure but not impenetrable are ~~the effects of the~~ constitutional limitations on changes in the form of taxation on railroads, undoubtedly one of the main reasons why there is so much opposition to a constitutional convention.

At the last session a bill was introduced which would have provided for a post - auditor appointed by and responsible only to the legislature. Both the Little Hoover Commission and the Constitutional Commission have recommended this measure, but it failed to even emerge from the committee. It will be interesting to see whether another attempt will be made to enact this change which has been so generally recommended.

Clipping newspapers, talking with legislators, visiting the legislature, - there are many ways to find out what we want

*Rigid provisions of this nature in the consti-
tution have not kept pace with changing conditions
and have, generally speaking, just obstacles in the
way of the legislative action.*

→ Making the constitution,

to know. Let us each become involved, so to speak, with our legislative process, so that we know it as intimately as any citizen can without being a participant. Only in this way will we be able to appraise it critically and constructively.

^{and} Only in this way will the League know what a new constitution should contain. ^{It is} Not an easy ^{or a quick} job we have outlined for ourselves,

but one which we know will bear fruit in due time as the possibility of a Constitutional Convention grows nearer.

Tentative Program re Legislative Activities.

1. Early meeting (September or early October) for Legislative Chrm, Pres. from local leagues-- Resource Chairmen.
2. Training meeting for lobbyists December 9. Resource Chrm. to appoint lobbyists? Legislative Kit to be distributed.*
Results of Caucusing- committee assignments?
Presentation of plans for tours. - *Sanbury*
3. Kaffee- Klatsch for legislators, ^{or members} lobbyists, state board members, legislative committee members. First part of January
At Mrs. Osmun Springsted's home in St. Paul.
467- Portland Ave.

Legislat

What form should reports on legislative activity to local leagues take?
"Body & Lobby"

What form should reports from local ~~legislative~~ leagues to state office take?

Revision of Lobby by Letter Kit. - *Resource Chrm. 196 - 2 -*
Assembly Legislative Kit.

Legislative Kit. - *Committee Assignments. 12 or after*
Ask Lucella about seating chart published by State Employers -
Legislative Year Book: Livingston -
the Maps of Districts.

Invite

Dear _____

You may feel as I do, that you've had only a passing nod from summer, and that it just can't be time to pick up the threads of fall activities. But unless my calendar is wrong (and I'm pretty sure it isn't) August is about half over, and planning for League activities during the 1955 session of the legislature had better begin in earnest.

First of all--for a successful year in '55 we need a legislative chairman in every local Minnesota League. In suggesting this, we are following the plans so ably made by Mari Donohue and the legislative committee in 1953, and feel, as they did, that we must stimulate more interest and individual response to Calls for Action by the local Leagues if we are to promote our state program successfully. The Legislative Chairman should work in cooperation with Resource Chairmen, Voters Service Chairmen and Public Relations Chairmen on the local level, as well as with the state legislative committee and its chairman. Her job should not be confined to the ninety days of the legislative session, but should start with the beginning of the League year this fall, and continue through until next May. (Attached to this letter is the plan of action for '54-'55 suggested by the state legislative committee for guidance to the local legislative chairmen. Also attached is a report form which we hope will serve to keep us all informed of each other's activities in this area of legislative action, and provide a clearing house for ideas and programs.) *(Baker)*

The State Legislative Steering Committee is composed of:

some phases of _____ to the work of the Legislative
Since/Voters Service is so closely allied _____
committee, we _____ urge you very strongly
to keep a _____
record of all questionnaires sent to legislative candidates in your district,
and any other pertinent material you may come across in the campaigns ahead.
Possibly your Voters Service Chairman and Legislative Chairman could
collaborate on this. _____

We are all aware of the many activities and problems that descend upon all of us as the fall season appro aches, but we do want to stress the importance of appointing your legislative chairman as soon as possible, so that she can begin to make her plans along the lines of the attached suggested activities. We will welcome your comments, corrections and additions and will be awaiting a report from you as to your appointment for xxxxxxxxxx
xxxxxxx
xxxxxxx Here's to our success in '55!

on fall - 6.

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I THINK AS WE CONSIDER THESE EMPHASES WE MUST CONSTANTLY REMIND OUR-
SELVES THAT ONLY AS WE UNDERSTAND THEM AND ARE ABLE TO DISCUSS THEM
INTELLIGENTLY CAN WE GIVE SUBSTANCE TO OUR CLAIMS THAT MINNESOTA NEEDS
A NEW CONSTITUTION. THE OPPOSITION TO CHANGE IS VERY GREAT IN ANY
COMMUNITY AND UNTIL WE HAVE A WELL-INFORMED NUCLEUS OF PEOPLE ~~XXX~~
THROUGHOUT THE STATE WHO CAN KEEP THE DISCUSSIONS ALIVE AND INFORMATIVE
WE SHALL NEVER ACHIEVE ANY MEASURE OF SUCCESS. *(Suggest -*
get down to it)
MRS. DOWN CAN YOU POINT UP SOME OF THE DEFECTS OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION
IN RELATION TO THE TAX STRUCTURE OF THE STATE?

A VERY VITAL PART OF THE WORK NECESSARY TO THE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM IS THAT OF VOTERS SERVICE. MRS. ROGER KLEIN, STATE VOTERS SERVICE CHAIRMAN AND HER COMMITTEE HAVE BEEN RE-
CENTLY AWARDED A DISTINGUISHED CITIZENSHIP AWARD FOR THEIR
CONTRIBUTION TO THE STATE OF TEXAS. THIS AWARD WAS PRESENTED BY THE GOVERNOR OF TEXAS AT HIS RESIDENCE IN DALLAS.
MRS. KLEIN HAS BEEN HONORED WITH THIS AWARD FOR THE SECOND YEAR.

BEEN WORKING SINCE MAYTIME TO SERVE THE INTERESTS OF THE
STATE IN THE ASSEMBLING OF MATERIAL
WHICH WILL HELP THE VOTER IN HIS CHOICE OF CANDIDATES FOR
NATIONAL AND STATE OFFICES. THIS MATERIAL SERVES A DUAL PURPOSE: IT
DISCLOSES TO THE VOTER THE ATTITUDES AND QUALIFICATIONS OF THE CANDIDATE,
AND AT THE SAME TIME IT SERVES TO ACQUAINT THE CANDIDATE WITH LEAGUE
PROGRAM AND PURPOSE. MRS. KLEIN IS HERE TODAY, AND
WE HAVE ASKED HER TO TELL US BRIEFLY OF HER CONCEPTION OF
THE INTER-RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN VOTERS SERVICE AND THE LEGISLATIVE

(TIME FOR QUESTIONS?)

[illegible]

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FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO WOULD LIKE TO, I WOULD RECOMMEND A REVIEW OF
THE 1953 LEGISLATIVE REPORT, PREPARED BY MARI DONAHUE AND HER COMMITTEE
AFTER THE NEXT SESSION. IT WOULD HELP TO POINT UP THE VARIOUS PROBLEMS
INVOLVED IN PROMOTING LEGISLATION AND PREPARE YOU FOR ACTIVE LOBBYING.
TELL STORY OF "BIGGER AND BETTER ELEPHANTS"^{""}-----BIGGER AND BETTER
LOBBYING.

Adjourns.

LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF LOCAL LEAGUES IN MINNESOTA

LEGISLATIVE

4	Rochester
5	Austin
	Kasson
7	Wells
10	Jackson
11	Worthington
13	Granite Falls
	Tracy
14	New Ulm
16	New Richland
	Owatonna
	Waseca
17	New Prague
19	Red Wing
20	South St. Paul
22	Hutchinson
23	Olivia
24	Granite Falls
27	Buffalo
28-35	Minneapolis
36S	Bloomington
	Deephaven
	Edina
	Excelsior
	Hopkins
	Mound
	Richfield
	St. Louis Park
	Wayzata
36N	Golden Valley
37-42	St. Paul
41	North St. Paul
	White Bear Lake
	White Bear Township
42N	Arden Hills
	Falcon Heights
	Roseville
43	Afton-Lakeland
	Birchwood
	Mahtomedi
	Marine-on-St. Croix
44	Anoka
	Circle Pines
	Columbia Heights
45	St. Cloud
47	Alexandria
50	Battle Lake
	Fergus Falls
52	Cass Lake
53	Brainerd
57-59	Duluth
60	Hibbing
62	Bemidji
63	Park Rapids

CONGRESSIONAL

I	Austin
	Kasson
	New Richland
	Owatonna
	Red Wing
	Rochester
	Waseca
II	Hutchinson
	Jackson
	New Prague
	New Ulm
	South St. Paul
	Wells
III	Afton-Lakeland
	Anoka
	Birchwood
	Bloomington
	Circle Pines
	Columbia Heights
	Deephaven
	Edina
	Excelsior
	Golden Valley
	Hopkins
	Mahtomedi
	Marine-on-St. Croix
	Minneapolis
	Mound
	Richfield
	St. Louis Park
	Wayzata
IV	Arden Hills
	Falcon Heights
	North St. Paul
	Roseville
	St. Paul
	White Bear Lake
	White Bear Township
V	Minneapolis
VI	Brainerd
	Buffalo
	Cass Lake
	Park Rapids
	St. Cloud
VII	Alexandria
	Granite Falls
	Olivia
	Tracy
	Worthington
VIII	Duluth
	Hibbing
IX	Battle Lake
	Bemidji
	Fergus Falls

(24 Legis. Dist. with no Leagues - 1,2,3,6,8,9,12,15,18,21,25,26,46,48,49,51,54,55,56, 61,64,65,66,67.

There are 53 local Leagues in Minnesota with 5100 members.

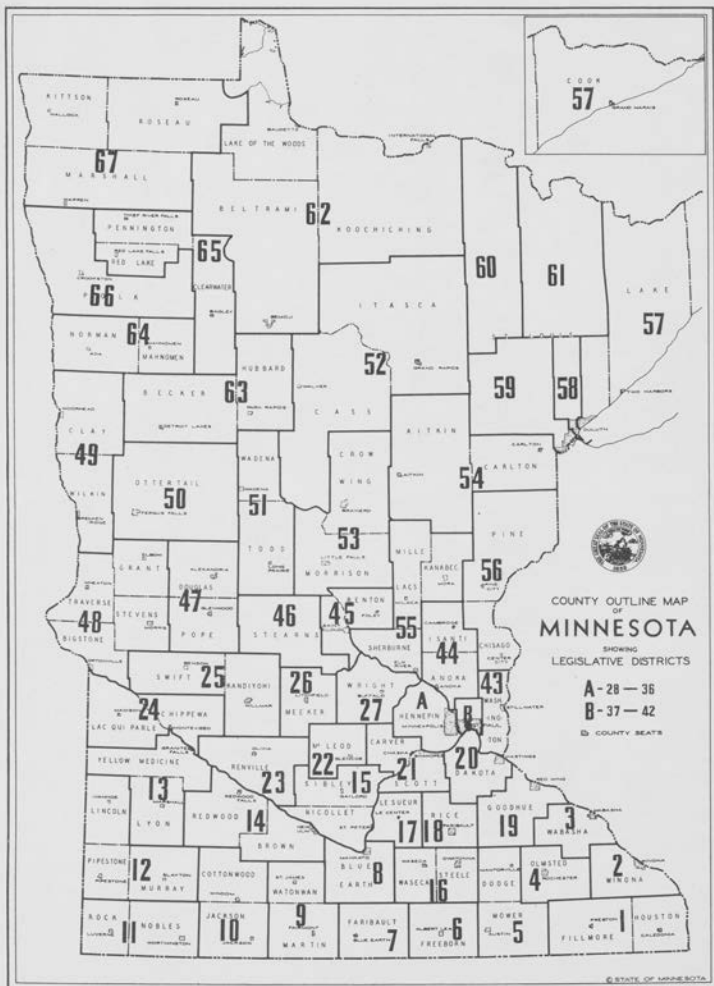
MINNESOTA STATE REPRESENTATIVES

31 Adams, James L.	Hennepin	16 Hartle, John A.	Steele
66 Affeldt, Sr., Leland A.	Polk	5 Herzog, Jacob J.,	Mower
55 Alderink, George	Mille Lacs, Sher-	24 Hofstad, Alvin O.	Iac Qui Parle
	burne, Kanabec	43 Howard, John F.	Washington
42 Allen, Claude H.	Ramsey, N.	10 Hussong, Louis H.	Jackson
47 Anderson, Delbert F.	Pope	48 Iverson, Carl M.	Grant
58 Anderson, Floyd R.	St. Louis	14 Jensen, Carl A.	Brown
48 Anderson, G. A.	Stevens	25 Johnson, Alfred I.	Swift
33 Anderson, Harold J.	Hennepin	49 Johnson, Erwin P.	Clay
15 Anderson, Harold R.	Nicollet	54 Johnson, O. L.	Aitkin
1 Anderson, Moppy	Fillmore-Houston	56 Karas, Joe	Pine
50 Aune, Ole O. Jr.	Otter Tail	41 Karth, Joe	Ramsey
63 Basford, Harry	Becker	37 Kelley, Jerry	Ramsey S
11 Bassett, Wayne R.	Nobles	14 Kennedy, R. B.	Redwood, Brown
67 Battles, Everett	Roseau	46 Kinzer, John J.	Stearns(2ndDiv)
37 Beanblossom, Sheldon	Ramsey N.	25 Knudsen, Eugene P.	Kandiyoht
36 Bergerud, Alf	Hennepin S.	32 Kording, Herman J.	Hennepin
64 Bergeson, Burnett J.	Norman, Mahnomen	59 LaBrosse, Francis	St. Louis
62 Berglund, Elmer E.	Beltrami, Lake	67 Langen, Odin E. S.	Kittson
	of the Woods	19 Langley, Clarence G.	Goodhue(2ndDiv)
28 Biernst, Ted L.	Hennepin	36 Lindquist, Leonard E.	Hennepin N
57 Campton, Chas. E.	Cook, Lake	63 Lovik, A. W.	Hubbard
62 Chilgren, E. J.	Koochiching	3 Lund, Joyce	Wabasha
30 Christie, Thomas N.	Hennepin	30 Luther, Sally	Hennepin
61 Cina, Fred A.	St. Louis	34 McCarty, Glenn D.	Hennepin
47 Clark, Otto E.	Douglas	2 McGill, John D.	Winona city
48 Conroy, Dan	Traverse	17 McGuire, Michael	Le Sueur
11 Cummings, Roy H.	Rock	2 McLeod, Donald	Winona county
12 Cunningham, Lawrence	Pipestone	4 Madden, Leo D.	Olmstead
16 Dahle, Omar C.	Waseca	13 Madden, Ralph	Lyon
65 Day, Walter E.	Pennington, Red	21 Moriarty, Michael	Scott
	Lake, Clearwater	35 Mosier, Leo D.	Hennepin
14 Dirlam, Aubrey	Redwood	15 Mueller, August B.	Sibley
50 Dunn, Roy E.	Otter Tail	59 Munger, Willard M.	St. Louis
1 Duxbury, Lloyd	Houston	26 Nordlie, O. Gerhard	Wecker
44 Eck, Carl W.	Anoka, Isanti	57 Noreen, Roger F.	St. Louis
27 Eddy, Paul L.	Wright	56 Oberg, A. F.	Chisago
23 Enestvedt, Odean	Renville	43 O'Dea, Richard W.	Washington
7 Erdahl, L. B.	Paribault	8 Ogle, Arthur	Blue Earth
22 Ernst, Emil C.	McLeod	9 Olson, Carl G.	Watsonwan
67 Fitzsimons, Richard W.	Marshall	21 Ottinger, Howard	Carver
10 Franz, Sam	Cottonwood	40 Otto, Alfred	Ramsey(Ward 4)
5 Freeman, G. W.	Dodge	42 Parks, Clifton	Ramsey S
33 French, George	Hennepin	51 Paskewitz, Albert	Todd
61 Fugina, Peter X.	St. Louis	13 Peterson, Oscar O.	Yellow Medicine
12 Fuller, Graham	Lincoln	52 Phillips, Seth R.	Cass
20 Gallagher, Frank X.	Dakota	38 Podgorski, Anthony	Ramsey S.
35 Goodin, H. P. (Pat)	Hennepin	40 Popovich, Peter S.	Ramsey (Ward 7)
51 Graba, Clifford C.	Wadena	38 Prifrel, Joseph	Ramsey N.
55 Grant, George E.	Mille Lacs, Kan-	45 Reed, Dewey	Stearns
	abec, Sherburne	60 Rutter, Loren S.	St. Louis
	Ramsey(Ward 6)	49 Schenck, Ely R.	Wilkin
39 Grittner, Karl F.	Chippewa	8 Schulz, Roy	Blue Earth
24 Grussing, George	Hennepin	45 Schumann, Marvin C.	Benton, Sherburne
31 Hagland, Carl G.	Crow Wing	53 Schwanke, Fred W.	Crow Wing, Morris-
53 Halsted, Chas. I.			son

52	Shipka, Vladimir	Itasca
41	Shovell, Bill	Ramsey
29	Skeate, John P.	Hennepin
53	Skoog, Evert A.	Morrison
48	Sorensen, Wm.	Big Stone
18	Sundet, O. A.	Rice
27	Swenson, Glen	Wright
6	Talle, Irwin M.	Freeborn
1	Thompson, Teman	Fillmore
46	Tiemann, Edmund C.	Stearns(1stDiv)
28	Tomczyk, Edward	Hennepin
66	Tveten, Reuben H.	Polk
50	Ukkelberg, Cliff	Otter Tail
9	Van De Riet, G. J.	Martin
32	Volstad, Edward J.	Hennepin
19	Voxland, Roy L.	Goodhue(1stDiv)
58	Yanvick, Arne C.	St. Louis
12	Wee, Reuben	Murray
29	Wegner, Carl O.	Hennepin
65	Wichterman, B. M.	Clearwater (Pennington Red Lake)
60	Widstrand, Paul S.	St. Louis
50	Windmiller, E. J.	Otter Tail
39	Mozniak, D. D.	Ramsey (Ward 5)
34	Wright, F. Gordon	Hennepin
54	Yetka, Lawrence	Carlton

MINNESOTA STATE SENATORS

42	Andersen, Elmer L.	Ramsey	52	O'Brien, Geo. C.	Cass, Itasca
11	Andersen, A. A.	Nobles, Rock	40	O'Loughlin, Harold J.	Ramsey
7	Andersen, Ernest J.	Paribault	23	Olson, Oscar L.	Renville
32	Andersen, Marvin H.	Hennepin	60	Peterson, Elmer	St. Louis
48	Behm, Fred W.	Stevens, Travemø	18	Quile, Albert H.	Rice
		Big Stone, Grant	45	Richardson, John L.	Benton, Sherburne, Stearns
22	Bonniwell, Milan	McLeod			St. Louis
4	Burdick, Walter	Olmstead	58	Rogers, Herbert	Hennepin
57	Butler, Gordon H.	Cook, Lake, St. Louis	33	Root, Charles W.	Crow Wing
		St. Louis	53	Rosenmeier, Gordon	Morrison
59	Carr, Homer	Chippewa	43	Salmore, Raphael	Washington
24	Child, Fay George	Lac Qui Parle	37	Schultz, Harold W.	Ramsey
		Wabasha	67	Sinclair, Donald	Kittson, Roseau
3	Dunlap, Robert R.	Martin, Watonwan			Marshall
9	Erickson, Chris L.	Hennepin	12	Vadheim, Joseph	Lincoln, Murray, Pipestone
34	Feidt, Daniel S.	Cottonwood			St. Louis
10	Frenz, W. J.	Jackson	61	Vukelich, Thomas D.	Kandiyohi, Swift
		Hennepin	25	Mahlstrand, Harry	Becker, Hubbard
29	Fraser, Donald	Goodhue	63	Jalz, Norman J.	Clay, Wilkin
19	George, Grover C.	Dakota	49	Wefeld, Magnus	Wright
20	Gillen, Arthur	Aitkin, Carlton	27	Welch, Thomas P.	Ramsey
54	Hanson, Norman W.	Freeborn	41	Westin, Leslie E.	Clearwater, Red Lake, Pennington
6	Hanson, Rudolph	Stearns	65	Wiseth, Roy E.	Hennepin
46	Harren, Henry A.	Todd, Madena			Brown, Redwood
51	Heuer, Wm. C. F.	Dodge, Mower	30	Wright, Donald O.	
5	Holand, P. J.	Wecker	14	Zwach, John M.	
26	Holmquist, Stanley J.	Blue Earth			
8	Imm, Val	Chisago, Pine			
56	Johnson, C. Elmer	Fillmore, Houston			
1	Johnson, John A.	Anoka, Isanti			
44	Johnson, Ralph W.	Lyon			
13	Josefson, J. A.	Yellow Medicine			
		Hennepin			
28	Kalina, Harold	Winona			
2	Keller, J. R.	Nicollet, Sibley			
15	Kroehler, Franklin P.	Mahnomen, Norman			
64	Larson, Norman	Douglas, Pope			
47	Lofvegren, Clifford	Beltrami, Lake			
62	McKee, John H.	of Woods, Koochiching			
		Ramsey			
39	Masek, Joseph R.	Le Sueur			
17	Malone, Martin M.	Hennepin			
31	Mayhood, Ralph L.	Cerver, Scott			
21	Metcalfe, John A.	Hennepin			
36	Miller, Archie	Kannabec, Mille			
55	Mitchell, C. C.	Lacs, Sherburne			
		Hennepin			
35	Mullin, Gerald T.	Polk			
66	Murray, Louis A.	Steele, Waseca			
16	Nelson, Harold S.	Ramsey			
38	Novak, B. G.	Otter Tail			
50	Nycklenoe, Henry				



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

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MINNEAPOLIS 3, MINNESOTA

Atlantic 0941

December 22, 1954

To: Local League Presidents
From: Mrs. Basil Young, President

TRAINING SESSION FOR LOBBYISTS

Over 80 enthusiastic League members attended the training session for lobbyists held at Macalester College on December 8th and declared their willingness to take our program to the Capitol, and we are indeed grateful to them for assuming this responsible and time-consuming task. Although they will be bearing the heaviest burden of this part of our League work, these ladies in the lobby will need the help and support of every League member via letter, telephone, telegraph and personal contact with your legislators, for we know they listen hardest to their own constituents. I hope you are planning some sort of informal get-together with them before, or in the early part of, the session. Enclosed you will find copies of the new inserts for your Lobby-by-Letter folder which you received two years ago. Will you send in your order for the number you will need for your members and ask them to insert them in place of the sheets that are in that folder now? New members will of course need the full kit, and we would like to have your order for these, too, as soon as possible. The supply is limited. The cost of the full kit is 25¢; inserts alone are 5¢. We are also enclosing a schedule of the legislative tours, which lists the time the Capitol will be "at home" to your League.

LEGISLATIVE EMPHASIS At its meeting on December 9th, the state Board defined the primary objective of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota in the 1955 session to be the passage of a bill submitting the question of calling constitutional convention to the electorate in the 1956 election. In addition, the League will work on continuing responsibilities on our program, and, in response to the request of local Leagues throughout Minnesota, for a measure to carry out the present constitutional provision of reapportionment or will seek, through constitutional revision, some permanent solution.

FEPC

With respect to this continuing responsibility, the Board took the following action: It accepted minor revisions to the Employment on Merit bill of 1953 proposed by the Minnesota Council for FEPC, including the change in name from "Employment on Merit" to "FEPC". It reiterated our position that we will not be satisfied with a fair employment bill which does not contain enforcement powers, and we recommend and support the enforcement provisions of the original unamended 1953 bill (enforcement by the District Court). We are giving further study to additional enforcement provisions which have been added by the Minnesota Council for FEPC to the enforcement provisions of the 1953 bill.

STATE BOARD APPOINTMENTS

I am very happy to report two new appointments to the State Board: Mrs. Ralph Norgaard of Minneapolis as Constitutional Revision Chairman, and Mrs. H. B. Hoesly of Falcon Heights, as Reapportionment Chairman.

STATE BY-LAW AND PLATFORM REVISION

We are attaching copies of proposed Platform revision and by-law amendments to conform with action taken by the last national convention. Will you go over these carefully with your Board and send in any suggestions you may have along with your PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS which, may I remind you, are due February 12th? I hope you will impress upon your units the importance of full discussion of suggestions for our 1955-56 program. Our program-making process is one of the sources of strength and effectiveness of the League and should be fully understood and participated in by every member.

Mrs. Young's letter, December 22, '54, p.2

ORCHIDS TO
ST. LOUIS PARK

for the successful conclusion of their campaign for city manager and charter, which we have all been watching with close interest. We rejoice with them and share in their pride.

HAPPY HOLIDAY

And now, time out to enjoy the loveliness of Christmas. Board and staff members join me in wishing to you and your members a

VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW (LEGISLATIVE) YEAR.

ENCLOSURES:

✓ Schedule for Tours of the Legislature	5¢
✓ *Lobby by Letter inserts	
✓ Copy of letter sent to all legislators from State Board	
✓ *State Platform Revision	2¢
✓ *State By-law Revision	2¢
*Dollars and Sense: Constitutional Provisions Relating to State Finance (a membership publication)	20¢
Letter to Trade Chairman	
Letter to Constitutional Revision Chairman	
Letter to Public Relations Chairman	
Letter to Voters Service Chairman	
Letter from state Nominating Committee Chairman	
Letter from Reapportionment Chairman	

*Additional copies available

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December 13, 1954

We wish to extend to you our hearty congratulations upon your election, which is evidence of the trust and confidence your constituents have placed in you, and to commend you for your willingness to serve your district and the state as a member of the Minnesota Legislature.

The interest which you have thus manifested in our state government is shared by the League of Women Voters of Minnesota, which seeks constantly to encourage citizens to take an active and informed part in government. As a nonpartisan organization, we serve no special group and take positions only on issues that concern government, are in the public interest, and on which our 5,100 members have reached consensus after thorough research and study. Our current program consists of working for the calling of a constitutional convention and making recommendations as to what a new constitution should contain, with emphasis on state finances, legislative reorganization and reapportionment. Other items, on which we have worked in the past and to which we are giving sustained attention as continuing responsibilities, are: Fair employment practices legislation, party designation for legislators and civil service.

Information on these issues is made available to interested citizens through our 54 Leagues in the state. You will from time to time receive material in which we think you might be interested, and we cordially invite you to request any further information you feel you would like to have on these vital subjects.

We shall be looking forward to meeting and working with you in the important legislative session which lies ahead.

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Mrs. Russell Duncan

Legislative Chairman

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

December 20, 1954

Memo: to Reapportionment Chairman, local League
From: Mrs. H. B. Hoesly, State Reapportionment Chairman

You have made the decision! Your answers to the reapportionment questionnaire have indicated that you are ready for action. From your response, the state Board has decided on the following approach:

- * 1. We will support the Bergerud bill (or something like it) which comes close to
* reapportioning on a population basis under the present Constitution. *
- * 2. We will support legislation calling for an amendment to the Constitution if: *
- * a. it provides for some degree of area compromise approximating the Missouri *
- * plan or the recommendation of the Minnesota Constitutional Commission. *
- * b. it contains an enforcement provision. *

It stands to reason that any reapportionment will take representation from some districts and move the boundaries of others. The League has always stood for the democratic principle of equal representation, and we cannot over-emphasize the importance of this basic concept. Interviews and polls of people throughout the state have demonstrated that most citizens feel the same way. It is unfortunate that these same people have not made themselves heard and insisted that their representatives in the legislature perform a duty which they have neglected for over forty years. This, then, is the task ahead of us.

You will now want to renew with vigor your campaign to take this issue to the community and to your legislators. We are depending on local Leagues to "carry the ball" on reapportionment, since every community has a different situation. Our lobbyists will see that your legislators get the facts during the session, but YOU and your friends and neighbors must tell them how to vote. We are depending on you for a vigorous local campaign.

If your legislator is a new member, will you take a copy of "Democracy Denied" to him? This will give you an excellent opportunity to explain the League's stand regarding reapportionment measures. If he is an old member, he has received his copy, but you will want to explain to him what type of bill we will support (see block above). It will help our lobbyists if you let us know his attitude toward the League's stand on reapportionment....a postcard will do. Please send to:

Mrs. H. B. Hoesly, 1758 Arona, St. Paul 13, Minnesota

May we remind you that your tours to the legislature are an excellent opportunity to contact your representatives in the Capitol. A few well-chosen words from a constituent far from home are invaluable. If any of your members plan to be in St. Paul at any time during the session, urge them to look up their legislators and reiterate the League stand.

Several Leagues have asked for further information regarding the Bergerud plan. May we suggest that you consult "Time for Decision", pg. 4 and 5 under "Approach II". Also the large chart, "Proposed Reapportionment of Senatorial Districts", which shows the specific changes to be made under the bill. An analysis of this chart should give you a picture of what the bill would accomplish. Be sure to look up your district.

It may be well to emphasize a few of the arguments you will encounter in discussing this issue, especially fear of big city domination.

1. Statistics show that Hennepin and Ramsey counties have only 34.5% of the population of the state (population figures from Democracy Denied)

Hennepin County	-	674,899
Ramsey County	-	355,322
State	-	2,982,483

2. Urban legislators vote as a bloc. . . . this is less true of urban than of rural legislators. Big city legislators have not presented a united front even on reapportionment in the past.
3. Only the big cities would benefit. . . . contrary to popular belief, many widely scattered counties are worse off than most of Hennepin and Ramsey counties:

In the house - Anoka County is under-represented by 110%, Isanti County by 110%, Olmstead County by 112%, Dakota County by 115%, and Southeast St. Louis County by 98%.

Our hts are off to you. The job is well started: now, let us see it through to a successful finish! And remember - a more fairly apportioned legislature will mean a more fairly apportioned constitutional convention.

SUGGESTED PUBLICITY ON REAPPORTIONMENT

Cartoons - here's lots of room for your imagination to take over. It isn't the art work that counts, you know, but the idea! Good for newspapers, posters, displays, etc.

Maps of the State showing over-represented and under-represented areas in both houses are good visual aids. You can draw them from figures you have.

Interview the man on the street - get your paper to tabulate the results....it's fun to do, and it gives you an opportunity to state your cause.

"Democracy Denied" - have copies placed with strategic groups - political parties, public and school libraries, civic groups etc.

"Primer on Reapportionment" - a good capsule commentary for newspaper or other distribution.

Speakers - be ready to accept any opportunity to provide a speaker to explain reapportionment. A local member can usually handle this; however, speakers are available through the state office.

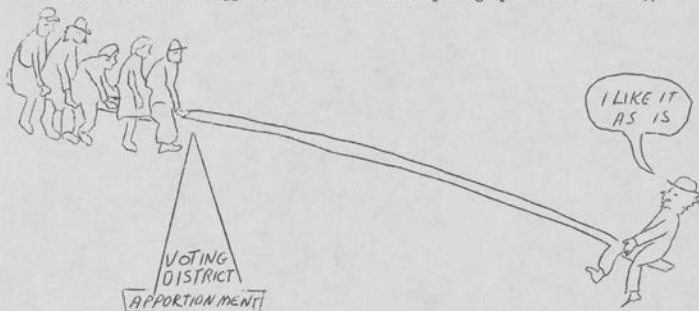
Letters to the editor - don't forget this excellent means of spreading information through either local or metropolitan newspapers.

NOTE:

Are you fully aware of the results of reapportionment in your community? Check "Proposed Reapportionment of Senatorial Districts" to determine the effects on your district. If you would receive increased representation, don't miss this opportunity for publicity. And do not take it for granted that your legislator will support the bill. Try to develop a citizens lobby to insist that he not only vote "yes", but that he work actively for passage of the measure.

POSTER AND CARTOON IDEAS
ON
REAPPORTIONMENT

(Be sure to check apportionment ratio if comparing specific districts.)



These cartoons were prepared by the League of Women Voters of Bloomington for use in their local papers. Cuts of these cartoons are available in the state League office for the use of Leagues desiring them:



*Prepared by Mr. John Donohue, President, St. Paul League
- talk was given at Dec '54 legislative works hop -*

Solon,--the Athenian law-giver, was born about 633 b.c., on the Island of Salamis,--just off the coast of Greece.

Across the gulf, lay the fabulous city of Athens,--at that time,-- on the very brink of its Golden Age. It was the day of the discus-thrower and the chariot races. The Parthenon, which is even to this day considered the architectural glory of the world,--newly crowned the Acropolis.

Athens was building the history which was to live for all time through the recordings of its painters, its sculpturers, and its poets.

And so, it seemed only right and proper that a young man of high birth such as Solon was, should go to seek his fortune in the midst of a city whose very streets ended in squares which were embellished with the temples and statues later to become the world's greatest art treasures.

About this time, the Island of Salamis was over-run and captured by foreign conquerors. And, after a few unsuccessful efforts to regain its possession,--the Athenians gave up the battle, and a decree was issued providing the death penalty for any citizen who attempted to organize further campaigns to regain the lost island.

Solon had, by this time, distinguished himself as one of the great Athenian poets. At the risk of his life, he wrote a poem ^{about} the lost island of Salamis. He took his plea to the market place of Athens and delivered it to the people gathered there. He so fired the populous with this single act,-- that a new campaign was formed. With Solon leading the Army, the conquerors were driven from Salamis in a single battle.

After this sweeping victory, Solon was made an archon of Athens. As such, he had complete authority over all the laws. He immediately set about wiping out all the antiquated provisions. He abolished slavery, annulled mortgages, relieved debtors by a reduction of interest rates. His new laws fostered commerce and manufacturing and created internal harmony within his state.

He brought to the people of Athens,--a new constitution. His name, Solon,-- has remained a synonym for all lawmakers,----But Solon was a piker!

In Solon's day,--they wished on a shooting star. Today,--we telephone the Air Force.

With a single reading of a single poem in a single place,--Solon was able to accomplish his ends. Minnesota numbers 3 million people, scattered over an area of 54 million acres.

Solon's slaves were bound by chains,---and we seem to be just as securely tied to taxation without representation. But,--lawmaking has moved out of the market-place and into the hallowed legislative halls.

The day for accomplishing Solon's kind of "single" victory has long since gone.

What we must look for are ~~xxx~~ means and ~~xxx~~ methods to withstand the long and many battles to reach the worthy goal.

- First, we must put things in the proper place.

GBS said "The first prison I ever saw had inscribed on it 'Cease to do evil,--learn to do well,'--but as the inscription was on the outside,--the prisoners could not read it."

Are we making people aware that their voices are first heard when they vote? Or, is there such a lack of understanding of the candidates and the issues that people shirk their first task, as did the gentleman from Kentucky. He walked into the polling place, and being unable to decide between the candidates,--didn't vote. But,--across his ballot he wrote the words "God pity Paducah!"

We can lobby the legislature for a re-apportionment bill during the session,--but it won't be so difficult if the voter understands that "democracy is denied" before he marks his ballot.

- Second, We cannot limit ourselves to crises situations. We must tell our story to the people all of the time. We must keep it alive--kept at it

constantly. We must be the oxygen supply for those issues we believe in.

- Third. We can learn from our failures. We can look over the process we followed, and pick out the weak spots.

- Fourth. There's the opposition. Oftentimes we don't stop to consider certain phases of an issue. Opposition does this for you. It can point out where you need to do an educating job.

- And Fifth--Apathy. Apathy is often an excuse for bad timing, poor organization, inability to put things in their proper places.--lack of knowledge.

Solon is known today not as the hero of Salamis, but as the law-giver who substituted a modern constitution for antiquated laws.

Our antiquated laws were devised in the territorial capitol of Stillwater in the day of Indian massacres. Duluth was a trading post called Fond-du-Lac. Mpls. would be incorporated 10 years hence. Five years after the constitution was adopted, there were seven Indian massacres. Telegraphic communication was not to be established until 3 years later. There were no railroads. St. Paul was just 8 years old and steamboat whistles sounded at both ends of the city. When spring came, the ladies were out to get first choice from the unending number of goods-laden wagons and carriages which were landed and unpacked everywhere. It would be 30 years before iron ore was discovered on the Mesabi range.

The principle articles of commerce at that time were furs, mocassins, and dried buffalo tongue, brought regularly by caravans of Red River Ox Carts to be loaded on wood-burning side-wheeler boats in St. Paul

Minnesota's constitution was written to fit a set of birthdays. Pre-railroad, pre-telegraphic, pre iron-ore, pre-farming and flour milling---a day of trapping and trading.

We've replaced the cow-paths with highways,—log cabins with ramblers, tallow candles with electricity,—but we still have the same constitution, simply because

One day through a primeval wood,
A calf walked home, as good calves should,
And left a trail all bent askew,
A crooked trail as all calves do.

And from that day o're hill and glade
Through those old woods a path was made
And many men wound in and out
And dodged and turned and bent about
And uttered words of righteous wrath,
Because 'twas such a crooked path.

The years passed on in swift fleet
The path became a village street
And this, before men were aware,
A city's crowded thoroughfare.
And men two centuries and a half
Trode in the footsteps of that calf.

A hundred thousand men were led
By one calf near three centuries dead.
For this, such reverence is lent,
To well established precedent.

Solon was a piker! He wrote a poem. He said to a few people "lets march on Salamis," and they did. And then they made him an archon and he gave them a set of laws which he called a constitution.

Solon had his Salamis—we had our Amendment 3. We must persuade 1/2 million people just to win our Salamis. Then we must deal with the legislature, then the Constitutional Convention and finally the ratification.

Our foes will use weapons that Solon never invisioned,—letters, tleegrams, telephones, televison, radio—but those are weapons we can use too.

Solon's army had to walk. A same special interest that does not want the Constitution revised will provide our transportation.

There isn't any pat ending to this kind of a story. I haven't come across any four-line perse to recite which will tied it all up in a neat little bow. The ending is yet to come,—to be written by all of us—certain to become part of the history of the State of Minnesota,—certain to be a further tribute to government of the people, by the people and for the people.

LEGISLATIVE BULLETIN

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

SF 23 - Authors: Holmquist (C), Mullin (C), E. L. Andersen (C).

Referred: Judiciary Committee

Public Hearing: Thursday, Feb. 3, 9 A.M.

HF 65 - Authors: Cina (L), A. I. Johnson (L), Langley (C), H. R. Anderson (C) and Luther (L).

Referred: General Legislation Committee

Public Hearing: Not yet set.

The House Bill was stamped an Administrative measure, marked "Urgent", and has among its authors the Speaker of the House and the Majority Floor Leader. The Bill would submit this question to the Voters in November, 1956:

"Shall there be a convention to revise the constitution of the state of Minn.?"

Nineteen League members interviewed one hundred and thirty legislators during the opening days of the session to acquaint them with the League stand on this item. They did not ask the legislators how they would vote on the measure, but they noted whatever opinions were expressed. In the House, 56 of the 95 members interviewed, or 60% expressed themselves as in favor of the bill; in the Senate, 15 of the 36 interviewed, or 41%, expressed strongly favorable views. Of the remainder, the majority said they had an open mind and intended giving the matter further study. A gratifying number requested League material. Senator Holmquist assures us this is: the largest percentage in favor of a convention, at the outset of a session, to his knowledge.

What you can do: Now is the time to write your legislators in support of these bills. And those of you whose legislator is a member of either the Senate Judiciary or the House General Legislation Committees have special responsibility in urging them to vote for the bills in committee. Remember the first axiom of politics: "A few post-cards from bona fide constituents is the most effective lobbying known."

Senate Judiciary Committee:

Welch (C) Chm. Mullin (C)
Dunlap (C) Nelson, H. (C)
Erickson (C) Nycklemoe (L)
Feidt (C) O'Loughlin (C)
Fraser (L) Root (C)
Gillen (C) Rosenmeier (C)
Hanson, R. (C) Schultz (L)
Kalina (L) Vefeld (C)
Masek (C) Wright (C)
Miller (C)
Mitchell (C)

House General Legislation Committee:

Hagland (L) Chm. Lindquist (C)
Iverson (L) V. Chm. Ogle (C)
Alderink (C) Parks (C)
Anderson, F. R. (L) Paskewitz (L)
Bergeson (L) Schwenke (C)
Ernestvedt (L) Skeate (L)
Ernst (C) Thompson (C)
Freeman (C) Tomczyk (L)
Gallagher (L) Janvick (L)
Howard (C) Vee (L)
Jensen (C) Widstrand (L)
Kerth (L) Windmiller (C)
Kording (L)

REAPPORTIONMENT

SF 50 - Authors: Zwach (C), Mitchell (C), Schultz (L)
Referred: Elections and Reapportionment Committee

This bill proposes an amendment to the constitution following the recommendations of the Minnesota Constitutional Commission but with some modifications. We would like to see some changes in the bill before supporting it.

HF 279 - Authors: Bergerud (C), Popovich (L), Herzog (L), Wegner (C), French (C)
Referred: Reapportionment

The "Bergerud" bill. This measure has again been introduced in the House. It is reapportionment under the present constitutional provisions and defines the boundaries and representation for each legislative district in the state. --It

rectifies the most glaring inequities and recognizes the rural desire for area consideration, by limiting Twin City representation to about 85% of their true representation.

As you see from the above information, several reapportionment measures have been introduced. It is encouraging to see the reapportionment committee in both houses going right to work. We cannot over emphasize the importance of keeping the campaign for reapportionment in full gear. Some legislators are admitting considerable pressure and we must not let up now that they are in session.

Just a reminder - have you delivered the copy of DEMOCRACY DENIED to your new legislator as requested in our December letter? We find the new members are most appreciative of this information and we want to make certain they each receive their copy.

What you can do; If you have an opportunity to contact your legislator, you may wish to tell him (as our Lobbyists are doing) that we are anxious to see that the House as a whole has an opportunity to consider the "Bergerud" bill. We also find that in both houses legislators need a better understanding of the Minnesota Constitutional Commissions Plan.

By the way ----- if your League happens to have an extra copy of the Constitutional Commission's Report we would so appreciate having them in the state office.

PARTY DESIGNATION

SF 14 - Authors: Vukelich (L), E. Peterson (L), E. L. Andersen (C)

SF 117 - Authors: Westin (C), Schultz (L)

Referred: Both bills to Elections and Reapportionment

HF 12 - Authors: Grittner (L), Oberg (C), Wozniak (L), Rutter (L), Karth (L)

HF 13 - Authors: Christie (C), Anderson H.J. (C), Luther (L),

HF 14 - Authors: Anderson F.R. (L), Fugina (L), Skeate (L), Midstrand (L)

HF 30 - Authors: Karth (L), Wozniak (L), Rutter (L), Lindquist (C)

Referred: All bills referred to Elections Committee.

Public Hearings: On Thursday, Jan. 19, the League testified at the hearing held for proponents. On Thursday, Jan. 27 there will be a hearing held for opponents. These were House Hearings. Senate hearings not yet set.

What you can do: Now is the time to write your legislator, especially if he is a member of the Committees listed below:

Senate Elections and Reapportionment Com. Elections Committee of the House

Erickson (C) Chm.	Kroehler (C)	Grittner (L) Chm.	Karth (L)
Anderson, A.A. (C)	Hitchell (C)	Eck (L) V. Chm.	Knudsen (L)
Anderson, M.H. (L)	O'Loughlin (C)	Anderson, H.J. (C)	Langley (C)
Behmler (C)	Peterson (L)	Dunn (C)	Luther (L)
Burdick (C)	Root (C)	Franz (L)	Skeate (L)
Carr (L)	Rosenmeier (C)	Fuller (C)	
Feidt (C)	Sinclair (C)	Gallagher (L)	
Holand (C)		Graba (L)	
Johnson, R. (L)		Grussing (C)	
Keller (C)		Jensen (C)	

The above bills refer to Party Designation for Legislators. The League Lobbyists have not as yet seen the bills to note the differences, if any, in them. Members of the League can write supporting the general principle of Party Designation for Legislators, urge that a bill be passed out of committee for the whole Legislature to consider, and show appreciation to the authors who have introduced these bills.

FEPC - Bills are still in the process of being written. More news shortly.

FINANCE - Hope you read the Governor's Budget Message, and study it in the light of our material the last two years in the field of Finance.

LEGISLATIVE BULLETIN

Time
for Action

RE: PARTY DESIGNATION FOR
LEGISLATORS

HF 12 - Authors: Grittner (L), Oberg (C), Wozniak (L), Rutter (L), Karth (L)

It's time for ACTION! Write your representative now urging that the bill be passed in its original form without the amendment.

H.F. 12 is a bill to provide for party designation for legislators. It was reported out of the House Elections Committee with a majority of the committee favoring it. During debate on the measure in the House however, an amendment to add county elective officials as well as legislators to the list of offices picked on a party ticket was offered and passed. The League of Women Voters cannot support the bill as amended, and it is hoped that the amendment can be defeated.

Time
for Action

RE: CONSTITUTIONAL
CONVENTION

SF 23 - Authors: Holmquist (C), Mullin (C), E.L. Andersen (C)

HF 65 - Authors: Cina (L), J.L. Johnson (L), Langley (C), H.R. Anderson (C), Luther (L).

HF 66 - Authors: Rutter (L), Karth (L)

It's time for ACTION! Write your Senators and Representatives now to support these bills! You might take a hint from the Rochester League. At a meeting recently, they brought notepaper (of various kinds), dealt it out to the many women there, then they wrote a letter on the spot, some on Constitutional Convention, some on Party Designation etc. Each was urged to get their husbands and neighbors to do likewise.

S.F. 23 was heard in the Judiciary Committee on Feb. 3. Proponents who spoke included Senators Holmquist, Vestin, E.L. Andersen and Mullin, and Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves for the Citizens Committee for Constitutional Revision, Mr. Wm. B. Pearson, Master of the State Grange and President of the Governor's Advisory Committee on Constitutional Revision, Mr. Ralph Keller, Executive Secretary of the Minnesota Editorial Association, and Mrs. Basil Young, President of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota. The only opponent who spoke was Mr. Mike Galvin, lobbyist for the Railroads. At one point in his testimony, he stated that it might take millions of dollars to hold such a convention, and Mrs. Ralph Norgaard, League Chairman for Constitutional Convention, submitted a letter from the League of Women Voters of Missouri which refuted his statement by showing that the Missouri convention had cost only a little over \$200,000.

Senator Gillen called attention of the Committee to several other bills which would submit the question of a Constitutional Convention to the people. The Chairman stated that the Committee would consider these other bills and take action on them and on SF 23 at a later meeting. On Feb. 10, the vote was postponed because some of the members of the committee said they "are not ready yet to vote."

REAPPORTIONMENT

SF 50 - Authors: Zwach (C), Mitchell (C), Schultz (L)

This bill proposes an amendment following the recommendation of the Minnesota Constitutional Commission. Hearings will begin in the Senate Elections and Reapportionment Committee on February 14. The authors have agreed to amend this bill so that we may support it.

HF 279 - Authors: Bergerud (C), Popovich (L), Herzog (L), Wagner (C), French (C).

The "Bergerud Bill" referred to sub-committee. The House Reapportionment Committee has divided into sub-committees to consider the two approaches to reapportionment - 1) a bill under the present constitution and 2) an amendment to the constitution. Both sub-committees are expected to report bills out soon.

What you can do: Write letters to your local papers and to Twin City papers (which are followed closely by the legislators) urging reapportionment legislation this session.

FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

SF - Authors: Mullin (C), E.L. Andersen (C), Vukelich (L).
Referred: Probably will be to the Judiciary Committee

HF - Authors: A.I. Johnson (L), Cina (L), Prifrel (L), Langley (C), H.R. Anderson (C).
Referred: Probably will be to the Labor Committee.

Senate Judiciary Committee:

Welch (C) Chm.	Mitchell (C)
Dunlap (C)	Mullin (C)
Erickson (C)	Nelson, H. (C)
Feldt (C)	Nycklenoe (L)
Fraser (L)	O'Loughlin (C)
Gillen (C)	Root (C)
Hanson, R. (C)	Rosenmeier (C)
Kalina (L)	Schultz (L)
Masek (C)	Wefald (C)
Miller (C)	Wright (C)

House Labor Committee:

Karth (L) Chm.	Kinzer (C)
Berglund (L)	Madden (C)
Adams (L)	McLeod (C)
Anderson, F.R. (L)	Munger (L)
Aune (C)	Peterson (C)
Dahle (C)	Podgorski (L)
Fugina (L)	Prifrel (L)
Fuller (C)	Talle (C)
Herzog (L)	Volstad (L)
Kelley (L)	

The 1955 FEPC bill has had a long struggle to be born. We think that when it does make its appearance (this week, we hope) it will be a husky infant, the child of firmly united parents who are agreed on its destiny and who refuse to see it crippled in any way.

You remember that in December the state Board of the League of Women Voters voted that while we could not accept the incorporation of criminal penalties into the bill, since that would change it too much from the 1953 bill which our state convention voted in May of 1953 to support, we did agree that the League would join other organizations in the Minnesota Council for FEPC in insisting that a bill without court enforcement powers would be unacceptable.

In the negotiations which followed the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and Urban League leaders, deeply concerned for the suffering and injustice inflicted upon their people by discrimination, insisted upon what they considered the stronger safeguards of criminal provisions. Legislative and administrative leaders took the position that IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO PASS AN FEPC BILL WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS!

Reluctantly, then, the Negro leaders dropped the criminal provisions and spelled out instead the 1953 court enforcement procedures which the League has all along supported. The fact that these leaders felt so strongly about the provisions and that they willingly compromised their position to get League support, throws upon us a great responsibility to do everything within our power to support the bill which has been developed by such long and soul searching deliberations, in which League members have had an active part.

Although the bill will enter the legislative hopper about a week later than it did in 1953 session, we have several reasons to be hopeful. In the Senate we have the same experienced authors who piloted the bill in 1953. Among the five authors in the House are included the Speaker of the House, Mr. Johnson, and the House Majority Leader, Mr. Cline. This bill is an administration bill.

So far as can be learned from consultation with the authors the bill will go to the same committees in each House which considered it in the last session. The fact, however, that the new chairman of the House Labor Committee, Joe Karth, is a supporter rather than an opponent of the bill, will assure us a fair hearing with as little delay as possible.

We are holding a training workshop on February 10th for FEPC lobbyists, which will be attended by several authors of the bill. Our local lobbyists can do three things: first, they can supply your legislators with accurate information; second, speak to them as representative of a statewide organization to which many of their constituents belong; and third, try to awaken them to their responsibilities as lawmakers for the state toward problems which affect the state as a whole.

But it is YOU, their constituents, on whom we must depend for the real push. Particularly helpful in your letters or talks with your representatives would be a reference to the Minnesota Poll printed in the February 6 Minneapolis Sunday Tribune which showed that 85% of Minnesota adults favor a FEPC law (86% of the city residents, 85% of the people in small towns, 82% of the people on farms). Clearly Minnesota voters favor the passage of this legislation. When we talk to a man we are helpless if he says, as one representative did last week, "The League women in my town don't care how I vote on this." We should, therefore, like to correspond with some of you directly when your representatives in key positions are undecided as to how they should vote.

In January of this year FEPC ordinances were passed in both St. Paul and Duluth. One might assume that ordinances in the three large cities would take care of employment problems of Minnesota minority groups. That this is not the case is attested by the following facts:

1. Outside the corporate limits of the large cities are rings of important industries not regulated by city ordinances.
2. The large minority group in the state, our Indian population of about 19,600, is shifting more and more from the reservations in search of employment. To deal justly with the qualified and capable among these people and to interpret to the remainder the employment standards of a modern industrialized society requires the services of such trained and experienced men as are on an FEPC Commission and its staff.
3. We have case histories of highly qualified minority group workers who have been refused jobs in outstate Minnesota communities because employers did not know how to handle integration.
4. An overall state FEPC administration would be more economical and efficient than several commissions in each of the large cities.

CIVIL SERVICE

Time marches on! Copies of the Report of the Interim Committee on the Civil Service Program were mailed to you on the 24th of January. Drafting of bills based on the Report is underway now. These may be introduced as Administration bills which will give them stronger backing. The state League board voted to support bills based on the Committee recommendation for modification of Veterans Preference. (See pp. 82-84 in the Committee Report.)

We are awaiting your reaction to the Report, so hold those coffee parties now! If board members take turns reading, the report can be covered in one sitting. It is only by reading it all that you really have a sound basis for a careful discussion. If you think the League should take a position in support or opposition to any of the recommendations, or take no position at all, please let us know soon.

We wish to call your attention to a mistake in the letter of Jan. 21st re Civil Service. In the fourth paragraph the third sentence should read, "They all agree that the states are developing varied organizations but the movement is in the direction of the single state administrator responsible to the governor (not government, as we said) for successful administration of the merit system." (This is summed up on pp. 141-145).

Civil Service is one of our continuing responsibilities. Let's take it seriously. Read, study, and report your decisions on this first comprehensive study of our Minnesota Civil Service program.

FINANCE - Not for League action, this is for your information only.

The University of Minnesota, various state departments and the public welfare department have presented their financial requests to legislative committees and steps are being taken to handle hearings as speedily as possible. Eight sub-committees working in the same specific fields have been set up in both the Senate Finance Committee and the House Appropriations Committee. The sub-committees will concentrate on the fund requests for buildings, public institutions, education, conservation, agriculture, state departments, and welfare, with the eighth sub-committee being set up to act as a liaison unit to keep in touch with tax committee matters. Representative Childgren, Chairman of the Tax Committee of the House, is a co-author with Speaker Johnson, Majority Leader Cinn, and Mr. Wozniak of a withholding tax plan which was introduced on Feb. 9, and he has stated that he did not expect any other portion of Governor Freeman's revenue-raising plan to be introduced until after this date.

A review of the following sections in "Dollars & Sense" will be especially helpful as you watch the legislature work out the state's thorny financial problems.

- Section III - The Scope of State Finance
- Section V - Recent Trends in State Expenditures
- Section VI - Legislative Guide

The latter section points up the problems the 1955 session of the legislature faces in regard to finance, the factors creating these difficulties and suggests some of the sources from which additional revenue might be found.

P.S. Correct salutations sometimes stump the would-be letterwriter, so here are some samples:

The Honorable Carl Smith
Senate Chambers
St. Paul, Minnesota

The Honorable Paul Jones
House Chambers
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Senator _____:

Dear Mr. _____:

LEGISLATIVE BULLETIN

On February 25th, half of the Legislature's 1955 session had elapsed. As you know, the bill which the League of Women Voters supported to provide Party Designation for Legislators has been defeated. Progress on other League supported legislation follows.

Time for Action

RE: REAPPORTIONMENT

H.F. 279 - Authors: Bergerud (C), Popovich (L), Herzog (L), Wegner (C), French (C).

Hang out the Flag! The "Bergerud bill" has been passed out of committee with recommendation to pass. This is the first time this reapportionment plan has gone to the floor of the House with committee blessing!

It's TIME for ACTION! Write your representative now in support of the "Bergerud bill".

This bill is an area compromise, but is designed to fall under the provisions of the constitution. Hennepin and Ramsey counties receive only about 85% of their full representation. There was no challenge of its constitutionality during committee hearings.

The bill would not take effect until 1958 because the Senate is not up for election until that year.

Urge your representative to study the bill carefully. Political scientists, many legislators and League members who have analyzed the bill believe it is the fairest reapportionment plan that has been proposed for Minnesota.

H.F. 1162 - Authors: Iverson (L) for the Reapportionment Committee
A bill proposing a constitutional amendment.

House - Each county receives at least one member (except 4 counties under 7500 population share a representative with smallest adjoining county). Counties sharing representative with adjoining county are:

Cook	Mahnomen	Red Lake	Lake of Woods
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Each county with 1½ ratio receives two members (1 ratio is determined by dividing population of Minnesota by 131). Counties receiving two representatives are:

Winona	Blue Earth	Washington	Olmsted
Mower	Rice	Anoka	Polk
Freeborn	Dakota	Otter Tail	

This would leave 41 representatives to be apportioned on a population basis (about 34,150 pop. per representative):

Stearns (70,681).....3	Ramsey (355,332).....11 (lose 1)
St. Louis (206,062).....7 (lose 2)	Hennepin (676,579).....20 (gain 2)

Senate - a population basis is indicated for the Senate. However, the understanding is that each House will set up its own terms, so a broad area basis may well be suggested for the Senate. The Senate sub-committee has not yet made its recommendations.

Because of the indefinite nature of the bill, the League is not taking a stand at the present time.

FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES LEGISLATION

SF 722 - Authors: Mullin (C), E.L. Andersen (C), Vukelich (L)

Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee

HF 778 - Authors: A.I. Johnson (L), Cina (L), Prifrel (L), Langley (C), H.R. Anderson (C).
Referred to House Labor Committee

The FEPC Bill was recommended to pass by the House Labor Committee on March 2nd with a vote of 12 to 5. The vote was as follows:

For - Karth, Chm.

Berglund

Adams

Anderson, F.R. (Duluth)

Aune

Fugina

Herzog

Kelley

Kunger

Podgorski

Volsted

Prifrel

Against - Dahle

Fuller

Kinzer

Madden, Leo D. (Rochester)

McLeod

Absent - Peterson, Oscar

Talle

We expect it to be considered in the House Civil Administration Committee about the middle of next week.

Two hearings were held in the Senate Judiciary Committee on March 8th and 9th; the bill will be taken up again on March 15th, when Senator Wright of Minneapolis will offer an amendment providing for a trial de novo in the District Court. We hope that the committee will vote on the bill at this time. We still do not know where several members of this committee stand.

Life on the legislative front is never lacking in drama and surprises. On February 25th, you will remember, we shared with you the prediction that the Minnesota Employers' Association would not officially oppose the 1955 FEPC bill. This information we had on highly reliable authority. What, then, was our surprise, when at the March 2nd hearing of the House Labor Committee, Mr. Otto Christenson, executive vice-president of the association, spent exactly one hour of the hour and a half allotted to opponents, in attacking the bill! His statement was cautiously worded, but it would have given anyone not alerted to the situation the impression that he was speaking for the association. The testimony of Mr. Judson Bemis, Vice-president of Bemis Bag Company, Minneapolis, at the Senate Judiciary Hearing on March 8th, is included in this mailing. This, with the following excerpts from an article entitled EMPLOYER ACCEPTANCE OF FEPC INCREASES which appeared in the March 9th Minneapolis Tribune, will cast some light on the subject:

"Increased employer acceptance of a proposed Minnesota fair employment practices commission law (FEPC) was revealed Tuesday in testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee..... Christenson, who followed Bemis, carefully agreed there are a number of employers in Minnesota who now favor FEPC 'after 10 years of promotion'. Christenson said he thought there were 'probably also a great many businessmen in this state who don't care'. The incident pointed up the fact that Christenson's

position as spokesman for the employers association at the 1955 legislature plainly has diminished or altered on FEPC. In testimony at past sessions he always has been in opposition and always on the winning side. This year there is known to be a number of employer spokesmen who no longer want Christenson speaking out against FEPC in their names."

Mr. Gordon Forbes of Worthington, former representative, now appearing in the role of lobbyist and attorney for the Minnesota railroads, raised a number of technical objections to the bill and ended by saying that if the committee would strike out all but the first section he thought it would be a good bill. Section I merely states that fair employment is the policy of the state. Mr. Forbes would eliminate the commission, the review board, all the education and conciliation program, enforcement, and appropriations. Such a shadow bill would be strongly reminiscent of the one paragraph bill Mr. Forbes introduced in February of 1953 and later withdrew.

Mr. Edwin Elmer this year represented the Lumber Dealers' Association only. He said that other employers whom he had represented in the past had found the aftermath of opposition to the bill so unpleasant that they fear to oppose it again.

After the proponents had been given twenty minutes for rebuttal Rep. Cina offered some minor amendments which were accepted. Rep. Graham Fuller, 12th District Representative from Ivanhoe, Minnesota, then offered an amendment which one of the authors characterized as "a right to work amendment, intended to bust up labor unions". It was voted down. The committee then voted, 12 to 5, to recommend the bill for passage.

It seemed to us that Rep. Joe Karth was an exemplary chairman who gave both sides equal and ample opportunity to be heard and yet moved the bill forward as expeditiously as possible.

In the Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on March 8th our president, Mrs. Young, came from Hibbing to testify on behalf of the bill. Other speakers presented by Mr. William E. Gratic of the Minnesota Council for Fair Employment Practices Commission included Mr. L. Howard Bennett, Chairman of the Council's Committee on Legislation, Mr. Anos Deinard, Chairman of Minneapolis Fair Employment Practices Commission, Mr. Frank Chesley, President of the Central Research Laboratories, Inc., of Red Wing, Mr. Jack Shea, Vice President in charge of personnel, D. W. Oman and Sons, Inc., Minneapolis, Mr. Geo. M. Jensen, General Manager Vincent Refrigeration Company, Minneapolis and President of the Minneapolis Board of Education, Mr. Robert Olson, President Minnesota State Federation of Labor (AFL), Mr. Rodney Jacobson, Secretary-Treasurer Minnesota State Industrial Council (CIO), Mrs. Anne Stameshkin, Board Member of the Minnesota Council of PTA, Mr. Francis LaQuier, American Indians Inc., and Chippewa Council, Rev. Denzil A. Certy, Chairman of Minnesota Council for FEPC and Mr. Judson Benis, whose testimony is enclosed.

Mr. Christenson again spoke against the bill ending his testimony with the unexpected statement, "Many of our people think you should pass it." The time having expired the Committee voted to hear other opponents next morning. Mr. Forbes and Mr. Elmer gave essentially the same testimony they had given before the House Labor Committee. Mr. E. W. Schwartz, who introduced himself as a "little business man" was the only new witness for the opposition.

CIVIL SERVICE

SF 951 - Authors: Mefald (C), Root (C)

Referred to Civil Administration

HF 1097 - Authors: Parks (C) and Anderson, H.J. (C)

Referred: Civil Administration

Testimony, made by the League's Civil Service Acting Chairman, is enclosed. This bill was passed in the House March 10 by vote of 97 to 15.

CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION

Senate debate on the constitutional convention bill, which was scheduled for March 9, has been postponed until the 14th or 15th because of a death in the family of one of the authors. Delays in action on this bill, although upsetting to our League program, have permitted further action by the political parties both of which have the calling of a constitutional convention on their party platforms. Because opposition now is centered in senators caucusing with the Conservatives, the Republican party, through its state central committee, is now in the process of contacting for the second time all its party chairmen throughout the state, urging them to remind their representatives of their party responsibility toward this measure. It is interesting to note that the original (and only) Minnesota Constitutional Convention, back in 1857, was characterized by a split in the two parties, each of which set up a separate and rival convention. Now 98 years later, the two great parties have come together to support the calling of a convention.

45 votes will pass the bill in the Senate. 23 votes will kill the bill in the Senate. 20 senators have already indicated that they intend to vote "no"; 43 senators have said they will vote "yes." If it were not for the mandatory 2/3rds vote, we would be certain to win. As it is, the only thing certain is that it will be a photo finish.

Your committee has tried to put before every legislator what we believe to be the fundamental principle involved in this measure: that in a democracy a state's basic law should remain in the hands of the people and be subject to periodic review by the people. As you will see on the enclosed Fact Sheet, similar to the one which was placed on the desk of every legislator, 8 states now have a legal provision which takes the decision of submitting the question of a convention to the people out of the hands of the legislature and makes submission mandatory at stated intervals. This is known as the "periodic submission" plan and anyone in any state who has worked as the Minnesota League has to persuade legislators to submit this question to the people must understand the exasperation which caused the passage of such a law.

This committee would like to express a deep appreciation of the excellent cooperation Leagues throughout the state have given to our lobbying for this item. Whether we win or lose, we have carried on public education at the same time that we have lobbied, and thousands of Minnesota citizens have heard or read something of the debate. There is little we can do now until the senate reaches its decision ... either to kill the bill or pass it for House consideration. The House, which passed its own bill out of committee 20 to 1, has postponed debate until the Senate acts. In the words of our Legislative Chairman, "All we can do now is pray."

CONCLUSION

You might be interested to know that to date there have been 1278 bills introduced in the House and 1114 bills introduced in the Senate. There have been 21 amendments to the Constitution introduced in the House and 17 in the Senate. A number of amendments submitted in the House would repeal provisions of the constitution which are now obsolete.

The tempo at the Legislature has accelerated noticeably, with night hearings and extra committee hearings increasing in number. Those of you who are still to come in for tours would do well to be prepared for difficulties because of this. But - it is well worth your while and extremely helpful to the lobbyists to have you see your legislator and talk with him about our Program. And remember - if you can't see him personally, "Never underestimate the power of your letter."

Note: The several enclosures referred to above are not attached. Your local League president has a file copy.