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House Group to Vote Thursday on Party Labels

The house elections committee vote on a party designation law for Minnesota legislators will be reached next Thursday, chairman Karl Grittner, St. Paul, said Thursday at the first hearing into the proposal.

Mrs. Albert Richter, Minneapolis, speaking for the Minnesota League of Women Voters, said party labels for legislators, in the league's opinion, "are the best way to promote responsible government."

She said its adoption would reduce the influence of special interest groups.

William E. Carlson, St. Paul, DFL member of a bipartisan group promoting party tags, said the legislature became non-partisan in 1913 partially because brewery interests felt they could deal better with "independent" lawmakers than with parties.

"They were more far-sighted than they knew," he said.

Grittner announced the elections committee inquiry into the Phillips-Ericson contest over Cass county's 52nd district legislative seat will be resumed at 10:30 a.m. today.

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Party Designation On The Ballot

The writer was indeed very pleased to receive a challenge from Mrs. Phyllis E. Richter of the League of Women voters. We take the liberty to quote her letter as follows:

I was interested in an excerpt from one of your editorials which appeared in the Minneapolis Tribune on the subject of party designation for state legislators. You urged the state senate to save the "non party provision" as "Minnesota heads the list of states in independent voting. . . . Let us not do anything to curb that tendency."

We of the Minnesota League of Women Voters studied this state issue and decided to favor returning to party designation on the principal grounds that it makes for more responsible government if voters have at least a general idea where their legislators stand on important issues. We are really concerned over how few people do know what stands their candidates plan to take or have taken in the past.

So far as Minnesota's independent voting goes, I cannot see that party designation would need to affect this. At least our national and state offices with party designation have not been affected. In a large number of cases in recent years Minnesota has elected governors and presidents of different parties.

Since we are always challenged by finding others interested in good state government arriving at different conclusions from our own, we hope you won't mind our pointing out our position on this.

Mrs. Richter and the League has arrived at the usual superficial conclusions as to the mechanics of the ballot and their influence on party organizations. As we pointed out in the article she quotes from, there has been no difficulty in classifying the politics of the members of the legislature elected on the non-party ballots. They meet and organize and are held together by moral suasion, rather than by dictation of party leaders. There is no study of any phase of practical politics more interesting than that of mechanics of the ballot. Those who lived under the days when county and city were governed under legalized party control, will remember the almost revolutionary movements necessary to dislodge old rings who used party names on the ballots to accomplish their ends. That step forward of adopting the direct primaries and electing men on their stand on issues on non-party ballots was very instrumental in fostering independent voting in Minnesota. That the legislature was included in the law was an accident, as it was added to the bill by an enemy of the idea, in the hope that it would kill the bill. On the other hand the legislature accepted it and this inadvertently did the state a service. We advise the League to study the ballots and election laws of other states and see how they differ. In Indiana, for instance, each party has a picture emblem at the top of the ballot to guide the careless or ignorant voters. Party "fixers" drill their victims to vote for the "Eagle" or the "Rooster" as the case may be. Under each of these a space for an "x" is

provided which means that a straight party ticket is voted. As a rule the western states organized in later years have much more progressive election laws. Most of them have the initiative and referendum under which laws may be initiated and adopted without legalized party approval. One example is Nebraska which adopted the unicameral system for their legislature under the leadership of Senator Norris in opposition to both the old parties and practically every newspaper in the state. We advise the League of Women Voters of Minnesota to study the matter more deeply and ascertain what led the voters of Minnesota to adopt the non-party ballot in the first place.

Party Tags Urged in the Legislature

To the Editor: With the fate of the party designation bill again in the balance, we would like to remind Tribune readers why the League of Women Voters has been interested in achieving party designation for state legislators.

This is a system which has worked well in congress and in 46 of our 48 states, with only Nebraska and Minnesota having a nonpartisan legislature.

Certainly no one has suggested the candidates for governor run without party labels nor does anyone argue the value of these candidates running on a party platform. The voters like to know ahead of time what party backs their gubernatorial candidate and what specifically he promises to do if elected.

Yet most voters today could not tell you what party their legislative candidate represents or what he has promised to do for them. This is not only a handicap to the voters. It is a handicap to our governors, who may want very much to carry out their party's platform but find this difficult to achieve without the organized party arm of the legislature to help them.

I am sure many of our ex-governors could testify to this. Certainly all but one of them have desired party designation since it was abandoned in 1913.

We of the League of Women Voters feel that even though a majority of the members of the senate committee on elections and reapportionment oppose party designation, they should at least allow the bill to go to the floor of the senate so the senators stand on the subject can be a matter of record.—Phyllis E. Richter, member of lobbying committee, League of Women Voters of Minneapolis.

que hot rodder who, by installing the equipment on his car, increases power and economy.

The latest proposed ordinance, banning "mufflers that pop and crackle" would indeed hurt the organized hot rodgers who are striving to keep safe drivers among their ranks. The solution, it seems, would be this: Stop the few who roar up and down the streets in second gear.—Edward R. Hess, Minneapolis.

How Long Will Voter Rights Be Denied?

To the Editor: It is not a proper function of the legislature to protect the people from themselves.

The legislature is not being asked to decide whether Minnesota needs a constitutional convention. Our constitution rightfully leaves that decision to the voters.

The only issue before the Minnesota legislature is whether it will allow the people of Minnesota to exercise their right to vote on the question of calling a constitutional convention. No convention may be called without an affirmative vote of the people.

The question of whether we need a constitutional convention should be decided by the voters after public discussion of the issues—not by a few committee members protected from public questioning by hearing procedures and space limitations of committee rooms.

I urge every citizen who cares about his voice in government to inform his senator and representatives that he wishes to vote on the matter of calling a constitutional convention himself—not to have it decided for him. The judgment of the citizens has been insulted by legislators and lobbyists long enough. It is time the citizens demand the right to exercise their own judgment in this matter.—Mrs. John Pemberton, Jr., Rochester, Minn.

Do Dictatorial Lead Political

To the Editor: I feel like Alice in Wonderland after reading Sen. Feidt's statement on party designation. From Feidt's attitude I presume it would be safe to assume that he represents neither those benighted people who belong to either the Republican party or the Democratic party (which combined must surely exceed the independent voters in his district). And who, please, are these exemplary independent voters? Surely, they must be people of such indifference that they only exercise their franchise in selecting a candidate who has been previously selected by either of the two major parties.

HE SEEMS to assume that political parties are composed of rascals trying to dictate to the people to promote their own greed for power. What then are political parties? They are your own neighbors who gather in their own homes or schools to attend caucuses where they may have the privilege of expressing their views and consider the welfare of their own democratic process of government.

Any person is privileged to appear before a platform committee to express his views. May I ask what forum the independent voter provides for an expression of his convictions? None of course. He is either too lazy or too apathetic to be concerned enough about his own government to bother attending even a neighborhood caucus. But this is the exemplary segment that Sen. Feidt feels he is so adequately representing.

I am quite concerned with the extremely poor record of the Minnesota senate to date. It has delayed, procrastinated and offered nothing. Perhaps it is not too late for the senators to salvage something from the session. They have become obstructors and delayers, a very sorry picture indeed.

SCARCELY any important legislation has come out of the senate and the old stall of delaying it out of the picture is with us again.

Perhaps even the "independents" will become disgusted and insist that Sen. Feidt endorse legislation proven to be desired by a majority of the people.—Mrs. Nate L. Crabtree, president, Hennepin County Republican Workshop, Minneapolis.

To the Editor: I find Sen. Feidt's arguments in opposition to party designation for state legislators illogical and unconvincing. They seem based upon half-truths and personal prejudice rather than on facts.

For instance, if the political parties are as boss-ridden and corrupt as Feidt implies—and indeed claims—why have political parties at all? Where does he draw the line? Logically, he should be out crusading to elect members of congress without party labels. Why stop there? Why not elect the president and vice president without party designation? I suspect even Feidt would agree that this would result in virtual chaos.

FEIDT SAYS that some good legislation has been enacted under our present system. Agreed. But what he fails to point out is that, more often than not, such action has resulted from vigorous leadership provided by a governor elected under a party label.

The senator intoned that "a movement might well take form whereby other states will be encouraged to adopt the Minnesota system." (Come, come now, senator. Surely after 44 years—with no such serious movement even dimly in sight in a single other state—you cannot mean such a statement to be taken literally.) I have occasion to talk with many well-informed citizens—including legislators—in many other states. They respect Minnesota and its people for many reasons but not for this one.

THE REAL dangers in Feidt's arguments lie in their potential undermining of public confidence in our American two-party system. Carried to the ultimate, they seem to support a "system" (if such it may be called) of...

GOP Women Urge Party Labels

To the Editor: The state senator from the 34th legislative district is well known in Republican circles, but his opposition to party designation is a mystery. A few of the points which immediately come to mind on reading his article in the April 9 Tribune follow:

Party workers know, and Sen. Feidt must know, that some kind of machinery is necessary to nominate and elect officials to public office. The American people discovered this about 150 years ago, and the party system developed from this need.

PARTY workers know, and Sen. Feidt must know, that private special interest groups employ lobbyists to express their point of view in legislative halls. This is entirely legitimate, but why does the senator support the continued abolition of another vital link between the people and the legislature, namely the political parties? They are composed of thousands of people, not a few old-time bosses, as the senator would have the public believe, and their point of view is not dictated by a few special interests.

Feidt makes much of graft and corruption in political parties. Unscrupulous people will abuse power wherever they are—in a party or in a state legislature.

Because an occasional congressman or legislator is dishonest we do not abolish congress or the legislature, both important parts of our representative government system. No more should we abolish the parties, for they are an outgrowth of this system. Yet this is what we have done in our state legislature—with the result that we have a governor with a program backed by thousands of people of his party, and in the legislature, a complete breakdown of this chain of responsibility.

In our opinion a better plan would be to strengthen the effectiveness of the political parties through party designation, not as an end in itself, as Feidt would have the people believe, but to give the electorate a progressively better instrument through which to work to improve representative government.

PARTY workers know that the independent voter is a healthy balance wheel to guard against too much power in parties, just as the presence of two strong parties protects the people against abuse of power in either one. But they know,

too, that strong responsible parties do not mean weak independent voters.

Party workers know, and Sen. Feidt must know, that his statistics about officials in Minnesota elected on a non-party basis are of no value, for no responsible party worker will fail to distinguish between policy-making and purely administrative elective positions. The majority of his statistics are about people elected to administer.

To sum up, Sen. Feidt's attitude remains a mystery. As this country is organized politically, party politics cannot be divorced from legislation. This is a political fact of life which Sen. Feidt should know.—Elizabeth E. Clausen, chairwoman, Seventh Ward Republican committee, 34th legislative district; Margo Sprague, former chairwoman, Seventh Ward Republican committee; Dorothy White, chairwoman, 21st precinct, Seventh Ward Republican committee; Mrs. George B. Norris, chairwoman, 17th precinct, Seventh Ward Republican committee; Irene K. Sweet, co-chairwoman, 18th precinct, Seventh Ward Republican committee, Minneapolis.

Hennepin GOP Unit Calls Feidt Wrong

To the Editor: We have read Sen. Feidt's remarks on party designation (April 9), together with your editorial reply. We wholeheartedly agree with the position taken by the Tribune.

The record of the state legislature in recent years on such important legislations as reapportionment and constitutional revision is a good indication of the need for party responsibility. The American political tradition is based upon a political party campaigning on a platform and then being responsible to the voters for seeing that the party platform is enacted.

If Sen. Feidt mocks the Minnesota party platforms, it is surely because without party designation no legislator needs be responsible to the voters for a party program, and the platform in fact becomes of little importance. And yet in 46 other states and in national elections, voters look for a party program, vote on political issues, and expect their elected representatives to carry out that program.

Sen. Feidt is mistaken when he mocks the Minnesota voter by stating that the result of party designation would be political bossism. We know our voters have a higher degree of intelligence than Sen. Feidt gives them credit for.

The people of Minnesota want party designation. We deplore the efforts of a few legislators in the capital, fearful of losing their seats or their influence, who oppose the passage of a party designation bill.—Hennepin County Republican committee, Newell P. Weed, chairman, Mrs. John Mooty, chairwoman, Minneapolis.

A Vote to Remember

ONE BY ONE the bills embodying long-sought reforms in our state government are being buried by the Minnesota legislature as it approaches adjournment. The latest reform to meet defeat was party designation bill which was shelved by the senate elections committee Monday morning and beaten again in the full senate later in the day.

In their customary cynical approach to this issue, the committee amended the bill before it was laid over so that it provides for party designation for county officials and municipal officers in cities of the first and second class as well as for members of the legislature. There had been no organized support for electing either county officers or city officials on a party basis, and yet the amendment was added. Thus, the senators can argue that they "saved" such officials from party designation by shelving the bill.

The cynicism of this move was illustrated by the fact that at least two of the senators who favored adding city and county officials to the party designation bill then voted to lay over the entire bill. This was the same as killing it, because the committee chairman had announced before the vote was taken that he did not expect to call any more committee meetings this year.

The maneuver under which a rollcall vote finally was obtained on party designation in the full senate late yesterday blurs the issue somewhat, but, by and large, the vote still expressed the opinion of the present senators on this important measure.

The only way to get party designation in Minnesota is to elect legislators who will vote for it. The only way to get legislators to vote for it is to get their pledge of support of the measure before the election.

With the entire legislature coming up for election in 1958, the party designation vote is one to remember in weighing the records of legislative candidates.

on sharper language and come along more frequently since Egypt's Nasser nationalized the Suez canal last July.

This situation is potentially explosive, the more so because the state department up to now has appeared to ignore it, assuming all questions were resolved in a 1955 treaty, which boosted Panama's annuity for the canal zone by \$1,500,000.

It is evident that serious negotiation is called for right now, while a Dartmouth-educated president with obvious good-will for the United States is in office at Panama City.

A Legislator's Time

SEN. CHARLES ROOT of Minneapolis feels that he has been rather unjustly accused of having been AWOL when the senate's general legislation committee voted down the daylight saving time bill. We're inclined to agree with him.

The senator makes the point that he wasn't present at the meeting simply because he was in other committee sessions. He is serving on 11 standing committees (10 of them active) and, in addition, is a member of innumerable subcommittees. Many of the meetings overlap, and so, obviously, he can't attend them all.

Wednesday, for example, when the daylight saving bill came up, he started his workmen's compensation committee hearing at 7:30 a.m. in the capitol, and later attended sessions of the civil administration and finance committees which met about the same time that the general legislation committee was in session. So he had to miss consideration of some legislation regardless of which sessions he attended.

He also cites two other points: (1) the daylight saving bill had affected only the metropolitan areas until amended in committee, without prior notice, to become a statewide bill and thus become objectionable to rural legislators; and (2) even if he and his Minneapolis colleagues, Sen. Ralph Mayhood, had been present, to support daylight saving, the vote would have been deadlocked at 6-to-6 and the bill could not have been voted out.

We sympathize with Sen. Root and the other legislators faced with a back-breaking burden of work in the closing days of the session. What we can't understand is why some legislators still oppose changes in the legislative system that would spread their work over a longer session and help them avoid such conflicts in meetings as those which prevented Senator Root from voting on the daylight saving time bill.

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Women Voters Point Up Need for Partisan Politics

Following is another in a series on Minnesota State government submitted by the Deephaven League of Women Voters.

Minnesota is unique. We elect our legislators on a nonpartisan basis. Why? How did this come into being? What does it do to us, the voters?

Nonpartisan election of local officials and judges was part of a reform movement, which appeared at all levels of government, and swept the country at the beginning of the 20th century. It stressed efficiency and economy. It was a reaction to the low moral standards occurring in politics occurring in some places.

In 1913 a bill was introduced in the House providing for nonpartisan elections for judges, city and county officials. The opponents in the Senate decided that the best way to kill this bill was to amend it to include state legislators. No one wanted the state legislators to run on a nonpartisan ballot. But they guessed wrong — the bill passed! How has nonpartisan election of legislators worked out? The League of Women Voters feels it has not. Many problems have been created. Factions have developed in the legislature. These do not take the place of political parties because neither group has a platform to which members must adhere. Problems have been created in executive-legislative relationships and in the legislator's responsibility to the voter.

A legislator elected on a nonpartisan basis is responsible only to that small minority of the electorate which knows him and which he knows. It is not possible for all of us to know our legislators personally, to let them know our views on every issue and to follow their every vote. If we had party designation — the name Republican or Democrat attached to the legislator at election — we could vote for the man, on the basis of the party platform and hold him responsible to that platform.

Who wants party designation for legislators? Both state and

political parties have had it on their platforms since the 30's. Organized labor has advocated it since 1927. Since 1950, the Minnesota Association of Cooperatives and the League of Women Voters of Minnesota have joined the ranks of supporters.

Who is against it? Many of the legislators themselves. They fear possible defeat at the polls under party designation and more involvement in party work. Some of the legislators do not want to lose the seniority they have in the caucus of the majority. Some legislators fear an increase of strength in their own political party organization, with which they do not always agree. Certain powerful lobby groups, such as the Minnesota Employers Association, are particularly vocal in opposition.

What happened to party designation in the last legislative ses-

sion? The bill died because two amendments were attached to it. One of these provided for legislative nominees to sit on their parties' county central committees. The other amendment required county officials — as well as state legislators — to run under party label. Echoes of 1913! History repeats itself with a revealing twist.

Political parties are essential to our democratic form of government. A strong two-party system will help us get better government — witness the chaotic state of French government, which is shared by six minority parties. Party designation for members of the Minnesota legislature will help us get government that is responsible to the people. That responsibility will be clearly fixed on public officials. We, the people, will be able easily to see where the responsibility lies. Has your legislator heard from you?



TAKING PART in a League of Women Voters area conference Tuesday in Hotel Coates were, from the left, Mrs. John Soetebier, Duluth Republican Women's Club member, representing the Republican party on a panel discussion on party designation for state legislators; Mrs. Leonard Stone, vice president, Virginia League of Women Voters; Mrs. Kenneth Green, St. Paul, state board member; Mrs. Walter Angrist, Wayzata, state board member and public relations director; and Mrs. Homer Mantia, St. Paul, state board member and legislative chairman.

(Daily News Photo)

Party Designation Support Is Given by Panel at Women Voters Area Conclave

A panel discussion in which party designation for legislators was supported by three speakers climaxed the area League of Women Voters conference held Tuesday in Hotel Coates.

Panel members were Emil A. Erickson, Virginia Junior College political science instructor; Mrs. John Soetebier, Duluth, representing the Republican party, and State Rep. Peter Fugina, Virginia, St. Louis County DFL chairman.

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Mrs. Leonard Stone opened the conference at 10 a. m., in the absence of Miss Helmi Keto, president, and welcomed representatives from Bemidji, Brainerd, Duluth and Hibbing Leagues.

A skit on use of League publications was presented by Mrs. Thomas Stephenson, Mrs. Byron Rowell, Mrs. David Gibbens and Mrs. Thomas Muff.

Mrs. Walter Angrist of Wayzata, state public relations chairman, was introduced. She explained the true value and meaning of public relations.

The workshop which followed was in three sections. Section 1, led by Mrs. Angrist, was on "Reaching the Public Through Mass Media." Mrs. Kenneth Green of Roseville, state constitution chairman, led Section 2, "Reaching the Public in Person," and Mrs. Homer Mantia of St. Paul, state legislative chairman, led Section 3, "Reaching Your Legislator."

Luncheon and a panel discussion on "Party Designation for Legislators" followed.

Committees, headed by League president, Miss Helmi Keto, included registration, Mrs. Ben Stein, chairman; hostesses, Mrs. Leonard Stone and Mrs. Swan Koski; skit, Mrs. Thomas Stephenson; luncheon reservations,

Miss Keto; recorders, Mrs. B. O. Burton and Mrs. Richard Silvola; and publicity, Mrs. Elmer Isaacson.

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MAPPING IT OUT . . . Four persons who took part in a League of Women Voters conference in Virginia yesterday examine a map of Minnesota's legislative districts. From left are Mrs. C. N. Andreen, Mrs. R. E. Stonich,

Mrs. John Soetebier and Mrs. Norbert Weber. Mrs. Soetebier is from Duluth, the others from Hibbing.—(Staff photo by George Starkey.)



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At workshops which preceded the panel discussion, the approximately 40 women present were urged to make use of all media of communication — newspapers, radio and TV — to put the league's program before the public.

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An Irresponsible System

THE MINNESOTA STATE legislature is an old hand at strangling party designation. By one device or another, it always manages to kill off this much needed reform.

In the house Tuesday a party designation bill was returned to committee in a familiar delaying maneuver. In committee, it may be amended to extend party designation to county officials as well as legislators. If this is done, it will be for the express purpose of making the original bill more difficult to pass. This is a tactic of harassment, not helpfulness.

The house skirmishing revealed a bitter, deep-seated opposition to party designation. In the senate, this reform faces almost insuperable hurdles. The disagreeable truth seems to be that most legislators are afraid of party designation. They do not want the responsibility that would go with it—responsibility that would inevitably result from formal identification with a party on the ballot.

Minnesota and Nebraska are the only states in the union whose legislators are elected without party designation. The change to nonpartisanship was made in 1913 without a single word of debate, and since that time succeeding legislatures have refused to surrender the advantages which come from concealing the party affiliation of candidates at election time.

The executive officers of the state are elected with party designation and have clearly defined party responsibilities. But legislators who must work with these officers have no such encumbrances. They are formally bound to no party principles, or pledges.

How long the voters of Minnesota will tolerate this system we do not know. But unless strong voter pressures are exerted on the legislature, it will never be changed. Party designation, after all, might upset the applecart and send many a legislator into well deserved retirement. Why bother to inject a greater measure of responsibility into legislative affairs when a chaotic system of irresponsibility guarantees the status quo so well?



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Party Designation Bill Clears House Committee

The biennial bill to pin party labels on Minnesota's legislators cleared its initial hurdle today with the house elections committee voting approval on a 9 to 2 voice vote.

Only votes voiced against the measure were by Reps. George Grussing, Clara City, and Harveydale Maruska. Angus, Rep. Roy E. Donn, Pelican Rapids, refrained from voting.

Rep. Sally Luther, Minneapolis, principal author of the bill, called it a means "to make party designation official for legislators because they operate under a party structure in the legislature."

"It is necessary for party discipline," she added. "The leaders of the Conservatives and Liberals are recognized members of the DFL and Republican parties."

"The main purpose of the bill is to tell the truth to the public."

Mrs. William J. Graham, speaking for the Minnesota League of Women Voters, called the present non-partisan law "a misnomer" and Kingsley Holman, Bloomington, a leading DFL figure, called non-partisanship "a real fraud."

Testifying also in favor of

the bill were Herbert O. Johnson, Republican party executive secretary, and James H. Levy, St. Paul, speaking for Ray Hemenway, DFL state chairman.

Both parties, they testified, include party designation in their platforms.

Why They Fear Labels

THE HOUSE elections committee of the Minnesota legislature has just voted out a party designation bill for the second time. Before returning it to the house Monday, it properly rejected an amendment which would have made the bill apply to county officials as well as state legislators. This amendment was a booby trap. It was intended to hurt, rather than help, the bill.

The committee's action is encouraging but party designation still faces heavy odds at this session. Associate Professor Harold Chase of the University of Minnesota suggested one reason for these heavy odds before the senate elections committee last week: The present system favors the incumbent. Many legislators vote against party designation for a very simple reason—they are afraid they might get licked if they were ever forced to show their party colors.

Prof. Chase observed the operation of state government in six states before coming to Minnesota. In all these states party designation was the rule. In Minnesota he asked voters many questions. "I was amazed," he said, "how few people knew about their legislators. This is undoubtedly a consequence of no party designation. Once a voter knows that a man is a DFLer or a Republican, he can learn relatively quickly in what particular way he deviates from others in the party."

This goes to the very heart of the legislature's long failure to restore party designation, which was frivolously abandoned in 1913. Most legislators don't want to be held responsible to party. They don't want to be identified with party principles or platforms, for then the voters might hold them to a strict accounting. They prefer to function in a sort of nonpartisan fog, so that no one can measure their performance against party promises, or pin them down to party precommitments. As Prof. Chase says, they like the independence that comes from election without a party label—"independence from the voter."

Minnesotans should take a close look at legislators who vote consistently against party designation. What these legislators are voting against, to put it bluntly, is a system of legislative responsibility. And what they often fear, more than anything else, is any change in the status quo which might weigh against their re-election.

Iverson Wins Round Against Party Labels

Rep. Carl Iverson, Ashby veteran who failed Monday in the house elections committee to tie county officials onto a party designation bill for legislators, successfully launched a different tactic on the house floor Tuesday.

He moved to recall the county bill (house file 380) from the elections committee and place it on the list of bills scheduled for preliminary house debate today.

His purpose, he said, was to get the county bill and the committee-recommended bill (HF 61), which would add party tags to legislators only, on the same calendar of general orders.

Rep. Richard Parish, Robinsdale Liberal, charged Iverson seeks to kill the legislators' bill by tying county officials to it. He said HF 380 should be considered separately on its own merits.

Rep. Fred Cina, Aurora, Liberal majority leader, urged the house to defeat Iverson's motion. But the house approved it, 68 to 62.

Observers anticipate Iverson's next move will be to ask the house to move HF 380, the county bill, ahead of HF 61 on the general orders calendar so that it can be considered first.

It is anticipated further that the tenacious foe of party designation will then attempt to tie HF 380 onto HF 61 by one device or another.

Iverson has still another ally: time. If the house debates the issue without acting this week, the senate elections committee may make house action meaningless by killing a companion legislators' bill.

Official 'Disdain' Charged on Party Labels, Convention

The Minnesota legislature has "shown its disdain for the people by opposing party designation and the calling of a constitutional convention," a University of Minnesota political scientist said Thursday.

Prof. Harold Chase told a meeting of League of Women Voters capitol observers the legislature also may not enact adequate reapportionment or conflict of interest bills.

Chase held up a can from which the label had been removed.

"I defy anyone to tell me what's in it," he said. "And that's exactly what we're being asked to do in voting without party designation."

Party labels, Chase said, are not a cure-all, but do pro-

vide reference points from which the voter can assess candidates.

He urged League members to launch a full-scale educational campaign aimed at grass-roots voters if party designation fails this session.

Referring to legislators' claims that they want to remain "independent," Chase said there is only a choice between "organization and anarchy."

"If every legislator acted for himself, we'd have anarchy," he added.

Charges by opponents of party designation that political "bosses" would run the legislature are not fair, Chase maintained, since party leaders today must be responsive to party members and the people.

46% in Favor of Party Labels for Legislators

A majority of Republicans and a plurality of Democratic-Farmer-Labor voters in Minnesota are in favor of having state legislators elected under political party labels, but independent voters are against it.



That's what the Minneapolis Tribune's Minnesota Poll finds in a statewide survey. Overall, 46 per cent of the state's voting-age residents think the party affiliation of each candidate for the legislature should be stated on the ballot.

Forty-one per cent say it should not, and 13 per cent are undecided.

SINCE 1914, Minnesota legislators have been elected without reference on the ballot to their party ties. But when the legislature convenes, members generally join Liberal or Conservative blocs, which are associated with the DFL and Republican parties, respectively.

In July, a representative sample of men and women living in all parts of Minnesota was interviewed by Minnesota Poll reporters. People first were told:

"Legislators now are elected on a non-party basis, not as Democratic-Farmer-Laborites or Republicans. But they usually join a group in the legislature leaning toward one party or the other."

Then they were asked:

"Do you think legislators should be elected under party labels, or should not?"

The replies:

	Total	Men	Women
Should ...	46%	50%	43%
Should not	41	40	42
No opinion	13	10	15
	100%	100%	100%

Last December, Minnesotans were asked their views on party designation without reference to the fact that legislators join Liberal or Conservative caucuses after the election. In that survey, the weight of opinion was against party labels, 49 per cent to 40 per cent.

HERE IS how public thinking divides in the latest survey on the basis of people's political preferences:

	DFL backers	Republican loyals	Independents
Should ...	47%	51%	39%
Should not	41	36	51
No opinion	12	13	10
	100%	100%	100%

Among city residents, 51 per cent look favorably upon having party designation for legislators while 37 per cent are opposed. But people living in rural areas, either in towns or on farms, favor keeping the non-partisan system by a 48-to-39 per cent division of opinion.

MOST STRONGLY in favor of party designation are college-educated men and women; 56 per cent are for the idea.

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Women Invited to LWV 'Political Party Day'

"What are the responsibilities of a political party?"

"Is party work respectable?"

"What party jobs need to be done?"

"Should you be 'independent'?"

The Minneapolis League of Women Voters invites both League members and interested non-Leaguers to come to the Political Party League Day, Nov. 19, to hear the answers to these many other questions about party politics.

This is to be a luncheon meeting at 12:15 p.m. at the Norman-

by Hotel. Reservations may be made by calling the Minneapolis League office (FE 3-6319) by November 18.

Luncheon speaker will be Mrs. Orville L. Freeman, and the moderator will be Mrs. Edgar Kuderling, member of both the State and Minneapolis League of Women Voters' Boards.

The four panelists will be Mrs. Rhoda Lund, former Minnesota Republican chairwoman; Mrs. John Moody, former Hennepin County Republican chairwoman; Mrs. Arvonne Fraser, Minneapolis Democrat Farmer-Labor vice-chairwoman; and Mrs. Dorothy Jacobson, Administrative Assistant to the Governor.

Although the League of Women Voters urges each member to work in the party of her choice, a member who holds a policy-making job in the League can work actively during her term of office.

The Edina League of Women Voters cordially invites any woman interested in joining the League to call Mrs. John Sanborn, membership chairman, (6-7050).



Party Designation Seen as a Help

To the Editor: In your very fine editorial of Oct. 8 ("A Perilous Vacuum"), you urge every legislator and voter to take it upon himself "to fill the vacuum between (legislative) sessions with earnest consideration and full discussion of the issues facing state government and of the people who hold the responsibility of framing our laws."

Wouldn't party designation be a real help in achieving the objective you espouse? — Harold W. Chase, Minneapolis.

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Women Voters Hear Corrupt Practices Talk

Mrs. G. A. Koelsche, state agenda chairman for the League of Women Voters, named "Money in Elections — A Study in Corrupt Practice Laws" as the League's subject of study for the month of December Tuesday night at the unit chairmen's meeting held in Rochester Cooperative Dairy. Mrs. W. E. Wellman assisted in presenting the material to the nine unit representatives.

"In studying Corrupt Practice Laws we find that what concerns us most is the use and abuse of money during elections," Mrs. Koelsche said. Campaign financing has become a major problem. There are tremendous needs for money and never enough available, creating undue pressure on the candidates, she pointed out.

The league is interested in unfair campaign practices because it realizes that although democracy gives the rule to the majority, it also implies that the majority be well informed, making the decisions on the issues involved. Such devices as smears, innuendo, personal attacks, emotional appeals to prejudice, rumor, stooge filings and misleading sample ballots are classified as unfair campaign practices, but are hard to control by law. Buying votes, which also clouds issues and prevents responsible, informed voting is less difficult to control. Election regulations are concerned with seeing that the use of money is not abused in these areas.

"Money is no criteria of fitness to hold office. We need to insure a fair hearing to all. So, briefly, the three areas of attempted control are: 1—where the money comes from; 2—where the money goes; 3—equalizing all candidates chances," said Mrs. Koelsche.

Any women interested in learning more about corrupt practices may attend any one of the unit meetings throughout Rochester and may call Mrs. R. M. Steinhilber AT 2-7734.

Beaumont Pioneer
November 18, 1960

League of Women Voters Reviews Election Services

Projects conducted by the Voters Service, Mrs. Grayce Olson, chairman, were reviewed at the League of Women Voters board meeting Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Olive Glenn. Mrs. Victor Storberg, president, presided.

The League members marked thousands of grocery bags at all super markets previous to the election urging the public to vote. Two members drove a station wagon equipped with a loud speaker the day before the election reminding people to vote and 1500 broadsides explaining the four amendments were distributed downtown by League members. Mrs. Olson recorded a topic titled the "Voter's Creed" for the local station which was broadcast several times on election day.

Mrs. Olson, Hazel Shimmin and Barbara Mraz were guest speakers at the Women's Study Club at Blackduck and the Bemidji Mothers Club previous to the election explaining the amendments.

Mrs. Storberg announced the dates and programs for Legislative Observer's Days to be held in the State Capitol after the Legislature convenes. Members are invited to attend one or more of these days. Details will be given by Unit chairmen later.

"Foreign Policy" will be the topic for December unit meetings, and the next board meeting will be held Jan. 26 at the home of Mrs. Grayce Olson.

Town Topper

HERE'S A QUICK LOOK AT:

MRS. EDGAR KUDERLING was one of the people responsible for getting you quick election returns on Tuesday night.

She, along with other members of the League of Women Voters, visited Minneapolis polling places to relay election news to the public. She is a former state board member of the League.

Elections and election laws are old hat with Mrs. Kuderling. She has a particular interest in reforms that will extend voting privileges to disenfranchised voters and has lobbied at the state legislature on that subject for the League in past years.

This year she returned to the capitol to lobby for election law reforms again, but this time purely on her own behalf.

"This interest in government has led me to consider running for the legislature myself," said Mrs. Kuderling.

If she becomes a candidate next year, she will run in the new 35th district which will be inserted in south Minneapolis between the present 32nd and 33rd districts.

"At least I'd have no incumbent to unseat," she said.

Mrs. Kuderling took on a new job this year when she assumed the presidency of the Student Symphonies. The group, operated by parents, provides once-a-week music practice for youngsters in the Minneapolis area. Her daughter, Martha, 16, is a former member of the student orchestra. Two other daughters, Janet, 14, and Kay, 13, played this year.

Martha and Kay, like their mother, are cellists. Janet plays the flute.

A native of the east, Mrs. Kuderling met her husband while teaching IBM operations in Columbus, Ohio, after graduation from Smith college.

"I was working in army administration and he was the only unmarried lieutenant in the class," she laughingly explained.

Kuderling was from this area and after his discharge he moved his family back here. The Kuderlings live at 5340 S. 3rd Av.



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Gretchen Myers of the Columbia Heights League of Women Voters passes out this interesting information about election campaign costs: The Minnesota law requires legislative candidates to report expenses, with a top limit of \$600. But, volunteer committees need make no report. Their expenses are completely uncontrolled. A grand jury refused to indict Everett Luoma, who reported spending \$1,000 in the 29th district on an unsuccessful campaign. Minnesota has no law to prevent political uses of union funds. Thirty minutes of television time costs \$3,500. A full page ad in the daily press cost \$5,500. One state-wide mailing costs \$25,000. A campaign for governor costs approximately \$75,000. A U.S. senate campaign costs about \$100,000. We just thought you'd like to know.

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LWV Will Discuss Campaign Financing

Campaign financing has been called, "The great unsolved problem of democracy", and it is this that will be the subject for discussion at the February unit meetings of the League of Women Voters of Arden Hills, as a part of the state League program.

Campaigns give the electorate a chance to learn about issues and to choose between candidates. Money to finance them becomes an important issue in the democratic process. Legislation concerning it has three functions: to reveal where money comes from; to reveal how it is spent; to equalize opportunity among candidates.

Can realistic limits be set? Can they be made flexible enough to respond to times of depression? Inflation? low interest campaigns? high interest campaigns? Can limits be set that offset such advantages as incumbency? Newspaper support? Party organization and endorsement? Limits that are too high serve no purpose—too low and they encourage evasion and may be an invasion of freedom of speech.

Schedules of unit meetings follow (dates given for the Tuesday meetings on League calendars are in error.)

Unit II, Feb. 8, 8 p.m., Mrs. Chas. Spanel, 39 0 Dellview Ave.

Unit III, Feb. 9, cancelled because of legislative observers' course.

Members are asked to attend other unit meetings at their convenience. Unit I, Feb. 14, 12:30 p.m., Mrs. Paul Trout, 1138 Inverness Road — Unit IV, Feb. 21, 12:30 p.m., Mrs. C. F. Stelnkrauss, 4535 Lakeshore Place.

Mostly Miscellaneous

LEAGUE

Women Voters Push For Party Designation

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota has announced it intends to intensify its efforts in the 1961 legislative session for the passage of a party designation bill. The league first studies party designation for legislators in 1951 and has been actively supporting it ever since.

Although state legislators are now elected without party designation, say league members, they are organized into two factions, conservative and liberal. This roughly corresponds to the two political parties, Democratic-Farmer-Labor and Republican. The choice belongs to the legislator alone; he is not accountable to those who elected him in any way, for his choice, thereby enjoying the advantages of partisanship without responsibility.

The voters of the state believe that the legislature picks its leaders, such as speaker of the House, and president pro tem of the Senate, on a non-partisan basis, when in reality they are picked strictly by caucus affiliation. That group which holds the majority in either house fills the

committee chairmanships, regardless of the ability of those in the minority faction.

Each caucus takes positions on controversial legislation and the votes on those bills are on strictly faction lines. There is no real independence. The legislature is NOT non-partisan in spite of the lack of labels, the League feels.

A study of the Minnesota government has revealed that the governor faces more problems than those of other states in getting his program passed because the legislators are not committed to a platform as he is, and feel no responsibility to a party or his program.

Non-partisanship functions only during the campaign, when the candidate has the "independence" to say different things to different groups, to refuse to commit himself on important issues, to suggest support from groups from which he actually derives little support, to focus attention on purely local matters to the detriment of needed statewide considerations.

It is a devil, say the league, for fooling the public through the elections in November with the realization that most voters won't remember by January which faction the candidate sounded like two months before.

Minnesota's non-partisan law was passed in 1913 known as the Hayscraft bill. It originally sought to remove county officials from party designation. Opponents sought to defeat it by a crippling amendment, that of including legislators in the bill. Now, 48 years later, it is firmly entrenched.

The two party system is the bone structure of American democracy, say League members. The non-partisan law, by implication, holds political parties in contempt, thereby weakening the structure of representative democracy.

Leagues in districts which have senators on the Elections and Reportorial committee have been asked to write to their senators, urging them to vote to report the bill out of committee without recommendation, even though they may oppose it, so that it may proceed to the floor. The bill thus far has had a mixed history of success and failure in the House, and has never gotten to the floor of the Senate for a vote.

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Financial Support Needed . . .

Finance Drive Planned By Women Voters For Feb. 16

(Second in a series)

Two weeks from today (Feb. 16) the finance drive by the Fridley Provisional League of Women Voters begins.

It marks the climax of their first year's work and probably determines whether or not the League will be accepted into the national group of 1,097 local units.

During its first year, the Fridley League had three general meetings for the public.

Mrs. Kenneth Sigford, a member of the governor's committee on Ethics in Government, spoke on that subject; Fridley officials including the mayor, city manager, councilmen and the commissioners spoke on their offi-

cial duties; and Barbara Stuhler of the University World Affairs Center spoke on "Lively Issues in U. S. Foreign Policy".

The Fridley League's Local Survey committee has compiled reports which include Fridley's history, its political organization, fire and police protection, public welfare, educational facilities and other items.

This study provides the basis for the League's future work in Fridley. At this time the members are deciding what particular local program they want to undertake next year.

This year the League assisted in registering voters, and consequently more voters were registered for the Nov. 8 election than

during any previous election.

The Fridley League also distributed pamphlets to explain the amendments which would appear on the ballot.

In addition to these special activities the members of the League have met twice a month for discussion of items on the national and state programs such as reapportionment, party designation, ethics in government, foreign policy, election laws, water resources and others.

All of these subjects have been chosen for study and action by the League of Women Voters at their state or national conventions.

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LIGHTS

Ethics and Corrupt Practices

The Governor's Advisory Committee on Ethics in Government has just completed its report, and we can be certain that bills resulting from its work will be introduced. These proposals, described by Committee chairman Rabbi Plant as moderate though not a retreat from principle, cover conflict of interest, lobby control, corrupt practices and fair campaign practices.

Each of the proposals relies heavily on public disclosure as a means of securing higher ethical standards in government. The philosophy guiding this approach is that, in a democracy, if you give the citizens adequate information they will make the right decisions.

The conflict of interest bill would require legislators to disclose personal interest in any bill before the legislature would require officials of the executive branch to disclose fees or gifts in excess of \$100 received in connection with their public duties, and would prohibit any public official from accepting any compensation for matters connected with his official duties which appears to have been offered to influence the conduct of his office.

The lobby control bill would require lobbyists and their employers to register and to disclose salaries and expenses paid and received in connection with lobbying activities.

The proposed corrupt practices bill would eliminate dollar limitations on campaign expenses of candidates for major offices, and would instead centralize responsibility in the candidate and a campaign treasurer appointed by him for all money spent on his behalf. Here again, disclosure - by means of frequent reporting and filing of financial statements - is the aim.

It is proposed that a Fair Campaign Practices Committee be established by the governor to circulate a code of fair campaign practices, and to make public charges and countercharges during a political campaign.

The corrupt practices bill which will result from the work of the Election Laws Interim Commission is not expected to embody any significant departure in the approach to control of campaign expenses. It is expected to propose a substantial increase in what may be spent for major offices and will probably seek to bring the volunteer committee under closer control.

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Women Voters Schedule Meets For February

Mrs. Wayne R. Bolitho, organization chairman, League of Women Voters, announces the following schedule of unit meetings for the month of February:

Feb. 10, 1:30 p. m. hostess, Mrs. R. M. Bennett, 19 Floyd Circle. Briefer, Mrs. C. W. Maxwell.

Feb. 20, 8:30 p. m. hostess, Mrs. J. D. Gray, Jr., 98 Hays Circle. Briefer, Mrs. C. L. Hultstrom.

Feb. 21, 9 a. m. hostess, Mrs. W. H. Frey, 29 Davis Drive. Briefer, Mrs. R. D. Hanson.

The topic for study and discussion at all units is "Local Election Procedures and the Availability of Adoptive Voter Registration." These informal groups are open to all women in the area interested in government.

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Dr. W. Gunther Plaut Speaks To Local League

Dr. W. G. Gunther Plaut, member of the governor's committee on ethics in government, spoke to a group of interested citizens at the Sibley High school Tuesday Jan. 24, at a meeting sponsored by the West St. Paul League of Women Voters. Members of the South St. Paul League and their friends were invited as guests to hear the speaker.

Dr. Plaut stressed the fact that many good bills can be drafted and introduced during a legislative session. However, it is imperative that the public take enough interest in the bills to have these bills passed. The speaker said he is no longer surprised to learn that people do not know the names of those representing them but he does feel something should be done to correct this lack of knowledge.

Dakota county residents are represented in the State Senate by Senator Paul A. Thuest of South St. Paul and in the House of Representatives by Rep. Walter Klaus of Farmington. Letters to either of these men may be addressed to the Minnesota State Capitol during the legislative session.

Dr. Plaut listed a few of the bills which have been introduced and recommended that the public study and express their desires upon these: HG (house file) 283, Party Labels for Legislators, authored by Rep. Skeate; HG 335, a bill to prohibit "unjust discrimination because of age," authored by Rep. Skeate; HF 327 requiring driver training to get a license under age 18, authored by Rep. SF (Senate File) 208 requiring

eye exam and knowledge of laws test for drivers license renewal authored by Sen. Keller.

Mrs. Lyle Lewis, West St. Paul League president, emphasizes, "Here is your chance to do something about the laws being passed—write to your legislators and let them know your opinions!"

Letters to the Editor

(The Post-Bulletin invites readers to express their opinions on matters of public interest through the Letters to the Editor column. Short letters are most interesting, and the right to condense letters is reserved. Letters must bear the signature and address of the writer. Anonymous letters will not be published.)

Party Designation Needed in Legislature

To the Editor: Two bills to enact party designation for state legislators have been presented to committees of the Minnesota House and Senate. Both have bipartisan authorship and support. Both bills need the expressed support of Minnesota voters.

Party designation is needed for more accurate identification of the positions of legislators. Legislative action in any law-making body is made up of the basic political philosophy and the specific areas of immediate concern of legislators. Voters need to know both. Candidates for public office have an obligation to commit themselves before—not after—election, and a responsibility to fulfill their commitments after they are elected.

Many Minnesota voters believe the State Legislature functions on a non-partisan basis. Minnesota's Legislature is neither nonpartisan nor a state-oriented legislative body in the real sense of the words. It is partisan in its organization into two factions. It is partisan in its selection of legislative leaders. It is partisan in its decisions on controversial legislation. It is partisan in settling up House and Senate committees. It simply refrains from using the terms "Democratic-Farmer-Labor" and "Republican." Thus it takes the advantages of partisanship without the responsibility. It is nonpartisan only during the campaign, with the realization that most voters won't remember by January which faction the candidate sounded like two months before.

A candidate for governor campaigns on a political party platform. He is elected on the basis of his program. He is held to the program he has pledged. Since a governor's proposals have little chance of enactment without legislative support, Minnesota's "nonpartisan" policy for legislators short-circuits operation of government.

A Legislature uncommitted to a party platform and policy also lacks accountability to its own constituents. A legislator need only represent a small segment of opinion with a strong sectional fields. Such a Legislature is ill-equipped to deal with everything from adequate and equitable taxation questions to legislation in the social, labor and welfare fields. Such a legislature is ill-equipped to resist special interests.

Minnesota is the only state in the union except Nebraska, which has a unicameral Legislature, which does not require party designation of its state legislators. Why? Nonpartisan election of legislators was an amendment to a 1913 House-sponsored bill providing nonpartisan elections for judges, city and county officials. It was proposed by the bill's opponents in the Senate, designed as a ruse to kill the entire bill. Instead, the bill as amended passed the Senate in 1913 with almost no discussion, and the House with little consideration of its merits or demerits. Thus, nonpartisan election of legislators was adopted in spite of the fact that its original proponents had no intention that it should become law.

Both of our state legislators—Sen. A. M. Keith and Rep. Donald Franke—favor party designation. Rep. Franke is one of the authors of the House bill. Both political parties favor it. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota supports it. If you do too, write to the legislators named below stating your endorsement. House committee hearings are scheduled for March 8.

Rep. Willard Munger, Chm., House Elections Committee; House Chambers, the Capitol, St. Paul, Minn. House File No. 293 is the number of the party designation bill.

Sen. Chris Erickson, Chm., Senate Elections and Apportionment Committee; Senate Chambers, the Capitol, St. Paul, Minn. Senate File No. 576 is the number of the party designation bill.

Mrs. George L. Spoo
Legislative Chairman
Rochester League of
Women Voters
308 15th Ave. SW

Date

Women Voters Would Label Candidates

The Austin League of Women Voters, in cooperation with leagues throughout Minnesota, is seeking to enlist support for a party designation bill currently pending before the state Senate.

Party designation for legislators have been a part of the program of the LWV since 1951. In the last two years, Leagues have also been asked to decide whether or not party designation should be extended to county officials.

This means that persons running for office would be required to announce their party preference. Presently this is not required.

The bill is scheduled to be presented to the state Senate this week under the sponsorship of Gordon Butler, and Alf Bergerud, both conservatives and Karl Grittner, liberal.

In the consensus of 58 Minnesota Leagues, party designation for state legislators continues to be of urgent concern. League members say "let the voters have the right to know what they are voting for, let the legislators be responsible to the people through their stands on issues on the party platforms."

The League says that despite the imperfections of the American political party, it is the best vehicle available for insuring responsibility of the lawmaker to the people.



OPEN CAMPAIGN — Mrs. Edward Hymniewiecki, local president of the League of Women Voters, officially opened a campaign by 58 LWV chapters in Minnesota seeking party designation in the state legislature. Mrs. Hymniewiecki opened the campaign to "put the label on the man" by putting a label on her car. The car label reads "Identify Legislators with Party Designation."

Party Designations A bill to identify Minnesota legislators on state ballots with the political parties of their choice was introduced Thursday in the legislature by Conservative Sen. Alf Bergerud, Edina, and Liberal Karl Grittner, St. Paul. Bergerud (right) gave the bill some advertising by affixing a sign saying "Identify Legislators with Party Designation" to the bumper of his car in front of the capitol in St. Paul. Assisting were Sen. Gordon Butler, Duluth, a supporter of the bill, and Mrs. G. M. Stenson, legislative chairman of the Edina League of Women Voters. The state league also is backing the bill.

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PARTY DESIGNATION

A ripple of laughter ran over the legislature that day in 1913, when Minnesota's non-partisan law was passed. A search back into the newspapers of that day reveals that the original Haycraft Bill sought to remove county officials from party designation and that the opponents of the bill planned to defeat it by a time-honored technique of lawmakers—that of tacking on a crippling amendment. They felt certain that adding legislators to the non-partisan bill would insure

its defeat. The bill passed without one word of debate on its merits. Some legislators predicted that the first action of the next legislature would be to repeal the law that nobody wanted. Now, 48 years later, the law is firmly entrenched, and its benefits to the legislators who should repeal it are well known by them.

The two-party system is the bone structure of American democracy. The non-partisan law, which by implication holds parties in contempt, therefore, weakens the structure of representative government. No other instrument exists by which the citizen can so effectively make known his political needs and wishes, yet the "independent" legislator condemns political parties as all things fraught with corruption.

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota first studied party designation for legislators in 1951, voted in 1952 for repeal of the non-partisan law, and has been working ever since toward that goal. During the 1961 session of the legislature, LWV is continuing with increased vigor to make known to others that the Minnesota legislature is not now, nor has it ever been, non-partisan; to emphasize that party designation is needed for more accurate identification of the positions of the legislators; and to make every effort for the presentation and passage of a satisfactory party designation bill during this session.

The background of legislative action in any lawmaking body is made up of the basic political philosophy and the specific areas of immediate concern of legislators. Voters need knowledge of both in order to express their opinions at the polls.

Minnesota's "non-partisan" legislature is neither non-partisan nor a state-oriented legislative body in the real sense of the words.

It is partisan in its organization into two factions. It is partisan in its selection of legislative leaders. It is partisan in its decisions on controversial legislation. It is partisan in setting up House and Senate Committees. It simply refrains from using the terms "Democratic-Farmer-Labor" and "Republican." It is non-partisan only during the campaign, in which the candidate has the "independence" to say different things to different groups, to refuse to commit himself on important issues, to focus attention on purely local matters and the detriment of needed statewide considerations.

The legislator's accountability leads directly back only to his own constituents. He needs only to represent a small segment of opinion with a strong sectional bias to remain in office and to gain seniority and ultimate control over important statewide committees. In an era when state government must deal with everything from adequate and equitable taxation questions to legislation in the

social, labor and welfare fields, only the Governor is elected on a truly statewide program. The candidate for Governor campaigns on a political party platform, but his proposals have little chance of enactment unless the Governor can count on legislative support. We need executive-legislative teamwork to implement the program the voters approve in electing the Chief Executive. A legislature uncommitted to a party platform and policy is ill equipped to resist the special interests and local interests which are now disproportionately and undesirably influential.

Despite the imperfections of the American political party, it is the best vehicle available for insuring responsibility of the lawmaker to the people.

Political party organization would be made more meaningful in Minnesota, if we had legislators elected with party labels. More people would take an active part in party work, voicing their opinions and helping to set basic policy. There would be more interest in recruiting able candidates and giving them the necessary support.

The people of Minnesota have a right to know what they are voting for. Candidates for public office have an obligation to commit themselves before—not after—the election process, and a responsibility to fulfill their commitments after elected.

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IDENTIFY LEGISLATORS with Party Designation sticker goes on Mayor George Kummeth's car. Stickers are being distributed by the League of Women Voters. Kummeth said, "I commend the League for supporting the program and am personally in whole hearted agreement with the proposed legislation."

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BLOOMINGTON SUN

FEB 16 1961

Editorials

L.V. The legalized fiction

ONCE AGAIN THIS YEAR the good ladies of the League of Women Voters have lined themselves up in their worthwhile (but so far futile) battle against the legalized fiction of a supposedly non-partisan Minnesota state legislature.

Minnesota is one of the only two states in the union that has a legislature elected without party labels; yet when the biennial sessions get underway, the legislators split into clearly definable caucus groups — liberals and conservatives.

Although they are "non-partisan" at election time, our senators and representatives draw clearly delineated lines in organizational votes, filling committee rosters, and in many other ways.

LEGISLATORS are elected officials, and as elected officials, they must enter the area of politics.

Our Minnesota law, however, in a fictitious and futile effort to "take politics out of politics," decrees that these legislative seats are non-political positions.

The incongruity of this position is so absurd that one feels obligated to apologize for even having to debate it.

ONE OF THE strongest points of any political party system in a free democracy is the principle of party responsibility, and with it the resulting party discipline; the idea that a political party should have the right to expect certain minimum standards on basic issues from its members, and in turn bear the responsibility for their actions.

In Minnesota, our legalized fiction of non-partisanship prevents this clear division of responsibility or authority — and instead gives us only a hodge-podge of uncertainty. But this is the way a majority of the legislators like it, as they

can hide their actions behind a murky and confusing cloud of "non-partisanship."

The League deserves our wholehearted support in its admittedly uphill battle to bring reality back to Minnesota politics. For only with an outpouring of public pressure on this matter can success be won, and each one of us should make our contribution to this "people's lobby."

—PETE DONAGHUE

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Vi Kanatz Lobbying For Party Designation

By MARY JANE GUSTAFSON
Press News Editor

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"However, we're not too optimistic about the bill on party designation being passed at this session of the Legislature. It has never yet left the Senate committee on elections and transportation."

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Marin Sabo authored the bill and introduced it to the House three weeks ago. Liberal Karl Gritter and conservatives Gordon Butler and Bergerud authored the bill and introduced it to the Senate on Feb. 9.

"It's really a simple bill," Mrs. Kanatz continued, "it would amend the section of the election law which says the State Legislature shall be elected on a non-party basis by deleting the state legislators from this particular provision."

"Minnesota is the only state in the United States that does not elect its legislators on a party basis. In 1913 removal of party designation was added to a bill in hopes of killing it. But it passed."

"The League has been working on this particular law change for a decade. It grew out of the fact that we consider our state constitution outdated."

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"Party designation would make legislators more responsive to the voters' wishes because the voters would have an opportunity to vote on policy issues. Also it would make legislators more responsible in carrying through a specific program," Mrs. Kanatz added.

Members of the Legislature are identified as either liberals or conservatives, but many of the conservatives deny being Republicans.

Born in Minneapolis, Mrs. Kanatz moved to Brooklyn Center in 1937 with her husband, David, who is in the dean of student affairs office at the University of Minnesota on the St. Paul campus coordinating student activities.

A graduate of the University, she taught sociology at Minnesota, and spent six years doing personnel work in the dean of students office.

They have three children. Twins Kathy and Timmie are second graders and Stevie attends kindergarten at Garden City.

Appointed to the state board of the League of Women Voters last year, Mrs. Kanatz was one of the organizers of the Brooklyn Center League and its first president.

"It all started over water problems. We were just one of three homes on O'Henry Road in 1957. Everything else was open field. Some of us decided that we would like to know more about the operations of the village. We felt we needed for a community organization, and that organizing a League would be the best way to learn more," Mrs. Kanatz said.

"We held our first organization. It was in November of 1957 at the Montport school. League standards require that any new group starting must have a membership of at least 40 women. After our second meeting we were over the membership mark and were given status by the state board as a provisional League. Ruth Bloland, Joan Heller, Pat Piehl, Bernice Berg, Barbara Garland and Dee Nelson were all in on the early organization."

After a successful finance drive, completing a village survey and in Brooklyn Center, and going through the total program of the League is the National Conference. Butler Mrs. Vi was granted full bill status in the spring of 1959," Mrs. Kanatz concluded.

Her second love after the Mrs. Kanatz is the National Conference of Christians and Jews. She is section program director for this group, having a strong interest in intergroup relations, active in the state council for equal opportunity, a member of the Faculty Women's club, and the Uruguayan League research committee.

Mrs. Kanatz has just completed planning an institute for speakers for the Minnesota Council for Civil and Human Rights held at Augsburg college on Jan. 22.

"I never realized how important they are to legislators. Much legislation originates with the lobbyist. Perhaps the most valuable function they perform is coordinating legislation between the House and the Senate."

Anyone in Brooklyn Center wishing to purchase a League of Women Voter's sticker for the car promoting party designation, may do so by contacting Mrs. Sue Murray, KE 7-3003.

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Inter-Party Unity

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PARTY DESIGNATION in the Minnesota legislature is now sought by at least four different and announced organizations and representatives of them are shown placing a sticker on a car in Edina Saturday. Shown are, from left, Sen. Alf Bergerud of Edina, Mrs. Jeri Joseph, Democratic national committeewomen; Mrs. Thomas M. Dale, president of Edina League of Women Voters; Mrs. Gladstone M. Stenson, LWV state item chairman; George Nugent, Edina Jaycees president; and Otto Bang, Edina GOP chairman. All organizations named support party designation and Sen. Bergerud introduced a party designation bill in the Senate Thursday. Proponents of the measure contend it would help promote responsibility for campaign promises, promote the platform of the party in power, provide easier communication between Senate and House and fix responsibility for legislative action.

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BLOOMINGTON MAYOR Gordon Micklethun and Mrs. Rosemary Carnes, president of the Bloomington League of Women Voters, are shown here decorating the mayor's car with stickers distributed by the League urging party

transfer again on Penn Avenue south, necessitating a trip of a considerable length of time.

At the same week the city council which is directly responsible for the terminals in this suburb—allows the City Rapid Transit Company to own on its bus service to the residents.

The 5th and Chicago (5A) line which is run by the city is a problem. It is a direct line to the city center, but it is a problem because it is a direct line to the city center. It is a problem because it is a direct line to the city center.

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Minnesota Twins, please tell the Bloomington bus riders that they can play, when our bus lines are open only north and south. This and back? The bus riders still recall the days when

FEB 16 1961

Sen. Fraser To Speak At LWV Meeting Feb. 22

State Sen. Donald M. Fraser will be the featured speaker at an open meeting of the Fridley Provisional League of Women Voters at 8 p.m., Feb. 22 at city hall.

Sen. Fraser will speak on corrupt practices in government and the use of money in elections.

Fraser, representing the 29th district, is serving his second term in the state senate.

He is secretary of the senate liberal caucus, and serves on six senate committees, including taxation, judiciary, cities of the first class, local government, transportation and communication.



Sen. Donald M. Fraser

Fraser also served as secretary of the Minnesota delegation to the Democratic National Convention last year and was chairman of the Minnesota Citizens for Kennedy committee.

The meeting is open to the public.

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LWV Chairwomen Promote Legislation



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LWV Urges Party Designation On Ballot



Women Voters added their backing this year now before the state legislature. President of the Excelsior League, asked women of the two political parties to ask their legislators to call for party designation. At the time, DFL precinct chairwoman in Excelsior Republican chairwoman.

—(STAFF PHOTO)

A bill to identify Minnesota Legislators on state ballots with the political parties of their choice was introduced in the State Senate last week. A companion bill has also been introduced in the house.

Pictured affixing a bumper sticker saying "Identify Legislators with Party Designation" are George Rebeck of the Ramsey County Republican Executive Committee, Lt. Governor Karl Rolvaag, DFL State Executive Committee, and Mrs. Robert Doten, Roseville League of Women Voters. Party designation for Legislators is contained in the platforms of both political parties and has been urged by the State League of Women Voters since 1951. Bumper strips for cars are available through Mrs. Arney Landy Jr. at ME. 3-3753.

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Chairwomen Promote Legislation



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THE DEEPHAVEN League of Women Voters is backing a bill before the state legislature which would require identification of legislative candidates on state ballots with the political party of their choice. Here Mrs. James Haverstock, local LWV public relations chairman (left) and Mrs. Walter Kenyon, league president, attach a sticker to the bumper of Mayor Edwin F. (Bud) Rebeck's auto as the mayor looks on. The stickers say "Identify Legislators with Party Designation."

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West St. Paul-Riverview
Booster-News

FEB 17 1961



MAYOR ARNOLD KEMPE IS SHOWN PUTTING an "Identify Legislators with Party Designation" sticker on his car. The stickers may be secured from members of the West St. Paul League of Women Voters. Standing are James Anderson of 191 Altman Ct., president of the Jaycees and Mrs. Joseph Sweeney of 253 E. Arion, Aiding Mayor Kempe in placing the sticker properly is Mrs. Lyle Lewis of 1669 S. Robert, president of the West St. Paul League of Women Voters.

League of Women Voters Backs Party Designation

Bumper to bumper, that is how the League of Women Voters of Minnesota is flashing the message in brilliant cerise and blue bumper signs in a state-wide publicity push for Party Designation. The bumper banners, saying "Identify Legislators with Party Designation," are easy to affix or remove stick-on strips designed to cover the car bumpers. Coordinator of the bumper campaign is Mrs. G. M. Stenson of the Edina League.

First car to carry the bright Party Designation bumper sign in the Virginia area is that of the local league president, Miss Mary Asseltine. The signs were available to supporters of party designation for a small price at the all-members LWV luncheon held today at Ritol Coates.

The Party Designation bill has both Liberal and Conservative sponsorship according to LWV observers at the Capitol. Senator Alf Bergerud, 38th District, and Senator Gordon Butler, 57th District, both Conservatives; and Senator Karl Gritter, 39th District, a Liberal, have introduced the bill to the Senate. League observers place the present vote at 39 supporting and 39 opposed and only

seven not committed. While in the Senate, Governor Andersen was closely identified with P D legislation and has expressed strong endorsement of the League campaign to put the label on the man.

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HOPKINS REVIEW

FEB 23 1961

Mailbag

Hopkins LWV Urges Public to Attend 'PD' Rally

To the Editor:

February 9th was the launching day for the Bill S.F. 376, calling for Party Designation for state legislators.

The public is invited to hear State Sen. Alf Bergerud (one of the authors of the bill) give a non-partisan speech at Alice Smith activity room at 8 p.m. Mar. 12th.

Please mark this date on your calendar because Mrs. Stanley (Betty) Kane, well known lobbyist for the League of Women Voters, will speak on "lobbying at the State Capitol".

The League hopes to blanket all bare bumpers with bumper stickers for Party Designation. Please call Mrs. Harland Jones, WE 8-8396 or me, for your stickers.

Thank you.

Respectfully,
Mrs. Otto Wenzel
Legislative Chairman,
Hopkins League of
Women Voters
WE 8-9127

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MINNEAPOLIS TRIBUNE

Date FEB 22 1961

Fridley Women Voters to Meet

State Sen. Donald M. Fraser will speak on legislative problems dealing with lobbyists, ethics and campaign expenditures at a public meeting sponsored by the Fridley Provisional League of Women

Voters at 8 p.m. today in the Fridley city hall, 6431 NE. University Av.

John H. Nordin, state representative from the 44th district, also will comment on the subjects.

RICHFIELD NEWS

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MESABI DAILY NEWS

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HELPING TO KICK OFF the League of Women Voters' drive on behalf of party designation for state legislators are Mrs. Irving Keldsen and her husband, Mayor Keldsen, 6732 Sheridan, and Mrs. Betty Leshner, 6444 Morgan, affixing a bumper sticker approved

by both GOP and DFL parties. Stickers are available in Richfield for ten cents each from Mrs. Paul Fischer, 6815 Columbus, LWF legislative chairman; Tom Jepson, 6625 Newton, Republican chairman; and Mrs. John Reiter, 208 W. 72½ St., DFL committee-woman.

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Bumper to bumper, that is how the League of Women Voters of Minnesota is flashing the message in brilliant cerise and blue bumper signs in a state wide publicity push for Party Designation. The bumper banners, saying "Identify Legislators with Party Designation," are easy to affix or remove at one-on strips designed to cover the car bumpers. Coordinator of the bumper campaign is Mrs. G. M. Stenson of the Edina League.

First car to carry the bright Party Designation bumper sign in the Virginia area is that of the local league president, Miss Mary Asseltine. The signs were available to supporters of party designation for a small price at the all-members LWF luncheon held today at Hotel Coates.

The Party Designation bill has both Liberal and Conservative sponsorship according to LWF observers at the Capitol. Senator Alf Bergerud, 26th District, and Senator Gordon Butler, 37th District, both Conservatives; and Senator Karl Gritter, 39th District, a Liberal, have introduced the bill to the Senate. League observers place the present vote at 39 supporting and 30 opposed and only

seven not committed. While in the Senate, Governor Andersen was closely identified with P D legislation and has expressed strong endorsement of the League campaign to put the label on the man.

LETTERS to the EDITOR

Dear Editor:

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Yours Truly,

Mrs. Stan L. Fox

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Joint Effort— Symbolizing the united front of the Republican party, the Democratic-Farmer-Labor party and the League of Women Voters in urging party designation for state legislators are, left to right, Erlin Wittenberg, county GOP chairman; Dave Steinley, county D-F-L chairman; Mrs. Tony Cremers, League of Women Voters state resource chairman, and Mrs. William Heegaard, Alexandria

League president. The four are affixing the League's bumper sticker urging "Identify Legislators With Party Designation." Both political parties and the League officially support party designation for legislators. A Senate bill calling for such identification has been introduced by Conservative Senators Bergerud and Butler and Liberal Senator Karl Grittner.

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Mostly for Women



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fixed to the trunk of her car here by Mrs. John Hammel, 323 E. Prospect, who is active in both the Republican party and the League of Women Voters. The local League urges Owatonnans favoring this bill now in the Minnesota Senate to get bumper stickers and write or call their legislators — Senator Harold Nelson and Rep. John Hartle. (PN Photo)

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SOUTH ST. PAUL
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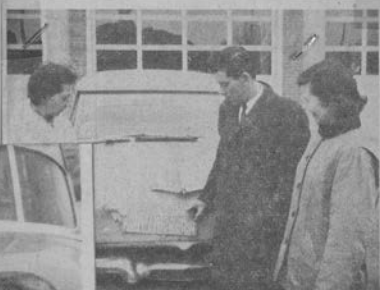
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Co-hostess of the meeting was Mrs. Robert Charbonneau of Woodbury.

The topics will be discussed locally at 8:30 p.m. March 21 in the home of Mrs. Wilton Duckworth of 398 Butternut.

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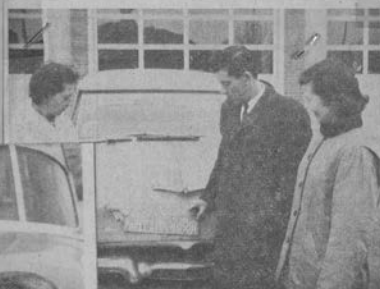
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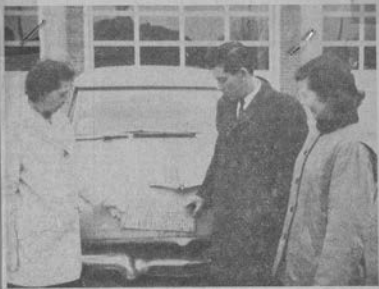
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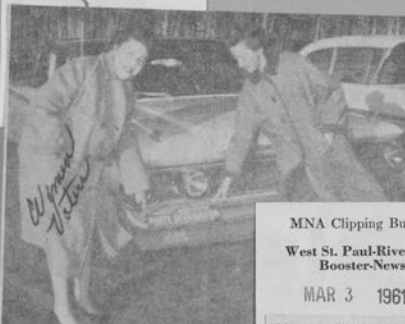
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Women Voters League Calls Attention to Party Designation Bill

Supported by both Liberal and Conservative Senators, the bill calling for party designation for state legislators (S. F. 576) has been launched and passed one hurdle, according to Mrs. Lyle Lewis, president of the West St. Paul League of Women voters. The WSP League, together with units all over the state, is supporting passage of the bill and League members are working to help get it out of committee.

H. F. 283, the House bill for party designation, has now added two Conservative authors to its three Liberals, she said. These Conservatives are Rep. Franke and Walter Klaus, representative from the 20th district, Dakota county.

The League has been working on the project designed to "put the label on the man" for ten years, according to Mrs. Lewis, and asks the help of the public in support of the bill.

Support can be shown, she says, by:

(1) Writing twentieth district Senator (Paul Thuet) and or Representative (Walter Klaus), members of the Senate or House elections committee.

(2) Writing both committee chairmen, Chris Erickson, Senate chambers, and Willard Munger, House chambers.

(3) Putting party designation stickers on your car. Stickers are obtainable from any League member in West St. Paul or Mendota Heights.

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NORTH ST. PAUL
REVIEW

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Women Voters To Study Party Designation, Ethics

The Maplewood League of Women Voters topic under discussion for the month of March will be party designation and ethics in government. Meeting sites and dates are:

Unit 1 Hostess, Mrs. James Krum, 2964 Stillwater Rd., Thursday March 16, 8 p. m. Topic leader, Mrs. Conrad Fredericks.

Unit 2 Hostess, Mrs. Robert Charbonneau, 176 Edgewood, Wednesday March 15, 8 p. m. Topic leader same.

Unit 3 Hostess, Mrs. Howard Kramoff, 796 Mary, Wednesday March 15, 8:15 p. m. Topic leader, Mrs. John Watt.

Unit 5 Hostess, Mrs. Raymond Olcott, 1784 Flandrau,

Thursday March 16, 1 p. m. Topic leader, Mrs. Reuben Holm.

Unit 6 Hostess, Mrs. L. J. Heesburg, 1216 E. Shryer, Wednesday March 8, 8 p. m. Topic leader, Mrs. Harold Collins.

Unit 7 Hostess, Mrs. K. Peterson, 941 Evar, Wednesday March 15, 1 p. m. Topic leaders, Mrs. Charles Brix and Mrs. L. Jenkins.

Unit 8 Hostess, Mrs. David King, 1766 City Heights Drive, Monday March 13, 8:30 p. m. Topic leaders, Mrs. George Hunt and Mrs. Donald Anderson.

Unit 9 Hostess, Mrs. Eric Bergman, 2686 Mayer Lane, Thursday March 16 8 p. m. Topic Leader, Mrs. James Cox.

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RECEIVES FIRST Candidate Label:
Mayor George Pfeifer receives the first party designation sticker, as Wells League of Women Voters begin the organization's campaign for party designation for legislators. Mrs. Charles Nelson, League public relations chairman, presents the bumper sticker label to the Mayor.

Party designation for legislators has been a part of the program of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota since 1961. The League feels party designation is needed for more accurate identification of the positions of legislators and as a help in consideration of many legislative matters.

The local Women Voters have joined the state campaign for party designation, with the bumper stickers distributed at the last League

meeting. The labels, which are used as a promotional stunt in the League's campaign for party designation of legislators, are reflectorized, with red letters stating, "Identify Legislator with Party Designation." They are to be placed on car bumpers.

The stickers are prepared and circulated by the League of Women Voters.

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Hopkins

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Meeting On 'PD' Set Monday Nite

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Sen. Bergerud is one of the authors of S. F. 576, the League's bill on party designation.

Betty Kane, League of Women Voters lobbyist in the legislature, will speak on "Lobbying at the State Capitol."

Mrs. Otto Wenzel, chairman of the Hopkins League Party Designation committee, urges the

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Leagues to Hear Bergerud Address on Designation

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It is sponsored by the Hopkins League of Women Voters and is also open to the public. State Senator Alf Bergerud, from the 36th district, will be the main speaker.

Bergerud is one of the authors of the state league's bill.

Mrs. Betty Kane, the league's lobbyist, will speak on state capitol lobbying. Coffee will follow a question and answer period.

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Argument for Party
Designation Made

To the Editor: Thoughtful observers of state government in Minnesota are watching with interest Gov. Andersen's attempts to achieve a good working relationship with our state legislators.

We of the League of Women Voters are inclined to be sympathetic to Minnesota governors, regardless of party, since without party designation for state legislators they operate under a real handicap.

Gov. Andersen, for example, ran on the Republican platform and feels responsible to his party. However, none of the legislators, even the Conservative members, need feel this kind of loyalty to Republican party goals. Our legislators, lacking party labels, all run on their own 198 platforms.

This poses a real dilemma for would-be-informed voters. President Kennedy and governors in 48 states can turn to their party members within congress and the 48 respective legislatures for organized help in getting their programs passed into laws. This support is lacking for our Minnesota governors.

It matters far too little to which party our governor belongs. Until we provide the governor with legislators with party ties, we cannot be disappointed if Gov. Andersen has trouble delivering his party's campaign promises.

The league feels strongly that party designation is essential and urges voters to write their senators and representatives asking them to vote for party designation. The legislators must be alerted to public sentiment — Mrs. A. J. Richter, legislative chairman, League of Women Voters, Minneapolis.

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URGING PARTY DESIGNATION for state legislators is the League of Women Voters of Minnesota. Local league members are pushing for such legislation also and are putting bumper stickers on autos urging party designation. Shown above placing one of the stickers on a car are, left to right, Mrs. John Birse, vice president and party designation chairman of the local league; Mayor Glen Northrup and Mrs. Robert Thompson, local league president.

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The two party system is the bone structure of American democracy. The non-partisan law, which by implication holds political parties in contempt, therefore weakens the structure of representative government. No other instrument exists by which the citizen can so effectively make known his political needs and wishes, yet the "independent" legislator condemns political parties as evil things fraught with corruption.

The League of Women Voters challenges the cynicism of opposition forces, who claim that political parties are riddled with corruption. The two-party system provides that most effective machinery by which interested people can influence their government. The opposition claims that people must be saved from the evils of their own political parties and that legislators are in a position to save them; that government cannot properly spring from the people who are governed, expressed by themselves in party platforms, but can only with safety be imposed on them by legislators who assume they know what is good for the people. There is a basic cynicism in an attitude which discounts and belittles the citizen's role in government. The benefits of the non-partisan law are all on the side of the legislator, and the indifference of too many voters works for the perpetuation of the law.

It is important to understand that the Minnesota legislature is not now, nor has it ever been, nonpartisan. It is as strongly partisan as any among the 50, and it would not be able to conduct the business of government if it were not. The term "non-partisan" ought to be publicly revealed as a misnomer; we should work for some identification of legislative candidates on the ballot. Many legislators, newspaper editors and political scientists state flatly that there is no truly independent legislator in Minnesota.

Bills calling for Party Designation for legislators have been introduced in both the House and the Senate and have been referred to committees. Now is the time for all citizens to join League members in writing the committee chairmen asking that these bills be speeded through committee so that their merits may be heard on the floor of the House and Senate. Chairman Chris Erickson heads the Senate committee on Elections and Reapportionment and Chairman Chris Erickson heads the Senate committee on Elections and Reapportionment and Chairman Willard Munger the House Elections committee.

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RICHFIELD NEWS

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The April unit meetings of the League of Women Voters will be held at the following homes: on Monday, April 10, the morning group will meet at Mrs. Roger Erickson's and the evening group at Mrs. Richard Klemmer's. On Wednesday, April 12, the afternoon unit will meet with Mrs. Arnold Madow and the evening group with Mrs. Thomas Heine, 322-3rd Avenue S.W.

The subjects to be discussed are the National Continuing Responsibilities and State Party Designation. All members are urged to attend.

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League Of Women Voters Thanks News

To the Editor:
This week the Richfield League of Women Voters is electing new officers and adopting a new local study item.

Before we move into the 1961-62 League year, I should like to express our membership's appreciation for weekly LWV column space to present League local, state and national study items, for the many front page box notices publicizing candidates' meetings and voter registration deadlines last fall, and most recently, for a picture promoting the Minnesota League's support for party designation to state legislators.

Sincerely,
Mrs. R. E. Hurst,
Richfield LWV.

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action election laws and corrupt practices for their April topic. Anyone interested in learning more about the work of the league is welcome to visit a monthly unit meeting in contact, the president, Mrs. William DeLange at Springfield 744. Meeting sites and dates are:

Unit I—Hostess, Mrs. W. Coleman, 2655 Fremont, Tuesday April 13, 8 p. m. Topic Leaders, Mrs. Harold Smith and Mrs. Eugene Dario.

Unit 2—Hostess, Mrs. Charles Austin, 225 Meadow Lane, Wednesday April 13, 8 p. m. Topic Leader, Mrs. Donald Blattie.

Unit 3—Hostess, Mrs. Flor Sullivan, 2418 Bush, Wednesday April 12, 8:15 p. m. Topic Leader, Mrs. Howard Kraanoff.

Unit 5—Hostess, Mrs. Baptist Cardinal, 1875 Arcade, Thursday April 20, 1 p. m. Topic leader, Mrs. Herbert Wegwerth.

Unit 6—Hostess, Mrs. Robert Larson, 2007 Dieter, Wednesday

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LWV Program Chairmen Present Legislative Review

The April program of Austin's League of Women Voters was a legislative review with emphasis on the progress of legislation which has league support.

That includes party designation; ethics in government which includes a lobby registration bill conflict of interests bill and the establishment of an ethics in government commission; corrupt practices which deals with election laws established to prevent such corrupt practices by the establishment of means to regulate the handling of campaign funds, candidate reports and volunteer committees; constitutional revision; state reapportionment.

Meetings were held Wednesday as follows: Unit 1 — Mrs. K. K. McMillan, 908 10th St. NW, hostess and Mrs. Immanuel Nielsen, program; Unit 2 — Mrs. Walter Varco, 909 9th St. NW, and Mrs. Roy Roach, hostesses; Unit 3 — Mrs. W. B. Wolf, Crestwood Hills, hostess and Mrs. Robert Carlson and Mrs. Robert Kuhn, program; Unit 4 — Mrs. Fred TenEyck, 1405 3rd Ave. SW, hostess and Mrs. Harold Butler, program; Unit 5 — Mrs. Fred-

erich Jensen, 211 16th Ave. NE, hostess and Mrs. William Ruppert, program.

Unit 6 — Mrs. Peter Franz, 1001 18th St. SW, hostess and Mrs. David Averbook, program; Unit 7 — Mrs. Harold Laman, 1264 2nd Ave. SW, hostess and Mrs. Lester Hill, program; Unit 8 — Mrs. Eugene Ulland, Austin Rt. 3, hostess and Mrs. Herman Miller, program; Unit 9 — Mrs. Terence Meany, 309 22nd St. SW, and Mrs. Leon Robbins, hostesses and Mrs. A. W. Robinson, program; Adams Unit — Mrs. E. S. Anderson, hostess and Mrs. Juel Osmundson, program.

At a recent session of the board, new members were introduced. Mrs. Don Driggs is treasurer; Mrs. L. P. Reeve, second vice president and legislative chairman; Mrs. Mansur Taufic, foreign policy chairman.

Plans were discussed for the all-league meeting in May at which time the organization's progress on the county survey will be reported. A speaker will outline details of the survey.

Mrs. Gerald Oistad announced plans for conducting the one-day finance drive, April 27.

Women Voters League Honors Mrs. Sigford

Mrs. Kenneth Sigford, 1987 Beacon St., St. Paul, Thursday was named winner of the Hope Washburn award given by the League of Women Voters of Minnesota.

The award was presented to Mrs. Sigford for her outstanding service to the state at the league's convention at the Radisson hotel. She is retiring first vice president of the state group.

Born in Le Sueur, Minn., Mrs. Sigford is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of University of Minnesota. She won the Clara Ueland foundation scholarship for graduate work in political science at the university. The scholarship was established as a memorial to the late Mrs. Andreas Ueland, first president of the state league.

Mrs. Sigford and her husband, who is a Minneapolis dentist, have four children: Steve, 17; Rolf, 14; Scott, 9, and Kristin, 7.

Members of the nonpartisan league today will debate and adopt a study and action program for the next two years.

The two-item current agenda proposed Thursday by the state league board includes items on constitutional revision and civil rights.

Two other items—one on state tax structure and one on the Indian citizen in Minnesota—have been proposed and accepted for consideration by delegates.

Some 400 women are attending the convention which ends today.



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Women Voters Tie a Can

Minnesota's League of Women Voters have now tied the can to State Senate Conservatives so everyone will realize just who's to blame for blocking party designation in our Legislature session after session.

There surely is no doubt any longer that requiring members of the Legislature to run for office on a partisan basis would improve things at St. Paul; in fact, things could hardly be worse than they are now.

And every time party designation comes up not only labor and the DFL but the Republicans and even some business groups join the League in urging its adoption. Yet, somehow, party designation never seems to get anywhere despite such broad backing.

It went down the drain again this year. The League of Women Voters has just issued a report containing the Senate Committee roll call and the Senate floor roll call that did the job. And the report added that the Senate's treatment of party designation left it "not completely beaten to death but pretty well bloodied."

Since so many Senators are avowed Republicans with so many influential supporters in business, only one conclusion is possible: Republican and business endorsement of party designation for legislators is and always has been strictly window dressing.

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Shoreview LWV Meets Apr. 25

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After dinner Mrs. David Kanatz, of Brooklyn Center, will address the group. Mrs. Kanatz is the State Board Party Designation chairman and acted as a League of Women Voters lobbyist during this year's legislative session.

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Argument for Party Designation Made

To the Editor: Thoughtful observers of state government in Minnesota are watching with interest Gov. Andersen's attempts to achieve a good working relationship with our state legislators.

We of the League of Women Voters are inclined to be sympathetic to Minnesota governors, regardless of party, since without party designation for state legislators they operate under a real handicap.

Gov. Andersen, for example, ran on the Republican platform and feels responsible to his party. However, none of the legislators, even the Conservative members, need feel this kind of loyalty to Republican party goals. Our legislators, lacking party labels, all run on their own 198 platforms.

This poses a real dilemma for would-be-informed voters. President Kennedy and governors in 48 states can turn to their party members within congress and the 48 respective legislatures for organized help in getting their programs passed into laws. This support is lacking for our Minnesota governors.

It matters far too little to which party our governor belongs. Until we provide the governor with legislators with party ties, we cannot be disappointed if Gov. Andersen has trouble delivering his party's campaign promises.

The league feels strongly that party designation is essential and urges voters to write their senators and representatives asking them to vote for party designation. The legislators must be alerted to public sentiment. — Mrs. A. J. Richter, legislative chairman, League of Women Voters, Minneapolis.

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Bill to Help Moving Voters Recommended

The Minnesota house elections committee Wednesday recommended a bill making it easier for voters who change residence to cast their ballots in an election not more than 30 days away.

~~Mrs. Louise~~ Kuderling, Minneapolis election expert, drafted a compromise solution for the

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law makers which provides that a person who moves within a month before election may vote in his old precinct if he stays in the same municipality.

If he moves to another town, the bill says, he may apply in his previous place of residence for a certificate of eligibility to vote. This he presents at the polls in his new place on election day.

The bill implements a constitutional amendment approved by the voters in 1960.

The house repassed and sent to the governor the bill allowing Indian students to attend the University of Minnesota, Morris, tuition-free.

This carries out an agreement made with the federal government in 1909, when the former Morris Indian school was deeded to the state.

The vote was 115 to 1. The lone objector was Rep. John Fitzgerald, New Prague, who had objected when the bill was first considered that it would be the legislature's first official recognition of the new university branch, which he contends was unauthorized.