



League of Women Voters of Minnesota Records

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To: Voters Service Chairmen
From: Mrs. Frank Chesley, State Voters Service Chairman

RE: CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRES

You will find enclosed the replies which have been received from the questionnaires sent to congressional and senatorial candidates, and also the replies to state questionnaires sent to candidates for state offices.* In addition to these, you have by this time probably received answers to the state questionnaires which you sent yourselves to the candidates for the state legislature from your own district.

You have, then, this valuable information in your hand, and are perhaps wondering what to do with it. If every man and woman who will go to the polls on Sept. 9 and again on Nov. 4 could know what is written on these pages, surely they would go better prepared to vote for a more qualified candidate than if they vote by guess-work as so many do, especially in the primary.

It is hoped, therefore, that every local League will make the fullest possible use of this material. There are several possibilities for getting it to your members and to the public.

How to obtain copies

1. Copies of replies from congressional and senatorial candidates, and candidates for state offices may be obtained from the state League office (4 pages for 1 cent)
2. You can mimeograph the pages yourselves for large public distribution. Usually the cost is only that of the paper, as most Leagues have members who can type, and access to a mimeograph machine.
3. You can ask your newspaper editor if he will print the answers. Perhaps he will choose only certain offices to print, but this is better than none. In many cases the newspaper will then run off reprints of the article free of charge for you to distribute.

What to do with the copies

1. Door to door distribution is often done by the Boy and Girl Scouts.
2. Take to industries, labor temples, service organizations, church groups, rural groups, PTA's.
3. Have copies in your voters booth. (Also Significant Roll Calls for incumbent's records)
4. Take a copy to your editor regardless of whether he will make reprints for you. He will value its non-partisan factual information.
5. Place copies in Help Yourself boxes throughout the community.
6. See "Give the Voter a Hand" for further ideas.

By all means try to get this work done this coming week before the primary, as it is during this period that people are wanting help in determining the candidates' qualifications for office and their stands on issues.

Cooperation with other groups in your community is especially rewarding and successful at voters service time. Working together on matters of mutual interest such as registration, getting out the vote, and information on candidates will lead to greater understanding between the League and other groups when it is time for action on our program.

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Is your League planning any kind of a candidates meeting this fall? If you are, could you please fill out the form below and return it immediately to the state office. The office will then have a complete record and Leagues may write in to find out if nearby Leagues are holding such meetings and when.

* The following information is not noted on the questionnaires. Please be sure that you forward it with any replies to questionnaires which you send your members and your community:

THESE CANDIDATES DID NOT REPLY TO QUESTIONNAIRE

GOVERNOR: Paul A. Indykiewicz - Republican

SENATOR: John A. McDonough - Democratic-Farmer-Labor
F. H. Schoemaker - Democratic-Farmer-Labor

REPRESENTATIVE
IN CONGRESS:

Yes we are having a candidates meeting

Date:
Place:
Time:
Offices for which candidates are running:
Names of candidates invited:

We have already had a candidates meeting Yes___ No___

Offices of candidates who attended:
Comments on meeting:

CANDIDATE FOR U. S. SENATE

NAME: JOHN M. ARNESON
PARTY: Republican

ADDRESS: 5321 Stevens, Minneapolis
AGE: legal

EDUCATION University Graduate, degree B.L. (Bachelor of Literature) from University of Minnesota; Postgraduate work leading to Minnesota Teacher's Professional Life Certificate

OCCUPATION Supt. of Schools, 15 years; Trustee in Bankruptcy for Alexander McCune, 15 years; Farm; Real Estate; Insurance, 5 years

WHAT PARTICULAR TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE HAVE YOU HAD THAT WOULD QUALIFY YOU FOR THIS OFFICE? Specialized in economics, political science and U.S. history; Knowledge of court procedure; study of the practical operation of our form of government during the past 20 years

WHAT SHOULD U. S. POLICY BE WITH RESPECT TO THE FOLLOWING:

1. THE UNITED NATIONS: U.N. should be supported; UN has done much in settling disputes among nations and has restrained Russia and other communist countries
2. AID TO UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES: I am opposed to indiscriminate giving; charity begins at home; it is time to help our own needy people of whom there are many; we should teach backward countries to improve their standard of living by better methods of agriculture and housing; I do not believe in dole; I would help save America.

WHAT STEPS SHOULD CONGRESS TAKE TO HALT INFLATION? Reduce unnecessary expense and waste; clean out corruption and bribery; by reduction in expenditure taxation can be reduced; stop printing worthless paper money; in Korea we should either fight to win or get out; I favor restoration of states rights and local self government which would eliminate many bureaus and employees in Washington; I am opposed to picking wars; after 20 years of reckless spending it is too late to get stingy, especially with the farmers and wage earners.

WHERE CAN FEDERAL EXPENDITURE BEST BE CUT? Economy in government; the business of governing should be conducted as a well balanced private individual conducts his own business; spend less than the income; we can no longer be a Santa Claus; Franklin and Jefferson both advised frugality

IN WHAT PIECES OF LEGISLATION ARE YOU ESPECIALLY INTERESTED? I favor moderate reduction in taxation and much reduction in useless expenditure and waste; I favor discontinuing further aid to foreign nations; they should now provide for themselves; I am opposed to compulsory military training; I favor prison reform everywhere; I favor equal rights for all races; I favor equal opportunities for men and women; I favor the restoration of local self government; I favor the independence of the three branches of our federal government and the literal interpretation of the Constitution of the United States; I am opposed to dictators and political bosses; I am opposed to hand-picking of candidates for public office; I favor financial aid for dental and medical needs of our indigent citizens; I will support farm parity and reasonable wages for wage earners; I will support restoration of local self government; I favor strict regulation of motor vehicles and air planes in interstate traffic; I am opposed to Senate Bill 75 which appropriated more than three billion dollars for irrigation in the deserts of Arizona along the Colorado River where the water rights are claimed by several states and Mexico; Minnesota's share in this expenditure would amount to several million dollars yearly; the Republican senator from our state voted for this bill; Nixon and Dirksen opposed the bill; even Humphrey refrained from voting on it. I will be present at the sessions to vote on bills presented; I will support measures taken to collect eleven billion dollars, with interest, from Russia, and also for the return of about 600 ships under lend lease.

CANDIDATE FOR U. S. SENATE

NAME: WILLIAM E. CARLSON
PARTY: Democratic-Farmer-Labor

ADDRESS: 2033 Fremont Ave., St. Paul
AGE: 39

EDUCATION Graduate of Central High School and St. Thomas College.

OCCUPATION Formerly employed by U. S. Dept. of Labor-for past 6 years full time representative of the Mutual Service Ins. Co.

WHAT PARTICULAR TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE HAVE YOU HAD THAT WOULD QUALIFY YOU FOR THIS OFFICE? 6 yrs. in Minn. Legislature as a Rep. from 41st Dist. Navy Veteran World War II. 15 years, active in Consumers Cooperative Movement.

WHAT SHOULD U.S. POLICY BE WITH RESPECT TO THE FOLLOWING:

1. THE UNITED NATIONS: Supported and strengthened. It must not be allowed to suffer the same fate as the League of Nations.
2. AID TO UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES: I favor substantial economic aid as the real assurance for eventual world peace.

WHAT STEPS SHOULD CONGRESS TAKE TO HALT INFLATION? Balance the budget by closing tax loop holes and keeping effective price controls during the rearmament program.

WHERE CAN FEDERAL EXPENDITURE BEST BE CUT? Military waste.

IN WHAT PIECES OF LEGISLATION ARE YOU ESPECIALLY INTERESTED? I favor better housing legislation, expanded social security, F.E.P.C. and anti-lynching laws and would look favorably on some better way of serving the nations' health needs. The Farm program of the Democratic Party must be continued. There must be parity price supports, soil conservation and continuation of the R. E. A. which has improved the living conditions of farmers more than any other program. I will oppose any discriminating taxes against cooperatives.

CANDIDATE FOR U. S. SENATE

NAME: A. B. GILBERT
PARTY: Republican

ADDRESS: Mound, Minnesota
AGE: 64

EDUCATION Diplomas from: Mt. Kisco, N. Y. highschool, 1904; Phillips Academy at Andover, Mass. 1906; Yale University, B.A. 1910; Western Reserve University, 1914.

OCCUPATION Political organization and writing on public affairs

WHAT PARTICULAR TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE HAVE YOU HAD THAT WOULD QUALIFY YOU FOR THIS OFFICE? Participation in public affairs in Minnesota since 1917 when I came to the state to promote the Nonpartisan league. I have been the contender for public opinion on important issues while Senator Thye has been the compromising office holder. Perhaps my major recent work was helping the 1951 Legislature to stop Youngdahl's program--no constitutional convention, no FEPC, no new taxes, no world federalist resolution, reasonable support for the University, etc.

WHAT SHOULD U.S. POLICY BE WITH RESPECT TO THE FOLLOWING:

1. THE UNITED NATIONS: It was wrong in 1945 to try to federate opposites into a world state. Any U.N. should consist only of nations not hostile to our culture.
2. AID TO UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES: The sensible aid to these countries is to promote a law and order in which private enterprise can do business. It is a wrong to our citizens to send government money to places where private capital is not safe.

WHAT STEPS SHOULD CONGRESS TAKE TO HALT INFLATION? Most important step is to bring labor unions back to the confines of constitutional government and to protect private enterprise against unlawful labor activity, that is revolution in the name of labor. Government policy of taking on spending beyond the capacity of taxpayers can be revised. There is a lot of planned waste to bring about socialist state. Inflation is needed to cover radical destruction. The main cure is to restore private enterprise.

WHERE CAN FEDERAL EXPENDITURE BEST BE CUT? In so-called aid to backward countries, in trying to build a great land army as well as an Air Corps and Navy, in federal aids to local governments.

IN WHAT PIECES OF LEGISLATION ARE YOU ESPECIALLY INTERESTED? Against Universal military training; against Nato plans until revised to favor national military forces; for development of Taft-Hartley act and state statutes to give workmen and employers protection against socialist and gangster efforts to dominate; against federal compulsory FEPC; for restriction of immigration of people alien to our own culture; for holding down inflation by reviving private enterprise but aware of danger of producing deflation. Individual project: There is no clear provision in our laws for safeguarding the country against ill health or other incompetence of the chief executive. I would like to promote a definite procedure in such cases.

CANDIDATE FOR U. S. SENATE

NAME: ARTHUR D. RUSSELL
PARTY: Republican

ADDRESS: 3236 Clinton Ave. S., Mpls. 8
AGE: 72

EDUCATION Probably equals two years of college training.

OCCUPATION Retired accountant.

WHAT PARTICULAR TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE HAVE YOU HAD THAT WOULD QUALIFY YOU FOR THIS OFFICE? Was associated with prominent politicians while studying law statutes and holding public office. While my ideas have been used to advantage by others who modestly got the credit for my logic I have been content if in any way I contributed to the general welfare. But like Mr. Stuart Hamblen I have no illusions of greatness.

WHAT SHOULD U.S. POLICY BE WITH RESPECT TO THE FOLLOWING:

1. THE UNITED NATIONS: Re-Activate League of Nations; Scrap United Nations.
2. AID TO UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES: Soft pedal foreign aid till Truman Police action wars are settled.

WHAT STEPS SHOULD CONGRESS TAKE TO HALT INFLATION? The Roosevelt-Truman meddling with wage-price controls coupled with their creation of what Mr. Norman L. Thomas well termed a "Warfare State" geared to a "War Economy" promising a continual inflationary spiral of rising wages, prices and costs must eventually lead to the old "Boom and Bust" unless we are prepared to scrap the "Warfare State" by the use of the Universal Draft of capital, factories and labor for a period of at least ten years. This I advocate.

WHERE CAN FEDERAL EXPENDITURE BEST BE CUT? By the above.

IN WHAT PIECES OF LEGISLATION ARE YOU ESPECIALLY INTERESTED? Social Security. I say first change it's name to "The Undertaker's Security Administration" and then repeal the act in it's entirety effective eighteen months hence. This would give congress time to prepare and pass a law actuarially sound and at least half way fair to the insured. Today the law underwrites the Undertaker's business. If we are going to do that we should place a ceiling on funeral expenditures as in Italy today. I advocate universal cremation and federally operated crematories. Outlaw the use of caskets and substitute plastic couches for use at funerals. Government operated crypts would follow. Thus we might do away with the most shameful racket now operating which includes doctors, hospitals, undertakers, cemeteries and even insurance companies as well as the present Social Security Law.

CANDIDATE FOR U. S. SENATE

NAME: EDWARD C. SLETTEDAHL
PARTY: Republican

ADDRESS: 311 W. Arlington Ave., St. Paul
AGE: (Did not answer)

EDUCATION Educated at Mankato Teachers College, Columbia University, University of Minnesota, Northwestern College of Law.

OCCUPATION A Minnesota Educator for over 30 years. Now teaching in St. Paul.

WHAT PARTICULAR TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE HAVE YOU HAD THAT WOULD QUALIFY YOU FOR THIS OFFICE? (Did not answer)

WHAT SHOULD U. S. POLICY BE WITH RESPECT TO THE FOLLOWING:

1. THE UNITED NATIONS: (Did not answer)
2. AID TO UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES: (Did not answer)

WHAT STEPS SHOULD CONGRESS TAKE TO HALT INFLATION? (Did not answer)

WHERE CAN FEDERAL EXPENDITURE BEST BE CUT? (Did not answer)

IN WHAT PIECES OF LEGISLATION ARE YOU ESPECIALLY INTERESTED?

I shall fight for: a return to constitutional government and a decent way of life in the US; a sound parity plan based upon sound economy; industrial peace; full business relations with peaceful nations all over the world; a sound farm program so the farmer can again run his own business profitably.

I shall fight to:

cut taxes for all of us so as to restore incentive, vitality and safety to our people; cut and to definitely limit by law the amount of income taxes of all kinds so there will be more take home pay and returns for labor, industry, the businessman and the farmer; cut government expenditures to head off national bankruptcy; reduce our national debt; stop the monstrous military bureaucracy from setting up a world-wide armed camp to take away our liberty and to destroy our freedom; take the government off the backs of business so they can expand to produce more profits and more and better jobs for our people; take the government off the backs of our people so they can spend their own money and live their own lives once more; take immediate steps to end the Korean War and to bring our boys home from Korea; prevent the surrender of the sovereignty of our nation to a world organization which will destroy the United States of America and the cherished liberties and freedom of our people; cut bureaucratic control of our government in order to protect our freedom. I shall fight: against Universal Military training and a military dictatorship; Communism, creeping socialism and traitors; against peacetime regimentation, OPA and OPS controls by our government; corruption, waste and extravagance of our government to help prevent national bankruptcy; our dumping of our money and products by the billions all over the world in a world-wide W.P.A.

CANDIDATE FOR U. S. SENATE

NAME: EDWARD J. THYE (Incumbent) ADDRESS: Route 2, Northfield, Minn.
PARTY: Republican AGE: 56

EDUCATION Public schools and business college

OCCUPATION United States Senator and farmer

WHAT PARTICULAR TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE HAVE YOU HAD THAT WOULD QUALIFY YOU FOR THIS OFFICE? Dairy and Food Commission of State of Minnesota, Lieutenant Governor of Minnesota, Governor of Minnesota, United States Senator serving in three past Congressional sessions on the Senate Agriculture Committee, Appropriations Committee and the Senate Select Committee on Small Business.

WHAT SHOULD U.S. POLICY BE WITH RESPECT TO THE FOLLOWING:

1. THE UNITED NATIONS: To endeavor to strengthen the United Nations organization.
2. AID TO UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES: Assistance in acquainting those undeveloped countries with the technical know-how of increasing food production and the development of their natural resources.

WHAT STEPS SHOULD CONGRESS TAKE TO HALT INFLATION? Make certain that we have an increase in the production of the materials, supplies, and goods the consuming public needs, and the legislative controls where and when necessary.

WHERE CAN FEDERAL EXPENDITURE BEST BE CUT? In the administrative offices of Federal government and the military when our national defense has been re-established to an extent that will command the fear and the respect of the Soviet. Military strength is all that the Russian Politburo recognizes.

IN WHAT PIECES OF LEGISLATION ARE YOU ESPECIALLY INTERESTED? The legislation that involves our national defense and our efforts on the European continent as well as Asia whereby we are endeavoring to bring about the accomplishment of permanent peace for the world.

CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR

NAME: C. ELMER ANDERSON (Incumbent) ADDRESS: 130 State Capitol, St. Paul
PARTY: Republican

EDUCATION Grade School, Brainerd and St. Mathias, Minnesota. Brainerd High School. University of Minnesota - 2 quarters.

OCCUPATION Owns and operates a wholesale magazine and newspaper business which serves well over 100 towns in north central Minnesota and eastern North Dakota.

WHAT PARTICULAR TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE HAVE YOU HAD THAT WOULD QUALIFY YOU FOR THIS OFFICE? On September 27, 1951 became the twenty-eighth governor of Minnesota at the age of 39½ years. Served five and one-half terms as Lieutenant Governor of the State. First entry in politics came at the age of 24 when he was named chairman of the Young Republican League in Crow Wing County. Two years later, in 1938, and still very much of a political unknown, he entered the Republican primaries as a candidate for Lieutenant Governor of Minnesota, and succeeded in winning the nomination. He went on to win the November elections and at the age of 26 became the youngest Lieutenant Governor that Minnesota had ever had. In 1940 he was again successful and won again in 1944, 1946, 1948 and 1950, giving him a total of eleven years of legislative experience before he became Chief Executive of the state.

WOULD YOU SUPPORT A BILL CALLING A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION? Yes. I favor many of the proposals made in the Little Hoover report. Many of these proposals involve the very nature of our constitution, hence I would support a bill providing for a constitutional convention.

WOULD YOU SUPPORT A LAW AGAINST RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT WHICH PROVIDED FOR ADJUSTMENT OF COMPLAINTS BY EDUCATION AND CONCILIATION AND VESTED ENFORCEMENT POWERS IN THE STATE COURTS? Yes. I fervently believe in equal social and economic rights for all persons. However, I do recognize that it is difficult to force people into acceptance of things against which they are prejudiced. So, while supporting such a bill as outlined here, I realize that we must approach this problem with patience and tolerance.

WOULD YOU SUPPORT LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD PROVIDE THAT:

- A. VETERANS RECEIVE A PASSING GRADE IN EXAMINATIONS BEFORE PREFERENCE BE GRANTED. Yes.
- B. PREFERENCE BE LIMITED TO 5 AND 10 POINTS. Yes.
- C. ABSOLUTE PREFERENCE BE ABOLISHED. Yes.
- D. NO PREFERENCE BE GIVEN IN PROMOTIONAL EXAMINATIONS. Yes.

It is my hope that we can reach a stage where in the interests of uniformity in public employment, we can have one system for veterans preference instead of three.

WOULD YOU SUPPORT A BILL PROVIDING ELECTION OF OUR STATE LEGISLATORS WITH PARTY DESIGNATION? Yes. I believe in the Party system of this nation. I believe that Parties provide a way of making lawmakers responsible to their constituents. I think, that on the whole, legislation in this state would reflect the opinions of many more people if we had Party designation.

CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR

NAME: ORVILLE L. FREEMAN

ADDRESS: 2316 Seabury Avenue, Mpls.

PARTY: Democratic-Farmer-Labor

EDUCATION Central High School, Minneapolis, Minnesota. University of Minnesota - B. A. Degree, magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa. University of Minnesota - L.L.B. degree - 1946.

OCCUPATION Practicing Attorney.

WHAT PARTICULAR TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE HAVE YOU HAD THAT WOULD QUALIFY YOU FOR THIS OFFICE? 1. Administrative office, Marine Corps, Rehabilitation Program, Washington, D.C., August, 1944 - December, 1946. This work involved the organization and administration of a nationwide program directed to rehabilitating Marines returning to civilian life. 2. Administrative Assistant in charge of veterans affairs in the office of Mayor, now Senator, Hubert H. Humphrey, in Minneapolis, 1946 - 1948. This involved overall coordination and organization of the Minneapolis veterans service program. 3. Member and Chairman of the Minneapolis Civil Service Commission, 1946 - 1949. This involved policy determination and supervision of the administration of the Minneapolis Civil Service System. 4. State Secretary (1946 - 1948), State Chairman (1948 - 1950) Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party of Minnesota. This involved organization, promotion, and direction of the statewide program of the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party. It included daily contact with people all over the State of Minnesota in terms of the implementation of the party program and all of the requirements and demands involved in presenting a dynamic political party. 5. Candidate for Attorney General - 1950. In the course of this campaign I made over 400 speeches and visited in every nook and cranny in Minnesota. 6. My entire life time has been devoted to a study of political, social, and economic problems and in addition the practical implementation of legislation and administration of the same to meet the growing problems of our technological age.

WOULD YOU SUPPORT A BILL CALLING A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION? Yes. I have served on the Citizens Committee for Constitutional revision and unequivocally supported the calling of a convention for this purpose.

WOULD YOU SUPPORT A LAW AGAINST RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT WHICH PROVIDED FOR ADJUSTMENT OF COMPLAINTS BY EDUCATION AND CONCILIATION, AND VESTED ULTIMATE ENFORCEMENT POWERS IN THE STATE COURTS? Yes. I have worked for and will continue not only to support, but actively work for the enactment of a State F.E.P.C. law.

WOULD YOU SUPPORT LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD PROVIDE THAT:

- A. VETERANS RECEIVE A PASSING GRADE IN EXAMINATIONS BEFORE PREFERENCE BE GRANTED. Yes.
- B. PREFERENCE BE LIMITED TO 5 AND 10 POINTS. Yes.
- C. ABSOLUTE PREFERENCE BE ABOLISHED. Yes.

D. NO PREFERENCE BE GIVEN IN PROMOTIONAL EXAMINATIONS. (Did not answer)

My position on Civil Service and Veterans Preference is based on practical experience. I have not definitely made up my mind in regard to the matter of whether there should be a point allowance in promotional examinations.

WOULD YOU SUPPORT A BILL PROVIDING ELECTION OF OUR STATE LEGISLATORS WITH PARTY DESIGNATION? Yes. Party designation would bring increased responsibility and a clarification of issues to the State of Minnesota.

CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR

NAME: STAFFORD KING
PARTY: Republican

ADDRESS: 1919 Stanford Ave., St. Paul 5

EDUCATION Itasca County Grade and Common School, Deer River High School, University of Minnesota (Did not graduate), St. Paul College of Law (Did not graduate).

OCCUPATION State Auditor of Minnesota.

WHAT PARTICULAR TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE HAVE YOU HAD THAT WOULD QUALIFY YOU FOR THIS OFFICE? Twenty years practical experience as State Auditor in the executive branch of government; in directing the state's accounting system for all agencies and departments; and as a member of the Executive Council, Board of Investment, Land Exchange Commission and Highway Board of Allotment. Government has been my lifetime work.

WOULD YOU SUPPORT A BILL CALLING A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION? Yes. I believe the Minnesota State Constitution should be revised and I would support a bill calling a constitutional convention provided that the people would have an opportunity to vote for or against each separate proposed revision.

WOULD YOU SUPPORT A LAW AGAINST RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT WHICH PROVIDED FOR ADJUSTMENT OF COMPLAINTS BY EDUCATION AND CONCILIATION, AND VESTED ULTIMATE ENFORCEMENT POWERS IN THE STATE COURTS? Yes. I would support a law against racial and religious discrimination in employment provided that complaints were to be adjusted by education and conciliation. I believe that experience shows that we cannot successfully legislate against appetite nor against prejudice, and if I understand your question correctly, I do not believe in the mandatory provision of F.E.P.C.

WOULD YOU SUPPORT LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD PROVIDE THAT:

- A. VETERANS RECEIVE A PASSING GRADE IN EXAMINATIONS BEFORE PREFERENCE BE GRANTED. Yes.
- B. PREFERENCE BE LIMITED TO 5 AND 10 POINTS. (Did not answer)
- C. ABSOLUTE PREFERENCE BE ABOLISHED. (Did not answer)
- D. NO PREFERENCE BE GIVEN IN PROMOTIONAL EXAMINATIONS. (Did not answer)

I believe in the principle of veterans preference in employment because it is designed to restore in part to the veteran his loss of opportunity and of priority rights during war time service. If the principle is correct, and I believe it to be, then it should be applied to maintain absolute preference and for promotional purposes. Whether the preference should be 5 and 10 points or any other number is a matter for intelligent compromise.

WOULD YOU SUPPORT A BILL PROVIDING ELECTION OF OUR STATE LEGISLATORS WITH PARTY DESIGNATION? Yes. I believe in the two party system and I would support a bill providing for the election of our state legislators with party designation. We cannot maintain a two party system nationally unless we have it certainly at the state level. If we do have it, it will create a desirable party responsibility in government in contradistinction to the irresponsibility of individualism which now exists.

CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR

NAME: JOHN C. PETERSON
PARTY: Republican

ADDRESS: 105¹/₂ E. Superior St., Duluth 2

EDUCATION to H.S. - B-C. Traveling Salesman of a Varsity Lines & Sign Lettering - Real Estate

OCCUPATION Real Estate & Sign Lettering

WHAT PARTICULAR TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE HAVE YOU HAD THAT WOULD QUALIFY YOU FOR THIS OFFICE? Common Sence. Honesty. Good Health.....

WOULD YOU SUPPORT A BILL CALLING A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION? Yes. I believe all laws should be looked over ones no good put in Garbage Can.....

WOULD YOU SUPPORT A LAW AGAINST RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT WHICH PROVIDED FOR ADJUSTMENT OF COMPLAINTS BY EDUCATION AND CONCILIATION, AND VESTED ULTIMATE ENFORCEMENT POWERS IN THE STATE COURTS? Yes. I believe we are all Gods perfect children even Dogs Cats Sharks Wales. There is only 1 life and that is in all of us.....

WOULD YOU SUPPORT LEGISLATION WHICH PROVIDED THAT:

A. VETERANS RECEIVE A PASSING GRADE IN EXAMINATIONS BEFORE PREFERENCE BE GRANTED (Did not answer)

B. PREFERENCE BE LIMITED TO 5 and 10 POINTS (Did not answer)

C. ABSOLUTE PREFERENCE BE ABOLISHED (Did not answer)

D. NO PREFERENCE BE GIVEN IN PROMOTIONAL EXAMINATIONS. (Did not answer)

to have good Government we should take Best Timber, if others are not fit better to give them releive or some think they are able to do.

WOULD YOU SUPPORT A BILL PROVIDING ELECTION OF OUR STATE LEGISLATORS WITH PARTY DESIGNATION? Yes. We no doubt can find grafters & crooks in any Party people who want to get the Best of there fellow Man & all others. see how candadites talk I am for Labor Etc. I am indorsed by this & that. When they say this I figure I am not included. as I do not have a pull. Also I will Vote for who I think is best for U.S. I don't care for Hot air. I did not have any choice in Republican or Democrat Primers. They now have 2 to vote on.....

CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR

NAME: ED. RYAN

ADDRESS: 820 Sixth St. S. E., Mpls.

PARTY: Democratic-Farmer-Labor

EDUCATION Grade School & Old Central High School, Minneapolis. Extension courses in law and parliamentary procedure. Special instruction in public speaking. Attended and graduated from the F.B.I. Academy in Washington, D. C.

OCCUPATION Sheriff of Hennepin County - Elected in 1946 and since re-elected. Polled by far the highest vote ever cast for this office.

WHAT PARTICULAR TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE HAVE YOU HAD THAT WOULD QUALIFY YOU FOR THIS OFFICE? Has for many years been a keen student of government affairs; is particularly adept, because of his varied background and experience in public office, at surrounding himself with experienced minds and in bringing harmony to groups with whom he associates himself. Has and still takes active role in a wide variety of civic, fraternal and veteran affairs, in addition to holding key offices with a number of law enforcement and other organizations.

WOULD YOU SUPPORT A BILL CALLING A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION? Yes. Little Hoover Report definitely calls for streamlining of our state government.

WOULD YOU SUPPORT A LAW AGAINST RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT WHICH PROVIDED FOR ADJUSTMENT OF COMPLAINTS BY EDUCATION AND CONCILIATION, AND VESTED ULTIMATE ENFORCEMENT POWERS IN THE STATE COURTS? Yes. I would support any law on the statute books although it is my belief that strengthening of our program of education to bring this about will achieve the best permanent results.

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- A. VETERANS RECEIVE A PASSING GRADE IN EXAMINATIONS BEFORE PREFERENCE BE GRANTED. Yes.
- B. PREFERENCE BE LIMITED TO 5 AND 10 POINTS. Yes.
- C. ABSOLUTE PREFERENCE BE ABOLISHED. No.
- D. NO PREFERENCE BE GIVEN IN PROMOTIONAL EXAMINATIONS. No.

The State law already provides for veterans preference and preference in promotion. I will support any law now on our statute books.

WOULD YOU SUPPORT A BILL PROVIDING ELECTION OF OUR STATE LEGISLATORS WITH PARTY DESIGNATION? Yes. Only on a state level.

CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR

NAME: MRS. PEDER SCHMIDT
PARTY: Republican

ADDRESS: 5804 Lyndale Ave. N., Mpls.

EDUCATION (Did not answer)

OCCUPATION Housewife

WHAT PARTICULAR TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE HAVE YOU HAD THAT WOULD QUALIFY YOU FOR THIS OFFICE? Followed state Legislature in 1949, in 51 took active part for or against bills in committees, which is a matter of records. Some of those actions, today is setting its stamp on Minn. Have taken active part in village affairs, also on county, state, national, health and international measurers. Was asked to run for clerk in Brooklyn Center, on our return from Calif. in 1944. Accepted very reluctantly, as I did feel I could do more for more people in other lines, etc. so was glad when we came out slightly short of votes. In 1949 filed for mayor, just as a protest measure against a corrupt political setup, that was using funds to the disadvantage of the future prosperity of our village. Did no campaigning, as I was to much involved in working on bigger affairs ---- above village level... in this deal now we as a famely have carried along so far paying our own expences, will come in after the primary with a new party along the "Taft & Mac Arthur" lines, etc.

WOULD YOU SUPPORT A BILL CALLING A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION? (Did not answer)

WOULD YOU SUPPORT A LAW AGAINST RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT WHICH PROVIDED FOR ADJUSTMENT OF COMPLAINTS BY EDUCATION AND CONCILIATION, AND VESTED ULTIMATE ENFORCEMENT POWERS IN THE STATE COURTS? Am against any more compulsory bureaucracy-deals, we can solve this much better....

WOULD YOU SUPPORT LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD PROVIDE THAT:

- A. VETERANS RECEIVE A PASSING GRADE IN EXAMINATIONS BEFORE PREFERENCE BE GRANTED.
(Did not answer)
- B. PREFERENCE BE LIMITED TO 5 AND 10 POINTS. (Did not answer)
- C. ABSOLUTE PREFERENCE BE ABOLISHED. (Did not answer)
- D. NO PREFERENCE BE GIVEN IN PROMOTIONAL EXAMINATIONS. (Did not answer)

WOULD YOU SUPPORT A BILL PROVIDING ELECTION OF OUR STATE LEGISLATORS WITH PARTY DESIGNATION? No.

CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR

NAME: AUGUST SCRAMSTAD
PARTY: Republican

ADDRESS: 109 Nicollet Avenue, Mpls.

EDUCATION Very good!

OCCUPATION Patriotic politics

WHAT PARTICULAR TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE HAVE YOU HAD THAT WOULD QUALIFY YOU FOR THIS OFFICE? By filing for Governor during 1950 I asserted my sovereignty. The 1951 session of the Legislature recognized my dire statements of facts. Luther Youngdahl's traitorous regime and attack on helpless and defenseless children, and divesting the Courts of jurisdiction in Court commitments, thereby paving the way to peonage and fat salaried affluence to so called youth conservation Kommissars.

WOULD YOU SUPPORT A BILL CALLING A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION? No. It would be outright dictatorship! We can no longer tolerate the vicious violations of the Constitution! Racketeers, already are practicing extortion by illegal coercion!

WOULD YOU SUPPORT A LAW AGAINST RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT WHICH PROVIDED FOR ADJUSTMENT OF COMPLAINTS BY EDUCATION AND CONCILIATION, AND VESTED ULTIMATE ENFORCEMENT POWERS IN THE STATE COURTS? No. Let Hyde Park inhabitants move across the Hudson river or inhabitants from across that river move to Hyde Park and learn to live together as expressed by segregation deriders there!.

WOULD YOU SUPPORT LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD PROVIDE THAT:

- A. VETERANS RECEIVE A PASSING GRADE IN EXAMINATIONS BEFORE PREFERENCE BE GRANTED. No.
- B. PREFERENCE BE LIMITED TO 5 AND 10 POINTS. No.
- C. ABSOLUTE PREFERENCE BE ABOLISHED. No.
- D. NO PREFERENCE BE GIVEN IN PROMOTIONAL EXAMINATIONS. No.

State civil service was the spring board by which the dictatorial aggressors launched their united efforts to destroy our form of government! Also, destroy your sovereignty.

WOULD YOU SUPPORT A BILL PROVIDING ELECTION OF OUR STATE LEGISLATORS WITH PARTY DESIGNATION? Whatever party they belong to does not matter so much. It is what they do after they are entrusted to office that counts! If we, as sovereign people find they, he or she violate the solemn oath of office we can quickly prove it. Luther Youngdahl can never live down the stigma of his acts. God, as well as man, knows him as a betrayer.

CANDIDATES FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

REPUBLICAN

Elmer R. Anderson
 Harry L. Hansen
 Ancher Nelsen
 Elmer O. Stovern
 W. J. Werner

DEMOCRATIC-FARMER-LABOR

Rolf C. Andresen (Did not reply)
 Arthur Hansen
 Victor H. Johnson
 Norbert J. McGovern
 Howard W. Mooney (Did not reply)
 Eugene (Schueb) Volz

CANDIDATES' REPLIES TO QUESTIONNAIRE

EDUCATION

Anderson 1. High School. 2. University of Nebraska (Accounting, Business Administration, Political Science). 3. American Business College, Minneapolis, (Shorthand, Typewriting, Correspondence). 4. Minneapolis-Minnesota College of Law (Regular Law Course, and Special Courses in Constitutional Law and Parliamentary Procedure).

A. Hansen High School & Business College.

H. Hansen Born, raised and educated in Mpls. Schools and College.

Johnson 4 years High School. Night School (Mechanical courses) 3 semesters. St. Paul Labor College (Parliamentary Law and current events) 3 semesters.

McGovern Attended Macalister College. Majored in Political Sci.

Nelsen High School.

Stovern Well-rounded practical education. 12 weeks course with F. B. I.

Volz Attended Janesville public schools and graduated from high school in 1920. Completed one year of college.

Werner Attorney. Licensed in Arkansas.

OCCUPATION

Anderson 1. Farmer for 21 years. 2. Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Secretarial work. 3. Plumbing and Heating Sales. 4. U. S. Navy, serving three years in Naval Intelligence during World War II. 5. Trade Association Executive and Counsellor. 6. Attorney at Law, specializing as a trial lawyer.

A. Hansen Farmer.

H. Hansen For several years a Traveling Salesman; the last 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ years a successful business man in Paper Brokerage.

Johnson Operating Engineer - Business Manager, Local 36.

McGovern Inspector, Twin Cities Arsenal, New Brighton.

Nelsen Farming.

Stovern Farming. 1912-17 fireman & engineer with Great North Railway. 1917 enlisted in Navy. 1919-21, engineer with Great Northern and with Duluth, Missabe & Iron Range Railway. 1921, became patrolman with Duluth police department; advanced to gun squad, detective bureau. In 1930, made detective sergeant. 1950, appointed lieutenant, captain and then chief of Duluth department (only man to take every step and come up through the ranks). Feb. 1, 1945, Governor Thye appointed me head of Minnesota crime bureau. Served until July 1, 1949. Returned to farming.

Volz Worked in various businesses - hardware, automobile, farm implements, trucking, refinery, restaurant. Operates retail liquor business.

Werner Salesman at present.

WHAT PARTICULAR TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE HAVE YOU HAD THAT WOULD QUALIFY YOU FOR THIS OFFICE?

- Anderson Graduate of courses in Business Administration, Law, Political Science, & Parliamentary Procedure. Active law practice for twenty years; executive secretary of trade associations; officer and director of civic, business and professional organizations; chairman of several trade and bar association conventions; and service on the Minneapolis Charter Commission for eight years.
- A. Hansen I have served as an official in Production and Marketing Administration and in War Food Administration. I have served as both Secretary and President of farm organizations. I have served for many years on several co-operative boards both local and regional. I am on 5 important Co-op Boards at present time being chairman of three of them.
- H. Hansen As Legislation is business of the State, I have had several years of successful business experience, also as presiding officer of the United Commercial Travelers for several years and President of St. Luke's Lutheran Men's Club at 3 different times - these are valuable and practical qualifications.
- Johnson In as much as the main duties of the Lt. Governor is to preside over the State Senate while they are in session and in view of the fact that I have taken several courses in Parliamentary Law and the fact that I have lobbied for several legislative measures during the past 20 years, I feel I am well qualified to handle the office of Lt. Governor.
- McGovern I am the son of Mrs. Blanche McGovern, who has been active in the Democratic party of this State for over thirty years. Having been brought up in a political atmosphere it is perhaps, quite natural that I should be interested and mindful of the need for ever improving and bettering the standard of living for the fine people of this great State of Minn.
- Nelsen I have had 15 years of Legislative experience which gives me a background in procedure of the Senate, experience that could be of great benefit in any administrative position. I have had considerable platform experience which can be put to good use for good government.
- Stovern Background as a railroader, a farmer, police officer and war veteran should make him a suitable and satisfactory choice for the job.
- Volz Four years on school board and due to his application of business principles to the school it promoted their success and contributed to their efficiency, enabling the district to build up a working capital and at the same time lowering taxes by 18 mills. Possesses a strong, vigorous and manly character. Vision is not limited but is based on a broad and comprehensive conception of civil needs and requirements.
- Werner (Did not answer)

CANDIDATES FOR SECRETARY OF STATE

(For the full term of two years beginning 1st Mon. in Jan. 1953)

REPUBLICAN

Earl M. Anderson
 *R. E. (Andy) Anderson
 *Margaret V. Chase (Did not reply)
 Kevin T. Farley (Did not reply)
 *Philip L. Griffin
 *Mrs. Mike Holm
 *Robert E. Lundquist (Did not reply)
 George J. Matson
 Peter Matson
 *John J. McCarthy
 *Ken Nelson
 *Earl Oren
 *W. D. (Jack) Ritter
 *Ludwig I. (Lud) Roe
 Harry Skoog
 *Elmer B. Stassen
 *Oliver Fritz Wangle

DEMOCRATIC-FARMER-LABOR

Earl A. Arneson
 *Melvin Cooper
 *Koscie H. Marsh
 Daniel B. Paulsen (Did not reply)

*These candidates have also filed for the term which expires 1st Mon. in Jan. 1953

CANDIDATES' REPLIES TO QUESTIONNAIRE

EDUCATION

E. M. Anderson	High School.
R. E. Anderson	Completed high school and one year Business College, attended University of Minnesota College of Business Administration three years. Also completed a course with International Accountants Society.
Arneson	High School. Extension courses, in attendance, at the University of Minnesota for 3 years.
Cooper	Economics and Public Administration - Harvard College. Industrial Engineering - M. I. T. nights.
Griffin	3 years Science, Literature & Arts; 4 years law, LLB degree; and advanced courses in social work - summer sessions.
Holm	Went into a business office at age of 15 due to the fact my father became an invalid. Employers were unaware of my youth as I was far more mature looking. I attended night school for the ensuing four years and advanced to Office Manager of the firm by whom I was employed. I later served almost fifteen years with the State of Minnesota. Am thoroughly familiar with all forms of office procedure. John Ericsson Grade School, Johnson High School, Lancaster Business Institute, and took a night school course of insurance law because that was the field I was employed in at the time.
Marsh	Graduate of Jackson Grade and High School, Jackson, Minn. Graduate Univ. of Iowa, College of Pharmacy. Post graduate work in Business Administration and Government at Princeton, Univ. of Florida and Washington and Lee. Completed several correspondence courses in Business and Administration. Completed several U. S. Army Administrative Courses while serving with the U. S. Army during WWII.
G. J. Matson	High School and technical school in Civil Engineering.
P. Matson	Practicing Attorney. Diploma from Chicago School of Law, L.L.B. Degree. Admitted to practice in all courts of Minnesota, including District Court of U. S. Circuit Court of U. S. and U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Held office of Probate Judge for ten years. Employed in State Auditor's office for twenty years and in Conservation department, State office Bldg. for two years.

EDUCATION (continued)

McCarthy College of St. Thomas - B. A. - 1929. Univ. of Minnesota - Summer 1933. Univ. of Colorado - Summer 1938.

Nelson High School Education but did not graduate because he had to go to work.

Oren A graduate of Wells High School, two years St. Olaf College, extension courses at the University of Minnesota.

Ritter High School and Self Study equivalent to four year academic College Course

Roe Graduate of Stanley, Wis., High School and St. Olaf College. Attended University of Glasgow, Scotland, one quarter.

Skoog High school - West High - Minneapolis - 1916. World War I Vet. American Legion, Minneapolis.

Stassen Educated in West Saint Paul Elementary Schools, Humboldt High School and business college in Saint Paul.

Wanglie Graduated Minnesota College, attended University of Minnesota, Augsburg College, Minneapolis and graduated from Minnesota College of Law with an LLB degree. Am admitted to practice law in Minnesota and Iowa

OCCUPATION

E. M. Anderson Promotion work for National By Product Co. of Des Moines, Iowa

R. E. Anderson Owner & operator of Mtr. Vehicle Title Clearing House.

Arneson Launch Operator & Mobile Equipment Operator.

Cooper Hardware - Automotive merchant. 10 years job experience: 5 years superintendent of claims - Bank of America; 5 years industrial engineer - Bethlehem Steel Co.

Griffin Chief Probation Officer, City of Minneapolis.

Holm With the exception of about ten years of my life I have been employed in Secretarial work. Was a charter member of the St. Paul Business and Professional Women's Club.

Marsh Registered Pharmacist and drugstore owner.

G. Matson Redwood County Sheriff since 1943. Reelected in 1946 and 1950 without opposition. Previous to that was county highway Engineer and Area supervising engineer for Federal Government works program.

P. Matson Practicing attorney.

McCarthy Asst. to the President, Josten's, Owatonna.

Nelson Farmer - owns and operates a Three Hundred Thirty acre farm.

Oren President and General Manager of Dart Transit Co., a motor carrier in interstate commerce.

Ritter Wholesale Barber and Beauty Supply Distributor.

Roe Newspaper worker. Own The Montevideo News, a weekly paper and its active publisher and editor.

Skoog Farming near Hill City, Minnesota.

Stassen Owner and operator The Glewwe Food Markets, South St. Paul.

Wanglie Attorney and before that farmer and business experience.

WHAT PARTICULAR TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE HAVE YOU HAD THAT WOULD QUALIFY YOU FOR THIS OFFICE?

E. M. Anderson Salesman - for Ford Motor Co. Justice of the Peace at Maple Plain. In office at present as Mayor of Maple Plain, for second term.

R. E. Anderson For many years employed in Mpls. branch of Secretary of State's office. Left the department to organize the Motor Vehicle Title Clearing House. Work of this company consists mainly of aiding automobile dealers, banks and lending agencies in transferring motor vehicle titles and licenses. Desire to obtain more adequate Motor Vehicle laws.

WHAT PARTICULAR TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE HAVE YOU HAD THAT WOULD QUALIFY YOU FOR THIS OFFICE? (Continued)

- Arneson Responsible & conscientious service to a major political party, the Democratic-Farmer-Labor-Party. Educational background, inclusive of political science and public administration courses taken in the University of Minnesota Extension School, the only practical source of higher education available to me.
- Cooper I have a broad base of experience in efficiency engineering, finance and business; all of which should serve the State of Minnesota well in purchasing, cost control and promotion of Minn. Industry.
- Griffin 22 years of experience in an executive capacity; 10 years of these at Big Brothers, Inc., and 12 years as Chief Probation Officer for City of Minneapolis. Integrity...Honesty...Sense of fair play...deep Christian convictions...personality for the position.
- Holm As outlined above - office experience. Also have travelled extensively with Mr. Holm throughout the United States, acting as his Secretary at national meetings where controversial issues were involved. Am personally acquainted with every Secretary of State in the United States, many of whom are women.
- Marsh Educational background. Have held high administrative positions in civilian and military career. Held high administrative posts under Gov. Floyd B. Olson for six years. Active in State and National politics for the past 25 years, during which time, have studied and worked with all phases of government. Have studied and compared our State Office with many others and am well aware of the bad and good points of our State Office. Through Church training I believe that high standards of Christian Morality should be applied by those in public life.
- G. Matson Have supervised office staffs in both county level and area office for Federal works. 1952 president of Redwood Falls Civic and Commerce Association. Past State Vice President and National Director of United States Junior Chamber of Commerce. Just completed County Chairmanship of Chest X-Ray Survey. Have been County Chairman of Cancer Fund drives, War Fund, USO and like organizations. Twenty two years experience in public service.
- P. Matson See Education. Have lived in Minneapolis since 1921. Have thirty years of office experience.
- McCarthy 1. Present position. 2. Executive Secretary to Sen. Edw. J. Thye. 3. Regional Director of Personnel, V. A., for Minnesota. 4. WWII after 8 mos. with ATB, Atlantic Fleet, I developed and administered training program for Navy including 3000 officers and 500 enlisted men in various parts of world, on ship and shore assignments-stationed in Navy Dept. Washington, D. C. 5. Asst. to Director, OPA, before WWII. Appointed by Gov. Stassen & Director Driscoll. 6. Former teacher and school administrator - early 30s - Officer in Minnesota Education Ass'n.
- Nelson Has had experience in industry, in as much as he was the Boiler Foreman at the Rosemount Ordnance Plant during the last war, having as many as 60 men under him. Since that time he has operated and owns a 330 acres farm just north of Farmington, Minnesota.
- Oren I was employed by Mike Holm, Secretary of State, for 18 years. As an executive in private enterprise the past 12 years I know the problems of business relating to government.
- Ritter Six years public relations work including newspaper, telegraph and radio. Sixteen years management and promotion in operation of my own business traveling throughout the State of Minnesota, parts of Iowa and Wisconsin. For the past five years have been very close to present State Administration, and learned the functions of the office I seek, as well as State Purchasing.

WHAT PARTICULAR TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE HAVE YOU HAD THAT WOULD QUALIFY YOU FOR THIS OFFICE? (continued)

- Roe No "particular" training and experience. Perhaps my general background would help. I have worked with people of diverse occupations. As editor and citizen I have given thought and time to problems of government.
- Skoog I have no special education to qualify me for that office. However I think I am able to do the work required there. I have been a farmer and Supt. on construction work.
- Stassen I have had twelve years experience in banking and accounting work in Saint Paul, and for the past nineteen years I have owned and operated my own retail food markets in South Saint Paul, employing twenty full-time and ten part-time employees. I have served as a director of the South St. Paul Civic and Commerce Association, and president of the St. Paul Food Retailers. I am currently serving my second term as president of the Minnesota Food Retailers Association; and am a director of the St. Paul Credit Bureau and the 10,000 Lakes Association.
- Wanglie Several years of business experience and also several years in the practice of law. The office of Secretary of State deals with incorporation and election laws also.

CANDIDATE FOR STATE TREASURER

REPUBLICAN

Val Bjornson (Incumbent)

DEMOCRATIC-FARMER-LABOR

John E. O'Hara

T. Edward O'Malley

CANDIDATES' REPLIES TO QUESTIONNAIRE

EDUCATION

Bjornson H. S. graduate, Minneota, Minn., 1924; B. A. degree, Univ. of Minn., 1930.

O'Hara Two years high school. G. I. Training. Laboratory assistant for highway department in the University of Minnesota experimental engineering building, three years.

O'Malley 2 years, St. Thomas College, St. Paul, Minnesota. 2 years, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minn. B.B.A. degree.

OCCUPATION

Bjornson Am now State Treasurer. Life-work principally: newspaper & radio field.

O'Hara Self-employed. Sales work.

O'Malley Public accountant and auditor, 5 years. The past year as a special investigator (auditor) Office of Price Stabilization, Duluth, Minn.

WHAT PARTICULAR TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE HAVE YOU HAD THAT WOULD QUALIFY YOU FOR THIS OFFICE?

Bjornson The experience gained in a first term of service should be helpful, added to an earlier background which always involved close study of developments in government and politics, coupled with analysis of such developments and their public discussion.

O'Hara My experience in political action over the past several years, and my study of the reports of various governmental research organizations has convinced me that this should not be an elective office. Since it is, and since the election process does not and cannot select qualified technicians, I have filed so that in the event of a DFL victory this cabinet post will be staffed by a person who will work with the administration on executive and administrative matters.

O'Malley My business training and education in college plus my experience as a public accountant and auditor, I believe, qualifies me for the position of state treasurer. It has always been my contention that a person with accounting, business or finance training and experience should hold this type of office.

CANDIDATES FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL

REPUBLICAN

J. A. A. Burnquist (Incumbent)

DEMOCRATIC-FARMER-LABOR

Allan L. Johnson

Everett F. Malluege

CANDIDATES' REPLIES TO QUESTIONNAIRE

EDUCATION

Burnquist B. A., Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota. M. A., Columbia University, New York City. LL.B., University of Minnesota. LL.D., Carleton College.

Johnson Agriculture plus post Graduate - Law - Labor Education, etc.

Malluege Faribault High School, Law Office student in the offices of Moonan & Moonan, Attorney at Law, Waseca, Minnesota. Admitted to practice law, 1929.

OCCUPATION

Burnquist Attorney at Law

Johnson Lawyer

Malluege 23 years of general law practice at Faribault.

WHAT PARTICULAR TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE HAVE YOU HAD THAT WOULD QUALIFY YOU FOR THIS OFFICE?

Burnquist 2 sessions in Minnesota House of Representatives. 2 sessions Lt. Gov., President of State Senate. 5 years as Governor. 14 years at end of present term as Attorney General.

Johnson Former member of Minnesota State Legislature, attorney for various political subdivisions, etc.

Malluege 2 years Village Attorney at Lonsdale, Minnesota. 10 years City Attorney of Faribault. 23 years practicing attorney.

CANDIDATES FOR RAILROAD AND WAREHOUSE COMMISSIONER
(For full term of six years beginning 1st Mon. in Jan. 1953)

REPUBLICAN

Carl A. Backdahl (Did not reply)
Carl Benson
Robert G. Distad
E. O. Iverson
*Ewald W. (Wally) Lund (Incumbent)
J. Norman Peterson
E. R. Weiss

DEMOCRATIC-FARMER-LABOR

C. E. Holmberg (Did not reply)
*Walter F. Jorgenson
Harry J. Magnuson (Did not reply)
Frank Murphy

*These candidates have also filed for the term which expires 1st Mon. in Jan. 1953. Since there is no contest for nomination, this office will be voted upon only in the General Election.

CANDIDATES REPLIES TO QUESTIONNAIRE**EDUCATION**

Benson	Educated in the local public schools, studied business administration (majored in accounting) at the University of Minnesota and a graduate of Law from the Minneapolis-Minnesota College of Law.
Distad	Educated at Rochester Junior College, The University of Minnesota majoring in journalism
Iverson	Educated in the St. Paul Public Schools.
Jorgenson	Grammar School at Miles Standish and Roosevelt High School. Active sixteen years in Labor Movement. Alderman, Fourth Ward three years in the Minneapolis City Council.
Lund	Educated, Duluth Schools
Murphy	Graduate of St. Thomas Military Academy and College. Member of the Geo. Lang Post American Legion, Minneapolis, Minn.
Peterson	High School, 3 years U of M, St. Paul College of Law, 4 years LLB
Weiss	Stillwater, Minnesota, Grade and High Schools. Business College. Federal Government Course "How to Improve Job Methods", etc.

OCCUPATION

Benson	Accountant and Tax Consultant.
Distad	Newspaper work. I also served with the Minnesota Department of agriculture from 1939 until 1950. I recently resigned as District Mgr. for a National farm feed company to conduct this campaign.
Iverson	At the present time, I own and operate a retail shoe store.
Jorgenson	Machinist by trade, worked twelve years at building trades work - employed three and one half years at Twin City Sanitary District.
Lund	Chairman, Minnesota Railroad and Warehouse Commission.
Murphy	Employee of The Minnesota Transfer Ry. - Traffic Desk.
Peterson	Lawyer
Weiss	Semi-retired; Consultant - Menomnie Transport, Inc. and Menomonie Cab Company. Own building in Southeast Minneapolis used to house a terminal for local transfer company and two over-the-road common carriers by Motor Truck. Have kept in close touch with problems of carriers over Great Lakes, rail, bus, over-the-road by motor truck, both intra and interstate.

WHAT PARTICULAR TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE HAVE YOU HAD THAT WOULD QUALIFY YOU FOR THIS OFFICE?

- Benson My long experience in finance and manufacturing as accountant, Office Manager, and Credit Manager, analysing rate structures, routes and shipping schedules on domestic foreign and export shipments. Also my educational background, including bailments and carriers, together with my recent analysis of the Brooks Coleman Act, decisions and orders issued by the railroad and Warehouse commission.
- Distad My newspaper experience has trained me to collect facts and data and appraise them correctly. Rap Chase, one of our best commissioners was a newspaper man. My training in State Government has given me the requisite background for the official duties I will meet. My experience as a political writer enables me to work in harmony with the legislature and other state officials.
- Iverson Through previous employment and being the former owner of a Twin City trucking firm, I have gained a very broad general knowledge of business. This is the first time I have been a candidate for public office. I feel the public needs hard working younger men to handle the problems that arise in our State Government.
- Jorgenson My experience in business, my service in the Armed Forces, and at present as an Alderman in the Minneapolis City Council, a member and Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Public Welfare, a Commissioner at Twin City Sanitary District, qualifies me for the position of Railroad and Warehouse Commissioner.
- Lund Established and operated own business firm for 33 years. Active in civic affairs and in various phases of municipal government. In 1941, elected to the Duluth City Council and served for 11 years as Commissioner of Finance for the City of Duluth. Former State Chairman of the National Association of Municipal Finance Officers. Instrumental in organizing the Tri-City Revenue Committee of Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth. Former Chairman, Revenue Committee of the League of Minnesota Municipalities. Appointed by former Gov. Luther W. Youngdahl to fill unexpired term of the late N. J. Holmberg, of the Railroad and Warehouse Commission. I believe the Railroad and Warehouse Commission to be the most important regulatory body in the State. A member must have proven ability and integrity, honesty, and with a sincerity of purpose - the best interests of the people must be his first concern. A commissioner must have a thorough knowledge of business and government to do justice to this vitally important job.
- Murphy Experience in the Traffic Dept. of the Minnesota Transfer Ry. Knowledge of routing railway traffic and rates, etc.
- Peterson Twice elected County Attorney, Todd County, Minnesota. Past President, Minnesota State County Attorneys Association. Past President, Seventh Judicial District Bar Association. Former Member of Board of Governors, Minnesota State Bar Assn. Attorney of 26 years experience, admitted to practice before State, Federal and United States Supreme Court. 3½ years experience as a State Department Head. Elect a lawyer for a legal position, involving hearings and fixing of rates, etc.
- Weiss Owned and operated a Motor Truck Transportation Company serving between Stillwater and the Twin Cities, also between the Twin Cities and Twin Ports, via Superior, Wisconsin. Operated under jurisdiction of Interstate Commerce Commission, Minnesota Railroad & Warehouse Commission, Wisconsin Public Service Commission. Successful in State Supreme Court in having an order of the Minnesota Railroad & Warehouse Commission set aside. Also successful in State Supreme Court in having a lower court decision upheld which was appealed by State at request of the Minnesota Railroad & Warehouse Commission.

CANDIDATES FOR RAILROAD AND WAREHOUSE COMMISSIONER

(To fill unexpired portion of term which expires 1st. Mon. in Jan. 1957)

REPUBLICAN

Carl Elmer Davidson
 Elling A. Knutson (Incumbent)
 Robert F. Lee
 Oscar L. Lund
 Fred N. Peterson, Jr.

DEMOCRATIC-FARMER-LABOR

C. E. (Ted) Moore,
 Paul A. Rasmussen

CANDIDATES' REPLIES TO QUESTIONNAIRE

EDUCATION

Davidson Public schools & self-educated.
 Knutson St. Paul College of Law - Class of 1918.
 Lee Hamline University 1923 - major in Economics.
 Lund Business College, University of Minnesota. Extension courses.
 Moore Grade - High - Business and two Extension Courses.
 Peterson Attended Hamline University, University of Minnesota and St. Paul College of Law. Graduated from St. Paul College of Law with an LLB degree.
 Rasmussen Graduate Lanesboro High School, Lanesboro, Minn. Graduate St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn., B. A. Degree. Graduate Heavy Field Artillery School of Fire, Camp Zachary Taylor, Kentucky. Have published several articles and two Minnesota State Budgets.

OCCUPATION

Davidson Newspaper editor.
 Knutson Railroad and Warehouse Commissioner, appointed June 1st, 1952, from the ranks by Gov. C. Elmer Anderson, because of my experience and legal training to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Leonard Lindquist.
 Lee Farming - Livestock feeder.
 Lund Real Estate Salesman.
 Moore Manufacturer's Representative and small jobber. Do some Income Tax work more as a hobby.
 Peterson Practicing attorney, partner in the firm of Peterson & Popovich, St. Paul, Minn.
 Rasmussen College Professor for ten years at Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn. Dean of Men and taught Political Science. Minnesota State Budget Commissioner and Personnel Director for 4 years - Livestock and Farm Machinery business

WHAT PARTICULAR TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE HAVE YOU HAD THAT WOULD QUALIFY YOU FOR THIS OFFICE?

Davidson Born and raised on farm; farm owner; familiar with problems of agriculture. Working editor familiar with problems and grievances of the people - it's my job to investigate, study and report them. As part of a small business, familiar with problems of small business. And I have a conscience, too.
 Knutson Legal and technical training in transportation and communications. Appointed by Gov. C. Elmer Anderson because of these qualifications, having worked in the Railroad and Warehouse Commission offices for 12 years as attorney and as Assistant Supervisor of the Bus and Truck Division, prior to my appointment.
 Lee 16 years member Minn. Legislature. Contact during this time with the employees there of and the duties of the Commission, together with the fact that as a farmer and livestock feeder, I am acquainted with the Supervisory mechanics - controlling the marketing of agricultural products. Equitable service to the public should be the Commission's function.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

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MINNEAPOLIS 3, MINNESOTA September 2, 1952

Atlantic 0941

To: Local League Presidents and Voters Service Chairmen
From: Mrs. Frank Chesley, State Voters Service Chairman

Re: SELF GOVERNMENT U.S.A. and INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY U.S.A.

On the suggested calendar for League activities sent to you last month, one of the items for September is the study of two pamphlets, Self Government U.S.A. and Individual Liberty U.S.A. Perhaps you are wondering why the state Board is suggesting this study and why it chose September as the month for it.

These pamphlets were written by Kathryn H. Stone and published in 1951 by the Carrie Chapman Catt Memorial Fund, which is a research and educational fund created by the League of Women Voters of the U.S. Their purpose is to review the history of our individual liberties and to discuss them in the light of the present critical times.

Basic to pre-election work by League members must be an understanding of our form of government and how individuals through increasing and continual self-government, can perpetuate and improve it. The League of Women Voters has stressed on its national program "building an understanding of the essentials of representative government".

Some Leagues used these pamphlets last year to further their work in this direction. Many other Leagues, due to program load and lack of time, were unable to use them for a discussion meeting. It is hoped, therefore, that local Leagues throughout the state will reinforce their pre-election work with this timely and basic material which deals with problems that are pressing and urgent at the present time. The study should work in well with the introduction of your new members in the fall.

A Leaders' Guide was included with Individual Liberty U.S.A. which contains excellent suggestions for the distribution and use of the pamphlet.

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To: Local League Presidents
From: State office

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS CRASHES TV. A new program entitled Know Your Candidates is being presented by the Minneapolis and St. Paul Leagues on Station WCCO-TV every single day from September 11 through November 3rd. Alert your members to this wonderful opportunity to see and hear the candidates.

PRESENTING LOBBY BY LETTER. Lobby by Letter is our new kit with information on all state Current Agenda items. Your members will be better equipped to write their legislators if they have this in their hand. The kits sell for 25¢, but all members who attend the Legislative Conference in their area will receive one kit plus the FACTS which are also enclosed. The Facts sell for 1¢ per page and should reach your members, also. Both of these new materials will be helpful when you discuss the state Program. We would like to see Lobby by Letter in the hand of every League member in the state.

AMENDMENT 2 BROADSIDE. The Amendment 2 Broadside, prepared by the Citizens Committee for a Constitutional Convention, is enclosed. The price of the broadsides, available at this office, is 25¢ per hundred; \$2 per thousand. Until November 4th, we must concentrate our efforts on passing this amendment. The fact that the broadside is so inexpensive makes it possible for your League to distribute them widely. They were made small enough so that they can be folded and sent along with department store or utility bills. See your local businesses about the possibility of this. Also, put them on bulletin boards, in store windows, etc. Let's clear the way for a constitutional convention by passing amendment 2.

5 AMENDMENTS BROADSIDE. A copy of this broadside will be sent to you by October 6th. At that time, we will also tell you the price of the broadside.

P.S. Enclosed also are two publicity releases to be used in your local newspaper. Adapt them to your local situation. Take them to your editor together with a copy of the amendment 2 Broadside. The clipping from the St. Paul newspaper may give you an idea for a story on our Legislative Conferences.

FACTS ABOUT OUR STATE CONSTITUTION

- IF THEY SAY - The constitution is our fundamental law and is a sacred document.
TELL THEM - The constitution is our fundamental law, but it is not sacred. It was written by well-meaning men, prone to error and lacking in vision. An instrument of government should be flexible and dynamic, capable of renewing itself, as ours is not.
- IF THEY SAY - The present constitution is good enough. Are you prevented from doing anything you want to by the present constitution?
TELL THEM - Yes, many people are deprived of the most fundamental right of every citizen of a democracy - the right of equal representation in the legislature. Our American Revolution was fought in protest against the abuse of taxation without representation, a condition that exists in Minnesota today.
- IF THEY SAY - Constitutional revision would mean reapportionment and then the big cities would get control of the state.
TELL THEM - Delegates to a convention would be elected in the same way and number as members of the House of Representatives. It is unlikely that this rural majority would favor a reapportionment which would give control of the legislature to the urban communities.
- IF THEY SAY - Legislators cannot be delegates so we will have to send inexperienced people and impractical theorists to a convention. A lot of radicals might get control.
TELL THEM - If Amendment 2 is passed, legislators can be delegates to the convention. If Amendment 2 is not passed, there are plenty of others qualified to serve. Since the convention will be elected in the same way as the House of Representatives, it is likely that the convention will be conservative, not radical, in tone.
- IF THEY SAY - The proposed constitution would make the governor a dictator. It would put him in charge of finances and to a large degree of the courts.
TELL THEM - The "proposed constitution" is not necessarily the one that the convention would write. The reforms which the Constitutional Commission suggest in our judiciary and executive branch are similar to changes made in states which have recently modernized their constitutions and do reflect the considered opinion of men qualified to pass on such matters. The separation of powers would be retained in any constitution so no governor could become a dictator.
- IF THEY SAY - True, there are many obsolete provisions, but these can easily be removed by amendment.
TELL THEM - We have amended the constitution 75 times and yet our obsolete provisions have not been removed, though the need has been reiterated for the last 26 years. The present provision of our amending process which says that an amendment must have a majority of all votes cast at the election makes our constitution difficult to amend.
- IF THEY SAY - The present constitution is good enough; it doesn't need to be revised.
TELL THEM - The question of whether our constitution should be revised by a convention should be decided by the people of Minnesota. The legislature should allow Minnesota citizens the opportunity of voting on whether or not a constitutional convention should be called.
- IF THEY SAY - The revised constitution would not be approved by the people.
TELL THEM - If Amendment 2 passes, the convention must submit the revised constitution to the people. If it does not, citizens must elect delegates who feel the responsibility of submitting the constitution to the voters.

FACTS ABOUT FAIR EMPLOYMENT LEGISLATION

- IF THEY SAY - Fair employment legislation means more government control.
TELL THEM - Every law restricts the freedom of some people in order to prevent injury to others. The only freedom which is limited by the law is the freedom to hire a less competent worker and to reject a more competent applicant because of prejudice against him.
- IF THEY SAY - The enforcement powers provided in the law are dangerous and objectionable.
TELL THEM - The Commission has no power to issue orders, impose penalties or to give publicity to any case. It is a conciliation body only. If the Commission's conciliation should fail, a Board of Review would hear all the facts, would either dismiss the complaint or would order any action necessary to remedy the discriminatory practice found. Either party may appeal the Board of Review's decision to the District Court. Only the Court has ultimate enforcement power. Refusal to comply with an order of the Court would make the violator guilty of contempt.
- IF THEY SAY - An employer's business may be injured if he is forced to hire incompetents or employees whom his customers dislike.
TELL THEM - The experience of Dayton's is typical. Over the past 5 years, the company has employed Negro workers in sales and other positions throughout the store. Donald Dayton says, "We have been operating with people from many minority groups for some time. The difficulties of integration which we feared might arise just never did. Both the public and our own employees seemed to receive the plan with hearty approval." The whole purpose of the law is to persuade employers to hire on the basis of the applicant's merit and competence.
- IF THEY SAY - Minnesota does not need fair employment legislation.
TELL THEM - The fact is that the practice of discrimination in the state is widespread and serious. The welfare of 22,000 Negroes, 18,000 Indians, and several thousand other racial, national, and religious minorities should be of concern to all the people in the state. The principal problem attacked by the law is not the problem of unemployment but the problem of underemployment. There is a great loss of potential productive power when college graduates, skilled machinists, or able sales men and women are restricted to laboring jobs.
- IF THEY SAY - It can be done better by education than by legislation; you can't legislate morals and human understanding.
TELL THEM - The fair employment practice acts do not attempt to legislate morals; they merely prohibit illegal acts of discrimination. There is no conflict between the proposed legislation and a program of education since this legislation provides for the use of every effective educational device.
- IF THEY SAY - This is a problem which chiefly concerns the three largest cities.
TELL THEM - It is not true that the problem is limited to the three largest cities. For one thing an important portion of industrial employment in the metropolitan areas lies outside the jurisdiction of the city governments. Furthermore, the largest racial minority out in the state is the American Indian group. Only a very small proportion of the Indian people in the state reside in the principal cities.

FACTS ABOUT VETERANS' PREFERENCE IN CIVIL SERVICE

- IF THEY SAY - Don't you think veterans deserve special treatment?
- TELL THEM - Yes, veterans and disabled veterans certainly deserve to have special treatment in the way of extra points added to their examination grade. (10 points preference for a disabled veteran and 5 points for non-disabled veterans) But all persons taking the examination should be required to first get a passing grade before the preference points are added.
- IF THEY SAY - Don't you think veterans will resent the taking away of some of their preference?
- TELL THEM - Most people, veteran and non-veterans alike, want their state offices to be run as efficiently as possible. Efficiency requires the best man for the job. As it is now many capable non-veterans will not try for a civil service job because the chances of promotion are so poor. It is significant that veterans appearing before a commission studying this problem expressed a willingness to compete with non-veterans on an equal basis for promotions.
- IF THEY SAY - The great wealth of talent found among veteran applicants at this time makes possible the appointment of well qualified persons.
- TELL THEM - Yes, but it is expected that in times of future economic crises, veterans will more widely avail themselves of their rights to preference. This is a problem not only of quantity, but quality, for the least efficient workers are generally the first to be laid off by private industry. The veterans among these workers will undoubtedly take advantage of the preference available to them in Civil Service.
- IF THEY SAY - But don't you think the disabled veteran is entitled to all the preference we can give him?
- TELL THEM - A disabled veteran certainly deserves more preference than a non-veteran if he is truly disabled. But under the present law the term "disabled veteran" is not defined. The report of the Veteran's Preference in Public Employment Commission recommends that a disabled veteran should be defined as one who is certified by the Veterans Administration to have 10% or more disability.
- IF THEY SAY - I think these changes should be made, but I wouldn't dare vote against the veteran.
- TELL THEM - The majority of veterans are not in civil service and they, along with many who are, feel that civil service workers should be efficient, capable people. Veterans are citizens and pay taxes. They want efficient service from the state government who spends those taxes.

FACTS ABOUT PARTY DESIGNATION FOR LEGISLATORS

- IF THEY SAY - Party Designation for legislators may lead to national party control of state officials.
- TELL THEM - National party control of state party organizations is limited by law. Even if that were not so, it would be better to have our lawmakers answerable to a party, whose membership is open to every interested citizen, rather than to private interests who lobby for selfish gains. Party designation would strengthen the two-party system which is one of the keystones in American political democracy.
- IF THEY SAY - Some legislators who have served the state for many years might not be re-elected if they had to declare their party affiliations.
- TELL THEM - In that case the candidate may not be the choice of the majority of voters in his district and his election without party designation defeats democratic principles. The non-partisan system does not mean that a legislator has no party. It only means he doesn't have to tell his party affiliation on the ballot.
- IF THEY SAY - People should vote for a man and not a party.
- TELL THEM - The majority of voters are more familiar with party principles than they are with those of individual candidates. Party platforms express the will of the majority of party members.
- IF THEY SAY - If we get party designation in the state legislature, won't the next step be party designation on a city, county, and township level?
- TELL THEM - There may be some danger of this. However, although 46 of the 48 states have party designation on the state level, less than half of the cities in the U.S. of over 5,000 population have party designation on the local level, and there seems to be no increase in this number over the last ten years which would indicate a trend. Alert citizens could stop a trend if it did develop.
- IF THEY SAY - Electing legislators without party designation seems to work out all right, so why change?
- TELL THEM - Minnesota's executive officers, elected with party designation, are bound to support and carry out the principles and program set forth in their party platform. It is logical that the law-making body of the state government should also be responsible for supporting legislation called for in the party platforms. If the present plan works so well, why isn't more legislation in the public interest (supported by the majority of interested voters in both major parties) passed during the legislative sessions?
- IF THEY SAY - I feel that the majority of voters who do not belong to any party are much better represented under our present plan.
- TELL THEM - It would still be possible for any candidate who disagreed fundamentally with the political thinking of both parties to run as an Independent, for which provision is made in the law. So if a voter found his views better expressed in the statements of an Independent candidate than in the platform of either of the major political parties, he would be free to vote for the Independent candidate.
- IF THEY SAY - Party designation would lead to control by political bosses.
- TELL THEM - Not so long as the people elect to public office men of ability and character, capable of independent analysis and judgment, who do not follow suggestions of various groups simply to curry their favor and their vote.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

Publicity Release

People of Minnesota are modern, forward-looking people. We have modernized our homes, putting in them as many innovations as we can afford. We have automatic washers, driers, freezers, radios and television sets. We drive modern automobiles and travel by air, railroad and bus, in the latest and most efficient vehicles that transportation agencies can provide. But we have been content to live under a Model T constitution that is as out of place in our lives today as the first automobile would be on today's assembly line.

Did you know that, according to the Minnesota Constitution, only men may vote except in school elections; that the legislature shall elect our United States Senators; and that the state may not contract any debt over \$250,000?

We are living under a constitution that is a maze of cumbersome and restrictive measures. It was written in 1857, almost a hundred years ago and no doubt was adequate for the comparatively simple life a century ago, but in spite of 75 amendments passed in an effort to patch it up, it is weak and ineffectual today; too lengthy, old-fashioned, unfair in its provision for representation of the voters in the legislature, too lax in some ways and too rigid in others.

Amendment 2, up for vote in the November election, will start us on the way to an up-to-date constitution. The League of Women Voters endorses Amendment 2 and urges everyone to vote FOR it. Not voting on it at all is a NO vote when the ballots are counted.

Amendment 2 provides for the amending of Article 14 of our present constitution. Article 14 in our present constitution provides for calling a convention to write a new constitution, but it has no provision for approval of that constitution by the people. Amendment 2 provides for this, so that if a new constitution is drawn up by a convention of delegates, you are assured of the right to vote for its acceptance or rejection. It also provides that legislators as well as other

citizens may be elected as delegates to a constitutional convention. The present constitution prevents legislators from serving.

Vote YES for 2 and pave the way for a streamlining of Minnesota's constitution. Let's be up to date, not only in our living, but in the laws under which we live.

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October 16, 1952

To Local League Presidents, and Voters Service Chairmen
From Mrs. Chesley, Voters Service Chairman, State League
Re: Voters Service Pre-election work

The League can be an effective force for good government. Between now and November 4th:

1. Distribute as many copies of the two amendment broadsides as you can. This simplification of the legal language on the ballot will insure that more attention will be paid to the amendments by the voter. They should reach the eyes of every voter, whether it be in a public place or in their home.
2. If you have held a candidates meeting or plan to hold one in the next two weeks, let the state office know so that they may have a record of it.
Note: Reports coming in so far indicate excellent meetings are being held, and the Minnesota Leagues are to be congratulated on their work.
3. Have you made plans for your Voters Information Booth. Besides information on local candidates, this booth can be well stocked with:
 - a. Copies of candidate questionnaires. (It will be much easier now to make the copies than before the primary. You can use the same information on the winning candidates tabulated into a smaller space.)
 - b. Very important - have a few copies of the Significant Roll Calls and especially the new "On the Record" in your booth - open to the pages of Minnesota. Incidentally this new booklet could well be sent to all your contributors and other interested people in your area. It is a unique service of the League and will be appreciated as such.
 - c. Stacks of the two broadsides, to be given away.
 - d. A local election handbook if you have published one this last year, as many Leagues have done.
 - e. Map of precincts, wards, and polling places; also your local election laws to answer any questions, for example information on absentee voting, etc.

Locate the booth at your busiest intersection or store and a little imagination can make it so attractive that people will really want to stop. Remember no material is allowed at the polls, so it must be made available to the people before that time.

4. Get out the vote!
This year more organizations are working on getting out a large vote than ever before. The League is a pioneer in the field and goes farther than merely urging people to vote for the sake of voting. Our purpose is to get informed people to the polls.
Note: A ruling of the attorney general a few years ago prohibits organizations from conveying voters to the polls.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

Publicity Release

YES for 2

Amendment 2 on the November ballot is endorsed by the League of Women Voters, the Governor's Advisory Committee on Constitutional Revision, and the Citizens Committee for a Constitutional Convention.

"The League believes that Minnesota's constitution, written in 1857, is a maze of cumbersome and restrictive measures", said Mrs. K. K. McMillan, president of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota. "Although it has been amended 75 times, it is weak and ineffectual. The League urges everyone to vote Yes for Amendment 2 to clear the way for the writing of an up-to-date constitution."

Amendment 2 is an amendment to Article 14 of our present constitution. Article 14 in our present constitution provides for the writing of a new constitution by a constitutional convention, but it does not provide for approval by the voters. Amendment 2 provides that a new constitution must have approval of 3/5 of the voters in order to be adopted. Amendment 2 also provides that legislators as well as other citizens are eligible to run for election to a constitutional convention.

Not voting for an amendments counts as a NO vote when the votes are tabulated.
Vote Yes for 2.

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IN NOVEMBER, 1952, THE CITIZENS OF MINNESOTA WILL BE ASKED TO VOTE ON FIVE AMENDMENTS TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION. THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA, WHICH SUPPORTS A REVISION OF OUR STATE CONSTITUTION IN THE INTEREST OF EFFICIENT, RESPONSIBLE AND DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT, FAVORS AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON THE SECOND AMENDMENT.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

This amendment, adding a third section to Article XIV of the present constitution, reads as follows:

"Any convention called to revise this constitution shall submit any revision thereof by said convention to the people of the State of Minnesota for their approval or rejection at the next general election held not less than 90 days after the adoption of such revision, and, if it shall appear in the manner provided by law that three-fifths of all the electors voting on the question shall have voted for and ratified such revision, the same shall constitute a new constitution of the State of Minnesota. Without such submission and ratification, said revision shall be of no force or effect. Section 9 of Article IV of the constitution shall not apply to election to the convention."

The amendment provides:

1. That whenever there is a revision of the constitution by any convention the proposed constitution must be submitted to the people to be approved by a three-fifths (60%) vote of all the electors voting on the question.
2. That members of the legislature may serve as delegates to a constitutional convention.

The first provision was proposed because some legislators opposed the calling of a constitutional convention on the basis that there was no assurance a constitution drawn at a convention would be submitted to the people for approval. Passage of this amendment would reassure both legislators and citizens that final approval of a revised constitution will be given by the people of Minnesota. This provision also places decision in the hands of the voter who is informed on the question. (Usually amendments to the constitution require a majority vote of all electors voting in the election and many uninformed voters inadvertently cast a NO vote by not marking their ballot.)

The second provision was proposed to allow legislators to serve as delegates to a constitutional convention. At present a constitutional provision prohibits legislators from serving in any other state or federal capacity while serving their legislative term. Delegates to the convention would be elected from the legislative districts on the same basis as members of the House of Representatives. It is hoped that leading citizens from all walks of life would offer themselves for the position of delegate, but it seems unfair to bar voters from sending a legislator if he could make a worthy contribution.

Citizen reaction to this amendment may well be used as a yardstick to any future activity on the part of the legislature in regard to calling a constitutional convention. If the amendment fails, objectors will have further grounds for feeling that Minnesota citizens are not interested in revision. If the amendment passes, it will serve as a mandate to legislators to submit the question of calling a constitutional convention to the people of Minnesota.

Printed 6000 of these in Duluth.

5 Amendments

TO THE MINNESOTA CONSTITUTION WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS ON NOVEMBER 4, 1952

**REMEMBER — Failure to Vote On An Amendment Is a Vote
Against the Amendment!!**

1. TRUST FUNDS

Allows local governments to borrow larger amounts of the permanent trust funds of the state in proportion to the assessed valuation of their taxable property.

2. *REVISION OF STATE CONSTITUTION

Clears the way for a constitutional convention by:

- A. Providing for a 3/5 vote of the people to approve a revised constitution when drawn up by a convention.
- B. Providing that all Minnesota citizens, including state legislators, are eligible for election as delegates to such a convention.

3. VOTERS QUALIFICATIONS

- A. Permits Minnesota citizens of Indian or of Indian-white origin to vote on the same basis as other citizens.
- B. Eliminates for new citizens the three-month waiting period prior to voting.

4. PROBATE JUDGES

- A. Gives the legislature power to determine what the training of probate judges should be.
- B. Enables the state legislature, by a 2/3 vote, to establish and extend the duties of the probate court.

5. MOTOR VEHICLE TAX

Changes the allocation of motor vehicle tax receipts which now go entirely to the Trunk Highway Sinking Fund. The allocation would be:

65% to the Trunk Highway Sinking Fund
25% to counties
10% to cities, villages, and boroughs

This would take about 9 million dollars a year from the Trunk Highways.

THE LEAGUE OF Women Voters of Minnesota provides this factual information as a public service to help you make a decision for or against these amendments.

*VOTE "YES" ON Amendment Number 2. The League has long supported measures to improve our state governmental machinery. We think passage of this amendment is an important step toward this goal.

For Further Information About These Amendments Write

VOTERS SERVICE

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Constitutional Amendments - A broadsides is usually presented on these (see enclosed). Work on the explanation should begin immediately after the legislative session because this is a very long and difficult task.

Questionnaires for State Candidates. The Questionnaire (see attached) should be prepared in the ~~XXXXXX~~ spring before election. The 1st page only is used for candidates for non-legislative office; the 1st and 2nd pages are used for gubernatorial and legislative candidates.

June 23.

When filing opens, the questionnaire should be sent to candidates as they file. The Board should decide whether they want the questionnaires to be sent thru registered mail and whether they want to include stamped, addressed envelopes. This hasn't been done in the past and we have had good response. Perhaps a second registered letter could be sent if the response is not received in a reasonable amount of time.

A letter to go with the questionnaire should be prepared in the spring. Make it flexible so that it can be mimeographed.

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A copy of the legislative questionnaire should be sent to local Leagues. Some arrangements must be made so that Leagues in same legislative district do not all send questionnaires to candidates. Leagues should order the number of questionnaires they want. Questionnaires are free.

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In investigating, we find that printing all the information on the questionnaires would be much cheaper than mimeographing. This would probably not be possible for the primary election.

Questionnaires to Congressional candidates have been sent to local Leagues. ~~xx~~ with assignments made by the state. A better response might be had if questionnaires were sent directly to representatives. The state Board has always sent questionnaires to U.S. Senatorial candidates.

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September 21, 1953

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To: VOTERS SERVICE Chairmen
From: Mrs. Roger Klein, state Voters Service Chairman

This year may appear to be a breathing spell for Voters Service, comparing it to last year's strenuous schedule. However, Voters Service is a year-round job of great importance - the tangible item our local financial supporters can put their finger on. Voters Service, Legislative and Public Relations Committees are so inter-related, the three should work closely together to plan a successful year for the League.

It is not the purpose of the League to arbitrarily tell citizens how to vote, but rather to gently persuade them towards informed participation in government by constant political education and information. This can be accomplished by continuous information on timely items and reports of the results of the elections and legislative action.

On the national level, the Significant Roll Calls should be used to follow through on our "informed voting" activities of last year. Some of the roll calls pertain to the League's national Agenda items which we are actively supporting. The roll calls can be compiled and published (and broadcast where local radio facilities are available) in each Congressional district, making it a local interest service by helping the citizen learn how his OWN representative voted on major issues.

On the state level, a suggestion has been made that the local Leagues promote a "town meeting", inviting their own State Representative or Senator to report on and define the work of the 1953 state Legislature. This would be a good start on the '54 Voters Service as many legislators will be on the ballot again, a fine time to question them about their votes, particularly on the items for which the League is working.

Many Leagues will have local elections this fall. Early thought should be given to the planning of Voters Service for these elections. The best possible help we can suggest is the Voters Service handbook, Give the Voter A Hand, which is available from the national League office for 15¢.

You might use a survey to stimulate interest in local issues and candidates with League members conducting a citizen poll on such questions as:

In what ward and precinct do you vote?
Who is your councilman?(or alderman)?
Do you feel he is doing a good job for your town?
Have you ever attended a council meeting?

You will doubtless think of many other questions that will be peculiar to your own local situation.

The Minneapolis League sponsored a very successful "Know Your Candidate" radio program. If you have local radio cooperation, this idea may be explored.

The candidate questionnaire is a must for Leagues as a method of best informing the citizens of their candidates' qualifications (these to be published and broadcast), followed by a candidates meeting or, if the candidates are unopposed for election, a public meeting where local government officials can discuss local problems. There are always controversial and thought-provoking issues if you will arouse and alert the voters to them.

The Congressional and State elections due in 1954 should be given some thought. Plans for Voters Service on this level can begin now; an early start is conducive to more original, more organized and more complete plans. Please send YOUR ideas for better Voters Service to us, so other Leagues can profit by other experiences.

SAMPLE LETTER TO CANDIDATE

Date

Name of Candidate
Address

Dear Mr. _____:

The League of Women Voters of _____, in
promoting more active citizen participation in government,
invites you to attend its Candidates Meeting at place,
date, time.

Enclosed is a questionnaire we hope you will answer
and return to us at your earliest convenience. The replies
to the questionnaires will be publicized.

Sincerely,

(signed)

Mrs. _____
Voters Service Chairman
League of Women Voters of _____

(Always enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope with the questionnaire to
expedite returns to your letter.)

SAMPLE CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

City Election, town, Minnesota

date of election

Your Name _____

Office for which you are campaigning _____

Your age _____

Your experience and qualifications for this office _____

In what issue or issues of the election are you personally interested?*

Why are you interested in holding a public office? _____

Will you attend our candidates' meeting? _____

signed

*Or ask questions on not more than 4 local issues of major interest. The issues may or may not be on your Current Agenda.

Additional tips:

It may be wise to ask that the candidate limit his answers to questions if you plan to duplicate the replies or to have them published in the newspaper.

See also pages 10-13 of Give the Voter A Hand.

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

Nov. 4, 1953

Mrs. Roger Klein
611 Holly
Brainerd,
Minnesota

Dear Clem,

According to reports at our Organization Committee Meeting Monday, there are a couple of Leagues that are on the verge of being more active in their communities, if given a bit of encouragement and suggestions on how to take the first steps. So, would you like to write such a letter to them, as State Voters Service Chairman?

New Prague, said they would like information on Candidates Meetings, also a local survey was suggested to them, and they might be interested. They do not have a well organized board, so would need to add people to the board in charge of these projects probably. (see L.L.Digest)

New Richland, needs suggestions on enlarging work in the community, and also would need to assign work to a board member, with a committee. (see L.L.Digest)

Park Rapids, could also probably benefit by a letter from you, since they have local survey on their agenda; you might inquire on their progress, ask if they're running into any problems etc...offer help. They are so to be congratulated on their present status. They very nearly died a few years ago, and now have about 15 new members.

Also, as general advice, any time you see something in the L.L.Digest that moves you to write a letter, because of your Voters Service specialization, do obey that impulse. I think it builds up the cohesiveness of the leagues in the state to have correspondence between the board and the local people. And if you wish, send a carbon of the letter to our office for our files, it will be a help to us.

Sincerely,

Grace

Mrs. Harold Wilson,
Organization Secretary



Affiliated with the
League of Women Voters of the U.S.

611 Holly
Brainerd, Minnesota
November, 12, 1953

Mrs. Bert Harris, President
League of Women Voters
New Prague, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Harris,

In reading the reports from your League, I have noted you have no specific Voters Service Committee, but that you are interested in candidates' meetings. I would suggest that you, with your Board set up this committee with a chairman of your choice. The entire Board will of course help formulate the year's program because Voters Service is so inter-related with the other committees of the League. You will need to explain that Voters Service is not just a pre-election service, but a year round job of arousing the citizen to more active participation in good government and to help him cast an intelligent and informed ballot. The Voters Service Committee will be the source of that information to the citizen. Facts on all election issues of interest to the community as well as the candidates' qualifications. Attendance at all Civic Board meetings, (such as school-board, charter commission, city council) is instrumental in getting information on officials' actions and on issues that will be before the community. It is surprising how effective League members' attendance at these meetings can be.

You will find detailed help for your Voters Service Committee in "Give the Voter a Hand". This booklet is of inestimable value when studied and used along with ideas of your own. In my letter of September 21, to all Leagues, there were suggestions for candidates and town meetings and samples of candidates letter and questionnaire.

If you have questions relative to the organization of your Voters Service Committee that the above suggestions do not answer, will you please write us? We want to help.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Roger Klein
Voters Service Chairman
League of Women Voters of Minnesota

611 Holly
Brainerd, Minnesota
November, 12, 1953

Mrs. J.L. Townly, Jr.
President League of Women Voters
610 North Union
Fergus Falls, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Townly,

As Voters Service Chairman, I am particularly interested in reading of Voters Service activity in the local Leagues. I find your League has been and is strong in Voters Service. Congratulations.

Do you draw your new members into the Voters Service activity? This phase of League work is one that attracts members and it is an activity that most of them enjoy doing, plus the fact that it is excellent Public Relations. Voters Service should also be a great help to you when you have your Finance Drives. You have something concrete to show your contributors.

May I suggest a Local Survey for your League? There is available as a guide for you a pamphlet "Know your Town", as well as copies of Surveys other Leagues in the state have made. A local Survey might be a means of getting inactive members into active service and as a result, better members.

Please let us know of your progress and of any problems you may encounter. We shall try to give you a hand.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Roger Klein
Voters Service Chairman
League of Women Voters of Minnesota

611 Holly
Brainerd, Minnesota
November, 12, 1953

Voters Service Chairman
League of Women Voters
Alexandria, Minn

Dear Mrs. Flannigan,

Congratulations to you on your appointment as Voters Service Chairman of your League. Yours is an exciting and very important part of the League's activity in your town. Voters Service is a tangible Public Relations project. Through Voters Service, the league is able to reach the community by giving it something it needs and likes and appreciates. It means not only the "candidates' meetings, which are important, but a constant source of information to the public, on any questions that arise that will mean more active and informed voting of the citizen. Your job is a big one, but also a stimulating and rewarding one.

Do you have the pamphlets, "Give the Voter a Hand" (15¢) and "Political Effectiveness" (5¢)? These are available from the national office. If you don't have them, may I suggest you get them for yourself and your committee. They are invaluable as guides for your activities in Voters Service.

If you have any problems that we of the State Board can help you solve, please write us.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Rorer Klein
Voters Service Chairman
League of Women Voters of Minnesota

611 Holly
Brainerd, Minnesota
November, 12, 1953

Mrs. Ed Silvers, President
League of Women Voters
New Richland, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Silvers,

I am happy to learn you are interested in enlarging your work in the community. May I suggest a Voters Service Committee to carry information to your community? I think this would be a great stride towards that goal.

In my own League here in Brainerd, the Voters Service Committee is an eager one and the results of the work is most satisfactory. The Chairman will do a better job if she has some experience in League work, but the Committee could be made up of newer members. It is a good committee in which to become well oriented. I think you will find the girls who do work and active work in the League, are the ones who so staunchly carry the League's banner to the community. They become so interested they talk of it to people outside the League and that is your best membership drive.

Voters Service must be "tailor-made" by each League to fit its own community needs. It must also be a year round project of service to the voters. Candidates' meetings are important and fun, and very often exciting, but other phases of League Voters Service can have those same ingredients.

May I suggest (if they are not already in your library) you order "Give the Voter a Hand" (15¢) and "Political Effectiveness" (5¢) for your Voters Service Committee. Perhaps my letter to all Leagues, of September 21, may be of some use to you in your Voters Service plans. Study and ~~discuss~~ discuss with your Board the above sources of help, decide what is best for your own community.

Write us about your problems. That is why we are here.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Roger Klein
Voters Service Chairman
League of Women Voters of Minn.

611 Holly
Brainerd, Minnesota
November, 12, 1953

Mrs. William Dorsey, President
211 North Main
Park Rapids, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Dorsey,

Congratulations on your new members and the fine Voters Service you have been doing. Please do not limit your Voters Service to Candidates' meetings, however. This Committee can impress the community throughout the entire year by distributing information on voting records of state and national legislators, information on pertinent issues at the local level, telephone campaigns urging an all out vote on every election at every level ;(this latter can be used effectively in getting new members " into the act", those who are too shy or feel too un-informed for other jobs).

Attendance at the Civic Board meetings will give you an enlightened picture of your community needs and what the plans are for carrying them out, you may be able to help. In our Brainerd League it has helped tremendously to have League interested enough to be at those meetings and as a result we have been asked to do Voters Service for them.

Plan your Voters Service and Public Relations to-gether. You may get news coverage on Voters Service when unable to get it on other phases of League work. Too many, outside the League are under the impression that it is just a study group, whereas Voters Service proves we also act !

I am happy to learn you are planning a Town Survey. Our Brainerd League found it useful as a means of getting much better acquainted with our city officials, their plans and the city government, and it was excellent Public Relations. It seemed to surprise people that women were interested enough in their city government to look up the facts. The schools now use our Survey .

Let us know when you need help on any phase of your League work and we are always eager for reports of your plans and progress of those plans.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Roger Klein
Voters Service Chairman
League of Women Voters
of Minnesota

611 Holly
Brainerd, Minnesota
November, 12, 1953

Mrs. C. Kavanaugh
808 Fifth Ave. SO.
St. Cloud, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Kavanaugh

There have been no reports of your Voters Service lately and as I am very interested in this phase of League work, I wonder if you would have time to send me reports of your work? What are your plans and what have you done along these lines the past few months.

There should be great possibilities in your city, with the radio facilities to aid you, especially in introducing candidates to the voters; panel discussions on issues of the elections, etc.

You no doubt have in the League library the two valuable League booklets on Voters Service: "Give the Voter a Hand" (15¢) and "Political Effectiveness" (5¢). If you do not have these, they are available at the national League office and would be a great help to your Voters Service Committee.

Would you please send the name of your Voters Service Chairman and let me know if I can be of help to you?

Sincerely,

Mrs. Roger Klein
Voters Service Chairman
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
of MINNESOTA

611 Holly

Brainerd, Minnesota

November 25, 1953

Mrs. J.L. Townley
610 North Union
Fergus Falls, Minnesota

League of Women Voters

Dear Mrs. Townley,

I received your card and am writing again, hoping I can persuade you to set up a Voters Service Committee for year round activity. In my letter of September 21st, you will find suggestions for this committee, other than Candidates' meetings.

You can give year round service by bringing, to the public, information about the League program and pertinent issues of government. (See Local Leader's Handbook) . For National Voters Service, see "Give the Voter a Hand", Significant Roll Calls, "Self-Government, U.S.A.", and "Individual Liberties, U.S.A.". For interesting programs you can also use "Life of the Party" and "Quiz".

There are projects such as birthday parties for 21 year olds, window displays on League program and pro and con publicity on current issues of government. Any or all of these suggestions will keep your Committee actively interested throughout the year and your public constantly aware of the value of the League of Women Voters.

I feel sure this year round program will attract new members that you mentioned you need .

Would you please let us know of your decision after you have discussed the above ideas with your Board and let us know if we can help.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Roger Klein
Voters Service Chairman of
League of Women Voters of Minn.

611 Holly

Brainerd, Minnesota

November 25, 1953

Mrs. Leon Sabine
1555 W. Oak Ave.
St. Paul, 13, Minnesota

Provisional League of Women Voters of Arden Hills

Dear Mrs. Sabine,

Congratulations to you on your plans for a town meeting in lieu of a candidates' meeting because of your provisional status. (Which from all reports you will be changing soon.)

The Town meeting is an excellent idea and can be as exciting, informative and valuable to the public, as a candidates' meeting. Many Leagues use this form of meeting often.

It will be a continuation of your Town Study also, which is important. You will gain experience for your League and will most definitely be doing a fine Public Relations job.

Let us know about your meeting..... public response, attendance, etc.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Rorer Klein
Voters Service Chairman of
League of Women Voters of
Minnesota

611 Holly

Brainerd, Minnesota

November, 25, 1953

Mrs. Earl Mosiman
7001 Knox Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minnesota

League of Women Voters of Richfield

Dear Mrs. Mosiman,

Just a note of congratulations on your very successful candidates meeting. We, of the State Board, were very happy and thrilled about it.

We will be waiting eagerly for your detailed report of the meeting.

Keep up the good work !

Sincerely,

Mrs. Roger Klein
Voters Service Chairman.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

84 SOUTH TENTH STREET, ROOM 406

MINNEAPOLIS 3, MINNESOTA

Atlantic 0941

May 1, 1954

Memo to: Voters Service Chairman
From: Mrs. Roger Klein, State Voters Service Chairman
Re: 1954 Elections

This letter will serve just as early priming to start your wells of thoughts and ideas flowing in the direction of Voters Service which must soon be done for the 1954 elections. The date may seem very early to begin your planning but we are all aware that time passes so fast and of how soon the date for action can be upon us. We start in surprise and think, "so soon!"

Any original ideas you have used in past Voters Service work will be most appreciated in the League office so we can pass them on to the other Leagues.

You have received the National Memorandum of February 25, and I hope it is in the hands of your Voters Service committee. Every idea suggested, and all the material available is exciting and has great possibilities for reaching the community. Each League must of course decide on those that will be most adaptable and feasible for its own community.

The "before you vote poster" is excellent and something that can be used for every election on every level, something to keep and use again and again.

The voting tags can be used most effectively by cooperating with other organizations in your town to give you the advantage of more women-power which would be needed for an activity so widespread as this would have to be. It would mean manning every polling place in your community and contacting each voter. The "stop and go" flyer would be an excellent Public Relations tool, advertising the purpose of the League, "promoting more active and informed participation in government".

You may prefer some of the other suggestions but I would urge the use of the three above mentioned, as particularly effective and useable in any League community, regardless of size.

These projects may be planned in advance; for example, selecting the location of the "before the vote" posters where your information on candidates and amendment broadsides would have the widest distribution. Meet with other organizations and get your Voting tag committee set up so they are ready to go on election day. If these are set up in advance, then you will have the later time to concentrate on the questionnaires and the amendment education activity, voters information booths, etc.

Attached to this sheet is a listing of MINNESOTA ELECTION DATES 1954, for your reference and to help in your planning.

League of Women Voters of Minnesota
84 South Tenth St., Room 407
Minneapolis 3, Minnesota

May 1, 1954

For your reference....

MINNESOTA ELECTION DATES - 1954

State Primary Election

Sept. 14

First date for filing for 1954 state primary

June 16

Last date for filing for 1954 state primary

5 p.m. July 26

Candidate may file affidavit of withdrawal not later than

5 p.m., July 31

State Canvassing Board for state primary

Sept. 28

General Election

Nov. 2

Certificate of nomination by petition of voters

May circulate petition beginning

Sept. 15

And file not later than

Oct. 2

State Canvassing Board for general election

Nov. 16

To Elect in 1954

U.S. Senator (1)

Associate Justice of Supreme Court (3)

Governor

Representative in Congress (9)

Lieutenant Governor

(candidates in 4th and 5th Congressional Districts file with County Auditors of Ramsey and Hennepin, respectively)

Secretary of State

State Treasurer

State Auditor

Attorney General

Senators in Legislature (67)

Clerk of Supreme Court

Representatives in Legislature (131)

Railroad and Warehouse Commissioner (1)

Certain Judges of District Court whose terms expire 1955

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court

County officers whose terms expire '55

Four Constitutional Amendments will appear on Constitutional Amendment Ballot on November 2, 1954

Filing Fees

U.S. Senator

\$100

All state offices and representatives in congress

50

District Judges

20

Senators and representatives in state legislature

10

County offices

10

For office voted on in MORE THAN ONE COUNTY, candidate files with secretary of state; if voted on in ONE COUNTY ONLY, file with county auditor of county.

A nominating petition for representative in congress, files with the county auditor of the county wherein the candidate resides and certified copies of petition furnished all the other county auditors of counties comprising the district. Nominating petitions for U.S. Senator and state offices file with secretary of state.

From the office of Mrs. Mike Holm, Secretary of State

Purpose of League W.V. is to promote political responsibility thru informed & active participation in govt.

VOTERS SERVICE WORK*SHOP

COUNCIL MEE TING

MAY, 13, 14, 1954

I-

Voters Service and Public Relations

a- Voters Service importance to League effectiveness

What greater service can the League give than that of the Voters Service Committee ? Our aim is directed toward better informed citizens and citizen

participation in government. Our objective is to educate the citizen in all phases of government and interest him into taking an active part in it.

"Give the Voter a Hand", which is one of our most useful tools, might well be called the Voters Service Bible. To give the voter a hand has been the purpose of the Voters Service in the League of Women Voters. Since the inception of the organization we have been doing just that. Contrary to expectations, the need for this has increased rather than decreased. Too many citizens still refuse to avail themselves of the privilege of voting--- and those who vote for their officials, they ignore issues of the same election. Some vote at every national election, but forget the "grass roots" importance of local and state elections. Particularly well do we know how difficult it is to pass an amendment because of the apathy and refusal of the voter to mark the ballot/. It is the duty of the Voters Service Committee to arouse the citizen to these forgotten or ignored duties.

Voters Service requires year round attention and service to achieve the results we hope to attain. To awake the citizen to his political responsibilities and to help him cast an intelligent ballot, we must;

I- provide factual, non-partisan information about voting, candidate qualifications, government program and election issues and mechanics.

2- promote party participation

3- build an understanding of the essentials of representative government.

The goal of V.S. is to see that every citizen is a real working partner in our government. To League members, the achievement of this goal will be the reward..... and I grant you, we still have far to go. *To help every citizen to*

Political effectiveness can well be incorporated into Voters Service; *to help every citizen to*
A school for this purpose should serve to relate the V.S. Committee activity to the whole election process and to the post-election relationship between the citizen and public officials. We must always keep in mind " what the AVERAGE voter needs to know " . *Political Responsibility*

When organizing your voters service, one must remember it is NOT a one-person job. It requires a full committee; the more members, the better and more easily and effectively can the job be done. I strongly advocate an over-abundance of workers rather than under-estimating the manpower needed. The plans for your committee should be, at least tentatively, made at the beginning of the year so the chairman can talk them over with the entire League Board. The Voters Service committee is dependent on Finance for funds with which to carry out the projects planned, with legislative, resource, program and public relations for materials and publicity, so it must be a close working association with the Board; both for help you will receive and so the work of voters service will fit into the overall picture of League program.

The basic policy, to which we must adhere, is non-partisanship, for that is the source of strength in V.S.; thus is the League a public service group with no axe to grind. For a little refresher on non-partisanship, let me explain---- we believe the party system is an integral part of our form of government and urge members, as individuals, to work in the party of their choice, excluding, of course the Communist party.

Partisanship includes, besides political party activity,;-

I- Leadership in any group supporting a candidate

State constitutional Commission - *where candidate*

Co. Charter Commission, etc *might be supported*

or issue not on agenda

2- Support of any candidate for public office, even tho he may be running without party designation. (School board)

Board members must not do active party work nor run for office. Other League members must evaluate their own efforts by determining whether the task they wish to take on in the party or politics, OR ~~the~~ League work is the better use of their time. Also consider whether the division of time and effort would produce an effective job for both League and party.

After deciding upon the fullest possible non-partisan approach, we come to the services your committee may give to the voter.

Schools for election workers.

Explaining election laws.

Observation at election polls

Registration and get out the vote campaigns

Helping the new voters, the 21 years olds

Use the school and civic records to find them

Have a "coming of age " party

Explain the mechanics of voting

Encourage active participation in politics

Taking League program to the community

Promoting international understanding

Many of these projects will be discussed more fully later in the program.

I-

b- Public Relations and voters service.

as the means of giving voters service and uniting League and community.

Public Relations and V.S. work very closely together because V.S. is the League's best opportunity for good public relations. Newspapers will often print V.S. information when they might refuse reports of study groups. Financial contributors are best impressed by the concrete accomplishments of V.S. New League members can participate in and enjoy V.S. work. Thru V.S. and Public Relations, the community knows the League.

They can improve the caliber of public officials

They can enlighten the voters on vital issues of the election

The P.R. committee has many sub-committees, each having its own field which the V.S. can use to wonderful advantage.

I- Press committee

a- Publicize candidate questionnaires.

b- Use the roll calls of our legislators & congressmen

(When doing this be careful to choose all important issues, not alone those on which the League has taken a stand. This is an excellent post-election service)

c- Publicize candidates meetings, election issues, League program

II- Radio and T.V. committee

a- arrange interviews with candidates and officials. (both before and after election .)

b- arrange panels of pertinent issues of gov't.

c- registration and get out the vote spot announcements.

d- man on the street interviews.

III- Liaison with other organizations

a- forming community committees on V.S. campaigns--- election issues, voting information, interviews, absentee ballot information.

b- Speakers Bureau

c- distribution of broadsides

d- arouse other organizations to problems and means of achieving better gov't.

IV- Displays and posters

a- get out the vote

b- printed napkins for restaurant use

c- absentee ballot information

*Before
Primary
Candidate
meeting
Present
League
program*

to community

Public relations can also be helpful in finding suitable meeting places for V.S. open meetings; taking the program to the voter for more informed voting.

Voters service directories may be assembled with help from both F.R. and Legis. committee (this will contain legis. and congressional districts, precincts and wards of the community, voting and registration information, names of legislators and congressmen and the proper way to address and write to them.)

Election booths

Fair booths, where information may be distributed along with League publications

II

YEAR ROUND VOTERS SERVICE

V.S. must work hand in hand with resource and legislative committees to do an effective year round job. With the resource committee you will plan what part or perhaps ^{which} all of the program you wish to take to the community; is it something about the voter should be informed? Will it be on the ballot? Will it help him cast a more intelligent ballot? After this decision is made, then we must determine the best means of getting it to the public.

Suggestions;

Panel discussions ; radio interviews with citizens ; a series of radio programs that follow legislation being discussed and voted upon during the sessions; open forum letters to the papers; editorials in the paper. A good example of this action has been done on our State reapportionment study. The goal is to set the citizen to thinking for himself, to become aware of the problems of gov't where reforms are needed. Too many reforms are left undone because the average citizen has not been prodded into an awareness of them. For instance, on a radio panel series the Brainerd League conducted during the last State legislative session, the subject for one program was the Veteran's preference law of civil service. There was a veteran on the panel who admitted to never having studied this issue until he was preparing for the panel and realized for the first time the unfairness of this particular law-- and he was a VETERAN, whom one would think, would have a deep interest in it. In many cases this is true and there would be much more accomplished towards better gov't, were the issues fully understood by the voters. This fact places upon the V.S. committee the responsibility of ^{getting} citizens ^{and} aware of the pros and cons of the issues. The League program is a fine thing with which to start the thinking of the citizen because our resource people do such a thorough job of sifting out the facts and getting both sides of the question for us to study, thus furthering the strength of our non-partisanship. We can get the voter to thinking for himself without giving him just one viewpoint. And to get him thinking at all sometimes is quite chore enough. So---V.S. members, don't let the League in your community be just a "study group"--- take the program to the voters and let them help achieve better gov't.

With the legislative committee plan to give to the public, information on how their representatives stand on bills in legislature, interest the voters to lobby by letter, to talk to their governmental representatives. Let them know they are not "unwatched".

With resource you can also plan open meetings on various programs, bringing in an expert in the field to speak to the community. For instance we have an expert on F.E.P.C. right in our own state League.

If you are not eligible to have a candidates meeting, try a Town meeting where the officials can be introduced to the public and tell of their duties and the mechanics of your own community gov't. Combine Know your Town study distribution with a meeting of this sort.

YEAR ROUND VOTERS SERVICE

Helping international understanding

Working for international understanding is a long term project and should certainly be part of your year round voters service. The V.S. committee has a tremendous and difficult challenge in this field. We can work with international relations committee or even with the U.N. committee on this project. But the need to work on it is of paramount ~~IMPORTANCE~~ to the security and survival of our nation.

"We must reach the people who do not understand that these two things depend on working with other nations.

The U.S. cannot survive unless it follows a course of international cooperation. As inevitable leader of the free world, U.S. must assume the major responsibility for fostering this

The US gov't leaders must be convinced that the majority of the people advocate it. This latter is the job the V.S. committee or the LEAGUE must try to do.

First convince the voters, and they can convince our leaders.

We might first call a review of the U.N. and hold meetings with like minded people and enlist their help.

Analyze the community to learn which groups support international cooperation
which groups just don't care
which groups are hostile

For projects;

U.N. meetings

Public opinion polls.

Will you concentrate on combatting hostile groups or try to arouse the apathetic groups ?

After the decisions are reached then with public relations and your international committee, work out plans for getting information to the public.

How has the advance of science made cooperation necessary ?

Transportation (oceans no longer a safeguard)

Means of modern warfare

higher standard of living requiring more imports

advancement in communications

How has History done this ?

The British loss of power

Breakdown of the League of Nations

Result, the U.N.

Our short supply of about 75 strategic materials.

Our need for export.

Do we want the industries of West Europe and Asia's raw materials under Soviet control ?

Would we lose our sovereignty and national independence by international coop ?

These are all questions to which we must get our citizens to give the answers.

How can Voters service help ?

It will be taking the program to the voter, explaining it, arousing interest first perhaps by working with U.N. committee and get citizens interested in U.N. projects, such as U.N. party, Un. greetings to other nations, care packages, FILMs, panels, discussions. Exchange students

As you can understand, this is indeed a long term project, but one the V.S. can handle---- another job of informing and educating the voter. That is our job, whether it be local, state, national or international !

TIME SCHEDULE

1954

June 16 - BROADSIDE TO PRINTER
SAMPLE QUESTIONNAIRE TO LOCAL LEAGUES
June 30 - AMENDMENT TO LOCAL LEAGUES
FULL AMENDMENT INFO TO LOCAL LEAGUES
Aug 6 - REPLIES TO QUESTIONNAIRES TO
LOCAL LEAGUES
Oct. 2 - PRINTED INFO TO PRINTER
Oct 16 - PRINTED INFO TO LOCAL LEAGUES

Broadside
Amendment info
Questionnaires
Letter from Mrs. G.
Letter to Local L. Pre.
Replies to questionnaires
Printed replies

June 23, 1954

Dear Mrs. Klein,

Thank you for your quick response to my SOS. Things seem to be fairly well under control.

The Board's suggestions re the legislative questionnaire created quite a dilemma which I hope was solved by the compromise. We changed the questionnaire to satisfy both sides (1 those wanting to pin the candidate down on the League Program items and 2 those who wanted questions which were important to the community.) Barbara and Sis helped with this. After some worrying, Grace and I feel that what came out may be a fairly good thing. I hope you feel that way, too.

The BROADSIDE has gone to the printer. Copy enclosed. If you have some suggested revisions that can be taken care of on the final copy. We are ordering 75,000 copies which will cost \$267. Last year we ordered 60,000, but this year we have so many anxious new Leagues that we will probably sell all the 75,000 - maybe more. Does this price setup seem all right to you?

100	for 75¢
500	3.00
1000	5.00
5000	22.50
10000	40.00
25000	90.00

Together with the broadside will go the fuller explanation on all four amendments, including 1) the amendment and how it will change the present constitution 2) the question as it appears on the ballot 3) the effect as worked out by the attorney general's office.

on Amendment 3.

I do not quite understand your question about the broadside. If this would be printed, then it would require Board action. If you intend that it should be mimeographed, then the decision should be up to you. Probably some consultation with Laverne Fountain would be in order. If you would incorporate this with the fuller explanation on all four amendments, then you would not have to consult with Mrs. Fountain since it would fall strictly within the bounds of voters service. ~~Which ever you feel is necessary~~ Which ever way you want to do this, the decision is up to you. We're certainly ready to do all we can in the typing line to get this amendment passed.

QUESTIONNAIRES. I am glad that you decided that we should get the answers from congressional candidates. This is so much easier and takes so little of our time. We don't have to correspond with local Leagues but can deal directly with the candidates.

Mrs. Young sent back the letter to candidates with some revisions and that is all mimeographed and ready to go out.

REPLIES to questionnaires will be mimeographed as soon as possible after filings close. Will you approve the attached form which I drew up for this?

PRINTED MATERIAL on replies. This is where we need some committee help. Mrs. Fountain's committee will work on this if you like, but it would be well if you could meet with them so that they have your ideas too. The replies will be written, but what we need is someone to work out a good layout and to put this in an eye-catching form. We have some copies of other League's work and from it I worked out the enclosed form. The information regarding TERM, SALARY and DUTIES would be included depending on the space available.

Some Leagues include roll call votes in this sort of thing, but this would depend on the space and the money. Roll calls on Congress are available from our SIGNIFICANT ROLL CALLS so this information would not be difficult to obtain.

ABSENTEE VOTING. The material sent from the D.C. League has been cut on a stencil and can go out with the amendment broadside. We will need a covering letter telling them about its use and that of the broadside and the supplementary info on the amendments. This D.C. material is good, but the majority of calls re absentee voting concern military personnel. As you know the national office said this information was available from the voting officer on a service base. Would it be possible for you to get this information so that we could send that out, too? If you do not have a voting officer in Brainerd, I can do this for you. I would rather not though since Grace will be on vacation in July and it would mean leaving the office for a day. Perhaps I could get one of our local members to do this.

That seems to cover everything - here is a schedule for the office on voters service

June 30 - Mrs. Klein's letter covering the enclosed

- 1) amendment broadside
- 2) fuller explanation on amendments
- 3) Civilian absentee voting info
- 4) Military absentee voting info

Aug 6 - Mrs. Klein's letter covering

mimeographed replies to questionnaires from state executive, judicial and congressional and senatorial candidates.

Oct 2 - Printed replies copy to printer

Oct 16 - Mrs. Klein's letter covering
printed replies

Notes

This doesn't include any helpful hints you are giving on candidates meetings or voters information booths, but you can work those into the other letters listed above. Does this schedule fairly well cover the voters service work? I think national will be sending out a report form, but I cannot remember. That will be the grand finale, won't it?

p.s. I will send you as soon as possible the draft of the fuller information on the amendments. This will include just those things which were in the Attorney General's letter, so you can add whatever you want to this.

cc: Mrs. Young

General 1954

Question value of amendment broadside at county fairs. Better to promote Amendment #3. Too early for other

After legislative session

Begin preparation of Broadside on proposed amendment

January

Prepare candidate questionnaire to be sent to League's for their information

February

Send out candidate questionnaire

March

Discuss Voters Service plans with Board for approval

April

Send info on Voters Service plans to local Leagues

May

Broadside to printer for use at county fairs

~~June~~

June

Candidate questionnaires made available to local Leagues

Questionnaires sent from state to all statewide candidates and senatorial candidates

Aug

Answers to questionnaires sent to local Leagues

~~Sept~~

Oct

Preparation made for ~~xx~~ printing questionnaire replies for use before general election

CIVILIAN ABSENTEE VOTING FOR 1954 FROM WITHOUT HOME STATE **

STATE	:REGIS- :TRATION BY: :MAIL PER- :MITTED	:ABSENTEE :VOTING :PERMITTED :PRIM. : ELECT.	:ELECT A: :GOVER- :NOR	:ELECT : :A SEN- :ATOR	:NUMBER: :OF : :REPS. :	:PRIMARY :	:RUN-OFF :
*1	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Alabama	: No	: No : No	: Yes	: Yes	: 9	: May 4	: June 1
Arizona	: Yes	: Yes : Yes	: Yes	: No	: 2	: Sept. 7	:
*1 & 2	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Arkansas	: ---	: Yes : Yes	: Yes	: Yes	: 6	: July 27	: Aug. 10
California	: Yes	: Yes : Yes	: Yes	: Yes	: 30	: June 8	:
Colorado	: No	: Yes : Yes	: Yes	: Yes	: 4	: Sept. 14	:
*3	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Connecticut	: No	: --- : Yes	: Yes	: No	: 6	: none	:
*3 & 11	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Delaware	: No	: --- : Yes	: No	: Yes	: 1	: none	:
Florida	: No	: Yes : Yes	: Yes	: No	: 8	: May 4	: May 25
Georgia	: No	: Yes : Yes	: Yes	: Yes	: 10	: Sept. 8	: Sept. 29
*4	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Idaho	: No	: Yes : Yes	: Yes	: Yes	: 2	: Aug. 10	:
Illinois	: No	: Yes : Yes	: No	: Yes	: 25	: Apr. 13	:
Indiana	: Yes	: Yes : Yes	: No	: No	: 11	: May 4	:
Iowa	: Yes	: Yes : Yes	: Yes	: Yes	: 8	: June 7	:
Kansas	: No	: Yes : Yes	: Yes	: Yes	: 6	: Aug. 3	:
*5	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Kentucky	: No	: Yes : Yes	: No	: Yes	: 8	: Aug. 7	:
Louisiana	: No	: No : No	: No	: Yes	: 8	: July 27	: Aug. 31
*6	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Maine	: No	: Yes : Yes	: Yes	: Yes	: 3	: June 21	:
Maryland	: No	: No : No	: Yes	: No	: 7	: June 28	:
Massachusetts	: No	: No : Yes	: Yes	: Yes	: 14	: Sept. 14	:
Michigan	: Yes	: Yes : Yes	: Yes	: Yes	: 18	: Aug. 3	:
*7	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Minnesota	: Yes	: Yes : Yes	: Yes	: Yes	: 9	: Sept. 14	:
*1	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Mississippi	: No	: Yes : Yes	: No	: Yes	: 6	: Aug. 24	: Sept. 14
Missouri	: No	: Yes : Yes	: No	: No	: 11	: Aug. 3	:
*8	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Montana	: Yes	: Yes : Yes	: No	: Yes	: 2	: July 20	:

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Civilian Absentee Voting for 1954 from without Home State - 2

STATE	:REGIS- :TRATION BY: :MAIL PER- :MITTED	:ABSENTEE :VOTING :PERMITTED :PRIM. :ELECT.	:ELECT A: :GOVER- :NOR	:ELECT : :A SEN- :ATOR	:NUMBER: :OF : :REPS.	: :PRIMARY :	: :RUN-OFF :
Nebraska	: Yes	: Yes : Yes	: Yes	: Yes	: 4	: Aug. 10	:
Nevada	: Yes	: Yes : Yes	: Yes	: No	: 1	: June 1	:
New Hampshire	: No	: No : Yes	: Yes	: (2)	: 2	: Sept. 14	:
New Jersey	: No	: Yes : Yes	: No	: Yes	: 14	: Apr. 20	:
New Mexico	: Yes	: No : No	: Yes	: Yes	: 2	: May 4	:
*9 New York	: No	: No : Yes	: Yes	: No	: 43	: Sept. 14	:
North Carolina	: No	: No : Yes	: No	: Yes	: 12	: May 29	: June 26
*2 North Dakota	: ---	: Yes : Yes	: Yes	: No	: 2	: June 29	:
Ohio	: No	: Yes : Yes	: Yes	: Yes	: 23	: May 4	:
*10 Oklahoma	: Yes	: Yes : Yes	: Yes	: Yes	: 6	: July 6	: July 27
*4 Oregon	: No	: Yes : Yes	: Yes	: Yes	: 4	: May 21	:
Pennsylvania	: No	: No : No	: Yes	: No	: 30	: May 18	:
Rhode Island	: No	: No : Yes	: Yes	: Yes	: 2	: Sept. 20-Dem.: : Sept. 29-Rep.:	:
South Carolina	: No	: No : No	: Yes	: Yes	: 6	: July 13	: July 27
South Dakota	: Yes	: Yes : Yes	: Yes	: Yes	: 2	: June 1	:
Tennessee	: Yes	: Yes : Yes	: Yes	: Yes	: 9	: Aug. 5	:
*1 & 2 Texas	: ---	: Yes : Yes	: Yes	: Yes	: 22	: July 24	: Aug. 28
Utah	: No	: Yes : Yes	: No	: No	: 2	: Sept. 14	:
*12 Vermont	: No	: Yes : Yes	: Yes	: No	: 1	: Sept. 14	:
*1 Virginia	: No	: Yes : Yes	: No	: Yes	: 10	: July 13	: Aug. 17
Washington	: No	: Yes : Yes	: No	: No	: 7	: Sept. 14	:
West Virginia	: Yes	: Yes : Yes	: No	: Yes	: 6	: Aug. 3	:
Wisconsin	: Yes	: Yes : Yes	: Yes	: No	: 10	: Sept. 14	:
*8 Wyoming	: Yes	: Yes : Yes	: Yes	: Yes	: 1	: Aug. 17	:

Footnotes:

- *1 Payment of Poll Tax is requisite for voting.
- *2 No registration is required.
- *3 No Primary. Nominations by State Conventions.
- *4 Employees of State and Federal Government may register by mail.
- *5 Federal Government employees and their wives may register from abroad.
- *6 Maine's General Election will be held on Sept. 13, 1954.
- *7 No civilian voting outside continental U.S. except for employees of Army and Navy.
- *8 Affidavit of Absentee Voter must be attested to by an official authorized to administer oaths within the U.S.
- *9 To vote in November election personal registration is required of all electors in communities over 5000 population. 1953 registration entitles electors to vote in the 1954 Primary.
- *10 Re-registration during March 1954 in 58 counties. (Muskogee, Oklahoma, and Tulsa counties are not included in the 58.)
- *11 General registration required in 1954 and every 4th year thereafter.
- *12 Vermont - The Freeman's Oath may be taken outside of the State and if other qualifications are met, the home Board may enter the applicant's name on "Check List".

June 9, 1954

Dear Mrs. Klein,

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The Minneapolis staff/asked for information on state plans for Voters Service work this year, so it seems wise that a letter telling the whole scope of the plans be sent as soon as possible to the local Leagues.

It seemed to me that this has been decided:

1. BROADSIDES. A broadside on the four/^{proposed} amendment to the state constitution will be available for local League distribution at county fairs.
2. STICKERS. The stickers for promotion of a YES vote on Amendment 3 are now available and can be used in the county fair booths also.
3. CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRES for local League use in soliciting replies from legislative candidates will be available shortly. Local Leagues should draw up their own questionnaires for use in county elections.
Where there ~~are~~ is more than one League in a legislative district or county, these Leagues should cooperate on drawing up the county questionnaire and should also cooperate on solicitation of replies from legislative candidates so as to avoid duplicate effort on the part of the candidate. (Leave a space in your letter here so that we can say - the/^{other} local League in your county in your legislative district is:)
4. CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES. One League in each Congressional District will be assigned to solicit replies from Congressional candidates. (We will need a separate letter on this to send to the various Leagues in the nine Congressional districts - that should go out quickly. Questionnaires are available from the national office - order ~~three~~ questionnaires for each candidate - one for their files, one for the state office. Send in promptly.)****
5. The state Board will solicit replies from SENATORIAL CANDIDATES and from CANDIDATES FOR STATE OFFICE: Gov., Lt. Gov. Sec of state, State Treasurer, State Auditor, Attorney General, Clerk of Supreme Court, Railroad and W. Com. Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.
6. PRIMARY REPLIES from candidates listed in No. 5 above plus those of Congressional Candidates will be sent to local Leagues as soon as possible after July 31. Each League will receive a few mimeographed copies depending on the size of the League and the community. ~~Maybe~~ These are for use in Voters Service Booths. (You might ask the local Leagues to let us know how many copies they will need) If they want to distribute these in the community, they can duplicate these copies -(better caution them to proofread these carefully so that there are no errors). ***
7. REPLIES (GENERAL ELECTION). In October printed copies of replies from candidates listed in ~~five~~ six will be made available to local Leagues for wide distribution to the community. (Maybe an extra note here as to ~~this~~ this being a NEW thing would be good sales talk)

**** You might consider the possibility of having these sent out by you - rather than a local League. I do think that it is more efficient, but it does not encourage local League responsibility.

*** Maybe a word here as to why these are not available would be good. You know the old answer - office workload - the truth is that we cannot do the job quickly enough to be of use to the local League. And of course, everything else in the office must slide. We are going to put on a concerted effort in the office this summer, in spite of Voter Service, to catch up with the work we have let go for a couple years.

It seems also that in order to get this job done in the short time that we have for each operation, ~~that~~ we will need some volunteer help. Would you appoint a Twin Cities committee to help with this. It would be well if you could hold a meeting of the committee very soon to map out plans and make specific assignments. I know the office will be swamped as usual mailing out the Voters Service material so I hope that someone can prepare the dummy for the printed material. (Perhaps Luverne's committee might help on this thought I don't know whether she would like my suggesting this, since they are working very hard on Amendment 3).

I did not realize that filing for the primary opens a week from today - still recovering from the haze of my vacation, I guess - so that it seems too late for us to send out the questionnaire to local Leagues for their approval. After discussion with Barbara Stuhler, we decided quickly that what could be done is to get out the questionnaire to state Board members and the Voters Service chairmen of St. Paul and Minneapolis Leagues. This comment will have to suffice because the questionnaire should be in the hands of the local Leagues right now.

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If your letter comes back quickly, we should be ready to enclose with/the candidates questionnaire. I know you will be out of town until June 14th so I will not look for the letter until the 16th and will save that day for getting this mailing out.

Mrs. Young will be looking for the letter which you are drafting to be sent to the candidates which we will solicit on the state level. We will mimeograph it and send it out as the candidates file. I have found that response is very good to these questionnaires with out spending the 33¢ for registered mail. I hope you will not mind this budget-saving. We will set a time limit on the date for reply and if we have not received it by then, we will send a registered letter. Is this all right? ~~Can~~ May I expect this letter by the 24th, approved by both you and Mrs. Young? **

I hope that I have covered everything now. If not another letter will be forthcoming.

Oh yes, Mrs. Donald Guthrie, 4000 E. County Line, White Bear Lake, Minn. (who is the state Nominating Committee Chairman) will have names for you ~~xx~~ for your committee.
~~XX~~

Hastily,

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**This letter should inform the candidate that his reply will be printed and circularized and that we reserve the right to edit his comments if space requires.

cc: Mrs. Young

Another thing

8. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON AMENDMENTS will be made available for Voters Service booths in order that the booth worker can more adequately explain the amendment. (I think these should be amplified to quote the entire information given as passed by the legislature so that the worker can know the amendment and the referendum as well as the purpose and effect. It would also be helpful if we could include something which contains "The following organizations support this amendment - the following organization oppose this amendment". I know from a telephone call

that the League of Minn. Municipalities was working on this. Do you have that info from them?

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

84 SOUTH TENTH STREET, ROOM 406

MINNEAPOLIS 3, MINNESOTA

Atlantic 0941

June 17, 1954

To: Voters Service Chairman, League of Women Voters of _____
From: Mrs. Roger Klein, Voters Service Chairman, League of Women Voters of Minnesota

LEGISLATIVE QUESTIONNAIRES. Time flies and before we realize it, the Primary Election is not far off so we must step up our voters service work from now until after the election. Enclosed is a sample copy of the questionnaire for state legislative candidates. Free copies are available at the state office. You may draw up your own questionnaire for the county election. However, where there is more than one League in a legislative district or county, it is well to cooperate on the drawing up of county questionnaires and also on the solicitation of replies from legislative candidates so duplicate effort by the candidate is avoided. Leagues in your county and district are:

County

Senatorial District

Representative District

Since most candidates file in their own county, we are depending on you to obtain the names of the candidates from your own legislative district and begin the interviews as soon as possible. (Filing opened June 16) Have the questionnaire filled out by all the candidates well before the Primary Election (Sept. 14) so information can be distributed as widely as possible before the voters go to the polls. The questionnaires of the winning candidates will be used again before the General Election (November 2).

Here then is the procedure:

1. Obtain the names of all candidates in your legislative district.
2. Send to the state office for twice as many questionnaires as you have candidates.
3. Obtain answers to questionnaire (by personal interview where possible, see page 19 of GIVE THE VOTER A HAND), otherwise by registered mail.
4. Send one copy to the state office.
5. Keep one copy for use in your district.

DISTRIBUTION OF REPLIES. Persuading voters to choose their candidates by qualifications is one of our most difficult jobs in voters service. (Too many still vote for a familiar name or because it is the party they want, and they neglect the importance of qualifications.) Therefore we must get this information to as many people as possible. You may have the cooperation of your local newspaper, if so, they will print this information for you and perhaps run off reprints for you for distribution at fair and voters information booths. Many Leagues mimeograph the answers in large quantities for distribution in grocery boxes, offices, help-yourself boxes, clubs, etc. See GIVE THE VOTER A HAND for further suggestions for wide distribution.

June 17, 1954

CONGRESSIONAL, SENATORIAL AND STATE CANDIDATE REPLIES. You will receive as soon as possible before the Primary election (by Aug. 9), five copies of replies to Congressional, Senatorial and State Executive questionnaires. Additional copies will NOT be available from the state office, so you will have to duplicate the copies if you wish them to have wide distribution. (If you do duplicate, be sure to proofread carefully to avoid errors.)

As soon as possible after October 2nd (last day for filing by petition), PRINTED copies of replies from candidates listed in the above paragraph will be made available to local Leagues for wide distribution. We think you and your community will appreciate this new service so we are hoping for large orders from all Leagues.

AMENDMENT BROADSIDE. There will also be a broadside on the four proposed constitutional amendments. A sample copy and price information will reach you in approximately two weeks. Along with that will be a fuller mimeographed explanation of each amendment for use of booth workers in more adequately explaining the amendments.

STICKERS. The stickers for promotion of a YES vote on Amendment No. 3 (THE CITIZENS AMENDMENT) are now available and we want WIDE distribution of that.

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 16	First date for filing
July 26, 5 p.m.	Last date for filing
July 31, 5 p.m.	Last date for withdrawal
September 14	STATE PRIMARY ELECTION
September 15	Certificate of nomination by petition of voters may be circulated
October 2	Last day for filing by petition
November 2	GENERAL ELECTION

*PROVISIONAL LEAGUES AND VOTERS SERVICE. "A provisional League should limit its voters service work to a general information service, including the distribution of factual material covering times, places and dates of registration and voting; an explanation and demonstration of the mechanics of voting and get-out-the-vote campaigns. A provisional League is not authorized to send out questionnaires, conduct candidate's meetings or hold official interviews with candidates for national, state or local office unless specifically authorized to do so by the state board..." (POLICIES AND PROCEDURES WITH RESPECT TO PROVISIONAL LEAGUES)

Although a provisional League is not authorized to solicit candidate replies to questionnaires, they may duplicate those replies which have been solicited by the state Board or by a local League in their district. However, we urge these Leagues to give serious consideration to whether they have the manpower, money and experience to do this thorough job, since provisional Leagues are encouraged to distribute widely the Amendment Broadside sheets and the Amendment #3 stickers, and in every way possible point up the need for community support of Amendment #3. Provisional Leagues wanting more specific advice and help as to what they can and cannot do in the voters service field, should consult with their advisers.

Don't GUESS

Vote YES on Citizens Amendment No. 3

1954

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

QUESTIONNAIRE

FOR LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES

Legislative District.....

Name of Candidate.....

Address.....

WHAT PARTICULAR TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE HAVE YOU HAD THAT WOULD QUALIFY YOU
FOR THIS OFFICE? (Please limit your answer to fifty words.)

Signature

(OVER)

CANDIDATE'S STAND ON ISSUES

A. WHAT SUGGESTIONS DO YOU HAVE FOR MEETING THE FINANCIAL NEEDS OF MINNESOTA?

B. WHAT SUGGESTIONS DO YOU HAVE FOR IMPROVING THE FUNCTIONING OF STATE GOVERNMENT?

C. IN WHAT LEGISLATION ARE YOU ESPECIALLY INTERESTED? PLEASE STATE SUPPORT OR OPPOSITION.

WILL YOU WORK FOR AND VOTE FOR

YES NO

1. A bill calling for a constitutional convention?
2. A law against racial and religious discrimination in employment which would provide for adjustment of complaints by education and conciliation, and would vest ultimate enforcement powers in the state courts?
3. A bill to abolish absolute preference for veterans in state civil service?
4. A bill providing for election of our state legislators with party designation?
5. Some solution to the present inequities in legislative representation?

ISSUED BY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF

Address _____

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

84 SOUTH TENTH STREET, ROOM 406

MINNEAPOLIS 3, MINNESOTA

Atlantic 0941

July 12, 1954

To : Voters Service Chairmen
From: Mrs. Roger Klein, state Voters Service Chairman

You will find enclosed amendment broadsides, both the one with the four amendment short explanation (for distribution throughout your community) and the other longer detailed material for each of the four amendments. The latter are available for purchase so the booth workers can more adequately explain the amendments. You may want to distribute some of these, particularly the one for Amendment No. 3.

You will notice that the longer explanation does not give information as to opponents' viewpoints on these amendments. At the present time, there is no opposition to any amendment and, as a matter of fact, to date few organizations have taken a stand either way. We hope you will watch the newspapers for these developments. It is quite likely that opposition will not develop - you will remember that citizen apathy usually defeats amendments. We hope this will not be the case with Citizens Amendment No. 3.

In selling passage of amendment no. 3 you may be asked why our constitution needs revision, so perhaps your members will want to refresh themselves on the material the state office has available that we have used in our study of revision. The cartoon folder 8 reasons Why Minnesota Needs A New Constitution (price 2¢) would be an excellent one because of its eye appeal and convenient size, both to carry and to pass out to voters. "A 3 minute talk on why we need a Constitutional Convention" (2¢) is another one I would recommend. This material deals with finance and taxation section which is so out-dated for modern government. The voter may be interested in this information. I believe the sure way to our voter, at the present time, is through his pocketbook. We can't promise revision of those particular parts of the constitution, but I feel sure the chances would be very good with the present universal cry of too little or unavailable funds for the desired governmental services. We do want an all out drive to pass this amendment no. 3.

A word on the questionnaires. You are responsible for getting the names of those candidates who file in your county and district. The last date for filing is July 26, so I hope you are getting the questionnaires ready. Those you are drawing up yourselves should be approved by your board. Be sure no candidate is left out when you are mailing the questionnaires. Have them ready and mail them immediately after the last day of filing or mail them now as the candidates file. Details of the proper technique can be found in your "Give the Voter a Hand", page 10.

Have you thought of a "be sure you are registered" campaign? All our other efforts will be futile if the voter is not eligible to vote. There is help for registration campaigns, too, in your voters service pamphlet, page 8.

Enclosed here, also is material on absentee voting information. Much of this will be valuable in registration as well as voting. You will be hearing from us again, from time to time on voters service jobs to be done. Good voters service.

Don't GUESS -on Vote YES
Citizens Amendment No. 3

To: State Board

Enclosed is the rough draft of the questionnaire to be used for state executive and legislative candidates. Because there is too little time to ask for comments on this from the local Leagues, we are asking that you look over the questionnaire. Will you also confer with your local League President and Voters Service Chairman about this?

Because printing of the replies for the General Election will limit the space considerably it is suggested that only one biographical question be asked. Do you think the one under C is adequate?

Will you and your local people ~~examine~~ ~~these~~ this critically from the point of view of your League and community and send your comments to

Mrs. Roger Klein, 611 Holly, Brainerd, Minn.

BY JUNE 14th.

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BY JUNE 14th.

1954

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

QUESTIONNAIRE

FOR STATE CANDIDATES

Office Filed For.....

Name of Candidate.....

Address.....

Party.....

WHAT PARTICULAR TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE HAVE YOU HAD THAT WOULD QUALIFY YOU FOR
THIS OFFICE?

Signature

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

84 SOUTH TENTH STREET, ROOM 406

MINNEAPOLIS 3, MINNESOTA

Atlantic 0941

Dear Candidate:

As part of its voters service work, the League of Women Voters of Minnesota makes information concerning candidates for office available to voters in the state. Your assistance in promptly filling in and returning the enclosed questionnaire will be greatly appreciated. The completed questionnaires will be forwarded to local Leagues for distribution by League members throughout the state.

Some Leagues may have them reprinted in their local newspapers; others may have them mimeographed for use at fairs and voters information booths. In order to be fair to each candidate, and because of limited space in the reprinting or mimeographing of the questionnaires, it may be necessary to edit any excessively long comments.

We would like to have your answers as soon as possible to expedite reprinting and insure wide distribution. The enclosed envelope is for your convenience in replying.

Thank you for your cooperation in this service to the voters of Minnesota.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Basil Young
President

Mrs. Roger Klein
Voters Service Chairman

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

July, 1954

Additional copies - 2¢

ABSENTEE VOTING OF MINNESOTA RESIDENTS

A. QUALIFICATIONS

1. Must be 21 years of age on the day of the election.
2. Must have been a United States citizen for 3 months and have resided in the State for 6 months and in the election district for 30 days.
3. Must be a registered voter if residence is in certain municipalities (see B1).

B. REGISTRATION

1. Registration is required by state law in all cities and towns having a population of 10,000 or more. Registration may be required by local ordinance in cities and towns having a population of more than 5,000 and less than 10,000.

Among the municipalities which require registration are:

Albert Lea	Faribault	Plymouth Township
Austin	Fergus Falls	Red Wing
Bemidji	Golden Valley	Richfield
Bloomington	Hibbing	Robbinsdale
Brainerd	Hopkins	Rochester
Brooklyn Center	Mankato	Roseville
Chisholm	Medicine Lake	St. Cloud
Crystal	Minneapolis	St. Louis Park
Deephaven	Minnetonka Township	St. Paul
Duluth	Moorhead	South St. Paul
Edina	Northfield	Virginia
Eveleth	Owatonna	Winona

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4. Ballots will be mailed to the voter as early as 15 days before the date of the election.
5. Marked ballots must be received by election officials not later than the day of the election.

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

84 SOUTH TENTH STREET, ROOM 406

MINNEAPOLIS 3, MINNESOTA

Atlantic 0941

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Dear Candidate:

As part of its voters service work, the League of Women Voters of Minnesota makes information concerning candidates for office available to voters in the state. Your assistance in promptly filling in and returning the enclosed questionnaire will be greatly appreciated. The completed questionnaires will be forwarded to local Leagues for distribution by League members throughout the state.

Some Leagues may have them reprinted in their local newspapers; others may have them mimeographed for use at fairs and voters information booths. In order to be fair to each candidate, and because of limited space in the reprinting or mimeographing of the questionnaires, it may be necessary to edit any excessively long comments.

We would like to have your answers as soon as possible to expedite reprinting and insure wide distribution. The enclosed envelope is for your convenience in replying.

Thank you for your cooperation in this service to the voters of Minnesota.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Basil Young
President

Mrs. Roger Klein
Voters Service Chairman

1954

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

QUESTIONNAIRE

FOR STATE CANDIDATES

Office Filed For.....

Name of Candidate.....

Address.....

Party.....

WHAT PARTICULAR TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE HAVE YOU HAD THAT WOULD QUALIFY YOU FOR THIS OFFICE?

Signature

CANDIDATE'S STAND ON ISSUES

A. WHAT SUGGESTIONS DO YOU HAVE FOR MEETING THE FINANCIAL NEEDS OF MINNESOTA?

B. WHAT SUGGESTIONS DO YOU HAVE FOR IMPROVING THE FUNCTIONING OF STATE GOVERNMENT?

C. IN WHAT LEGISLATION ARE YOU ESPECIALLY INTERESTED? PLEASE STATE SUPPORT OF
OPPOSITION.

WILL YOU SUPPORT

YES

NO

1. A bill calling for a constitutional convention? _____
2. A law against racial and religious discrimination in
employment which would provide for adjustment of
complaints by education and conciliation, and would
vest ultimate enforcement powers in the state courts? _____
3. A bill to abolish absolute preference for veterans in
state civil service? _____
4. A bill providing for election of our state legislators
with party designation? _____
5. Some solution to the present inequities in legislative
representation? _____

RETURN TO:

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

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July 13, 1954

M E M O R A N D U M

To : Local League Presidents
From: State office

CORRECTION. The enclosed sheet explaining Amendment No. 3 has been corrected. We made the error of assuming, since the amendment was the same as amendment 2 of two years ago, that the question on the ballot was also the same. You will see that the legislature changed the referendum question by adding the phrase "and providing that Section 9 of Article IV of the constitution shall not apply to election to the convention".

APPOINTMENT CALENDARS. Because we have not received many calendar orders, we are changing the deadline for ordering to August 1st. We hope that you will place your order soon. No orders will be filled if they are received after the August 1st deadline.

AMENDMENT BROADSIDES. The printed broadsides which are enclosed may be ordered from the state office. The prices are as follows:

100.....	\$.75
500.....	3.00
1,000.....	5.00
5,000.....	22.50
10,000.....	40.00
25,000.....	90.00

CITIZENS AMENDMENT NO. 3

ON NOVEMBER 2, IN ADDITION TO ELECTING YOUR CONGRESSMAN, SENATOR, GOVERNOR, AND OTHER OFFICIALS, YOU WILL ALSO CAST YOUR VOTE ON FOUR AMENDMENTS TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION. THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA FAVORS AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON THE THIRD AMENDMENT, BECAUSE IT IS CRUCIAL TO CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION, WHICH IT SUPPORTS.

The referendum on the proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"Shall the Constitution of the State of Minnesota be amended by adding to Article 14 thereof a new section to be known as Section 3, providing for the submission of any revision of the Constitution to the people of the state at the next general election after any revision of the constitution by any convention called for that purpose, and providing that before any such revision shall go into effect there shall be an approval and ratification thereof by three-fifths of all the electors voting on the question and providing that Section 9 of Article IV of the constitution shall not apply to election to the convention?

Yes.....
No....."

If adopted, amendment no. 3 will provide that:

1. Any constitution revised by convention must be submitted to the people for approval.
2. The revised constitution must be approved by $\frac{3}{5}$ of all those voting on the question.
3. Members of the legislature may serve as delegates to a constitutional convention.

The first provision will answer fears expressed by some legislators that a constitution revised by convention would not be submitted to the people. Passage of this amendment would reassure both legislators and citizens that final approval of a revised constitution would be given by the voters of Minnesota.

The second provision places the approval of the revised constitution in the hands of the informed voter. Amendments to the constitution, including this Citizens Amendment No. 3, require a majority of the votes cast, not on the amendments themselves, but in the entire election. Thus, many uninformed voters inadvertently cast a NO vote by not voting at all on amendments. This provision would make it possible for a revised constitution to be rejected by blank ballots.

The third provision was proposed to allow legislators to serve as delegates to a constitutional convention. The constitution now prohibits legislators from serving in any other state or federal capacity while holding legislative office. Delegates to the convention would be elected from legislative districts on the same basis as members of the state House of Representatives. It is hoped that citizens from all walks of life would offer themselves for election as delegates, but it seems unfair to bar voters from sending a legislator if he could make a worthy contribution.

CITIZEN REACTION TO THIS AMENDMENT WILL BE USED AS A MEASURE OF INTEREST IN CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION. IF THE AMENDMENT FAILS, THE OBJECTORS WILL HAVE GROUNDS FOR SAYING THAT MINNESOTANS DON'T WANT REVISION. IF THE AMENDMENT PASSES, IT WILL SERVE AS A MANDATE TO LEGISLATORS TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION.

DO YOUR SHARE TO PASS THIS AMENDMENT. TELL YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR NEIGHBORS

DON'T GUESS - VOTE YES

on

CITIZENS AMENDMENT NO. 3

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

84 SOUTH TENTH STREET, ROOM 406

MINNEAPOLIS 3, MINNESOTA

Atlantic 0941

July 12, 1954

To : Voters Service Chairmen
From: Mrs. Roger Klein, state Voters Service Chairman

You will find enclosed amendment broadsides, both the one with the four amendment short explanation (for distribution throughout your community) and the other longer detailed material for each of the four amendments. The latter are available for purchase so the booth workers can more adequately explain the amendments. You may want to distribute some of these, particularly the one for Amendment No. 3.

You will notice that the longer explanation does not give information as to opponents' viewpoints on these amendments. At the present time, there is no opposition to any amendment and, as a matter of fact, to date few organizations have taken a stand either way. We hope you will watch the newspapers for these developments. It is quite likely that opposition will not develop - you will remember that citizen apathy usually defeats amendments. We hope this will not be the case with Citizens Amendment No. 3.

In selling passage of amendment no. 3 you may be asked why our constitution needs revision, so perhaps your members will want to refresh themselves on the material the state office has available that we have used in our study of revision. The cartoon folder 8 reasons Why Minnesota Needs A New Constitution (price 2¢) would be an excellent one because of its eye appeal and convenient size, both to carry and to pass out to voters. "A 3 minute talk on why we need a Constitutional Convention" (2¢) is another one I would recommend. This material deals with finance and taxation section which is so out-dated for modern government. The voter may be interested in this information. I believe the sure way to our voter, at the present time, is through his pocketbook. We can't promise revision of those particular parts of the constitution, but I feel sure the chances would be very good with the present universal cry of too little or unavailable funds for the desired governmental services. We do want an all out drive to pass this amendment no. 3.

A word on the questionnaires. You are responsible for getting the names of those candidates who file in your county and district. The last date for filing is July 26, so I hope you are getting the questionnaires ready. Those you are drawing up yourselves should be approved by your board. Be sure no candidate is left out when you are mailing the questionnaires. Have them ready and mail them immediately after the last day of filing or mail them now as the candidates file. Details of the proper technique can be found in your "Give the Voter a Hand", page 10.

Have you thought of a "be sure you are registered" campaign? All our other efforts will be futile if the voter is not eligible to vote. There is help for registration campaigns, too, in your voters service pamphlet, page 8.

Enclosed here, also is material on absentee voting information. Much of this will be valuable in registration as well as voting. You will be hearing from us again, from time to time on voters service jobs to be done. Good voters service.

Don't GUESS ^{on} Vote YES
Citizens Amendment No. 3

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

on

FOUR PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MINNESOTA CONSTITUTION

AMENDMENT NO. I

Relating to Probate Court Jurisdiction and Qualifications of Probate Judge
Minnesota Laws, 1953, Chapter 759

A. THE PRESENT CONSTITUTION READS: (Article VI, Section 7)

"It shall be held by one judge who shall be elected by the voters of the county for a term of 4 years.....A probate court shall have jurisdiction over the estate of deceased persons and persons under guardianship, but no other jurisdiction except as prescribed by this Constitution."

B. IF THE AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED, IT WILL READ:

"It shall be held by one judge whose qualifications may be established by law. The judge shall be elected by the voters of the county for a term of 4 years.....A probate court shall have jurisdiction over the person and estate, either or both, of persons under guardianship; over estates of deceased persons; and such further jurisdiction as the legislature may from time to time establish by a two-thirds vote."

C. PURPOSE:

To empower the legislature to prescribe by law, the qualifications of probate judge and by 2/3 vote, to extend the jurisdiction of the probate court from time to time.

D. THE BALLOT USED AT THE ELECTION SHALL BE PRINTED AS FOLLOWS:

"Shall Section 7 of Article VI of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota, relating to the office of probate judge, be so amended that the second sentence thereof shall read as follows: It shall be held by one judge, whose qualifications may be established by law, and who shall be elected by the voters of the county for the term of four years, and the last sentence of said section shall read as follows: A Probate court shall have jurisdiction over the person and estate, either or both, of persons under guardianship; over estates of deceased persons; and such further jurisdiction as the legislature may from time to time establish by a two-thirds vote.

Yes.....
No....."

E. PASSAGE OF THIS AMENDMENT WOULD:

1. Give the legislature authority to set up qualifications of probate judges.
2. Enable the legislature, by 2/3 vote, to establish and extend duties of the probate court.

Proponents of this amendment are hopeful that once the amendment is adopted the legislature will pass a law setting the right to practice law as a qualification of a probate judge and extending probate court jurisdiction to cover juvenile problems as well as those set forth in the constitution.

The Minnesota State Bar Association favors the passage of this amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. II
Relating to Liability of Stockholders in Certain Corporations
Minnesota Laws, 1953, Chapter 760

A. THE PRESENT CONSTITUTION READS: (Article X, Section 3)

"The legislature shall have power from time to time to provide for, limit and otherwise regulate the liability of stockholders or members of corporations and cooperative corporations or associations, however organized. Provided every stockholder in a banking or trust corporation or association shall be individually liable in an amount equal to the amount of stock owned by him for all debts of such corporation contracted prior to any transfer of such stock and such individual liability shall continue for one year after any transfer of such stock and the entry thereof on the books of the corporation or association."

B. IF THE AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED, IT WILL READ:

"The legislature shall have power from time to time to provide for, limit and otherwise regulate the liability of stockholders or members of corporations and cooperative associations, however organized."

C. PURPOSE :

Deletes the provision that every stockholder shall be individually liable in an amount equal to the amount of stock held by him for all debts contracted prior to any transfer of such stock and that liability shall continue for one year after transfer.

EFFECT:

Terminates the specific individual liability as exists in the present section. Does not, however, deprive the legislature of the power to enact laws to provide for, limit or otherwise regulate liability of stockholders or members of corporations or cooperative associations however organized.

D. THE BALLOT USED AT ELECTION SHALL BE PRINTED AS FOLLOWS:

"Amendment of Section 3, of Article X of the Constitution, empowering the legislature to limit and otherwise regulate the liability of stockholders of state banks.

Yes.....
No....."

E. PASSAGE OF THIS AMENDMENT WOULD:

1. Eliminate the present liability provision relating to stockholders in a banking or trust corporation or association.
2. Vest in the legislature the power to regulate stockholders liability in all kinds of corporations.

Proponents of this measure say that under the present section the stockholders in state banks are under "double liability": 1) subject to general laws and 2) individually liable through Article X, Section 3, of the state Constitution. They also say that the constitution discriminates against state bank stockholders since stockholders in national banks fall outside this regulation. They point to the fact that there is only one other state which has this double liability.

There is to be an organized campaign for passage of this amendment by the State Bankers Association.

AMENDMENT NO. III
Relating to Revision and Adoption of New State Constitution
Minnesota Laws, 1953, Chapter 761

- A. THIS PROPOSED AMENDMENT WOULD ADD TO ARTICLE XIV OF THE PRESENT CONSTITUTION A THIRD SECTION WHICH WOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:

"Sec. 3. Any convention called to revise this constitution shall submit any revision thereof by said convention to the people of the State of Minnesota for their approval or rejection at the next general election held not less than 90 days after the adoption of such revision, and, if it shall appear in the manner provided by law that three-fifths of all the electors voting on the question shall have voted for and ratified such revision, the same shall constitute a new constitution of the State of Minnesota. Without such submission and ratification, said revision shall be of no force or effect. Section 9 of Article IV of the Constitution shall not apply to election of the convention."

- B. PURPOSE:

To provide that a revision of the State Constitution by a constitutional convention shall be submitted to the people for their approval or rejection at the general election held not less than 90 days after the revision by the convention and that the affirmative vote of 3/5 of all electors VOTING ON THE QUESTION shall be required for its adoption.

To provide that Section 9 of Article IV of the Constitution, which forbids a member of the legislature from holding any other office during the time for which he is elected, shall not apply to the election of members of a constitutional convention.

- C. THE BALLOT USED AT THE ELECTION SHALL BE PRINTED AS FOLLOWS:

"Shall the Constitution of the State of Minnesota be amended by adding to Article 14 thereof a new section to be known as Section 3, providing for the submission of any revision of the Constitution to the people of the state at the next general election after any revision of the constitution by any convention called for that purpose, and providing that before any such revision shall go into effect there shall be an approval and ratification thereof by three-fifths of all the electors voting on the question and providing that Section 9 of Article IV of the constitution shall not apply to election to the convention?

Yes.....
No....."

- D. PASSAGE OF THIS AMENDMENT WOULD:

Clear the way for a constitutional convention by providing that:

1. Any revision of the state constitution must be submitted to the people for approval.
2. Approval must be given by 3/5 of those voting on the question.
3. State legislators be eligible for election as delegates to a constitutional convention.

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota favors the passage of this amendment. We have long advocated revision of our state constitution as an aid to achieving efficiency and economy in government and believe that passage of Citizens Amendment No. 3 is the first step toward this goal.

AMENDMENT NO. IV
Relating to Filling Vacancies in Elective Offices by Governor
Minnesota Laws, 1953, Chapter 762

A. THE PRESENT CONSTITUTION READS: (Article V, Section 4)

"He shall take care that the laws be faithfully executed, fill any vacancy that may occur in the office of secretary of state, treasurer, auditor, attorney general, and such other state and district offices as may be hereafter created by law, until the next annual election, and until their successors are chosen and qualified."

B. IF THE AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED, IT WILL READ:

"He shall take care that the laws be faithfully executed, fill any vacancy that may occur in the office of secretary of state, treasurer, auditor, attorney general, and such other state and district offices as may be hereafter created by law, until the end of the term for which the person who had vacated the office was elected, or the first Monday in January following the next general election whichever is sooner, and until their successors are chosen and qualified."

C. PURPOSE:

To eliminate the "short term" between the general election and the first Monday in January following the next general election.

EFFECT:

To enable the person, appointed by the governor to fill vacancy, to continue in office until the first Monday in January following the next general election.

D. THE BALLOT USED AT THE ELECTION SHALL BE PRINTED AS FOLLOWS:

"Shall the Constitution of the State of Minnesota, Article V, Section 4, be amended to authorize the governor, when filling a vacancy in an elective office under that section, to appoint a person to hold that vacated office until the end of the term, for which the person who vacated the office was elected, or the first day of January following the next general election whichever is sooner, rather than as the section now provides, until the next annual election?"

Yes.....
No....."

E. PASSAGE OF THIS AMENDMENT WOULD:

1. Eliminate elective offices for the "short term" between the general election and the first Monday in January.
2. Enable the governor to fill a vacancy by appointment until the first Monday in January when a successor is elected and qualified.

Proponents of this amendment say that the short term election is wasteful because of 1) the added expense of election, 2) the holder of the office may receive compensation when performing no duties. They also say that the short term election makes a long and confusing ballot for the voter. Gordon Forbes, the author of this amendment says "It will lessen the nuisance and expense of an election to fill a term that usually runs about 60 days. It will provide for continuity of administration in an office where a vacancy has occurred. It will shorten the ballot and give the people a better opportunity to express themselves on the office in question."

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

July, 1954

Additional copies - 2¢

ABSENTEE VOTING OF MINNESOTA RESIDENTS

A. QUALIFICATIONS

1. Must be 21 years of age on the day of the election.
2. Must have been a United States citizen for 3 months and have resided in the State for 6 months and in the election district for 30 days.
3. Must be a registered voter if residence is in certain municipalities (see B1).

B. REGISTRATION

1. Registration is required by state law in all cities and towns having a population of 10,000 or more. Registration may be required by local ordinance in cities and towns having a population of more than 5,000 and less than 10,000.

Among the municipalities which require registration are:

Albert Lea	Faribault	Plymouth Township
Austin	Fergus Falls	Red Wing
Bemidji	Golden Valley	Richfield
Bloomington	Hibbing	Robbinsdale
Brainerd	Hopkins	Rochester
Brooklyn Center	Mankato	Roseville
Chisholm	Medicine Lake	St. Cloud
Crystal	Minneapolis	St. Louis Park
Deephaven	Minnetonka Township	St. Paul
Duluth	Moorhead	South St. Paul
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CIVILIAN ABSENTEE VOTING FOR 1954 FROM WITHOUT HOME STATE **

STATE	:REGIS- :TRATION BY: :MAIL PER- :MITTED	:ABSENTEE :VOTING :PERMITTED :PRIM. : ELECT.	:ELECT A: :GOVER- :NOR	:ELECT : :A SEN- :ATOR	:NUMBER: :OF : :REPS.	:PRIMARY :	:RUN-OFF :
*1 Alabama	: No	: No : No	: Yes	: Yes	: 9	: May 4	: June 1
Arizona	: Yes	: Yes : Yes	: Yes	: No	: 2	: Sept. 7	:
*1 & 2 Arkansas	: ---	: Yes : Yes	: Yes	: Yes	: 6	: July 27	: Aug. 10
California	: Yes	: Yes : Yes	: Yes	: Yes	: 30	: June 8	:
Colorado	: No	: Yes : Yes	: Yes	: Yes	: 4	: Sept. 14	:
*3 Connecticut	: No	: --- : Yes	: Yes	: No	: 6	: none	:
*3 & 11 Delaware	: No	: --- : Yes	: No	: Yes	: 1	: none	:
Florida	: No	: Yes : Yes	: Yes	: No	: 8	: May 4	: May 25
Georgia	: No	: Yes : Yes	: Yes	: Yes	: 10	: Sept. 8	: Sept. 29
*4 Idaho	: No	: Yes : Yes	: Yes	: Yes	: 2	: Aug. 10	:
Illinois	: No	: Yes : Yes	: No	: Yes	: 25	: Apr. 13	:
Indiana	: Yes	: Yes : Yes	: No	: No	: 11	: May 4	:
Iowa	: Yes	: Yes : Yes	: Yes	: Yes	: 8	: June 7	:
Kansas	: No	: Yes : Yes	: Yes	: Yes	: 6	: Aug. 3	:
*5 Kentucky	: No	: Yes : Yes	: No	: Yes	: 8	: Aug. 7	:
Louisiana	: No	: No : No	: No	: Yes	: 8	: July 27	: Aug. 31
*6 Maine	: No	: Yes : Yes	: Yes	: Yes	: 3	: June 21	:
Maryland	: No	: No : No	: Yes	: No	: 7	: June 28	:
Massachusetts	: No	: No : Yes	: Yes	: Yes	: 14	: Sept. 14	:
Michigan	: Yes	: Yes : Yes	: Yes	: Yes	: 18	: Aug. 3	:
*7 Minnesota	: Yes	: Yes : Yes	: Yes	: Yes	: 9	: Sept. 14	:
*1 Mississippi	: No	: Yes : Yes	: No	: Yes	: 6	: Aug. 24	: Sept. 14
Missouri	: No	: Yes : Yes	: No	: No	: 11	: Aug. 3	:
*8 Montana	: Yes	: Yes : Yes	: No	: Yes	: 2	: July 20	:

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STATE	:REGIS- :TRATION BY: :MAIL PER- :MITTED	:ABSENTEE :VOTING :PERMITTED :PRIM. :ELECT.	:ELECT A: :GOVER- :NOR	:ELECT : :A SEN- :ATOR	:NUMBER: :OF : :REPS.	:PRIMARY :	:RUN-OFF :
Nebraska	: Yes	: Yes : Yes	: Yes	: Yes	: 4	: Aug. 10	:
Nevada	: Yes	: Yes : Yes	: Yes	: No	: 1	: June 1	:
New Hampshire	: No	: No : Yes	: Yes	: (2)	: 2	: Sept. 14	:
New Jersey	: No	: Yes : Yes	: No	: Yes	: 14	: Apr. 20	:
New Mexico	: Yes	: No : No	: Yes	: Yes	: 2	: May 4	:
*9 New York	: No	: No : Yes	: Yes	: No	: 43	: Sept. 14	:
North Carolina	: No	: No : Yes	: No	: Yes	: 12	: May 29	: June 26
*2 North Dakota	: ---	: Yes : Yes	: Yes	: No	: 2	: June 29	:
Ohio	: No	: Yes : Yes	: Yes	: Yes	: 23	: May 4	:
*10 Oklahoma	: Yes	: Yes : Yes	: Yes	: Yes	: 6	: July 6	: July 27
*4 Oregon	: No	: Yes : Yes	: Yes	: Yes	: 4	: May 21	:
Pennsylvania	: No	: No : No	: Yes	: No	: 30	: May 18	:
Rhode Island	: No	: No : Yes	: Yes	: Yes	: 2	: Sept. 20-Dem.: : Sept. 29-Rep.:	:
South Carolina	: No	: No : No	: Yes	: Yes	: 6	: July 13	: July 27
South Dakota	: Yes	: Yes : Yes	: Yes	: Yes	: 2	: June 1	:
Tennessee	: Yes	: Yes : Yes	: Yes	: Yes	: 9	: Aug. 5	:
*1 & 2 Texas	: ---	: Yes : Yes	: Yes	: Yes	: 22	: July 24	: Aug. 28
Utah	: No	: Yes : Yes	: No	: No	: 2	: Sept. 14	:
*12 Vermont	: No	: Yes : Yes	: Yes	: No	: 1	: Sept. 14	:
*1 Virginia	: No	: Yes : Yes	: No	: Yes	: 10	: July 13	: Aug. 17
Washington	: No	: Yes : Yes	: No	: No	: 7	: Sept. 14	:
West Virginia	: Yes	: Yes : Yes	: No	: Yes	: 6	: Aug. 3	:
Wisconsin	: Yes	: Yes : Yes	: Yes	: No	: 10	: Sept. 14	:
*8 Wyoming	: Yes	: Yes : Yes	: Yes	: Yes	: 1	: Aug. 17	:

Footnotes:

- *1 Payment of Poll Tax is requisite for voting.
- *2 No registration is required.
- *3 No Primary. Nominations by State Conventions.
- *4 Employees of State and Federal Government may register by mail.
- *5 Federal Government employees and their wives may register from abroad.
- *6 Maine's General Election will be held on Sept. 13, 1954.
- *7 No civilian voting outside continental U.S. except for employees of Army and Navy.
- *8 Affidavit of Absentee Voter must be attested to by an official authorized to administer oaths within the U.S.
- *9 To vote in November election personal registration is required of all electors in communities over 5000 population. 1953 registration entitles electors to vote in the 1954 Primary.
- *10 Re-registration during March 1954 in 58 counties. (Muskogee, Oklahoma, and Tulsa counties are not included in the 58.)
- *11 General registration required in 1954 and every 4th year thereafter.
- *12 Vermont - The Freeman's Oath may be taken outside of the State and if other qualifications are met, the home Board may enter the applicant's name on "Check List".

? Do You Know ?
That Failure To Vote On An Amendment
Is A "No" Vote?

On November 2nd You Will Vote on
4 Amendments to the Minnesota Constitution

- 1. PROBATE JUDGES**
 - A. Gives the legislature authority to set up qualifications for probate judges.
 - B. Enables the legislature, by a two-thirds vote, to establish and extend duties of the probate court.

- 2. STOCKHOLDER LIABILITY**
 - A. Eliminates the present liability provision relating to stockholders in a banking or trust corporation or association.
 - B. Vests in the legislature the power to regulate stockholder's liability in all kinds of corporations.

- 3. REVISION OF CONSTITUTION**

Clears the way for a constitutional convention by providing that:

 - A. Any revision of the state constitution must be submitted to the people for approval.
 - B. Approval must be given by three-fifths of those voting on the revision.
 - C. State legislators be eligible for election as delegates to a constitutional convention.

- 4. VACANCIES IN ELECTIVE OFFICES**
 - A. Eliminates elective offices for the "short term" between the general election and the first Monday in January.
 - B. Enables the governor to fill a vacancy by appointment until the first Monday in January when a successor is elected and qualified.

The League of Women Voters provides this factual information as a public service to help you make a decision for or against these amendments.

For Further Information About These Amendments Write
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VOTE "YES" ON AMENDMENT NUMBER 3

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota has long advocated revision of our state constitution as an aid to achieving efficiency and economy in government. We believe passage of Amendment No. 3 is the first step toward this goal.

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ABSENTEE VOTING OF MINNESOTA RESIDENTS

A. QUALIFICATIONS

1. Must be 21 years of age on the day of the election.
2. Must have been a United States citizen for 3 months and have resided in the State for 6 months and in the election district for 30 days.
3. Must be a registered voter if residence is in certain municipalities (see B1).

B. REGISTRATION

1. Registration is required by state law in all cities and towns having a population of 10,000 or more. Registration may be required by local ordinance in cities and towns having a population of more than 5,000 and less than 10,000.

Among the municipalities which require registration are:

Albert Lea	Faribault	Plymouth Township
Austin	Fergus Falls	Red Wing
Bemidji	Golden Valley	Richfield
Bloomington	Hibbing	Robbinsdale
Brainerd	Hopkins	Rochester
Brooklyn Center	Mankato	Roseville
Chisholm	Medicine Lake	St. Cloud
Crystal	Minneapolis	St. Louis Park
Deephaven	Minnetonka Township	St. Paul
Duluth	Moorhead	South St. Paul
Edina	Northfield	Virginia
Eveleth	Owatonna	Winona

2. Providing the voter has not changed his name or address, registration is permanent in the city of Duluth unless a person has failed to vote at least once during two consecutive years in which elections were held. In other cities and towns where registration is required, it is permanent unless a person has failed to vote at least once during four consecutive years.
3. Members of the Armed Forces* may be registered at the same time and on the same form as application is made for ballot (see C1).
4. Any other qualified person, absent from his election district, may register by mail on a "Registration Application Form" available from the local Commissioner of Registration.
5. The executed form will be accepted by the Commissioner of Registration at any time except during the 20-day period immediately preceding an election.

C. OBTAINING BALLOTS AND VOTING

1. A member of the Armed Forces* may register for voting and apply for absentee ballot in one of two ways: 1) the member or his parent, spouse, sister or child (over 18 years old) may file a "Request for Ballots" form with the County Auditor, or 2) the member may mail a "Federal Post Card Application" to the County Auditor. A Federal Post Card Application can be obtained from the voting officer at any military base.
2. Any other qualified person, who is absent from his district on the day of election or who by reason of illness or physical disability is unable to go to the polling place, may vote by absentee ballot provided he is within the continental limits of the United States. Such a voter should request an "Application for Ballots" from his County Auditor. No person except members of the Armed Forces may vote by absentee process if he is outside the continental limits of the United States.
3. The executed application will be accepted by the County Auditor as early as 30 days before and not later than 1 day before the date of the election.
4. Ballots will be mailed to the voter as early as 15 days before the date of the election.
5. Marked ballots must be received by election officials not later than the day of the election.

* The term "Armed Forces" refers to "the Army and Navy of the United States, or the Merchant Marine of the United States, or the American Red Cross, the Society of Friends, the Women's Auxiliary Service Pilots, the Salvation Army, the United Service Organizations and all other persons connected in any capacity with the Army or Navy of the United States." Laws, 1949, C. 383, § 3.

Note: The Federal Post Card Application, the Requests for Ballots and the Registration Application Form must be notarized.

For additional information on voting consult your Commissioner of Registration, County Auditor and Minnesota Election Laws, 1954 Edition. We suggest that local Leagues obtain for distribution to absent voters a few copies of the application forms for registering and obtaining ballots.