



Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association Records.

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IMPORTANT.

Round-table discussion.	Let the reports from the Leagues be in the nature of an informal conference. Let the convention discuss the best thing which has been done the past year and talk over plans for the year to come. Our organization must hold together and grow stronger to secure full suffrage, either by the federal amendment or by the state constitutional amendment.
1921 Legis- lature.	As these things will be in the hands of the next legislature elected to represent our counties, the county organization is the great essential.
Publicity	Secure publicity for your county convention and send without fail to Press Chairman, Miss Mary Gallahan, Dukes Bldg., Peru, Indiana.

SUGGESTIONS FOR COUNTY CONVENTIONS

Morning:

1. Have each league report through its president as per the accompanying slip, which has been sent to each league president.
2. Make necessary announcements in regard to State and District Conventions, etc.
3. Address (by District Chairman, if possible.)
Status of Suffrage
(a) In the nation
(b) In the state.

Luncheon:

If no good inexpensive luncheon place can be found, try an old-fashioned picnic lunch with the local league supplying the hot coffee.

Afternoon:

1. Elect County Chairman and any other officers desired for County. See Constitution By-Law III, Sections 1, 2, and 3, By-Law VIII, Sections 2 and 5.
2. Get some good local man speaker to tell in 10 minutes what presidential suffrage means, when primaries are held, when elections are held, and explain the system of presidential electors.
3. Address on some subject of immediate suffrage interest.
4. Illustrated talk - 20 minutes.
Suffragists in France - (Oversea Hospitals stereopticon slides)

Material for talk and slides can be obtained from
Miss Mary I. Gallahan, Dukes Bldg., Peru, Indiana.

WOMAN'S FRANCHISE LEAGUE OF INDIANA.

BULLETIN NUMBER 15

Issued by

Mrs. F. H. McCulloch, General Campaign Chairman.

SUBJECT: SECURING MEMBERSHIPS AND SIGNATURES ON ELECTION DAY.

To League Presidents, copy to County Chairmen.

With the Fourth Liberty Loan magnificently floated, suffragists can again devote their time and energies to the membership and petition campaign. The more thorough-going you make the campaign, the more members you get, the bigger the petition you can secure for ratification of the federal amendment, the more emphatic will be the result.

Memberships and petition signatures are the necessary tools for the work we have in hand. Forge well your tools, bend every effort to finish the campaign. One account of the Liberty Loan campaign and the influenza epidemic the time limit has been extended to Thanksgiving.

Thousands of voters will be gathered at the polls on Election Day, and we urge you to secure their memberships and signatures at that time. THIS IS THE PLAN: Station your workers at the various polls, supply them with plenty of suffrage literature, petition blanks for men voters and membership receipt books. Instruct them to ask each voter as he comes from the booth to sign the petition and take out a membership.

An Indiana statute says that no other person, except one challenger and one poll-book holder appointed by each party shall remain within fifty feet of the polls on Election Day, so it is imperative that your workers understand and be instructed to follow this regulation. Do not address a voter as he enters the polling place.

Both political parties have incorporated strong suffrage planks in their party platform and workers assembled at their district conferences have pledged their support to our drive. What better time or place to approach the voters than on Election Day? Have no fear of discourteous treatment. The sentiment of the country is with us; our duty is merely to secure its expression.

The Executive Secretary tells me that she has on hand at headquarters a quantity of petition blanks and fliers sufficient to supply your needs. Distribute literature freely. We especially recommend for distribution "Two Indiana Suffrage Planks", a flier which sells at fifteen cents per hundred. Write to her if you need material. Also please notify headquarters immediately after Election Day of your results.

This is the time when every suffragist should stand by her colors proudly, victoriously. Good luck to you!

[1918]

WOMAN'S FRANCHISE LEAGUE OF INDIANA.

BULLETIN NO. 16.

Issued by

Mrs. L. J. Cox, Congressional Chairman.

SUBJECT: WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP THE PASSAGE OF THE FEDERAL AMEND³
MENT AND MAKE SUFFRAGE A CHRISTMAS GIFT TO THE WOMEN OF
AMERICA.

LETTER WRITING CAMPAIGN: During the past year the National's plan has been for the women of each state to write only to the representatives and senators from that state. Now we wish to make a change in that plan because at the time of the vote in October the antis made a great impression upon some senators by sending them letters from all over the country. Will you help with such a bombardment upon six senators? The letters must begin to come in at once, as Senate convened December 2nd, and should continue until a vote is taken on the federal amendment. Letters from organizations may be written on official paper but a great number should also be sent by individual men and women typed or written in longhand. If persons writing letters hold any public office or honorary office connected with war work or civic and charity work they should use their title in signing the letter. The senators to be addressed are:

Hon. Geo. H. Moses of New Hamp., Rep. Hon. Wm. Pollock of So. Car., Dem.
Hon. Lee S. Overman of No. Car., Dem. Hon. Park Trammell of Fla., Dem.
Hon. John K. Shields of Tenn., Dem. Hon. Edw. J. Gay of Louisiana, Dem.
The address of all these is the United States Senate, Washington, D.C.

WAR WORKERS' APPEAL: An appeal for the federal amendment will be made at a mass meeting of war workers in Washington. I ask you to join in a chain of such meetings all through the country. The general plan for the Washington meeting which is suggested for local meetings is to have a program of talks by prominent war workers, to have delegations of war workers in uniform and to have patriotic decorations and community singing of patriotic songs. It may be advisable for you to have war work leaders join in extending the invitation for the meeting and to present resolutions from groups of war workers, always giving the number of persons represented. The object of course is to bring out in connection with the meeting as many representatives of as many different sorts of war work as possible.

Do not fail to send in immediately reports of your meetings with copies of resolutions to Miss Margorie Schuler, 1626 Rhode Island Ave., Washington, D. C. If you fail to do this the national effect of your meeting will be lost because the senators will not know you have had them. She will send copies of the reports you send her to the senators most likely to be influenced by this action.

I would suggest that a special person be appointed to solicit the letters, and a committee be selected to arrange the meeting of war workers and the presenting of resolutions. In counties where the influenza epidemic will prevent meetings, resolutions should be presented for signatures to heads of the different branches of war work.

FINANCIAL REPORT WOMAN'S FRANCHISE LEAGUE OF INDIANA

SEPTEMBER 1st TO OCTOBER 1st, 1918

RECEIPTS.

Dues:—

	Members	
English	24...	\$ 6.00
Thorntown	13...	3.25
North Manchester	17...	4.25
Eagles	19...	4.75
Cutler	68...	17.00
Scottsburg	50...	12.50
Huntingburg	80...	20.00
West College Corner	40...	10.00
Paoli	78...	19.50
Thorntown	22...	5.50
Harrison Township (Boone County) ...	10...	2.50
Bunker Hill	9...	2.25
Clear Creek	12...	3.00
Whitestown	6...	1.50
Dover	6...	1.50
Thorntown	123...	30.75
Corydon	136...	34.00
Worthington	74...	18.50
Cuzco	16...	4.00
Washington Township (Allen County). .	6...	1.50
Lawrenceburg	52...	13.00
Ingalls (Green Township)	13...	3.25
Hebron	101...	25.25
Jasper	20...	5.00
Lewis	10...	2.50
Dillboro	101...	25.25
Bird's Eye	30...	7.50
Whitestown	28...	7.00
Thorntown	24...	6.00
Aurora	5...	1.25
Liberty	73...	18.25
Ft. Wayne	66...	16.50
Asbury	8...	2.00

1340 \$335.00

6% Loans 450.00

Convention Pledges:—

Crawfordsville	\$ 5.00
Indianapolis Branch	105.09
	\$110.09

Contributions:—

Mrs. E. C. Earl, Connersville	\$25.00
Mrs. Horace C. Stilwell, Anderson	50.00
Mrs. L. J. Cox, Terre Haute	20.64
Cash .....	.10
	\$ 95.74

Literature:—

Thorntown	\$ 2.75
Marion	3.74
Gibson County	1.75
Delphi	1.08
Brazil	4.00
Wabash	1.00
Indianapolis Branch	32.70
Winamac	2.54
Corydon .....	.20
Bunker Hill	1.10
Shelbyville	3.48
North Manchester	1.90
Farmersburg .....	.10
French Lick .....	.60
Terre Haute	10.13
Huntington	7.85
Battle Ground .....	.45
Peru	1.13
Grant County .....	.42
Rising Sun .....	.21
Stockwell .....	.15
Oaktown .....	.30
Green Township .....	.13
	\$ 77.71

Miscellaneous:—

Leavenworth, for Buttons	\$ 1.00
Cash .....	.25
	1.25

\$1,069.79

DISBURSEMENTS.

Overdraft 383.68

Press Department:—

August Salary of Press Chairman.....	\$50.00
W. B. Burford, Mim. Ink	3.00
Central Press Clipping Service	5.00
	58.00

Membership:—

August Salary Amy Keene	\$25.00
Postage General Chairman's Office	45.00
38,000 Flyers—Sentinel Printing Co.	48.00
Mrs. C. A. Butler, sectional chairman, exp. ...	10.22
Mrs. L. C. Kneipple, exp.	14.50
Miss Cox, Mrs. J. W. Bossard, expenses.....	6.56
Miss Amy Keene, expenses	30.30
Mrs. L. J. Cox, expense contributed	20.64
	200.22

Organization:—

Mrs. O. B. Lewis, August Salary	\$100.00
Mrs. Frank E. Kimble, expenses	38.64
Mrs. O. B. Lewis, expenses	20.07
Mrs. Will Overstreet, exp. Boone county ...	8.80
Miss Grace Guthrie, expenses	21.32
Miss Amy Keene, expenses	16.01
	204.84

Pledge:—

Nat'l American Woman Suf. Ass'n (Mrs. Stilwell).. 50.00

Speakers Bureau:—

Sentinel Printing Co., 200 letter heads and env.	\$2.50
Mrs. J. W. Bossard, exp. trip to Laporte.....	5.81
	8.31

Office:—

Sentinel Printing Co., Board Letters, \$5.75;
Financial Statements\$6.00

.....\$11.75

Rec. Central Union Telephone Co. 47.46

Secretary, August Salary 75.00 |

Peru Carting Co. 1.00

Mr. Brewer, rent May, July, August 36.00 |

Office Expenses 75.00 |

246.21

757.58

Total Disbursements\$1,151.26

Total Receipts 1,069.79

Overdraft \$ 81.47

Woman's Franchise League of Indiana

Affiliated with the National American Woman Suffrage Association 1912

STATE HEADQUARTERS: DUKES BUILDING

Peru, Indiana

Executive Secretary
MISS KATE COX, Peru

President
MRS. RICHARD ELBERT EDWARDS, Peru

Treasurer
MISS SARAH LAURENCE, Indianapolis
Oct. 4, 1918.

Dear Suffragist:

From all over the state letters and telegrams are pouring in - "What shall we do? Are you discouraged?" Discouraged? Why, not at all! Mrs. Catt, president of the National American Woman's Suffrage Association, says: "We cannot lose what we have never had; we merely continue trying to get it in the face of repeated rebuffs. We shall try again in a few weeks."

How closely have you followed the recent action in the Senate in regard to the Federal Suffrage Amendment? The Senate voted 62 to 34 against it Tuesday, October 1st. Motion was immediately made to reconsider, and it can and will be brought up again at the first favorable opportunity. Two Senators who were opposed go out in November, having been merely appointed to hold the office until the November elections. More will be replaced in March.

The work of the National American Woman's Suffrage Association will be to watch for a favorable opportunity and to try to bring over a few more votes and to get the measure through the Senate at the earliest possible date. Our legislative work in Indiana is to have the Amendment ratified by our state legislature in January if the Senate has passed it by that time. If it has not, to secure from our legislature - as other states have secured from legislatures which met this year - a resolution demanding the passage of the Federal Suffrage Amendment by the Senate. Continue our membership and petition campaign as the important and necessary impetus for national and state action. Our petitions will be... Our petitions will be used first for the Senate, later for the Indiana Legislature as we have always planned.

Perhaps you did not know that the vote was taken last Tuesday at the insistence of our organization - even though we practically knew we would lose. We felt it was wisest to put every Senator on record and know exactly where we stood, and subsequent events have proved us right.

There is much to tell you and every league member of the interesting weeks and days preceding the vote - of the President's wonderful speech and its effect; of the dramatic events of each hour of the last few days of the fight - too much to put into a letter. However, there is to be a protest

meeting in Indianapolis Tuesday, October 8th, held under the auspices of the Indianapolis branch, at which Miss Adah Bush, First Vice President, and myself will tell all we can of what we ourselves saw and heard and did, for we were in the thick of the skirmish. If possible, I will hope to see you there. Luncheon will be at the Claypool - 75¢ a plate - Tuesday at 12:30. Places can be reserved through Mrs. W. C. Teasdale, Golden Hill, Indianapolis. The October Board Meeting will be held that morning at the Claypool at ten o'clock, and if possible, Board business concluded before the luncheon hour so that the Board may attend the meeting. All suffragists are welcome at the Board Meeting.

I hope you and some member of your league can be present and protest against the refusal of the Senate to recognize the women and to give the President what he asked for so earnestly. The "Instrument" which as he said: "I need, put into my hands to help me carry the executive burdens of the war, and which as Commander-in-chief of the Army and Navy I ask for - the women as full voting citizens, adding their counsels to those of the men - not only for the prosecution of the war but for the problems of reconstruction."

We must continue our war work, of course; we owe that to our nation, to our President, to ourselves. But we also owe it to our nation, our President and ourselves to protest to the Senate at its refusal to represent and to register the national will and the President's need. We can do that best right now by pushing our petition and membership campaign; by showing in Indiana as the women of every other state will be showing, the number of people interested in the Federal Suffrage Amendment.

Come to Indianapolis if you can. If you cannot, join with the suffragists of all the nation who are war workers for our government and push our protest to the very doors of the Senate. It is not only the President who has been discredited by Congress; it is - as you would know if you could have heard the disgraceful speeches on the floor of the Senate - the patriotic women war workers of the country who have been slapped in the face.

Sincerely yours,

Leah Stewart Edwards

President.

(Mrs. Richard E. Edwards.)

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Treasurer
MISS SARA LAUTER, Indianapolis

Oct. 9, 1918.

Dear Suffrage Officer:

Monday morning's papers announced "No public meetings by order of the State Board of Health." After unsuccessful attempts to reach the chairman of the Seventh District and the president of the Indianapolis branch I finally reached the first vice president, Mrs. Born, who said Tuesday's luncheon and mass meeting had been called off. She stated that the understanding in Indianapolis was that meetings of moderate size would be permitted, so we thought best to go on with the October Board meeting. At 6:00 P.M. I had word from Indianapolis that no meetings of more than five people would be allowed. Efforts to obtain a permit from the Board of Health failed and at 7:00 P.M. Monday, too late as I feared, to reach some of the Board members, I telegraphed directly or through others announcing Tuesday's Board meeting was postponed.

However, some of the Executive officers were already in Indianapolis and other members and I myself went over thinking we could have an executive meeting to dispose of pressing business until the ban should be lifted and the meeting held. On my arrival I found several Board members from the northern and southern parts of the state particularly, who had left home before telegrams reached them. We could not, of course, have a Board meeting or transact any Board business. We did, however, the few of us who were there, have a very pleasant and informal discussion of conditions in Washington and conditions in the state.

Mrs. McCulloch was present and Mrs. Greenough, and the latter told us the agreeable news that we have 283 leagues in the state today. As a result of the discussion the Executive Committee took definite action on two lines: the protest to the Republican State Central Committee and the extension of time in the drive as per the enclosed news bulletin.

Will you back up our protest in regard to Lodge by a personal letter to Mr. Edmund M. Wasmuth, chairman of the Indiana Republican Committee, Severin Hotel, Indianapolis, from yourself as a league officer and a suffragist? Get several letters from prominent Republicans in your community on the same subject. Lodge was the leader of the anti-suffrage forces in the Senate and Democratic and Republican antis alike acknowledged his leadership. All this was perfectly evident to on-lookers in the galleries during the days of the recent suffrage struggle in the Senate, and if we owe our temporary defeat to any one man it is unquestionably Lodge.

Please make your protest as strong as possible and do it immediately or it will not be effective.

Sincerely yours,

Marie Stuart Edwards

President.

(Mrs. Richard E. Edwards.)

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COPY FOR BOARD MEMBERS.

October 25, 1918.

Dear County Chairman:

The enclosed letter has gone to every league president in your county. The membership and petition campaign must go over. If we fail in this campaign we not only are false in our promise to the National Association to do our part but we also have betrayed the unenfranchised women of the nation whom we have set out to help.

See that your county is well represented at the polling booths and let us know immediately the result of the work accomplished on Election Day.

Your quota for memberships is , petition signatures . To date your county has paid on memberships.

The President of the United States has declared woman suffrage a war measure. As Indiana has led in every other form of war work, so, true to her record, she must lead in this branch of service.

Sincerely yours,

Elice Foster McCulloch

(Mrs. F. H. McCulloch.)

General Campaign Chairman.

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BOARD LETTER.

November 1918.

An unusually large attendance marked the November meeting of the Board of the Woman's Franchise League of Indiana at the Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis, Thursday November 7th. Five officers were present, nine directors, the chairmen of all but the first, third, fourth, tenth and twelfth districts and a number of ~~xxxxxxx~~ committee chairmen and visitors.

CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE. Mrs. L. J. Cox, chairman, reported that all but one of the representatives elected to seats in Congress on Tuesday were pledged in writing to support the federal suffrage amendment if it should come up for action in the House.

LEGISLATIVE. The report of the chairman, Miss Helen Benbridge, showed that more than one half of the candidates elected to the Indiana Legislature on November 5th were pledged in writing to the support of suffrage in the 1919 session. The Board voted to open temporary headquarters in Indianapolis during the 1919 Legislature, and instructed the president to appoint a committee to investigate a number of locations and report to the Board at its next meeting. Mrs. Edwards appointed as chairman of this committee Mrs. W. C. Teasdale, vice chairman of the Legislative Committee, with Mrs. J. F. Barnhill, Mrs. O. B. Jameson, Miss Betsy Edwards and Mrs. Elizabeth Claypool Earl as committee members.

RESIGNATIONS. Resignations from the Board of Mrs. Fred C. Stephenson of Marion, who has moved from the state, and of Mrs. Louis Kassebaum of Aurora, temporary chairman of the Fourth District, were accepted. The Board voted to leave the appointment of a successor to Mrs. Kassebaum to the Executive Committee, and will elect a director to serve Mrs. Stephenson's unexpired term at the December meeting, several nominations having been made.

OVERSEA HOSPITALS. Mrs. M. L. Hageman, chairman, reported that \$295.98 has been paid on Indiana's pledge of \$2000.00 for the support of the Women's Oversea Hospitals. She stated that hospital supplies were urgently needed and asked for donations of the following:

Single sheets, $1\frac{1}{2}$ x 3 yds. wide

Draw " 1 x 2 " "

Pillow cases, 36 in x 45 in.

Bath gowns, cotton flannel or other material
that is neither heavy nor bulky - any accepted Red Cross pattern.

Send to the Infirmary for Women and Children,
321 East 15th St., New York City, and mark for
Women's Oversea Hospitals.

Send all funds to headquarters, Woman's Franchise League
of Indiana, Peru, Ind.

ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE. Mrs. Walter Greenough, chairman, reported the organization of 39 new leagues and the reorganization of 4 old ones, as per the accompanying list.

TECHNICAL INSTRUCTIONS

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- ☐ Defective Page/Document
- ☐ Intentional Duplicate Exposure
- ☐ Oversize

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- ☐ Film as separate items
- ☐ Do not film
- ☐ Film

NOTE:

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LEAGUES ORGANIZED IN AUGUST AND NOT REPORTED IN BOARD LETTER.

5th Dist.		<u>Paid Members.</u>	11th Dist.	<u>Paid Members.</u>
Clay	Co. Clay City	-	Wabash	Co. No. Manchester 17

LEAGUES ORGANIZED IN SEPTEMBER.

2nd Dist.		<u>Paid Members.</u>	10th Dist.	<u>Paid Members.</u>
Monroe	" Clear Creek	12	Porter	Co. Kouts -
			Lake	" Robertsdale -
3rd Dist.			11th Dist.	
Scott	" Scottsburg	50	Grant	" Gas City -
Jasper	" Cuzco	16	Wabash	" Asbury 8
Dubois	" Birdseye	30	Huntington	" Warren -
4th Dist.			Cass	" Walton -
Dearborn	" Lawrenceburg	50	"	" Twelve Mile -
"	" Dillsboro	101		
6th Dist.			12th Dist.	
Union	" W. College Corner	40	Allen	" Washington Twp. 6
Henry	" Newcastle	-	"	" Jefferson Twp. -
			"	" Scipio Twp. -
9th Dist.			"	" Lafayette Twp. -
Boone	" Perry Twp	-	"	" Aboite Twp. 33
"	" Clinton Twp.	-		

LEAGUES REORGANIZED IN SEPTEMBER.

3rd Dist.		<u>Paid Members.</u>	10th Dist.	<u>Paid Members.</u>
Harrison	" Corydon	136	Porter	Co. Hebron 101
6th Dist.				
Hancock	" Greenfield	-		

LEAGUES ORGANIZED IN OCTOBER.

3rd Dist.		<u>Paid Members.</u>	11th Dist.	<u>Paid Members.</u>
Dubois	" Ireland	13	Cass	Co. Lucerne -
			Huntington	" Jefferson -
4th Dist.			"	" Majenica -
Brown	" Nashville	-	"	" Salamonie -
Johnston	" Franklin	-	"	" Little River -
Ripley	" Milan	51	"	" Green Valley -
			"	" Clear Creek -
9th Dist.			"	" Monument City -
Boone	" Union Twp.	-	"	" Warren -
"	" Washington Twp	37		

LEAGUES REORGANIZED IN OCTOBER.

4th Dist.		<u>Paid Members.</u>
Ripley	" Osgood	45

FINANCIAL REPORT WOMAN'S FRANCHISE LEAGUE OF INDIANA

OCTOBER 1st TO NOVEMBER 1st, 1918

RECEIPTS.

Dues:—

	Members.	
Sullivan	112...	\$28.00
French Lick	70...	17.50
Ockley	25...	6.25
Aboite Township	33...	8.25
Osgood	45...	11.25
Crown Point	23...	5.75
Lebanon	215...	53.75
Union Township, Boone County	17...	4.25
Bloomington	156...	39.00
Milan	51...	12.75
Terre Haute	236...	59.00
North Manchester	55...	13.75
Evansville	35...	8.75
Farmersburg	6...	1.50
Odell	34...	8.50
Ireland	13...	3.25
Indianapolis	600...	150.00
Huntington	23...	5.75
Thorntown	16...	4.00
Washington Township, Boone County	37...	9.25
	1802	\$450.50

Contributions and Donations:—

Mrs. Walter Greenough, telephone charges ..	\$ 2.22
Sara Lauter, postage	5.00
Eldena Lauter, telephone charges	2.80
	10.02

Convention Pledge:—

Mrs. Mabel B. Wiesner, Fort Wayne	\$10.00
Mrs. A. B. Anderson, Indianapolis	5.00
Mrs. L. J. Cox, Terre Haute	25.00
Portland	25.00
Valparaiso	50.00
Fort Wayne	100.00
Wayne County	2.50
	\$217.50

Literature:—

Tippecanoe County .....	.63
Kingsbury .....	.50
Hartford City	4.63
Crown Point	2.38
Milltown .....	.50
Harrodsburg .....	.50
Union County	2.20
Muncie	4.63
Marion	1.88
Shelbyville .....	.50
	18.45
	\$ 696.47

DISBURSEMENTS.

Overdraft October 1, 1918	\$ 81.47
Press:—	
Salary Press Chairman	\$75.00
Central Press Clipping Service	5.00
Sentinel Printing Co., Printing	23.75
	103.75

Office Expenses:—

Sara Lauter, for stamps donated	\$ 5.00
Eldena Lauter, long distance calls donated...	2.80
Samuel S. Brewer, rent	12.00
Secretary Office Expenses	225.00
Sentinel Printing Co—10,000 envelopes, \$32.50	
400 Financial Statements, \$6.00; 400	
Board Letters, \$6.00	44.50
Receivers Central Union Telephone Co.	39.22
	328.52

Membership:—

Ft. Wayne Printing Co., printing	4.10
Singmaster Printing Co., Ft. Wayne	15.10
Amy Keene, expenses	42.02
Sentinel Printing Co., 5,000 fliers, \$5.25;	
1,000 Instructions to Pres., \$5.50; 1,000	
Fliers, \$4.00	14.75
Mrs. Lloyd Fosdick, overcharge Lit., refund..	1.50
	\$ 77.47

Organization:—

Mrs. Walter Greenough, Long Dis. call, donated	\$ 2.22
Mrs. Olive Belden Lewis, expenses	53.46
Margaret Tobin, exp. org. Brown county....	21.60
	77.28
	\$ 668.49
Balance	\$ 27.98

INDEBTEDNESS.

6% Loans, due in November	\$ 410.51
6% Loans due in December	450.00
Due on pledge to National Association	850.00
	\$1,710.51

Edwards

COPY FOR BOARD MEMBERS

November 9, 1918.

Dear League Officer:

The Board of the Woman's Franchise League of Indiana has instructed me to call your attention to the following:

No. of Dues to
Members or State Org.

Quota assigned to _____ County

Memberships remitted to State Organization _____

Balance due.....

As you know, the plan to raise money for the petition drive and the subsequent work in the state legislature this winter by a membership campaign, was adopted, unanimously, at the state convention in April. The above statement shows the standing of your county to date and the remainder of your county obligation.

To check up on our work and to prepare for the final push of the drive, the Board requests the following information:

1. Has your league raised its share of your county quota?
2. How many members has your league secured?
3. Has your league sent the dues for these members to the state?
4. Does your league thoroughly understand that the organization bound itself to spend the money raised in this drive for suffrage only? (i.e., None of the money in the treasuries of the local leagues nor in the state treasury, having been solicited for suffrage, can be diverted for any other purpose, no matter how worthy the cause.)

MONEY IS URGENTLY NEEDED FOR SUFFRAGE WORK IN INDIANA AT ONCE.

If you have not sent in your membership dues to the state, please do so at once. If your league made a pledge at the convention which has not yet been paid, please pay that pledge now.

The changes in the Senate as a result of last Tuesday's election indicate renewed pressure for suffrage by Federal Amendment. We must carry out the state work which is part of the National plan; and to do this money is needed immediately. Please clear your county's record.

Sincerely yours,

Kate Cox

Executive Secretary.

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June Dec 19

FINANCIAL REPORT WOMAN'S FRANCHISE LEAGUE OF INDIANA

NOVEMBER 1st to DECEMBER 1st, 1918.

Balance\$ 27.98

RECEIPTS

Dues:—

Members

Centerville	17...	\$ 4.25
Jefferson Township, Boone County....	58...	14.50
Lafayette	410...	102.50
Anderson	100...	25.00
Washington Township (Loyal)	17...	4.25
Clinton Township, Boone County ...	40...	10.00
Adams Township, Carroll County ...	70...	17.50
Pittsburg	30...	7.50
Cutler	100...	25.00
Corydon	62...	15.00
Fayette County	20...	5.00
Richmond	347...	86.75
Jackson Township, Wayne County ...	92...	23.00
Washington Township	40...	10.00
Delphi	90...	22.50
Burlington	26...	6.50
Columbia City	26...	6.50
Princeton	200...	50.00
Hartford City	72...	18.00
Martinsville	10...	2.50
Earl Park	22...	5.50
Greenfield	113...	28.25
Franklin	25...	6.25
Westville	16...	4.00
Bloomington	67...	16.75
Charlestown	16...	4.00
Fayette County	18...	4.50
New Plains	44...	11.00
Leavenworth	8...	2.00
Shelburn	27...	6.75
Oaktown	10...	2.50
Anthony Wayne	20...	5.00
Fredericksburg	11...	2.75
Portland	24...	6.00
Harrison Township, Cass County ...	65...	16.25
Twelve Mile	12...	3.00
Walton	9...	2.25
Huntington	211...	52.75
Battle Ground	48...	12.00
Marion	180...	45.00
Business W. L., Elkhart	92...	23.00
Elkhart	808...	202.00
West Lafayette	89...	22.25
Kouts	60...	15.00
Fort Wayne	126...	31.50
Jefferson Township, Carroll County ..	212...	53.00
Peru	400...	100.00
Terre Haute	400...	100.00

— \$1,240.00

4,960

Convention Pledges:—

Lafayette	\$100.00
Muncie	25.00
Bloomington	25.00
Indianapolis	50.00
Mrs. O. B. Lewis	5.00
—	\$205.00

Honor Roll Pledges:—

Mrs. John Crume, Peru	3.00
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Donations and Contributions:—

Centerville	\$.12
Mrs. E. A. Gould, Peru	10.50
Jackson Township, Boone County	4.00
Sarah Lauter, trip to Martinsville	1.75
Mrs. Mary McNutt, Indianapolis	25.00
—	41.37

Literature:—

Muncie	\$ 2.50
Crawfordsville	8.10
Monticello .....	.74
Delphi .....	.80
Fayette County	2.60
Indianapolis	4.00
Marengo	2.45
Clay County .....	.03
Miami County .....	.25
Newburgh .....	.75
Lebanon .....	.63
Carroll County	7.20
Valparaiso	7.95
Covington	2.45
Bloomington	16.93
Knightstown .....	.30
Danville	4.17
West Point .....	.46
Terre Haute .....	.30
Cass County .....	.38
Huntington65
Kouts20
Marion15
—	64.00

Miscellaneous:—

Use of Telephone50
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Oversea Hospitals:—

Indianapolis	200.00
—	\$1,781.85

DISBURSEMENTS.

Office:—

Sec. September Salary	\$100.00
Office Expenses	75.00
W. B. Burford, Mimeograph ink	3.00
Miller-Wallick Press—250 folders, \$6.50; 100 punched sheets, 75c; 50 cards, 20c.....	7.45
Receiver Central Union Telephone Co.	40.96
Office Expenses	50.00
Office Expenses	75.00
Secretary, October Salary	100.00
—	\$451.41

Membership:—

Mrs. Walter Greenough, expenses	\$ 3.26
Amy Keene, half salary	25.00
Mrs. C. O. Self, expenses	11.20
Mrs. L. J. Cox, expenses	2.50
Mrs. Charles Butler, expenses	5.40
Mrs. Chas. Butler, telephone charges.....	8.55
Mrs. C. L. Kneipple, expenses	3.96
Amy Keene, salary on account	15.00
—	74.87

Press:—

Central Press Clipping Service	\$ 5.00
Peru Republican, 1,000 Press Slips	1.50
Miller-Wallick Press, 800 newspaper clippings	4.00
Sentinel Printing Co.	6.25

Literature:—

Peru Republican, printing	\$ 20.00
National Suf. Publishing Co., on account...	200.00
—	220.30

Organization:—

Olive B. Lewis, September salary	\$100.00
Mrs. E. A. Gould, donated	10.50
Mrs. Olive Belden Lewis, Sept. 24-Oct. 1....	9.87
Ethel Kimble, organization expense, Green- field, trip to Valparaiso, organiz. Carmel	\$35.06
Olive Belden Lewis, 3 weeks salary, October..	75.00
Margaret Tobin, 12 days organizing	24.00
Margaret Tobin, Exp. Oct. 15-Nov. 6.....	21.22
Sara Lauter, trip to Martinsville, donated ...	1.75
—	277.40
National American Suffrage Ass'n, on pledge	250.00

Oversea Hospitals:—

Indianapolis League	\$200.00
Huntington League	80.00
—	280.00

Paid on Loan 200.00

— \$1,770.73

Receipts \$1,781.85

Disbursements 1,770.73

Balance \$ 11.12

Indebtedness—\$650.61 plus interest.

Woman's Franchise League of Indiana

Affiliated with the National American Woman Suffrage Association 1912
STATE HEADQUARTERS: DUKES BUILDING

Peru, Indiana

Executive Secretary
MISS KATE COX, Peru

President
MRS. RICHARD ELBERT EDWARDS, Peru

Treasurer
MISS SARA LAUTER, Indianapolis

December 2, 1918.

Dear Suffrage Leader:

The leagues are all writing in wanting to know the status of the Federal Amendment. I am just back from New York where I talked with Mrs. Catt, Mrs. Shuler and other officers of the National, and so I pass on to you the latest news as it came to me.

When the vote was taken in the Senate in September we needed two more votes. In the November elections we gained one vote, that of a man elected to replace a senator who had been appointed to serve until this election. This Congress may sit until March. In the new Congress which was elected in November, and is likely to be called for a special session March 4th, we seem to have a comfortable majority for the Federal Amendment.

So two possibilities are ours. If we can gain one vote in the Senate soon, our measure can pass this Congress. If we cannot gain that one senator we must start all over again in the new Congress and pass the House, then the Senate.

There are two reasons why we are anxious to get that one vote in this present Congress, besides our desire to pass the federal amendment as soon as possible and end this long struggle. The first is that, as you know, 36 state legislatures must ratify this amendment before it can become a law. Forty-two state legislatures meet in the year 1919. Only a few in 1920. Of the 42 meeting this year, 22 can surely be counted on to ratify, 5 are probable, 10 are possible, making 37 in all. If we can secure all these this year women will vote in 1920, the big presidential year. If the Federal Amendment passes in time for these legislatures to ratify it, many of them pledged and ready to do so, our work is simplified.

The second reason is that our work in the House of Representatives is already done, the House having passed the amendment January 10, 1918; and though suffragists are not dismayed by work, none of them want to do their work over.

So the National asks Indiana women to give all the help possible to secure this one needed vote. The men who possibly may be won over are named in the list in Bulletin No. 16. While I was at National headquarters Mrs. Catt talked

with Mrs. Parke, Congressional Chairman, at Washington. Mrs. Parke had telephoned to say that one of the men in this group had promised his support for our measure provided the National could furnish him with overwhelming evidence of the strength of the sentiment in his state and in the nation. As I sat there I heard these two generals plan a special campaign for his state, and for one other state in which much may be accomplished. To show the strength of suffrage sentiment nationally each one of us is needed.

What you are asked to do is clearly indicated in the accompanying bulletin. Please do all you can as soon as you can. Indiana's two senators supported this measure fully and are pledged to us for continued support.

Indiana women working as individuals for the National have already been of great help in this national drive. Let us put the whole state and our state organization back of this particular effort. Wouldn't it be wonderful if your letter and the letters from your league won the necessary vote? Try it.

Sincerely yours,

Marie Stewart Edwards

President.
(Mrs. Richard Edwards.)



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BOARD LETTER.

December 10th, 1918.

The December meeting of the Board of Directors of the Woman's Franchise League of Indiana, held at the Claypool Hotel in Indianapolis Tuesday, December 10th, was attended by the president, two vice-presidents, six directors, the chairmen for the 6th, 8th, 9th and 11th districts, three committee chairmen and four visitors.

CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE—Mrs. L. J. Cox, Chairman, reported one more vote necessary to pass the federal amendment. The National has requested letters to six senators, as per Bulletin 16, and requests that letters be sent before December 20th. The Board passed a resolution as per the accompanying enclosure and sent to these six men. Leagues are urged to secure resolutions from women war workers and forward them immediately to Miss Marjorie Shuler, 1626 Rhode Island Ave., Washington, D. C.

LEGISLATIVE—Miss Helen Benbridge, Chairman, presented a legislative program for the 1919 Indiana Legislature, which as adopted by the Board provides (1) for ratification of the federal suffrage amendment, if it has been passed by the Senate, (2) a resolution from the Indiana Legislature calling for its passage in case it has not been passed, (3) a bill for presidential suffrage. Legislative headquarters will be maintained as long as necessary in Room 48, the State House, Indianapolis.

ORGANIZATION—Mrs. Walter Greenough, Chairman reported fifteen new leagues and the appointment to the following county chairmen: Morgan County, Mrs. J. E. Robinson, Martinsville; Vigo County, Mrs. O. U. Cox, Terre Haute. Mrs. Greenough also reported 305 leagues in the state, and nine counties in which there is no organization. The new leagues are: Carroll County, Pittsburg, Burlington and Brigghurst; Dubois County, Dubois; Allen County, Lake Township, Hoagland and Huntertown; Wayne County, Boston Abbingdon, Washington, Harrison, Perry, New Garden and Green Township.

PETITION AND MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN—Carroll County is first to reach its quota in the membership campaign and has turned in dues for 850 members; Allen County has turned in 945 new members, 9,072 petition signatures; Elkhart County, 900 members and 4,093 signatures. Five thousand new members were reported in November alone. The time limit for the petition campaign is up. **ALL COUNTIES MUST TURN IN PETITIONS BEFORE DECEMBER 20th TO HEADQUARTERS, PERU.** Please see that the signatures are attested before a notary before turning them in. These petitions are to be displayed in the State House during the first week of the legislature.

EDITORIAL—Mrs. Grace Julian Clark, Chairman, reported an increasing friendliness on the part of newspapers of the state.

FINANCE—The Treasurer, Miss Sara Lauter, reported \$627.73 sent to the National for the Women's Oversea Hospitals on our \$2,000 pledge and asked leagues to raise the remaining amount.

OVERSEA HOSPITALS—In the absence of the chairman, Mrs. M. L. Hageman, who is seriously ill, the president reported an interview with Mrs. Catt, who said that the hospitals were all busy; the new gas hospital still treating gas cases, and one unit had taken over a big refugee hospital at Nancy at the request of the French government. They were doing splendid work and should be fully supported.

RED CROSS WORK ROOM—Mrs. Isaac Born Chairman. Franchise League women are urged to send to the Franchise League Red Cross Workroom at Block's, old long or short kid gloves, to be pieced together for aviation jackets for use by the army in Siberia.

WOMAN CITIZEN—Indiana has lost third place in the contest and now holds fourth. The Board voted to send one copy of the Woman Citizen to each legislator before Christmas. Mrs. Jessie Fremont Croan, Woman Citizen Chairman, urges the members of the league to send the Woman Citizen to friends as a Christmas present. The price of the Woman Citizen advances to \$2.00 per year January 1st, 1919. This magazine has been furnished at a price far below cost as a means of spreading woman suffrage. There is still an opportunity to secure the magazine for one year by sending seventy cents to Mrs. Jessie Fremont Croan, 907 East Jackson Street, Anderson, Indiana. The order must reach her not later than December 28th. It is an interesting magazine. It makes the ideal suffrage Christmas remembrance and the Woman Citizen needs and asks support. No renewals will be accepted under this plan.

RECONSTRUCTION WORK—At the request of representatives of the Federal Employment Bureau the Franchise League has adopted a definite line of readjustment work in the after-war period, which relates particularly to women and women's interests. They have agreed to act under Miss Norma Hickam, Secretary for Indiana of the Women's Division of the Federal Employment Bureau and in conjunction with the Community Labor Boards to effect the replacement of women who have gone into war work or government service and who now will be out of employment with the declaration of peace. The League sometime ago offered its services to the government for this period of readjustment and are delighted to find a definite piece of work which they have been asked to do and which we feel they can do satisfactorily. Mrs. Wilmer Christian, Chairman of the Franchise League Committee for Women in Industry will have charge of the work.

COPY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED

by the
WOMAN'S FRANCHISE LEAGUE OF INDIANA.

Indianapolis, Tuesday, Dec. 10, 1918.

In the name of Justice and Democracy, we, the Board of the Woman's Franchise League of Indiana, in session today, representing 15,000 women, urge the Senate to pass, at this session, the bill submitting the Federal Amendment granting suffrage to women, to the states for ratification.

As women of Indiana we appeal to the Senate for help. Unfortunate provisions of our Constitution make a referendum vote extremely difficult and long deferred; the partial suffrage given by the State Legislature was taken away by the courts; we have no hope but in federal action. Will the Senate not help to give us the political freedom that is our right as citizens?

DEFEAT OF AMENDMENT

~~RESOLUTION~~ WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH WORK

MRS. EDWARDS, STATE PRESIDENT, IS HOME FROM VISIT TO WASHINGTON

Mrs. Richard Edwards returned home Thursday evening from Washington, D. C., where she has been at "Sufrage House" for four weeks, acting as special press chairman for the National American Woman Suffrage Association while they pushed the federal suffrage amendment in the Senate. A representative of the Journal asked Mrs. Edwards if she were discouraged over the loss of the amendment, and she said:

"The vote in the Senate last Tuesday on the federal suffrage amendment does not in the least discourage us, nor in any way interfere with the work we have planned for this fall. The vote was taken at the insistence of our organization and with our full knowledge that the result would be a temporary defeat of our measure. We felt it was infinitely better to put these men on record and to classify some of these southern and New England senators emphatically either for the women of America and the President in his hour of need, or against the principle of real democracy when they opposed the President and based their refusal on the old arguments of sectional hatred and states rights.

"It was with great difficulty that we women sat through some of these sessions in the Senate. I have never heard more disloyal or un-American utterances than I heard from the lips of some of these southern Senators. One would have thought that the Civil War was about to be fought or was but hardly over. When a senator from a state in our union can boast on the floor of the Senate that his state has never ratified the Thirteenth and Fourteenth amendments and never would; when he can assert that the 'south banded together before to resist usurpation of authority on the

part of sister states and can do it again," it gives one a shudder of alarm as to the unity of our government, and the singleness of purpose which lies behind our armies in France.

"It was not alone the President who was discredited, the women war workers of the country, mothers and wives and sisters of soldiers who were rebuffed and their efforts belittled; it was the whole nation and our national purpose which received a serious blow in the Senate action. One of the Western senators spoke of the 'unholy alliance' between the senators from the cotton spinning or liquor controlled states of New England and some senators from the solid south. It was an unholy alliance and an unnatural alliance in more ways than one, and it was participated in only by those senators who for themselves and for their own interests have something to fear from the honesty of the women's vote.

"Yesterday there waited on the President at the White House a delegation of women, one from every state in the union, carrying to him the gratitude of the women of these states for his splendid speech of last Tuesday. These women were mostly women who are giving their time, their energy, their money, their health and strength in war work in Washington for the government. Few of the women who have been there helping with this suffrage lobby could not wait in Washington to take part in this meeting, but had to hurry home for Liberty Loan engagements and other pressing war service, just as I myself had to return. We sent a messenger from Indiana which but feebly suggests what many of us feel—that in his wonderful speech in Congress the President proved himself again the great leader of the nation. That the representatives of his party in the Senate have not his vision must be to him a source of great shame. It is a peculiar situation which finds the Republican senators of the one time progressive New England lined up with the reactionary Democrats of the south to refuse to the President, who stands before the world as the spokesman and leader of the hopes and ideals of the Allies this definite

help which he asked for with great seriousness and solemnity as the Commander-in-chief of the Army and Navy.

Of our ultimate success there can be no question. Here in Indiana we go on with our petition and membership campaign to prove conclusively to the Senate how wide the demand is that women should participate in government at this crucial time. We go on record doubly strengthened—first by our indignation that a few senators, one of them too drunk to be understood clearly when he spoke against the measure, many of them with bad records in regard to war measures, all of definitely linked with interests which oppose progressive and beneficial legislation—that this group of men can put such a slight on the women of America, rouses every bit of fighting blood in us all and has brought to our ranks in the last few days thousands of men and women who have never before been particularly interested. The women of the Red Cross are roused because Senator Reed of Missouri, who by the way, was the only person, senator or visitor, to remain seated when the President entered the Senate chamber to make his famous appeal, took it upon himself in his distribe against women and their place in the world to say that 'Women were to bind up wounds, they were not to fight the battle nor to help win the war.' It is a brave man who suggests that the splendid work of the Red Cross in binding up wounds does not help to fight our battles nor to win the war. It was a series of things like this which has rallied to us a daily increasing group of men and women.

"The second source of our strength was the President's speech. In the few words spoken in a way that no one who was present could ever forget he paid the greatest tribute to women that has ever been voiced by the head of any country. We needed just this, we women of America. We needed just this revivifying of our energies, our hopes and our abilities for the work which will be ours to do through this long and trying winter of the war. We needed this public statement from the head of our nation to recreate in us belief in ourselves and in the potency of our service to the government."

SUFFRAGE LEGISLATION SUMMARIZED BY PRESIDENT OF FRANCHISE LEAGUE

Mrs. Richard Edwards, president of the Indiana State Franchise League, Miss Kate Cox, secretary to Mrs. Edwards, and Miss Mary Gallahan, the latter of the Franchise publicity department have returned from Indianapolis, their work with the General Assembly having been completed with the passing of the Woman's Suffrage amendment. In an interview with a Journal representative at the local Franchise headquarters, Thursday morning, Mrs. Edwards said:

"Yesterday the Franchise League closed its legislative headquarters at the State House in Indianapolis. The staff and our files and records have returned to Peru. This closes a rather remarkable experience for the women and an equally remarkable history of the rapid passage of bills, and the change of public sentiment in regard to suffrage.

"Before leaving the State House members of the legislative committee, of which Miss Betsy Edwards of Shelbyville is chairman and Mrs. E. A. Gould of Peru, vice chairman, carried in person to the members of both houses of the General Assembly attractive cards, printed in Peru and dated from Peru, thanking the legislators for the way in which they pushed suffrage and for the courtesy which had been extended to representatives of our league who were handling the suffrage legislation. I want to make it clear that we do not thank them for their vote, for in so voting they merely represented the sentiment of the state, but we do thank them for the interest they have taken in our measures, the rapidity with which they have pushed them through, and we never can be grateful enough for their friendly co-operation during this entire work.

"Our memorial asking the United States Senate to pass the federal suffrage amendment was Joint Resolution No. 1. Our presidential suffrage bill when signed by the Governor was bill No. 2; and our amendment to the state constitution granting women the right to vote, which must come up again in the next General Assembly, was put through in advance of all the other constitutional amendments—considered separately and agreed to by both houses unanimously.

"I want to call attention to this unanimous vote. There was no dis-

senting vote in either House or Senate on this proposal to amend the constitution of Indiana. We were more pleased with this unanimity than with almost any other phase of the work. Behind it lies an interesting story of hard work on the part of our three hundred and fourteen leagues in the state which have carried petitions, interviewed legislators in their home districts and worked up public sentiment. Add to that the clever handling of the suffrage situation by our legislative committee, which made friends on every hand. Perhaps the biggest influence of all was the continued efforts of the leaders of the Republican and Democratic parties who were determined that both parties should put themselves solidly behind the suffrage issue. There never was at any time a question of the failure of this suffrage measure in Indiana. Our proposition, however, was to get it through with no single vote of opposition from either party to be made a matter of record.

"We close our work with three things accomplished: Both houses of the legislature on record in joint resolution No. 1 as being willing and anxious to ratify the federal suffrage amendment as soon as the United States Senate will pass it; a presidential suffrage bill which passed both houses with only three dissenting votes in each house—six out of one hundred and fifty. This bill has been signed by the Governor and now entitles women of Indiana to vote for President. There has been some discussion of the constitutionality of this bill but we have the legal opinions of some of the most eminent constitutional lawyers in the state who declare that this right of presidential suffrage rests on a grant from the federal government and is not effected by provisions in the Indiana State Constitution.

"Two years ago a resolution to amend the constitution of Indiana granting women the right to vote was introduced by Senator Beardsley and passed by both houses. As is usual for all constitutional amendments, this would have had to pass the next session of the legislature and then be referred to the people to be voted on. We have been asked many times why we allowed this to be withdrawn and so apparently lost two years in our struggle for suffrage. I want to take this opportunity to say that we are infinitely better off with our present bill, even though we lose two years. There can be no question of the constitutionality of this resolution and the constitutionality of the other bill had been attacked for two reasons. Whether that attack would

have been upheld in the courts or not it is impossible to say. However, the resolution was not withdrawn on account of its possible unconstitutionality. Under the provisions of our Indiana Constitution no new amendments can be introduced while any are pending. There are some necessary reforms which are of immediate necessity to the people of Indiana, and which could not be presented for two years nor secured for six unless we were willing to withdraw our amendment and permit the introduction of these other measures.

"There is one reform which is nearly as dear to the heart of the women of the state as the question of suffrage for women, and that is to limit the right to vote and make laws in Indiana to American citizens. Indiana is one of the seven states in the union in which men owing allegiance to a foreign country may vote. Gradually the other states of the union have removed this stigma from their voting records and have required that every man or woman must be a citizen before they are entitled to vote. We are very proud to know that it is the women have secured this necessary change in our Indiana election laws, for our new suffrage constitutional amendment which has just passed both houses unanimously, and which was introduced at the request of the women, provides that the voters of Indiana must be citizens. This allows both men and women to vote but does not allow a citizen of another country to have any share in governing Indiana. This is a wonderful step forward. It is worth while to have postponed suffrage for women in Indiana two years if necessary to have cleared our records and to have made citizenship the test of voting rights.

"We had hoped that the United States Senate would pass the federal suffrage amendment in time to have it ratified by the General Assembly of Indiana now in session. That may still happen, though it seems less likely since the vote in the senate last Monday. We are sure of its passage in the next congress, although that will probably be too late for its ratification by this Indiana legislature. It is very evident that the Senate, which seems to be dominated by reactionary southerners and stand-pat conservatives from New England, is not as responsive to the trend of popular thought as Indiana. One is tempted to inquire why the cotton industry is so afraid of the woman's vote, for the measure was again defeated by what Senator Phelan of California called the "unholy alliance" of the senators of the south, who represent the cotton growers,

and the senators of the northeast, who represent the cotton spinners."

Experiences at Legislative Headquarters.

Mrs. E. A. Gould of Peru, vice chairman of the legislative committee, who returned to Peru Tuesday evening, declared the work in the State House had been a wonderful and interesting experience.

"To begin with, the presiding officers of both houses, Lieutenant Governor Bush and Speaker Eshbach, helped in every possible way, and help from the platform means so much in expeditious and favorable handling of measures. An interesting phase of the vote is that the men who opposed presidential suffrage are not on record as opposing the constitutional amendment. Many of the men who opposed suffrage vehemently two years ago were now among our most valuable advisors. Some of these votes were changed during the last few weeks. Some were won over by the petitions which were on exhibition at our headquarters; some had been changed by public sentiment and support of the press in their communities.

"Our headquarters were open every day from before nine until six o'clock, Indianapolis women assisting the regular staff as hostesses, and the room was continually crowded by legislators offering help or asking for suffrage data; newspaper men and women eager for the latest suffrage news, and many leaders of both political parties who were in constant consultation with the committee.

"Our campaign was carefully planned and considered from every point, and it was decided by the legislative committee and the State Board that the legislative campaign of the Franchise League should be confined to suffrage measures only. We feel that our complete success in securing suffrage legislation is largely due to the fact that we confined ourselves to the one thing—suffrage.

"The Franchise League was empowered by other women's organizations in the state interested in suffrage to have entire charge of the suffrage campaign in the legislature. To be so powerfully backed by other women's organizations helped to give us the prestige which made our work a success.

"We hold the legislative record this year for expeditious handling of our business, as our presidential suffrage bill, introduced at the request of the Franchise League in the House Friday, January 17th, passed both branches, went back to the House for agreement in a slight change, and was signed by the Governor Thursday, February 6th."

SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR JANUARY MEETING
LEGISLATIVE HAPPENINGS AND OVERSEA HOSPITALS

Roll-call.

Minutes.

OUR LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM AND ITS PROGRESS.

1. Ratification of Federal Amendment when passed by United States Congress.
(See letter of January 10 and copy of telegram enclosed.)
2. Presidential Suffrage (See December program, letter of January 22 and Bulletin #22 enclosed.)
3. New Amendment to State Constitution.
(See December program and Bulletin #22 enclosed.)

OUR LEGISLATORS:

1. Report on Senator or Senators representing county in 1919 Legislature.
2. Report on Representatives.
(If your league has not been able to interview these men, write to Room 76, State House, for the latest information as to how they stand.)

THE SUFFRAGE WAR*BABY. THE WOMAN'S OVERSEA HOSPITALS, U. S. A.

1. Illustrated talk. (Material is so arranged that it can be given by any league member, either with or without the stereopticon slides.)

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DECEMBER 1, 1918 TO JANUARY 1, 1919.

December 1, 1918—Balance.....\$ 11.12

Dues:—

Delphi	75	\$ 18.75
Monroe Township	50	12.50
Burlington	36	9.00
Clay Township	14	3.50
Cutler	11	2.75
Roanoke	11	2.75
Bippus	8	2.00
Clear Creek Township	57	14.25
Banquo	15	3.75
Markle	35	8.75
Green Valley	35	8.75
Majenica	42	10.50
Monument City	7	1.75
Du Bois	10	2.50
Jasonville	51	12.75
Hammond	38	9.50
Crown Point	3	.75
Bloomington	46	11.50
Hagerstown	24	6.00
Logansport	262	65.50
Lebanon	57	14.25
Rush County	428	107.00
Shelbyville	188	47.00
Knightstown	40	10.00
Jefferson Township, Allen Co.	10	2.50
Michigan City	64	16.00
Huntertown, Allen Co.	25	6.25
Montpelier	23	5.75
Milltown	23	5.75
Indianapolis	200	50.00
Decatur	35	8.75
Kendallville	119	29.75
Linton	109	27.25
Stockwell	25	6.25
Liberty	7	1.75
Lebanon	16	4.00
Whitestown	13	3.25
Advance	23	5.75
Perry Township, Boone Co.	16	4.00
Union Township, Boone Co.	1	.25
Jefferson Township, Boone Co.	10	2.50
Thorntown	80	20.00
Covington	16	4.00
Winamac	100	25.00
Lake Township, Allen County	22	5.50

2,509 \$627.25

Honor Roll Pledges:—

Mrs. James P. Wason, Delphi.....\$ 5.00

Convention Pledges:—

Bloomington	\$25.00
Wayne Co. (Hagerstown League)	5.00
Mrs. L. J. Cox, Terre Haute	25.00
Mrs. C. J. Gill, Muncie	25.00
Mrs. Meyer Block, Indianapolis	10.00
Washington Twp., Delaware Co.	25.00
Linton	10.00
Wayne County	7.50
Mrs. H. C. Stilwell, Anderson	51.66

\$184.16

Contributions and Donations:—

Anderson (Mrs. McCulloch's Expenses)	\$ 4.60
Miss Sara Lauter (Peru trip)	4.20
Logansport	.10

8.90

Overseas Hospitals:—

Portland	\$25.00
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25.00

Miscellaneous:—

Mrs. L. J. Cox, expenses to Bloomington	\$ 2.06
Interest Liberty Loan	1.00
Mrs. Isaac Born (Expense closing Indianapolis Red Cross Shop)	5.00

8.06

Literature:—

Monroe Twp.	\$.55
Martinsville	1.75
Greenfield	.88
Huntington Co.	2.61
Ben Davis	.05
Shelbyville	1.97
Elkhart	14.45
Decatur	.25
Angola	2.86
Garrett	2.18
Boone County	3.90
Wayne County	2.33
S. Lauter	.35
Lucerne	.35
Mrs. Claude Bowers, Ft. Wayne	1.39

\$35.87

Total receipts\$905.36

DISBURSEMENTS.

Membership Campaign:—

Olive Belden Lewis, salary, one week	\$25.00
Olive Belden Lewis, expenses November	22.22
Huntington Tel. Co. (Mrs. Butler)	2.05

\$ 49.27

Office:—

Office assistance (Nov. and Dec.)	\$99.00
Postage (December)	79.00
Miscellaneous (cleaning, light, mimeograph supplies, typewriter sup., repairs, etc.)	22.00

200.00

Secretary, November salary 100.00

S. S. Brewer (rent Oct. 5-Dec. 5) 24.00

Sentinel Printing Co:—

1,000 suffrage planks (fliers)	\$ 7.25
1,000 letter heads (printing)	1.75
800 letter heads	3.10
400 Sept. financial reports	6.50
400 Oct. financial reports	5.75

24.35 \$374.57

Press:—

Central Press Clipping Bureau	\$ 5.00
Mimeograph ink	3.00

Sentinel Printing Co.—

5,000 No. 10 Manila envelopes	\$15.75
10,000 sheets Manila	12.50
Printing	.65

28.90 36.90

Miscellaneous:—

Mrs. Born, Red Cross shop expenses	\$ 5.00
Interest on loan	1.77
Miss Lauter, expenses to Peru	4.20

10.97

Legislative:—

Miss Helen Benbridge, postage.....\$11.00 11.00

National:—

Dues 1,500 members.....150.00 150.00

Loans:—

Mrs. J. F. Barnhill	100.00
Miss Eldena Lauter	100.00

\$200.00

Total disbursements\$832.71

Balance on hand January 1st.....\$72.65

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January 9, 1919

Dear Sir:

The cause of suffrage has had most consistent support from the alert clergy of Indiana. Again we want your assistance.

Legislators need the help and guidance that comes with certain knowledge of what the people want. We are asking the ministers of the state to make January 19th a suffrage day in all the churches. We know that some churches will have planned for that day, but will you embody some favorable comment on the question in your sermon?

Will you ask your congregation to urge upon the legislature and upon Congress the passage of suffrage legislation? We must place the women of Indiana on a par politically with the women of New York, Illinois, Michigan, and other states where women vote; we must place the women of America on a par with the women of England, Canada, Denmark, and other foreign countries. Please emphasize the fact that our own United States is the only English speaking country where women do not vote on the same terms as men.

Your congregation may be giving their silent support to these measures, but we all know that the way to get things done is to let our legislators, state and national, know by letter and telegram the state of public sentiment. Senators New and Watson in Washington and more particularly the representatives and senators from your own county should be reached immediately.

In case suffrage has been secured, please still make this a Suffrage Sunday. Let us rejoice that Indiana has taken this progressive step. Let us counsel together - the men and women of Indiana - under the guidance of the clergy of the state for the right use of the ballot and the interests of good government in Indiana.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. John F. Barnhill
Chairman
Committee on Churches.

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The State House
Indianapolis, Indiana
January 10, 1919

Dear League President:

First of all - I want to share something pleasant with you, for it is always agreeable to hear something good about ourselves. Many appeals have gone to you for letters to senators and resolutions from war workers, etc. - all the needed energy directed on Washington by our leagues. I hear from Washington that everywhere the Senators speak of the number of splendid letters from Indiana, and furthermore, the publicity director, Miss Shuler, writes that Indiana has made the best record of any state for resolutions. All this means that the women of our state are alive and do their part.

Yesterday the Indiana Legislature opened. We scored two big victories. The Governor not only recommended general suffrage support but particularly advocated a Presidential suffrage bill if it could be proved constitutional, and we have no doubt about that.

But the big victory was the joint resolution passed with only one dissenting vote by both houses. The two houses met in joint assembly to hear the Governor's message, and immediately at the close of the speech - Senator Alldredge at the request of the Woman's Franchise League of Indiana introduced the enclosed resolution, and it passed at once.

Behind all this lies an interesting story. We had expected to introduce such a resolution early in the session in the effort to speed up the U. S. Senate. But I received a telegram from Mrs. Catt Tuesday night, saying there was urgent need for immediate action. So we decided we would bend every energy to get it through in the first hours of the opening day. We were told such action was never taken, that it couldn't be done, and all the other things. But we had the backing of the presiding officers of both houses and the leaders of both parties, and it was done. Behind the scenes were the hectic efforts on the part of our legislative chairman, vice-chairman, and members of the committee. The thing that pleased us most of all was that it came as a total surprise and a dramatic evidence of the suffrage sentiment. No one but a few Franchise League women and the party leaders knew it was to be proposed.

Our legislative headquarters is a busy place these days. Petitions and resolutions are still pouring in. A large corps of volunteer workers is here each day. The night before the opening of the legislative session was like the scene at an army headquarters before the battle, and we all had the "night before the battle" feeling. Mrs. Greenough, organization chairman, and Miss Betsy Edwards, chairman of the legislative committee, were comparing maps to see where strong league organizations could bring pressure to bear on wobbly legislators. At every point we were tightening up our defenses.

League President

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January 10, 1919

We hope and expect to win each stage of the struggle. We do not believe we will find strong forces opposed, but we are planning as carefully as if all the old time opposition to suffrage were arrayed against us. We hope that all the things we are asking for and which we have written you about will carry and carry soon. We have done everything we can, and I am sure you in the home counties of these legislators have done everything you can.

There are two places we need help, and in the enclosed bulletin are full particulars. We need money for this legislative work, and we need special suffrage interest to come next week, just at the psychological moment when the first push of our efforts here is over. Please do for these projects what you have done for the other branches of the work, and please - if you or your league members can, look in in Room 76 at the State House, and help the work along.

Sincerely yours,

Leah Stewart Edwards

(Mrs. Richard Edwards)
President.

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BEARDSLEY AMENDMENT

A JOINT RESOLUTION TO AMEND SECTION 2, ARTICLE 2, of the CONSTITUTION
OF THE STATE OF INDIANA

SECTION 1. Be it RESOLVED by the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the STATE of INDIANA, That the following amendment to the CONSTITUTION of the State of Indiana is hereby proposed and agreed to by this, the sevenxnty-first (71) General Assembly of the State of Indiana and is referred to the next General Assembly of the State for reconsideration and agreement.

That Section 2, Article 2, of the Constitution of the State of Indiana be amended to read as follows:

"In all elections not otherwise provided for by this Constitution, every citizen of the United States, of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, who shall have resided in the state during the six months, in the township sixty days, and in the ward or precinct thirty days immediately preceding such election, shall be entitled to vote in the township or precinct where he or she may reside if he or she shall have been duly registered according to law."

COPY OF TELEGRAM SENT TO SENATORS NEW AND WATSON

Please read into record of Senate following joint resolution passed with only one dissenting vote, immediately on close of Governor's speech to joint session both houses opening Indiana legislature:

WHEREAS, The women of our country have in the past world's war again demonstrated their unfailing patriotism, eminent ability, and are in every way deserving of the ballot, and

WHEREAS, There is pending in the Senate of the United States a resolution proposing an amendment to the United States Constitution providing for equal suffrage, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Senate and House of the 71st session of the Indiana General Assembly, in joint session assembled, urge the United States Senate to the immediate passage of said measure to the end that this session may ratify same.

Presented by Senator Alldredge, adopted with one dissenting vote.

SIGNED Edgar T. Bush, Lieutenant Governor
Jesse Eschbach, Speaker of the House

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BULLETIN # 20

Issued by

Mrs. Richard Edwards

Saturday, January 18, has been established as Suffrage Day for Indiana and the day following as Suffrage Sunday.

SUFFRAGE DAY:

On this day, please plan some way to raise money for the suffrage legislative work. Some leagues may wish to have meetings and take a special collection. Some may have a self-denial week and turn in the results on Saturday. Some will have plays or entertainments. A favorite way to raise money is by a food sale, for which everything is donated and at which good sums can be realized. We especially recommend the use of the little yellow paper badges, "Votes for Women", to be used as tags are used on tag days, and to have them exchanged for whatever people wish to give. These yellow paper badges are ten cents per hundred. This is easy and profitable, but it means relays of women on street corners and in stores, etc.

Whatever you decide to do, do something and send in what you can for the legislative work. Be sure to get into the papers what you are going to do. Let every paper in the state print some items about Suffrage Day - the news material to be furnished by the leagues. Get your committees into the paper in advance. We want the legislature to know how many working groups of suffragists we have in Indiana.

SUFFRAGE SUNDAY:

The enclosed letter to the ministers explains itself. Please follow it up - appoint a committee of women to add the request of your league to that of the state Church committee. It has been an enormous task to reach the many ministers of the state. Please make the letter effective by your work.

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January 22, 1919

Dear Suffragist:

Everybody wants to know the why and wherefore of some recent legislative happenings. The accompanying bulletin #22 is in regard to it. Please also read and get published the news bulletin on the new constitutional amendment. Right now so much, so very much, depends on getting this matter presented right, especially in those parts of the state where there are many voters of foreign birth.

Since the war, the feeling is strong in many parts of the state that unnaturalized aliens should have no part in making the laws. But we must not forget that some of our legislators were elected by the votes of those same unnaturalized aliens and will feel in duty bound to retain for them their right to vote. Please see that your papers, especially papers in a foreign community or with a large circulation among the foreign born, print this news bulletin.

If you want to see some of the results of your work, get a copy of the city edition of the Indianapolis News of Monday, January 13th. It has an interesting picture of our legislative headquarters, room 76 at the State House, showing some of the staff hanging petitions, and showing very plainly the exhibit of the huge petition itself - each county separate. One county has already the proud distinction of having won a legislator - hitherto strongly opposed - to support of suffrage by the size and character of its petitions. As the man in question is a leader in his party, his conversion is the more important. In answer to his statement that sentiment in his part of the state was not strong for suffrage, we invited him to headquarters and showed him the petition, and before he left, he said: "All right, I'm for you!"

Let me call your special attention to the slides on the Oversea Hospitals. There are seventeen in all, and they include excellent slides of Mrs. Catt and Dr. Shaw, and we have added a slide showing the petitions. Any league can have the set for \$1.00 and express charges, which are small.

Last week you received the bulletin giving complete information about the Oversea Hospitals, designated for a program at one of the meetings and planned to be read or told while the slides are shown. We got it out in such a rush that we could not send the program with it, so I send the program suggestion now.

Sincerely yours,

Marie Stuart Edwards
(Mrs. Richard Edwards)
President.

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WOMAN'S FRANCHISE LEAGUE OF INDIANA

BULLETIN #22

Issued by

Mrs. Richard Edwards, President

January 22, 1919

C O N F I D E N T I A L

SUBJECT: SUFFRAGE LEGISLATION

PRESIDENTIAL SUFFRAGE. A bill to grant women the right to vote for presidential electors was introduced in the House by Representative Chas. A. Johnson of Grant county Friday, January 17. When it has passed the House, it will go to the Senate. Note that the bill enfranchises women citizens only. The Governor has expressed his desire to sign it as soon as it is passed by both houses. This will take some time as it must go through three readings in each house. When passed and signed, it becomes effective immediately and will allow Indiana women to vote in the Presidential election of 1920.

A NEW CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT: In 1917 an amendment to the state constitution designed to grant full suffrage to women was introduced in the Senate by Senator Beardsley and passed there and in the House. According to our Indiana constitution, it had to be brought up again in this legislature - passed by a majority of both houses and then be voted on by the people.

With our entire agreement and after fullest consultation with our committee, and on the advice of our state board, that amendment was rejected in the Senate Friday, January 17, and in the House Monday, January 20. Many suffragists are asking why this was done as, since this had passed one session, it put us ahead two years on the four or five years stretch to suffrage by state amendment.

According to the Constitution of Indiana, no new amendment could be introduced while this and the one other unimportant amendment relative to salary increases were pending. The Republican party, which has a majority in both houses, had a number of amendments which it wished to present. Other amendments were urgently needed, among them an amendment clearing Indiana of the stain of being one of the seven states in the United States in which aliens are allowed to vote.

Now three courses were open to us.

1. We could insist on having these measures passed at once and going within ten or fifteen days to a popular vote, provided we would get the state to vote money for a special election. No one wanted that - we couldn't possibly get ready in that time. New York state took two years and spent half a million, preparing for a popular vote on the suffrage amendment, and their vote needed only to be a majority of votes case on the amendment itself - an easier provision than ours.

2. We could have fought and brought every influence to bear to hold our amendment in, which would have meant uniting with us, every malcontent of either party in the legislature and using the press and the opposition.

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A Also to do that we would have had to fight these proposed new amendments, some of them like the alien amendment, almost as near to the suffrage heart as suffrage itself. There is no question but what we could have put up a good fight and a strong fight. We could have been extremely disagreeable about our lost two years, but in the end what would we have had? The party in power extremely sore at us whether we won or lost, and with little sympathy for other suffrage measures, and last but not least, we would have had an amendment about whose constitutionality grave doubt exists. This latter part we have kept as quiet about as possible. So if we succeeded in holding it in - which is most improbable - we might find we had fought for something valueless. However, the possibility of holding it was so slight we hardly considered it.

3. The third possibility was the one we followed - to be non-committal as to what we would do about it until we saw what we could get in return if we gave it up. But when we gave it up, to do it freely, pleasantly, and win friends in so doing, and advance real progress in legislation in Indiana.

We had hoped to draft our amendment by rewording Section 2, Article 2 of the Indiana Constitution, so we enfranchised women citizens and did not involve the question of the alien vote - not but what suffragists are in favor of barring the alien, but because we did not wish to tie up with anything else. We hoped to keep our suffrage issue clean cut, separate and distinct from other issues and from other enmities.

However, we had to give up our isolated position, though it was only done after repeated conferences with legal advisors and with leaders of both parties. Section 2, Article 2 while limiting the vote to males also confers it on the male alien who has taken out his first papers. It seemed impossible to amend part of this Section 2, Article 2 in an amendment giving women citizens the right to vote and later amend it again by a separate amendment requiring that all voters be citizens. So our amendment as now drafted, confines the right to vote to citizens, meaning both men and women. The amendment was presented in the Senate by Senator Beardsley Wednesday and will have to pass both houses, and then be presented at the next session of the legislature. It will have the added prestige of going through with other and popular measures and has the support of both parties. However, we hope to have the vote by the federal amendment before this state amendment can be voted on at the polls by the present male voters of Indiana.

Woman's Franchise League of Indiana
Press Bureau
Room 76, State House, Indianapolis

Bulletin #49
January 22, 1919
IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NEW STATE SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT

Indianapolis - At the request of the Woman's Franchise League of Indiana, Senator Beardsley introduced into the Senate Tuesday, January 22, a resolution which not only enfranchises women citizens but goes further and confines the right to vote to citizens, male or female. Indiana is one of the seven states in the Union which has allowed men who had declared their intention of becoming citizens to vote before these men had been fully naturalized. Often they continued to vote throughout their lives and never completed their citizenship process.

The war has raised a storm of indignation over this situation, and there has been considerable agitation, insisting on national action to prevent such a condition in the states. However, the states are themselves taking up this matter. South Dakota passed a state constitutional amendment in November like this new Beardsley resolution, and other states are likely to follow.

The argument has been advanced that this new amendment will deprive many men of the ballot. On the contrary, it merely defers that privilege for a few years for a limited number of men, and in the meantime requires that these men become more fully an integral part of the nation. There is nothing to prevent any foreigner who has settled in Indiana from completing his naturalization papers and becoming a full citizen. After that, he votes under this new amendment as freely as any native born.

"Indiana is proud of her foreign born loyal voters," said Mrs. Richard Edwards, president of the Woman's Franchise League of Indiana, today. "What we want to do is to make them wholly part of us - on an equality with our native born Indiana men. This amendment would require that these aliens hold the same relationship to the state, and the state to them which exists between our state and the native born - the tie of citizenship." There is no quicker way to make them part of us than to require that they be citizens before they vote. This is to the advantage of the alien, himself, because while many of them intend to become naturalized, often they put it off because no necessity exists. This law will be the needed incentive. The feeling that will come with the knowledge that he is a full citizen will do much to remove the feeling of barriers or differences which now exist between the unnaturalized and the native born American. He will then be fully and wholly American. I think we may assume that the foreign born voter who has the welfare of the country at heart wishes to be a complete sharer in its citizenship. Do not let us say that this amendment will deprive any voter of the right to vote. Let us say rather that it removes the last barrier between the foreign born and the native born voter, making them all equal citizens of our great country. This is the real and practical Americanization."

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MISS SARA LAUTER, INDIANAPOLIS

BOARD LETTER

Jan. 28, 1919.

The January meeting of the Franchise League Board was held January 14, 1919, at the Claypool Hotel with an attendance of seventeen members, a number of visitors and members of the Legislative committee called into joint conference.

The Board Letter has been delayed this month because of the great press of the legislative work.

HEADQUARTERS AT THE STATE HOUSE—The committee appointed to secure legislative headquarters for the Franchise League reported they had secured part of Room 76 at the State House, closely adjacent to the Senate Chamber. The room is occupied regularly by the Board of Pardons, and the work of that board is very light at this season of the year. Miss Cox and Miss Gallahan have been there most of the time since the first of the year, and the news bulletin and letters to leagues have gone out from there.

HEADQUARTERS COMMITTEE—The chair announced that the Headquarters Committee, Mrs. W. T. Barnes, chairman, and twelve members have arranged to have hostesses in attendance each day of the session. In the first few days of the session the committee and the staff arranged the petitions which are now displayed at headquarters. A picture of the petitions in headquarters was published in the Indianapolis News of January 10th.

CONGRESSIONAL REPORT—Word from Washington indicated great hope of Senator Moses' vote and an early vote on the federal amendment. Since the board meeting Moses has gone back on his word and apparently there is no immediate prospect of a vote.

OVERSEA HOSPITALS—The president reported that she had appointed no one to take Mrs. Hageman's place as chairman of this committee, as the National had written releasing Indiana from the remainder of its pledge to the Oversea Hospitals. The board ordered the preparation of films depicting the personnel and activities of the Overseas Hospitals. These films are now ready, eighteen of them, and a brief account of the hospital work has been prepared. They are available for any league for the charge of \$1 and parcels post fee each way, and can be obtained by writing Miss Mary Gallahan.

RED CROSS SHOP—Mrs. Born, chairman, reported the workroom finally closed. Letters were ordered written to the W. H. Block Co., thanking them for making it possible for the Woman's Franchise League to carry on this form of war work under such agreeable conditions.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT—Mrs. Edwards reported the resignation of the chairman of the Legislative Committee, Miss Helen Benbridge, who has been compelled to go to Florida for the remainder of the winter, and of Mrs. Teasdale, the vice-chairman, and the appointment of Miss Betsy Edwards as chairman and Mrs. E. A. Gould as vice-chairman. The chairman reported:

1. In response to Mrs. Catt's request for immediate action from the Legislature a resolution was passed the opening day immediately at the close of the Governor's speech to both houses asking the United States Senate to pass the federal suffrage amendment. You are referred to the President's letter of January 10th, for full particulars of the resolution and its passage.

2. A presidential suffrage bill was to be introduced in the House, patterned on the Michigan bill. The chair reported that material showing reasons for the constitutionality of this bill had been sent to all the legislators and other suffrage propaganda had been mailed to them since their arrival. Legal opinions from Mr. Ferdinand Winter and other constitutional lawyers had been obtained and were being printed in the papers.

3. The Beardsley Amendment, after consultation with leaders of both parties, was to be withdrawn and a new amendment introduced without the alien amendment incorporated if possible; if not, it was to include that and in either event the support of both parties was promised. Mr. Beardsley is still to handle this measure and was to be assisted by other senators interested in suffrage. You are referred to Bulletin No. 22 for full particulars of this matter.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—Mrs. E. F. White, president of the Legislative Council, reported on the measures of interest to women and children which the Franchise League, as a member of the Council, is asked to support. The Franchise League Board voted to support these through the Council, but decided to stand by its action of December not to introduce any measures but suffrage measures.

IMPORTANT NOTICE—IF YOUR LEAGUE HAS NOT PAID ITS DUES PLEASE DO SO AT ONCE. Do not forget that representation at the Convention in April depends on the membership paid in before March 1st.

[Feb., 1919?]

SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR FEBRUARY MEETING

Roll-call.

Minutes.

ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO County, to District, and to State Conventions.
(See Constitution, Art. 8, Sections 3 and 5.)

SUFFRAGE PROGRESS IN THE UNITED STATES.

1. Partial Suffrage made secure in Nebraska.
 - a. Petition to defeat the presidential suffrage bill in Nebraska declared fraudulent by Supreme Court. (For full details of this dramatic story, see Woman Citizen of February 8.)
2. Presidential Suffrage granted to Vermont, Wisconsin, and Indiana.
 - a. This makes:
 - (x) 24 states in which women have presidential suffrage.
 - (y) 245 electoral votes in the choosing of which women have a voice.
 - (z) Number of women voting for next president - 12,000,000 - half the total number of women over voting age in the United States.
3. State Constitutional Amendment in Indiana. (See president's interview and bulletin issued by Miss Betsy Edwards, mailed you February 14, for dates, votes cast, and history of these measures. Extra copies can be obtained from Headquarters.)

SUFFRAGE DEFEATED IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE.

1. Federal Suffrage Amendment failed by one vote to pass United States Senate February 10. (For a stirring account, read Mrs. Catt's "They Shall Not Pass" in the Woman Citizen of February 15. Extra copies 10¢.)

THE NATIONAL AMERICAN WOMEN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

What it is and what it does.
(See 14 Points enclosed.)

IF YOU HAVE NOT USED THE 18 SLIDES, SHOWING THE WOMAN'S OVERSEA HOSPITALS, THE SUFFRAGE WAR-BABY, IN ACTION, SEND TO Miss Mary Callahan, Peru, Indiana, FOR THEM.

[Feb, 1919]

14 Points

Fourteen Points on the National American Woman Suffrage Association

1. *What is the National American Woman Suffrage Association?*

A federation of all suffrage organizations in the United States except the Woman's Party.

2. *When was it organized?*

In 1869 the National Woman Suffrage Association and the American Woman Suffrage Association were organized; these twenty years later united under the name National American Woman Suffrage Association.

3. *What is its membership?*

About two million.

4. *How does it work?*

Through education of public sentiment, the press, literature, public meetings and house to house visits.

5. *Do its members "picket" the White House, burn the President's speeches, use offensive banners or fight any political party?*

No, its methods are always constructive—The militant tactics are used by an impatient group of young women who think the National American Woman Suffrage Association has been needlessly slow in its accomplishments.

6. *What has the National American Woman Suffrage Association accomplished for woman suffrage?*

Through its affiliated branches it has secured the complete enfranchisement of women in 15 states; the right of women to vote for Presidential Electors in 8 additional states; full suffrage at Primary Elections in two; county, municipal, school and other forms of partial suffrage in 17; resolutions from a large number of Legislatures calling upon the United States Senate to submit the Federal Suffrage Amendment.

7. *Who first had the Federal Suffrage Amendment introduced in Congress?*

The National Woman Suffrage Association in 1878. This Association has had it introduced in every succeeding Congress and its representatives have spoken in its behalf before committees of every Congress.

8. *What is the general policy of this association?*

It is and always has been strictly non-partisan, non-sectarian and non-militant.

9. *Has it ever taken part in election campaigns?*

A State branch has done so occasionally under special provocation in State elections. As a national body it never has taken any part until the congressional campaign of 1918, when an effort was made to prevent the election of two U. S. Senators and the re-election of two, who were opposed to the Federal Suffrage Amendment.

A Democrat and a Republican were defeated for election and the majorities of the other two were greatly reduced.

10. *What is the object of the National American Woman Suffrage Association?*

Article II of its constitution says: "The object of this association shall be to secure protection in their right to vote to the women citizens of the United States by appropriate national and state legislation."

Although this is now its sole object, in the early years of its existence it devoted its energies also to amending the laws which denied married women the right to control their own property, collect their wages, have equal guardianship with the father over their children, etc. It has helped every effort toward the establishment of high schools for girls and colleges for women. Indeed the fair status of women under the law in many States is due principally to the activities of this association.

11. *What did the National American Woman Suffrage Association do to support the war?*

At a specially called National Executive meeting held at Washington, February 1917, the services and machinery of its organization were placed at the disposition of the

government, if the country should enter the war, and this offer was officially accepted by the Secretary of War. Each member of the elected Board of eighteen officers engaged in some kind of war service. Three served on the Woman's Committee Council of National Defense, one on the National Board of the Woman's Land Army, one on the National Woman's Committee of the Liberty Loan and resigned in order to work in France, one served in France without resignation and one served on the State Food Administration of New York.

Many state suffrage presidents served on state committees and thousands of its members served in active capacity in every variety of civilian service, from ambulance drivers to writers and lecturers on war education, from munition workers to the secret service.

Not content with these services, the National American Woman Suffrage Association maintained three hospital units in France, a refugee hospital, a gas treatment hospital, and a military unit directly under the French Government.

12. *Where are the Headquarters of the National American Woman Suffrage Association?*

The National maintains Headquarters at 171 Madison Avenue, New York City, and at 1626 Rhode Island Avenue, Washington, D. C.

13. *What is the organ of the National?*

The Woman Citizen a weekly magazine, devoted to the advancement of suffrage and other phases of the woman movement, published at 171 Madison Avenue, New York City, New York.

14. Finally: The National American Woman Suffrage Association stands pledged to a continuance of the work, devoting resources and energy until all women of the United States are enfranchised.

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171 Madison Avenue, New York

FINANCIAL REPORT WOMAN'S FRANCHISE LEAGUE OF INDIANA

JANUARY 1st to FEBRUARY 1st, 1919

Balance February 1st\$ 72.65

RECEIPTS.

Dues—

Members

Columbia City	26	\$ 6.50
Lafayette	10	2.50
Washington Township	52	13.00
Muncie	120	30.00
Indianapolis	100	25.00
Newcastle	67	16.75
Brazil	60	15.00
Logansport	208	52.00
Salem	2	.50
Elwood	61	15.25
Montpelier	2	.50
Newcastle	23	5.75
Knox	36	9.00
Salem	1	.25
Newburgh	43	10.75
Romney	14	3.50
		\$206.25

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Honor Roll—

Fort Wayne—Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Foster	\$10.00
Mrs. F. H. McCulloch	5.00
Lafayette—Mrs. T. A. Stuart	5.00
Miss Ida Lahr	5.00
Mrs. Julia E. O'Ferrall	5.00
Mrs. Mary P. Ely	5.00
Mrs. W. N. Adler	5.00
Bloomington—Mrs. James A. Woodburn	5.00
Indianapolis—Mrs. A. B. Anderson	5.00
Mrs. O. B. Jameson	5.00
Miss Irene Taggart	5.00
Terre Haute—Mrs. W. C. Ely	5.00
Mr. John White	5.00
Mrs. U. O. Cox	5.00
Mrs. Robert Lee	5.00
Peru—Mrs. R. A. Edwards	5.00
Mrs. Joseph Shirk	5.00
Connersville—Mrs. Elizabeth Claypool Earl..	5.00
Evansville—Mrs. F. E. Erlbacher	5.00
Elkhart—Mrs. A. H. Beardsley	5.00
Miss Carrie M. Beckner	1.00
Leagues—Decatur	5.00
Kendallville	5.00
Wabash	5.00
Garrett	5.00

Convention Pledges—

Muncie	\$25.00
Kendallville	5.00
Brazil	50.00
Wabash	10.00
Elkhart (\$50, 1917; \$50, 1918)	100.00
Richmond	10.00
	<hr/> \$200.00

Legislative Expenses—

Legislative Expenses	
Indianapolis	\$ 50.00
Hammond	5.00
Crown Point	5.00
Kendallville	15.00
Marion	10.00
Anthony Wayne	12.83
Lafayette	100.00
Montpelier	5.00
Newburgh	5.00
Michigan City	8.75
Westville	2.00
West Lebanon	6.55
	<hr/> \$225.13

Contributions and Donations—

Mrs. J. F. Barnhill (toward work of her com.)	\$5.00
Mrs. Edgar Bush	.75
Cash	.12
	<hr/> \$ 5.87

Literature—

Lafayette	\$16.38
Posey County .....	.88
Mrs. T. A. Stuart	1.00
Brazil .....	.72
Fort Wayne	5.75
Pendleton	3.00
	<hr/> \$ 27.73

Miscellaneous—

Red Cross Shop, Indianapolis	\$1.00
Logansport, dues for 11th district	4.90
Marion, stereopticon slides	1.00
Lafayette, stereopticon slides	1.00
	<hr/> \$ 7.90

Total receipts \$ 876.53

DISBURSEMENTS.

Office—

Running expenses, postage, \$50; assistance, \$100	\$150.00
Telephone and telegrams	26.40
Secretary's salary	100.00
	<hr/> \$276.40

Legislative Expenses—

Fulton Furniture Co., desk rent	\$ 4.90
Fertig & Kevers, sign	1.00
Woman Citizen, copies to Legislature.....	7.50
Mrs. Lauter, calls charged to phone	2.50
Miss Lauter, calls charged to phone	2.05
Dues to Legislative Council	25.00
Underwood Typewriter Co., rent	5.00
Addressograph Co., church letters	4.13
Miss Cox, postage, church letters	25.00
Secretary, for expenses—Stencils, \$3.48; tip for service, \$1.00; desk supplies, 70c; telegrams, \$5.84; postage, \$4.00.....	\$15.02
	—————\$ 92.10

Press—

Secretary, salary	\$ 75.00
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Membership—

Mrs. Lewis, 2 weeks work	\$40.00
Mrs. Lewis, December expenses	26.59
Miss Keene, expenses Kokomo trip	6.65
Miss Shoemaker, on expenses	25.00
Miss Tobin, 2 weeks work	28.00
Miss Tobin, expenses in November	39.80
	<hr/> \$166.04

National Publishing Co.—

On account	50.00
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National A. W. S. A.—

On pledge	\$100.00
Contribution from Mrs. Stilwell	26.00
	<hr/> \$126.00

Miscellaneous—

Coburn Film Co., hospital slides	\$41.25
Returned check	5.00
	<hr/> \$ 46.25

\$831.79

Balance on hand February 1st 44.74

INDEBTEDNESS.

Loans (plus interest)—

Mrs. Elizabeth Claypool Earl	\$100.00
Mrs. A. H. Beardsley	250.00
Miss Eldena Lauter	110.51
	<hr/> \$460.51

National Pledge	324.00
National Publishing Co.	60.00

Current Bills—

Advanced by Mrs. Edwards in September for office expenses	\$ 41.00
Advanced by Miss Cox, for expenses in Sept.	24.50
Press Chairman, January salary	75.00
Secretary, January salary	100.00
	<hr/> \$240.50

\$1,325.51

Woman's Franchise League of Indiana

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BOARD LETTER

February 10th, 1919.

The February Board meeting, held at the Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis, Tuesday, February 4th, was attended by the president, fifth vice-president, recording secretary, six directors, representatives from the 2nd, 5th, 6th, 7th, 10th districts, and a number of committee chairmen and visitors.

LEGISLATIVE—Miss Betsy Edwards, chairman, and her legislative committee met in conference with the Board at 11 o'clock. She reported the Beardsley full suffrage amendment in committee in the House, and the presidential suffrage bill due for third reading and vote in the Senate on Wednesday.* Great gratification was expressed by the Board at the success so far of the suffrage measure in the 1919 legislature. It was hoped that one of the measures would be up for action on Tuesday, either in the House or in the Senate, so that the Board could witness the vote, but an unexpected delay occurred, and the plan had to be given up.

LEGISLATIVE HEADQUARTERS REPORT—Mrs. W. T. Barnes, chairman, reported that an Indianapolis woman had been on duty at headquarters every day, receiving visitors and assisting with the folding and stamping. The Executive Secretary, Miss Cox, reported that 95 visitors had registered at legislative headquarters, among them Lieut. Fasulo and other members of the Italian labor mission to the United States; many members of the legislature, and officers and members of the league. It was also reported that Bulletins No. 20, 21, 22, with accompanying enclosures, the January program, the president's letters of January 10th and 22nd, and other mimeographed material had been issued from legislative headquarters in the State House in addition to Miss Gallahan's weekly news bulletins.

PRESS BUREAU—Miss Gallahan, press chairman, reported splendid publicity on suffrage legislation. Representatives from the Associated Press, United Press, Indianapolis News, Indianapolis Star, Indiana Daily Times, and Indiana Chamber of Commerce Bulletin called at headquarters every day and were supplied with items of suffrage news. A number of favorable editorials had appeared, and clippings from papers over the state showed an increased use of suffrage news items.

OVERSEA HOSPITAL SLIDES—The president reported that a number of demands had been made for the stereopticon pictures of the Women's Oversea Hospitals, and that they had been shown with great success in Shelbyville, Lafayette, Marion and Earl Park. Two slides had been added to the set, making eighteen in all. Leagues are urged to use these interesting pictures for meetings and conventions. They may be secured for \$1.00 and postage both ways by writing Miss Gallahan.

SUFFRAGE DIRECTORY—Mrs. B. B. White, chairman, announced that the suffrage directory would be out by February 10th. Copies will be sent to league presidents, Board members and county chairmen. Extra copies may be obtained at 25c each from Mrs. B. B. White, 810 South Centre Street, Terre Haute.

1919 STATE CONVENTION—The eighth annual state convention will probably be held some time during the week of March 31st-April 5th, the exact date to be determined by the Executive Committee. The Board has decided upon an earlier date than usual for the convention because many prominent suffragists will be available as speakers on their way home from the National Convention in St. Louis the week of March 24th-29th. A bulletin will be issued as soon as the date is set, and full information sent as soon as possible.

RESIGNATION OF MISS BUSH—The resignation of Miss Adah Bush, 1st vice-president of the league, received by delayed cable from Paris, France, where Miss Bush is in charge of one of the Y. M. C. A. business offices, was not accepted. It was the desire of the Board that Miss Bush's name stand as 1st vice-president of the organization until the convention.

ORGANIZATION—The report of Mrs. Walter Greenough, chairman, given at the January Board meeting, was inadvertently omitted from the last Board Letter. New leagues have been organized at Warsaw, Kosciusko county, Mrs. Victoria Moon, president; Knox, Starke county, Miss Agnes Larimore vice-president; Greensburg, Decatur county, and Carmel, Hamilton county. The Plymouth League has been reorganized, with Mrs. Arthur O'Keefe president. Mrs. Greenough reported Mrs. Lewis, state organizer, working in the 4th district.

FINANCE—The Treasurer reported that an effort had been made to get in the honor roll and convention pledges as the amount of indebtedness for the membership campaign is so great. Additional efforts are being made to get in back dues and pledges to pay the debts, and extra money contributed for legislative work, the expense of which is necessarily very heavy. The Treasurer especially requested that the accompanying financial statement be read at league meetings.

CONGRESSIONAL—The president reported the receipt of a letter from Mrs. Catt, stating that the federal amendment was to be brought to a vote in the United States Senate February 10th. A message from Mrs. Maud Wood Park, congressional chairman of the National, received while the Board was in session, requested telegrams sent to a list of six senators whom she named. Officers of the National were hopeful but not confident of a successful vote.

PLEASE SEE THAT ALL DUES ARE IN BY MARCH 1ST, THE CLOSE OF THE FISCAL YEAR.

*The presidential suffrage bill passed the Senate February 4th, was signed by the Governor Feb. 6th, filed with the Secretary of State the same day, and is now an act. Women in Indiana are entitled to vote for presidential electors.

WOMAN'S FRANCHISE LEAGUE OF INDIANA.

BULLETIN NO. 23.

February 14, 1919.

Issued by
Miss Betsy Edwards, Chairman, Legislative Committee.

The accompanying sheet, reprinted from the Peru Journal, gives a resume of the suffrage campaign in the legislature. Please pass this information on to your league and keep it for future reference. A program is shortly to be issued which will refer to it.

SUFFRAGE LEGISLATION IN 1919 GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

- Jan. 2nd. Headquarters opened in Room 76, State House.
- Jan. 9th. General Assembly convened.
- Jan. 9th. Passed Joint Resolution No. 1 - memorializing Congress in regard to Federal Suffrage Amendment. One dissenting vote. (Copy of this resolution sent you January 10th.)
- Jan. 17th. Presidential Suffrage Bill introduced in House as H.B. 63 by Representative Johnson of Grant County.
- Jan. 16th. Beardsley Amendment passed in 1917 - withdrawn in Senate.
- Jan. 20th. Beardsley Amendment passed in 1917 - withdrawn in House.
- Jan. 22nd. New amendment to State Constitution (S.J.R. #30) introduced by Senator Beardsley of Elkhart County.
- Jan. 24th. Presidential Suffrage Bill passed House 90 - 3. (Six absentees, all favorable.)
- Jan. 31st. Beardsley Amendment passed Senate 44 - 0. (Copy sent you Jan. 22nd.)
- Feb. 5th. Presidential Suffrage Bill passed Senate with slight amendment 44 - 3. (Three absentees, all favorable.)
- Feb. 5th. Presidential Suffrage Bill referred to House and accepted unanimously in amended form.
- Feb. 6th. Signed by Governor and filed with Secretary of State.
- Feb. 10th. Beardsley Amendment passed House 91 - 0. (Nine absentees, in favor.)

The Presidential Suffrage Bill is now an act, and according to the law of Indiana, women can vote for the next presidential electors. The Beardsley Amendment must pass both houses of the next General Assembly and then be voted on by the people. To secure a majority of those voting it must be presented at a special election. Keep that special election in mind - work for it - talk for it.

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12th—Mrs. Claude Bowers, Ft. Wayne
13th—Mrs. John C. Boss, Elkhart

18th February, 1919

Mrs. Andreas Ueland,
President Minnesota Women Suffrage Ass'n.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Ueland:

During our recent legislative work in Indianapolis we saw on exhibition in the State House a wheel showing the laws in the different states relating to women and children. The laws in suffrage states were "all white", and we desire to use this map for suffrage propaganda.

Unfortunately we have lost the address of the place where these maps may be secured, so I am writing you please to address and mail the enclosed letter if you happen to know where we may get them.

Mrs. Edwards is looking forward to the convention in St. Louis next month, and hopes it may be her good fortune to hear you speak.

With many thanks,

Sincerely yours,

Kate Cox
Executive Secretary.

*The inclosure
addressed and mailed
2/20-19 R.E.H.S.*

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State Headquarters,
Peru, Indiana,
February 24, 1919

Dear League President:

Please fill out this report and take it or send it to your County Chairman for the County Convention which your County Chairman will call some time before April 1. If you have no County Chairman, please write your District Chairman and arrange with her for the leagues in your county to get together and hold a County Convention and elect a County Chairman. It will greatly help your league work to have a chairman in your county.

Name of League _____

Name of President _____

When organized _____

Total number of paid-up members _____
(Paid to the State)

Number of members added this year _____

Most effective thing done by league this year for suffrage

* Notice to County Chairmen: Keep this report to be used at District and State Conventions.

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February 25, 1919.

COPY OF LETTER TO COUNTY CHAIRMEN

The world moves rapidly these days, and no part of the world moves more rapidly than the suffrage world. It seems yesterday that we were planning our campaign for state suffrage legislation. Today, after the efficient whirlwind campaign of our state organization, we have everything we asked of our state legislature - the presidential suffrage bill, the state constitutional amendment, and the memorial calling upon the United States Senate to pass the federal suffrage amendment - all of these measures passing almost unanimously. And now our yearly conventions are almost upon us.

The first week in April, immediately following the national convention at St. Louis, we will hold our state convention in Indianapolis. Before this time, by the compulsory provisions of our state constitution, we must hold our district and county conventions. You have doubtless already made the tentative plans for your convention. You may feel that it would be better to hold your county convention in conjunction with a league meeting of the largest league in your county. You may have other plans in mind.

In any case, you will want a speaker. It is just at this point that I am asking your cooperation. Because of the expense and time involved, it would seem wise to have one speaker for all the county conventions in each district. Another speaker could come for the district convention itself. This plan will necessitate careful planning ahead - conferring with your district chairman immediately - deciding on the speaker desired and so planning the county meetings that the speaker can travel from one meeting to another with a minimum of time and expense.

The past year has been a wonderful suffrage year and the future contains possibilities of proving our worth as women citizens undreamed of a few years ago. Your county conventions can embody these facts in a concrete way for your community as no other agency can do. It is an opportunity to sum up the work of the past year and mark out the work of the year to come. I am sure you can make your convention vital and helpful. You have my best wishes ~~xxx~~ in this work as well as in all the work you have accomplished so efficiently.

Yours cordially,

(Mrs. Walter Greenough.)
Organization Chairman.

WOMAN'S FRANCHISE LEAGUE OF INDIANA.

Bulletin No. 24.
Issued by
The Speakers' Bureau.

February 25, 1919.

SUBJECT:

Speakers for County and District Conventions.

The following speakers are available for District and County conventions. We suggest that District Chairmen arrange with County Chairmen to secure one speaker for a series of county conventions, scheduling these conventions for consecutive days. In this way you will be sure of a speaker and at less expense. A different speaker should then be secured for the district convention.

Write to Mrs. Walter Greenough,
4221 Broadway, Indianapolis
for speakers, but give her plenty of time.
Make a first, second and third choice.
Write as long in advance as possible as
she must get in touch with the speakers.

FOR EXPENSES ONLY:

Mrs. Jessie Fremont Croan, Anderson, Ind.
(Present address, 4221 Broadway, Indianapolis.)
Mrs. E. A. Gould, Peru, Ind.
Mrs. Harvey Hawley, Peru, Ind.
Mrs. John Bossard, Peru, Ind.
Mrs. Alice Foster McCulloch, Ft. Wayne, Ind.
Mrs. Habel Weisner, Ft. Wayne, Ind.
Mrs. Chas. Butler, Huntington, Ind.
Mrs. Laura D. Floyd, East Chicago, Ind.
Mrs. Chas. J. Gill, Muncie, Ind.
Mrs. Chester Evans, Bloomington, Ind.
Miss Elizabeth Cooper, Terre Haute, Ind.
Mrs. C. W. Boucher, Valparaiso, Ind.
Miss Carolyn Shoemaker, Purdue University, (Saturdays only)
Miss Pansy Newby, Richmond, Ind. " "
Miss Belle O'Hair, Indianapolis, Ind. " "
Mrs. Olaf Guldlin, Fort Wayne, Ind.
Mrs. Frank A. Kimble, Anderson, Ind.
Mrs. H. E. Barnard, Indianapolis, Ind.
Mrs. Walter Greenough, Indianapolis, Ind.

FOR \$5.00 AND EXPENSES:

Mrs. Olive Belden Lewis, Indianapolis, Ind.
Miss Amy Keene, Indianapolis, Ind.

FOR \$10.00 AND EXPENSES:

Mrs. Habel D. Curry, Terre Haute, Ind.

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COPY FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

February 26, 1919.

Dear League President:

Your league is one of a few leagues in the state in a peculiar situation. You have no county chairman and yet you should have a county meeting at this time of the year.

I am writing your District Chairman, asking her to help you plan for a meeting of your league jointly with other leagues in your county. Will you, for your part, write to her and urge the meeting in your town, or suggest some other available place? At such a meeting it should be possible to elect a county chairman and then you can go ahead in the regular way next year.

Your District Chairman, or if she cannot come, the President of one of the larger leagues, should preside at such a meeting. The enclosed program should make planning for this meeting easier. If any difficulties arise please let me know, and see if I cannot help. We are anxious to have your county conform to the other counties in the state.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Richard Edwards.)
President.

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FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S FRANCHISE LEAGUE OF INDIANA

February 1st to March 1st, 1919

RECEIPTS			DISBURSEMENTS		
Balance on hand Feb. 1st		\$ 44.24			
Dues			Press Bureau		
	Members.		Sentinel Printing Co., Indianapolis, paper.....	\$ 7.50	
Eagles	19	\$ 4.75	C. P. Lesh Co., stationery	7.80	
River Park	10	2.50	W. B. Burford, mimeograph supplies	3.25	
Richmond	10	2.50	Central Press Clipping Service, 2 mos.....	10.00	
Clay City	7	1.75	E. J. Engelage, 6 mos. sub, News and Star.....	6.84	
Anderson	111	27.75	Salary press chairman, for January	75.00	\$110.39
Robertsdale	7	1.75			
Warsaw	14	3.50	Industrial Committee		
Valparaiso	118	29.50	Postage for letters to leagues	\$9.00	
East Chicago	100	25.00	Thompson Letter Shop, printing letters	4.45	13.45
Greenfield	12	3.00			
Loogootee	43	10.75	Office		
Carmel	32	8.00	Pratt Poster Co., board letter and statement...	\$12.00	
Salem	40	10.00	Rent, Dec. 5th to Feb. 5th	24.00	
Kendallville	28	7.00	Running Expenses—		
North Vernon	41	10.25	Postage.	\$ 50.00	
Fort Wayne	21	5.25	Assistance	100.00	150.00
Brookville	40	10.00	Secretary's salary for January	100.00	286.00
Ben Davis	10	2.50			
Olive Township	11	2.75	Organization		
Boonville	32	8.00	Olive Belden Lewis, expenses	\$32.83	
Muncie	200	50.00	Olive Belden Lewis, 2 wks. salary	50.00	
Bunker Hill	11	2.75	Miss Keene, due on salary	10.00	92.83
Elwood	40	10.00			
Aurora	25	6.25	Miscellaneous		
Montpelier	12	3.00	Coburn Film Co., additional slides	\$5.00	
Carmel	18	4.50	Mrs. E. C. Earl, interest on loan, 160 days....	2.67	
Shelbyville	38	9.50	Miss Eldena Lauter, interest on loans	7.42	15.00
Wabash	138	34.50			
Greensburg	13	3.25	Legislative		
Crawfordsville	60	15.00	Indianapolis Letter Shop, 3,200 church federa-		
Charlestown	10	2.50	tion letters	\$ 5.40	
Afro-American, Marion	10	2.50	Receivers Central Union Telephone Co., tele-		
Bloomington	66	16.50	grams and telephone, at Peru	34.50	
Columbus	28	7.00	Extra copies Star, News and Times	4.26	
Harrison Twp., Delaware Co.	12	3.00	Telephone and telegrams, leg. hdqrs.	15.88	
Pendleton	40	10.00	Mr. Walter Hutchinson, printing signs	2.50	
Odon	14	3.50	Executive Secretary, postage, supplies, etc....	36.85	99.39
West Lafayette	31	7.75			
	1,472		National American Woman Suffrage Association		
Legislative Expenses.			On pledge	\$200.00	
Muncie		\$100.00	On dues	130.00	
Battle Ground		19.10	Oversea Hospitals (sent from Terre Haute)...	110.00	440.00
Thorntown		14.47			
Wea Plains		25.76	Loans		
Terre Haute		60.60	Mrs. Elizabeth Claypool Earl	\$100.00	
Mrs. L. J. Cox		15.00	Miss Eldena Lauter, balance	110.61	210.61
Richmond		61.04			
Earl Park		2.70	Total	\$1,267.76	
Sullivan		10.00	Balance on hand	101.47	
Indianapolis		100.00			\$1,369.23
Pendleton		7.00			
Mrs. J. C. Gibbs, Crown Point		1.00			
Salem		1.00			
Crawfordsville		50.00			
Jasper		15.00			
		482.67			
Honor Roll Pledge			INDEBTEDNESS		
Mrs. J. C. Lane, Elkhart		\$1.00	President, advanced in Sept. for office expenses	\$ 41.00	
Washington Twp., Delaware County		5.00	Executive Secretary, advanced for expenses	24.50	
Cutler League		3.00	Mrs. A. H. Beardsley, loan	250.00	
Duplicate check		5.00	National Pub. Co.	60.00	
		14.00	Secretary's February salary	100.00	
Convention Pledge			Press Chairman's February salary	75.00	
Fort Wayne		\$ 50.00	Total indebtedness	\$550.50	
Huntington		50.00			
Brookville		5.00			
Peru		100.00			
		205.00			
Oversea Hospitals					
Terre Haute		\$110.00			
		110.00			
Contributions and Donations					
Duhois County leagues		\$ 7.00			
West Lafayette		23.69			
Miss Pansy Newby		10.00			
Pendleton, toward expenses convention.....		10.00			
		56.69			
National American Woman Suffrage Association					
Mrs. Horace C. Stillwell		\$45.00			
		45.00			
Literature					
Richmond		\$13.43			
Huntington		2.65			
Columbus		.53			
Newcastle		1.50			
Logansport		5.21			
Milan		.20			
Kendallville		.55			
Salem		1.75			
North Vernon		1.85			
Rush County		9.50			
		37.17			
Miscellaneous					
Hospital slides, Earl Park		\$1.00			
Hospital slides, Valparaiso		1.00			
Waste paper, sold at headquarters		1.02			
Hospital slides, Terre Haute		1.25			
Hospital slides, Osgood		1.12			
Hospital slides, Shelbyville		1.07			
		6.46			
		\$1,369.23			

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BOARD LETTER

March 6th, 1919

The March meeting of the Board of Directors of the Woman's Franchise League of Indiana convened at the Claypool Hotel Tuesday, March 4th, at 10 a. m., with the president in the chair, the fifth vice-president, treasurer, recording secretary, eight of the thirteen district chairmen, seven directors, the organization chairman, and a number of other committee chairmen and visitors in attendance.

NINTH ANNUAL CONVENTION—Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 1st, 2nd and 3rd, were announced as dates for the ninth annual state convention. The opening session will be held at 2 p. m. Tuesday, April 1st, and the convention will close at noon on Thursday, April 3rd. Credentials will go out to league presidents after March 10th, and delegates are urged to be present for the opening session. All business sessions will be held in the Assembly Room on the eighth floor of the Claypool Hotel.

CONVENTION DINNER—The annual suffrage dinner and evening's program to follow will be held in the Riley room at the Claypool at 6:30 p. m. Wednesday, April 2nd. Dinner tickets at \$2 each must be purchased in advance. No tickets will be reserved, and as the number of people who can be served is limited, preference will be given to delegates and alternates. Visiting suffragists from Indianapolis and elsewhere can purchase tickets at the convention April 1st if there are any places left. **Delegates and alternates who wish to attend the dinner should make sure of their tickets by sending check or money order for \$2 at once to Mrs. E. A. Gould, Peru, Ind., chairman of the dinner committee.**

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE—Miss Betsy Edwards, chairman, reported that the entire legislative program of the Franchise League has been successfully completed. Legislative headquarters in the State House were closed February 12th. Miss Edwards reported that she had been in Indianapolis every week since the closing of headquarters and that necessary steps for filing and registering the presidential suffrage bill and the Beardsley amendment had been taken. The Attorney-General has rendered an informal opinion in regard to the presidential suffrage bill, which states that it makes proper provision for the women to vote whether the men of the counties vote by ballot boxes or machines, and further adds "there would appear to be the minimum of extra expense entailed." Miss Edwards also reported that friends of suffrage in both houses were watching that nothing should be done in the closing days of the legislature to imperil the suffrage legislation.

CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE—In the absence from the state of Mrs. L. J. Cox, the chairman, the chair reported that letters were on file at National headquarters in Washington from ten of the thirteen Indiana Representatives who will sit in the Sixty-sixth Congress stating that they would vote for the federal amendment if it should again be brought up. The remaining three are in favor of suffrage but have not yet stated their intention in writing.

ORGANIZATION—Mrs. Walter Greenough, chairman, reported the appointment of Mrs. D. A. Kochenour, of Brownstown, as chairman of the Fourth Congressional district. She reported new leagues organized by Mrs. Lewis at North Vernon, Jennings County; New Albany, Floyd County; Jeffersonville, Clark County, and the re-organization of the Charlestown league. Preliminary organization work had been done at Seymour and Brownstown, in Jackson County, by Mrs. E. A. Gould, of Peru. The name of Mrs. James Fortune was given as chairman of Clark County.

WOMEN IN INDUSTRY—Letters were sent to the entire membership of the House Committee on Appropriations and later to the Indiana congressmen in response to telegrams from the National Women's Trade Union League asking for support of the bill to secure an appropriation of \$150,000 for the year for the employment service. Mrs. Gifford Pinchot, chairman of the Women in Industry Committee of the National Suffrage Association, telegraphed to secure telegrams from other organizations in the state requesting the continuance of the Bureau and a sufficient appropriation to make the bureau efficient. Word comes from Washington that messages poured in and that it seems obvious that women's telegrams and letters, and the factor of women's votes in the next election were not ignored by the committee members.

NATIONAL CONVENTION—The enclosed copy of the latest press bulletin tells of the National Convention in St. Louis March 24th-29th. Any officer or league president who finds it possible to attend or who knows of any one planning to go is requested to inform this office. As far as appointments already made of officers and directors as delegates and alternates permit, those wishing to go will be sent as representatives of the Franchise League. In any event they can secure visitors' tickets and information about programs and accommodations from the Peru office.

FINANCES—The treasurer's report for the month of February is enclosed. Please see that your league hears it read at one of your early meetings. The treasurer reported that our pledge of \$1,000 to the National is fulfilled. Mrs. Charles J. Gill, of Muncie, and Mrs. F. H. McCulloch, of Fort Wayne, chairman of the finance committee, were appointed a committee to see to the auditing of the treasurer's books.

DIRECTORY—Copies of the directory have been received at state headquarters and will be mailed to district and county chairmen and league presidents this week. Additional copies may be secured at 25c each.

This publication is entirely the product of the Terre Haute league, as the advertisements were solicited under its direction, and the league undertook all responsibility for editing, printing and publicity.

WOMAN CITIZEN—Anyone who hasn't been receiving her copy of the Woman Citizen according to her understanding of the subscription should write immediately to Mrs. Jessie Fremont Croan, 4221 Broadway, Indianapolis, chairman of the Woman Citizen Committee.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S FRANCHISE LEAGUE OF INDIANA

MARCH 1st, 1919—APRIL 1st, 1919

RECEIPTS.		
Balance March 1st		\$101.47
Dues:—		
	Members.	
Milan	48...	\$ 12.00
East Chicago	50...	12.50
Brazil	65...	16.25
Lapel	15...	3.75
Jamestown	6...	1.50
Clinton Twp., Boone Co.	8...	2.00
Thorntown	13...	3.25
Plymouth	10...	2.50
Anderson	39...	9.75
Flackville	6...	1.50
Princeton	17...	4.25
Tippecanoe Twp., Marshall Co.	6...	1.50
Rising Sun	23...	5.75
Bloomington	20...	5.00
Kingsbury	19...	4.75
Pleasant Twp.	12...	3.00
Indianapolis	100...	25.00
Bloomington	3...	.75
Fulton County	6...	1.50
Culver	5...	1.25
Bedford	5...	1.25
Veedersburg	5...	1.25
Waterloo	24...	6.00
Colfax	5...	1.25
Oakland City	10...	2.50
Angola	16...	4.00
Morristown	5...	1.25
Batchelor Creek	5...	1.25
Dora	5...	1.25
Lafontaine	5...	1.25
Lagro	5...	1.25
Liberty	5...	1.25
Lincolnvile	5...	1.25
Servia	5...	1.25
Somerset	5...	1.25
Mt. Pleasant	5...	1.25
Wabash, Colored	5...	1.25
Rich Valley	5...	1.25
Roann	5...	1.25
Red Bridge	5...	1.25
Wells Co.	40...	10.00
Sand Creek	5...	1.25
Jefferson Twp., Huntington Co.	8...	2.00
Little River	8...	2.00
Warren	8...	2.00
Salamonie	8...	2.00
Jeffersonville	20...	5.00
Terre Haute	58...	14.50
Garrett	9...	2.25
Bristol	6...	1.50
Disko	8...	2.00
Cloverdale	11...	2.75
Sullivan	40...	10.00
Ladoga	16...	4.00
Kokomo	4...	1.00
Valparaiso	34...	8.50
Pittsburg	5...	1.25
Seymour	50...	12.50
South Bend	50...	12.50
Laketon (1919-20)	6...	1.50
Brownstown	22...	5.50
Kentland (By Mr. McCray)	12...	3.00
Universal	6...	1.50
Fontanet	5...	1.25
Monticello	12...	3.00
Wash. Twp., Allen Co.	2...	.50
		\$264.75

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For Legislative Expenses:—

East Chicago	\$ 10.00
Clay County	40.00
Bloomington	20.00
Knightstown	5.00
Shelbyville	35.00
Peru	150.00
	260.00

Honor Roll Pledge:—

Mr. Thomas Richards, East Chicago	\$ 5.00
Mrs. Laura Sharfenburg, Michigan City ...	1.00
Mrs. Emma Kimball, Michigan City	1.00
Mrs. G. W. Spohn, Elkhart	1.00
Mrs. F. J. Boedefeld, Elkhart	1.00
Mrs. Cora Harris, Indianapolis	5.00
	14.00

1918 Convention Pledge:—

Mrs. George McMullin, Aurora	\$ 5.00
Mrs. Isaac Born, Indianapolis	5.00
Delphi	25.00
Peru (remainder on pledge)	50.00
Mrs. Joseph Shirk, Peru	5.00
	90.00

Donations and Contributions:—

Fort Wayne League	\$120.00
Evansville, Mrs. Born, expenses organizing	
Rockport	12.00
Mr. Warren McCray, Kentland	97.00
Martin County	3.00
Terre Haute, receipts hospital movie	24.85
Mrs. J. S. Rizor, Peru, making banner	15.00
	271.85

Literature:—

Peru	\$ 18.14
Peru Colored League .....	.28
Jeffersonville .....	.55
Battle Ground, balance account .....	.10
Royal Center .....	.40
	19.47

For 1919 Convention:—

Fort Wayne	\$ 8.71
Merchants Ass'n, Indianapolis	150.00
	158.71

Miscellaneous:—

Interest Liberty Bond	\$ 1.06
Sale Liberty Bond (Mrs. Lewis)	50.00
Anderson	19.50
Tippecanoe Twp. ....	.20
Hospital Slides, Bloomington	1.22
Hospital Slides, Linton	1.00
Hospital Slides, Marion, breakage .....	.70
Hospital Slides, Osgood, breakage .....	.70
Hospital Slides, Plymouth	1.12
Hospital Slides, Crown Point	1.00
	76.50
	\$1,256.75

DISBURSEMENTS.

Office Expenses:—

Sentinel Printing Co., stationery and printing	
December-February	\$105.85
Peru Journal, printing circulars	3.50
W. B. Burford, mimeograph ink	3.00
Underwood Typewriter Co., rental	5.00
Executive Secretary, office assistance \$125.00	
Postage	60.00
Material for banner	15.00
	200.00
Executive Secretary, February salary.....	100.00
Executive Sec'y, money, advanced office exp.	24.50
President, money advanced for office exp....	41.00
	\$482.85

Membership and Organization:—

Olive Belden Lewis, expenses Jan. 30-Feb. 15	14.38
Mrs. Isaac Born, expenses Rockport, donated	
by Evansville	12.00
Olive Belden Lewis, expenses Oct. 1-7th and	
balance on account	13.49
Amy Keene, expenses organizing Seymour,	
March 10-21	15.28
	55.15

Press:—

Sentinel Printing Co., paper and envelopes .	\$ 11.50
Woman Citizen, extra copies for files .....	.45
Central Press Clipping Service	5.00
Press chairman, salary	75.00
	91.95

Miscellaneous:—

Postage for mailing directories	\$ 14.25
Anderson, check returned	19.50
Coburn Film Co., 1 slide and postage	1.40
Peru Republican, 500 copies constitution	6.75
Mrs. A. H. Beardsley, interest on loan	12.50
Mrs. J. S. Rizor, making banner, contributed	15.00
	69.40

Legislative Expenses:—

Press Chairman, ½ exp. during legislature ..	\$35.31
Executive Sec'y, ½ exp during legislature .	38.13
Shelbyville and Peru, calls from Indpls.....	4.45
Western Union Tel. Co.	5.79
Peru Republican, notes of appreciation	4.75
Receivers Central Union Tel. Co., Peru	39.52
W. K. Stewart, supplies	25.50
Miss Betsy Edwards, legislative expense	
(Donation Shelbyville League)	35.00
Mrs. Richard Edwards, 9 trips Indianapolis	
legislative business (Donation Peru League)	50.00
	238.45
Nat'l Woman Suffrage Pub. Co., bal. account.....	\$ 68.73
Loan, Mrs. A. H. Beardsley, advanced in September	250.00
	\$1,256.53

Receipts	\$1,256.75
Disbursements	1,256.53

Balance on hand April 1st\$.22

CORRECTIONS.

The name of Mrs. C. A. Baldwin of Peru, who paid her 1918-19 honor roll pledge in January, was omitted from the January statement.

Cutler League was credited on the December statement with the payment of \$2.75, dues for 11 members. Credit should have been given for \$10.00, dues for 40 members.

Twelve memberships credited to the Montpelier League in the February Statement are for the year 1919-20 instead of 1918-19.

CONVENTION AND BOARD LETTER.

April 9, 1919.

Members of the old and new Boards of Directors of the Woman's Franchise League met for a brief session immediately at the close of the convention in the Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis, Thursday morning April 4th. The meeting was held in place of the regular April monthly meeting which the Board had decided to omit.

NEW OFFICERS - Miss Helen Benbridge of Terre Haute was unanimously elected president of the League in the annual election April 2nd. Other officers elected were as follows: first vice-president, Mrs. John F. Barnhill, Indianapolis; second, Mrs. F.H. McCulloch, Ft. Wayne; third, Mrs. Chas. J. Gill, Muncie; fourth, Mrs. A.H. Beardsley, Elkhart; fifth, Mrs. Chester Evans, Bloomington; recording secretary, Mrs. Richard E. Edwards, Peru; treasurer, Miss Eldena Lauter, Indianapolis. Directors elected for a term of three years are Miss Betsy Edwards, Shelbyville; Mrs. L.J. Cox, Terre Haute; Mrs. T.A. Stuart, Lafayette; Mrs. Joseph Shirk, Peru and Mrs. J.P. Wason, Delphi.

HEADQUARTERS - By order of the Board headquarters will be established May 1st at Terre Haute, the home of the new president, Miss Benbridge. Until May 1st all business will be handled from the present office, Dukes Bldg., Peru, Indiana.

PRESS BUREAU - The convention voted to continue the press bureau with a press chairman in charge, and the Board voted to request Miss Gallahan to continue as press chairman until a new one could be secured.

OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY - Miss Benbridge had no recommendation to offer for executive secretary so Miss Cox was requested to remain in office until her successor could be appointed.

APRIL PROGRAM - A suggested program for April meetings on the League of Women Voters was mailed league presidents this week. Extra copies of the program can be had for the asking at headquarters. The synopsis of the League of Women Voters was prepared by Mrs. Catt and embodied in her speech at the Convention. The Woman Citizen of March 29th contains excerpts from Mrs. Catt's famous speech at St. Louis.

MARCH REPORTS OF COMMITTEES - The March reports of standing committees given at the convention included the following:

Financial: Treasurer's report enclosed.

Congressional: Mrs. L.J. Cox, chairman, reported that a special session of Congress probably would be called in May. The federal suffrage amendment, it is expected, will be taken up during the first two weeks of the session.

Organization: Mrs. Jessie Fremont Croan reported for Mrs. Greenough organization chairman, new leagues in South Bend and Seymour, and the completion of the organization of the Brownstown League.

Woman Citizen: The Woman's Franchise League won third place in the Woman Citizen circulation contest, and the award of \$25 has been donated by Mrs. Croan, who had charge of the campaign for subscriptions in Indiana, to the State League.

Woman's Franchise League of Indiana

Affiliated with the National Woman Suffrage Association 1912

State Headquarters: 605 Trust Building

Terre Haute, Indiana

President

MISS HELEN BENBRIDGE, Terre Haute

Treasurer

MISS ELDENA LAUTER, Indianapolis

Board Letter

May 8th, 1919.

The May meeting of the Board of Directors of the Woman's Franchise League of Indiana convened at the Claypool Hotel Tuesday, May 6th, at 10 A. M., with the newly elected president in the chair, two vice-presidents, the treasurer, the recording secretary, nine directors, seven district chairmen and several committee chairmen in attendance.

HEADQUARTERS—The office equipment and supplies were sent from Peru May 1st, and headquarters have been established by Miss Benbridge at 605 Trust Bldg., where the league business will be carried on. The office occupies two good-sized rooms, on the sixth floor of the best office building in Terre Haute, high above the dust and noise of the street and lighted by three great windows to the north.

PRESS BUREAU—The Board has appointed Miss Mae Helmer as press chairman for the year 1919-20. The Bureau will operate from 603 Trust Bldg., and mail for Miss Helmer should be addressed to her there.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN—The chair announced the appointment of a number of new committee chairmen. Mrs. Chester Evans of Bloomington will head the speakers' bureau; Mrs. Richard Edwards, the newly created program committee; Mrs. J. S. Morrison, Lafayette, endorsement; Mrs. I. E. May, revision of constitution. The women in industry committee, with Mrs. Wilmer Christian of Indianapolis, chairman; the child welfare committee, Miss Minette Baum, Ft. Wayne, chairman; the Americanization committee, Miss Lillian Gay Berry, Bloomington, chairman, are to hold over until the receipt of the National's plan, when committees corresponding in their entirety can be appointed. Mrs. L. J. Cox has been reappointed congressional chairman and asked to continue as member for Indiana on the National American Woman Suffrage Association Executive Council; Mrs. Fred H. McCulloch, Ft. Wayne, finance; Mrs. J. F. Barnhill, Indianapolis, chairman of the church committee, and Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke, Indianapolis, editorial committee. Mrs. W. T. Barnes of Indianapolis was appointed Seventh District Chairman in place of Mrs. John F. Barnhill, newly elected vice president, who resigned.

ORGANIZATION—The election at recent district conventions of district chairmen was announced: Mrs. B. S. Rose, Evansville, First District; Mrs. Bomar Traylor, Jasper, Third District; Mrs. H. O. Long, North Vernon, Fourth District; Miss Elizabeth Cooper, Terre Haute, Fifth District; Mrs. Frank Clarke, Shelbyville, Sixth District; Mrs. W. A. Overstreet, Thorntown, Ninth District.

SPEAKERS' BUREAU—Mrs. Chester Evans, chairman, reported that plans of the speakers bureau for the next year provided one state and two local speakers for each league, these speakers to be routed through the districts by the chairman of the bureau in conjunction with the district chairmen. Requests for speakers should be addressed to the chairman of the district in which the league wanting the speaker is located, and every league is requested to send to Mrs. Evans, 715 South Fess St., Bloomington, names of speakers in their community.

MRS. T. T. COTNAM—Mrs. J. F. Barnhill of Indianapolis was appointed a committee to secure places on chautauqua programs for Mrs. T. T. Cotnam, formerly president of the Arkansas Equal Suffrage Ass'n., who will come to Indiana to deliver a series of suffrage speeches if arrangements can be made. Mrs. Cotnam's fee is fifty dollars a lecture. Any league which wishes to engage Mrs. Cotnam for a lecture, whether at a chautauqua or not, or anyone who can make arrangements with a chautauqua manager to engage Mrs. Cotnam should write at once to Mrs. Barnhill, 1933 N. Delaware St., Indianapolis, Ind.

DR. ANNA HOWARD SHAW—Miss Shaw has written that it may be possible for her to come to Indiana for a week or ten days' speaking trip in June, and communications from leagues who wish to engage Miss Shaw should be addressed to Mrs. Evans.

FINANCE—Miss Sara Lauter, retiring treasurer of the league, reported an overdraft of three hundred dollars and bills at hand amounting to nearly four hundred dollars. A copy of the Treasurer's financial statement for the month of April is enclosed. Leagues are urged to send in dues for the year 1919-20 as soon as possible and to pay at once as much on the convention pledges as possible.

IMPORTANT

A plan which will greatly facilitate the work of the organization this year has been adopted by some of the leagues, and we are asking all the leagues to take it up. It is to pay state pledges in monthly installments, beginning now and running through the entire year. The bills come in every month, and we must have funds coming in regularly to meet them. You will find it much easier to raise your money in these small installments than to wait until convention time and raise it all at once.

If you have not already pledged take the matter up in your next meeting and arrange to do so. The money which has gone for war work will no longer be needed there: give it to suffrage this year. Then you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you are doing your share of the state work.

Make all checks payable to the Woman's Franchise League of Indiana and send to 605 Trust Bldg., Terre Haute, Ind. They will be acknowledged from the office and forwarded to the treasurer at Indianapolis. This information is sent for your convenience and to simplify the handling of funds.

Eldena Lauter,
Treasurer.

Financial Report Woman's Franchise League of Indiana

April 1st, to May 1st, 1919

Balance April 1st\$0.22

RECEIPTS

Dues—

Members

English	3.....	\$0.75
Montpelier	3.....	0.75
Aurora	25.....	6.25
Rockport	17.....	4.25
Portland	11.....	2.75
North Vernon	10.....	2.50
Columbus	12.....	3.00
Wea Twp. Tippecanoe County	12.....	3.00
Kendallville	49.....	12.25

\$35.50

Honor Roll—

1918—Dr. Hannah Luella Hukell, Elkhart..	\$1.00
1918—Mrs. J. A. Replogle, Elkhart.....	1.00
1919—Mrs. Joseph H. Shirk, Peru.....	5.00

\$7.00

Contributions and Donations —

Mrs. Jessie Fremont Croan, Anderson, Wo-	
man's Citizen Prize	25.00
River Park	5.00

\$30.00

Convention Pledge—

Lillian Blythe, Delphi	\$5.00
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1919 Convention Pledge—

Mrs. E. F. White, Indianapolis.....	\$5.00
A Friend, Indianapolis	5.00
Michigan City	5.00
Crown Point	5.00
Mrs. Geo. Kleder, Marion	10.00
Mrs. Harriet Taylor, Pendleton.....	5.00
Dr. Etta Charles	5.00
Mrs. L. E. Wilson, Shelbyville.....	5.00
Miss Adah Bush, Kentland	10.00
Miss Eldena Lauter	25.00
Miss Sara Lauter	10.00
Peru	50.00
Columbus, on account	10.00
Mrs. Harvey Hawley, Peru	5.00
Mrs. Joseph H. Shirk for Peru.....	25.00
Mrs. I. E. May, Anderson	50.00

\$235.00

Literature—

Literature sold at Convention.....	\$52.17
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For Convention Expenses—

Collection, April 1st, evening.....	\$69.56
Collection, April 3rd, morning	23.55
Profit Tickets sold Convention Dinner.....	49.75
Mrs. Raymond Brown, ticket, New York ret...	31.74
From Program Advertising	131.88

\$306.48

Miscellaneous—

9th Dist. Hosp., Slides	\$1.00
Miss Eldena Lauter (Phone calls donated)..	5.35
Miss Eldena Lauter (loan)	100.00
Miscellaneous	4.50

\$110.85

\$777.22

DISBURSEMENTS.

Convention—

Flowers for dinner	\$10.00
Tips, waiters at dinner	28.70
Mrs. T. T. Cotnam	75.00
Mrs. Raymond Brown (ticket New York)....	31.74
Wilkinson & Reinhardt, board for Press Map	2.50
C. P. Lesh Paper Co., 1000 sheets paper.....	1.85
Star Piano Co., tuning piano	3.00
Hoosier Printery, printing badges	3.50
Edgerton Co., renting and hanging flags.....	3.00
Wm. Laurie Co., ribbon for badges.....	11.47
J. N. Fatout, org. map	15.00
Press Chairman (league expenses convention)	21.00
Miss Eldena Lauter	15.19
Four signs	\$4.00
Taxi, Mrs. Cotnam	1.00

Drayage Trunks—

Miss Hay	1.00
Mrs. Catt	1.00

Tips, State Guests

Luncheon	7.00
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Tel. from St. Louis—

To Mr. Nicholson69
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Postals for Luncheon

Anna M. Ganske, Sten. Report Conv.....	15.30
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Ex. Sec. Incidental Expenses	9.53
Mrs. Walter Greenough, Inc. Exp. Map Conv.	3.00
Rec. Central Union Tel Co., Tel., Telegrams	60.46
Mrs. B. B. White, decorating exp.....	8.60
Mrs. Raymond Brown	41.95

\$360.79

Office Expenses—

Ex. Secy., March Office Exp.....	\$50.00
Miller Wallich, Press Folders.....	.75
Sentinel Ptg. Co., March Acct.....	43.00
Ex. Secy., office exp.....	225.00
Ex. Secy., March salary	100.00

\$418.75

Press—

President, Telegrams—Publicity	10.66
Central Press Service (St. Louis) (March)..	5.00
Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke, editorial chm.	
postage	2.50
Press Chairman, salary Mch. 20-Apr. 20.....	75.00

\$93.16

Organization and Membership—

Mrs. Olive Belden Lewis, exp. 2-16—2-23....	23.49
Mrs. Olive Belden Lewis, salary, Jan. 30 to	
Feb. 28	100.00
Mrs. Walter Greenough, speakers bureau....	9.77
Mrs. Walter Greenough, exp. Union City.....	5.65
Miss Mary Gallahan, exp. 3d-4th Dist.....	29.91

\$168.82

Miscellaneous—

President's Expenses, St. Louis	68.65
President, money advanced for printing and	
paper, St. Louis	3.00
Miss Eldena Lauter, Phones Exp. donated....	5.35
Indpls. Tel. Co. ....	.65

\$77.65

Receipts	\$ 777.22
Expenses	1119.17

\$1119.17

Overdraft\$ 341.95