

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CHICAGO

No organization in the United States today illustrates women's accession to political and public eminence as the League of Women Voters. Born immediately after women acquired government and an advocate of feminine activism in public affairs. One of the more successful state Leagues has been the League of Women Voters of Illinois which played a significant role in the shaping and development of the League of Women Voters of the United States. Few states gave the national League the ardent support it has received from the Illinois League, and fewer still succeeded in organizing the same number of branches within the state.

The national League of Women Voters as an idea and a concept emerged during the 1919 convention of the National Women's Suffrage Association, which met in St. Louis, Missouri. The Suffrage Association, realizing that the Nineteenth Amendment which enfranchised women signaled the end of its role, was debating whether to disband or continue its existence with modified aims and purposes. Carrie Chapman Catt, a leading feminist, reluctant to see women revert to their previous state of domesticity, suggested the establishment of a league of women voters: "So that women may use their new freedom to make their nation safer for their children and their children's children. What should be done can be done; what can be done, let us do."¹ Approving her suggestion, the delegates set up an interim organization headed by Mrs. C. H. Brooks of Kansas. In February of 1920, the Victory Convention of the National Woman's Suffrage Association convened in Chicago and formally organized a League of Women Voters of the United States. The first president of the new organization was Mrs. Maud Wood Park of Maine, and the League included in its list of early leaders such names as Bell Sherwin, Marguerite Wells, Edna Gellhorn, Katherine Ludington and Ruth Morgan. Some of the National League's more recent presidents have been: Miss Anna Lord Strauss, Mrs. John G. Lee, Mrs. Robert J. Phillips, and Mrs. Robert J. Stewart.

The League of Women Voters of Illinois was organized in Chicago, in October of 1920. The Chicago Political Equality League, the Woman's City Club and the Seventh Ward Auxiliaty to the Equal Suffrage Association were the first to affiliate with the League. Membership in 1921 totaled 2,173. Past presidents of the League of Women Voters of Illinois included Julia Lathrop, Mary Foulke Morrisson, Bertha Bidwell Rosentiel and Clare Hart Treadway. The Illinois League occassionally provided the national League with officers, such as Julia Lathrop who became First Vice-President, 1924, 1925, Mrs. James W. Morrisson, First Vice-President, in 1926, and Miss W.W. Ramsey, Fifth Vice-President, 1928-1930.

Also in 1920, the Chicago Political Equality League, founded thirty years earlier, was succeeded by a new organization called the Chicago League of Women Voters. In 1922, the Chicago League of Women Voters became the Chicago League of Women Voters Forum upon its merger with the state League and upon redefinition of its aims. Five years later, the organization became known as the Forum of the League of Women Voters. In October of 1931, the Forum of the League of Women Voters affected a union with the Cook County League of Women Voters, the latter having been created in 1929. Eventually, the Cook County League was succeeded by the Cook County Council, composed of representatives of the Leagues within Cook County.

The League of Women Voters of Chicago, on the other hand, was the product of a decision by ten Chicago-area chapters to form a superstructure charged with coordinating their activities. Thus, on April 14, 1950, delegates from ten local Leagues resolved that a League of Women Voters of Chicago shall be organized and that the Local and provisional Leagues in Chicago be known from then on as Branches. The Branches transferred the bulk of their money reserves to the new organization's treasury. In 1951, the League of Women Voters of Chicago held its first annual meeting and drew up its own by-laws. Article I of these by-laws stated that: "This local League is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States and the

¹General Information - Pamphlets on the League, June, 1939 - September, 1946.

League of Women Voters of Illinois."² The first president of this League was Mrs. Hoyt Ogram, whose term of office extended from 1950-1952. Subsequent presidents, each serving a two-year term, were: Helen B. Patton, Mrs. Harold J. Monger, Mrs. George Proctor, Mrs. William Saphir, Mrs. Paul K. Weichselbaum, Mrs. Lester J. Senechalle, Mrs. Mallary Fitzpatrick, Mrs. Ely Aaron and Mrs. Hans Mattick.

The Chicago League finances its operations through membership dues, contributions from members and non-members and through the sale of its own publications. The State and national Leagues receive an annual contribution from the Chicago League.

The general membership of the League of Women Voters of Chicago elects eight directors, a nominating committee chairman and two members, a president, first, second, and third vice-presidents, a secretary, and a treasurer. The elected officers and directors then appoint eight more directors. The following committees carry out the League's programs and projects: Finance, Membership, Organization, Program, Public Relations, Publications and Voters Service Committee.

The purposes and objectives of the League of Women Voters of Chicago can be summarized into the following: first, to encourage the full participation of the American public in the legislative and elective processes by organizing debates among candidates for national, state and city offices, and by demonstrating the use of voting machines to the public every election year; second, to influence the policies of the national, state and city governments through direct lobbying and contacts with legislators and officials. On the state and local levels, the League supports each and every measure leading to better government, such as housing issues, civil liberties, constitutional revision, conservation of water resources and an improved law-enforcement and public school systems. On the national and international levels, the League follows the traditional policy of the national League which has favored in the past such causes as the League of Nations, disarmament, child labor legislation and women's eight hour day. More recently, the national, state and local Leagues championed the cause of the United Nations, world trade, resettlement of refugees, efficiency in government and federal housing legislation.

The League of Women Voters formulates policies on domestic and foreign issues through the initiation of study groups among all League branches, who then forward the results of their deliberations to the national League. When a consensus is reached, all League branches begin working in their own locale, usually by conveying their views to their legislators.

The liberal posture of the League of Women Voters was destined to antagonize political groupings on the other end of the political spectrum. Predictably, the American Legion directed a violent attack against the national League in 1956, accusing it of unpatriotic acts and of harboring leftist sentiments. The League withstood the storm, however, and it appears unlikely that the League will change its course or techniques.

Some of the correspondents of the League of Women Voters of Chicago are: Everett McKinley Dirksen, Sidney Yates, Marguerite Stitt Church, Otto Kerner, Richard Daley, Roman Pucinski, Anna Lord Strauss, Marshall Korshak, William Dawson, Timothy Sheehan, Barratt O'Hara and Paul Douglas.

Papers of the League of Women Voters of Chicago are filed in the Department of Special Collections. These consist of correspondence with legislators and other organizations, 1950-1959; agendas and minutes of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, and the Chicago Council, 1954-1962; membership lists; published material; questionnaires of candidates for public office; studies conducted by the League; financial papers; proposed and ratified by-laws; photographs; memoranda; charts and maps of city projects; newspaper clippings, press releases; invitations,

²1951 Annual Meeting - January - May, 1951.

citations; itineraries for foreign guests; attendance reports on unit meetings; and annual reports of the Chicago League, 1950-1962. These papers also include material received from other organizations, such as manuals; memoranda from the Illinois and national Leagues; by-laws; and annual reports, 1949-1950, 1955-1958 and 1960-1961.

Papers of the League of Women Voters of Chicago pertain to the origin of the League; water conservation and other projects; improving city, county, and state governments; arranging debates between candidates for different offices on election years; influencing legislators in favor of progressive bills; promoting the cause of civil liberties; the League of Women Voters of Illinois and of the United States; supporting the United Nations and international trade; the Hoover Report and efficiency in government.

When received, these papers were subject classified. This classification was maintained, the folders begin alphabetically arranged by title and chronologically thereunder. All folders titled or sub-titled Mimeographed Material, however, were further sub-divided into the following categories: Board of Directors - Agendas and Minutes, Board of Directors Weekly Summary to Board Members, By-Laws, Annual Meetings, The Selection of Police Officers, and Press Releases. Folder titled Board of Directors - Minutes of Meetings was divided into the Executive Committee - Minutes, The Chicago Council - Minutes and Board of Directors - Minutes. Folder titled Freedom Agenda was divided into Freedom Agenda - Reprints and Clippings and Freedom Agenda - Skits. A new folder was established out of the folder The Hyde Park League - By-Laws and Policies, which was titled The Hyde Park League - Treasurer's Reports and Proposed Budgets.

Papers of the League of Women Voters of Chicago are filed under the following titles:

1. Affiliation Policy
July, 1950 - September, 1956
2. 1951 Annual Meeting
January - May, 1951
3. 1952 Annual Meeting
November, 1951 - April, 1952
4. 1953 Annual Meeting
March - April, 1953
5. 1954 Annual Meeting
March - April, 1954
6. 1955 Annual Meeting
April - May, 1955
7. 1956 Annual Meeting
February, 1956 - January, 1957
8. 1957 Annual Meeting
March - April, 1957
9. 1958 Annual Meeting
December, 1957 - April, 1958
10. 1959 Annual Meeting
December, 1958 - June, 1959
11. 1960 Annual Meeting
February - April, 1960
12. 1961 Annual Meeting
January - August, 1961
13. 1962 Annual Meeting
April, 1962

14. Annual Meetings and Conventions - Minutes
May, 1954 - April, 196
15. Annual Meetings - Questionnaires
n.d.
16. Annual Reports I
1950 - 1953
17. Annual Reports II
1956 - 1958
18. Annual Reports III
1959 - 1960
19. Annual Reports IV
1961 - 1962
20. Attacks
May, 1955 - June, 1956
21. "Ballott Briefs"
October, 1957
22. The Beverley League
September, 1959 - December, 1961
23. Bill of Rights Party
March - December, 1956
24. Board of Directors
July, 1955 - October, 1960
25. Board of Directors - Agendas and Minutes I
April, 1959 - December, 1960
26. Board of Directors - Agendas and Minutes II
January - December, 1961
27. Board of Directors - Agendas and Minutes III
January - December, 1962
28. Board of Directors - Inter Board Menos
May - December, 1962
29. Board of Directors - Minutes of Meetings I
May, 1950 - March, 1954
30. Board of Directors - Minutes of Meetings II
April, 1954 - April, 1956
31. Board of Directors - Minutes of Meetings III
May, 1956 - December, 1959
32. Board of Directors - Minutes of Meetings IV
January, 1960 - April, 1962
33. Board of Directors - Miscellaneous
April, 1954 - April, 1962
34. Board of Directors - Weekly Summary to Board Members I
November, 1958 - December, 1959
35. Board of Directors - Weekly Summary to Board Members II
January - December, 1960
36. Board of Directors - Weekly Summary to Board Members III
January - December, 1961
37. Board of Directors - Weekly Summary to Board Members IV
January - March, 1962
38. Branches - Organization
October, 1958 - September, 1959
39. Branch Executive Committee - Lists I
July, - January, 1951
40. Branch Executive Committees - Lists II
May - December, 1952

41. Branch Executive Committees - Lists III
December, 1952 - February, 1954
42. Budgets and Proposed Budgets I
January, 1949 - October, 1950
43. Budgets and Proposed Budgets II
1950 - February, 1951
44. By-Laws
April, 1951 - April, 1962
45. Calumet-Sag Boat Trips
1953 - April, 1961
46. Chicago
December, 1951 - July, 1953
47. Chicago Civic Committee for World Refugees
June - September, 1960
48. Chicago Council - Minutes I
June, 1950 - October, 1954
49. Chicago Council - Minutes II
May, 1954 - March, 1956
50. Chicago Council - Minutes III
May, 1956 - February, 1959
51. "Chicago Government" I
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52. "Chicago Government" II
n.d.
53. "Chicago Government" - Comments from League Members of Reading Committee
January - December, 1953
54. "Chicago Government" - Miscellaneous
October, 1954
55. "Chicago Handbook" I
April, 1953
56. "Chicago Handbook" II
April, 1953
57. "Chicago - Her Government" - Comments from Non-League Members of Reading Committee
July, 1953 - May, 1954
58. Chicago "Know Your Town" Survey
January, 1959 - February, 1951
59. Chicagoland Fair
June - November, 1957
60. Chicago League of Women Voters - Minutes of Meetings
May, 1920 - April, 1927
61. Chicago Political Equality League - Yearbooks I
1909 - 1916
62. Chicago Political Equality League - Yearbooks II
1916 - 1920
63. "Chicago's Tomorrow" Conference
June, 1952
64. Chicago Urban League - Historical Files
November, 1960 - March, 1964
65. "The Chicago Voter" I
May, 1952 - April, 1954
66. "The Chicago Voter" II
May, 1954 - March, 1958

67. "The Chicago Voter" III
April, 1958 - March, 1962
68. "The Chicago Voter" IV
April, 1962 - March, 1963
69. Citizens of Greater Chicago - Historical Files
February, 1952 - September, 1960
70. Citizens' View of 1952
March - May, 1952
71. City of Chicago - Structure of Government I
June, 1948 - December, 1953
72. City of Chicago - Structure of Government II
September, 1954 - April, 1962
73. City Finance
August - October, 1953
74. City Government
April, 1953
75. Civil Defense
September, 1957 - September, 1958
76. Civil Liberties I
August, 1948 - November, 1955
77. Civil Liberties II
April, 1956 - February, 1964
78. Civil Liberties - American Civil Liberties Union
1951 - May, 1956
79. Civil Liberties - The Chicago Urban League and the NAACP
February, 1953 - August, 1957
80. Civil Liberties - Congressional Investigations
1951 - October, 1961
81. Civil Rights and Liberties - General
October, 1963
82. Civil Service - City of Chicago: League of Women Voters Material
January, 1961 - January, 1962
83. Civil Service - Illinois
July, 1954 - March, 1961
84. Committee for Economic Development - "Defense Against Recession"
March, 1954
85. Committee on Urban Progress - "A Pattern for Greater Chicago"
July, 1965
86. Community Analysis
September, 1947 - June, 1963
87. Cook County Council of the League of Women Voters
May, 1957 - February, 1962
88. Correspondence I
May, 1953 - December, 1953
89. Correspondence II
January, 1954 - December, 1956
90. Correspondence III
January, 1957 - December, 1958
91. Correspondence IV
January - December, 1959
92. Courts and Jails
April, 1952 - March, 1954

93. Douglas League I
May, 1923 - August, 1943
94. Douglas League II
January, 1947 - March, 1950
95. Downtown Chicago League
January, 1947 - March, 1950
96. Education
May, 1953 - May, 1954
97. Education - School Finance
November, 1946 - April, 1959
98. Education Laws and Procedures I
1952 - June, 1958
99. Education Laws and Procedures II
October, 1958 - December, 1960
100. Elections and the Voter
October, 1953 - May, 1954
101. Englewood League
August, 1946 - March, 1950
102. The Executive Committee - Minutes of Meetings
May, 1954 - April, 1955
103. Fair Employment Practices - Illinois Fair Employment Practice Commission Fact Book
1951
104. Fair Employment Practices Legislation
August, 1946 - February, 1962
105. The First Two Years
September, 1950 - September, 1952
106. Flyer File
December 1948 - 1954
107. Foreign Policy I
May - October, 1958
108. Foreign Policy II
June - November, 1959
109. Foreign Policy III
January - September, 1960
110. Foreign Policy IV
January, 1961 - July, 1962
111. Foreign Policy - Bricker Amendment
February, 1952 - October, 1953
112. Foreign Policy - World Trade
March, 1953 - July, 1962
113. Foreign Visitors I
April, 1951 - November, 1955
114. Foreign Visitors II
January, 1956 - January, 1961
115. Forum of the League of Women Voters and the Chicago League of Women Voters - Pamphlets I
1923 - September, 1925
116. Forum of the League of Women Voters and the Chicago League of Women Voters - Pamphlets II
1925 - November, 1930
117. Forum Meetings - Minutes I
November, 1924 - December, 1926

118. Forum Meetings - Minutes II
April, 1927 - March, 1931
119. Forum Member of Forum of League of Women Voters with Cook County League
February, 1931 - 1933
120. Forum - Miscellaneous
April, 1927 - April, 1931
121. Forum Programs
January, 1923 - October, 1934
122. Foster Park League
January, 1930 - December, 1931
123. Freedom Agenda I
December, 1954 - December, 1956
124. Freedom Agenda II
May, 1956 - May, 1957
125. Freedom Agenda - Committee Meetings
February - August, 1956
126. Freedom Agenda - Cooperating Organizations
January, 1955 - April, 1957
127. Freedom Agenda - Individuals Contacted for FAP of Chicago
March, 1955 - June, 1956
128. Freedom Agenda - Newsletters and Editorials
April, 1955 - December, 1956
129. Freedom Agenda - Reprints and Clippings
June, 1955 - March, 1956
130. Freedom Agenda - Skits
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131. Garfield Park League
March, 1924 - October, 1938
132. Gateway Amendment
March, 1950 - 1951
133. Gateway League
May, 1924 - December, 1941
134. General Information - Pamphlets on League
June, 1939 - September, 1946
135. Health and Sanitation
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136. Historical File
September, 1947 - May, 1952
137. Hoover Report
May, 1949 - November, 1950
138. Housing - Conservation
October, 1951 - July, 1959
139. Housing Item I
April, 1947 - December, 1957
140. Housing Item II
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141. Housing Item III
January, 1961 - March, 1962
142. Housing, Planning and Zoning
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143. Housing - Redevelopment
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144. Housing - Statistical Data
1954 - 1956
145. Housing - Urban Renewal: Hyde Park - Kenwood Plan
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146. Housing - Women's Council for City Renewal
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147. The Hyde Park League I
May, 1925 - November, 1943
148. The Hyde Park League II
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149. The Hyde Park League - 1943-1944 Annual Report
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150. The Hyde Park League - 1944-1945 Annual Report
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152. The Hyde Park League - 1946-1947 Annual Report
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153. The Hyde Park League - Bulletins I
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154. The Hyde Park League - Bulletins II
January, 1945 - February, 1950
155. The Hyde Park League - By-Laws and Policies
1931 - May, 1947
156. The Hyde Park League - Economic Welfare
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157. The Hyde Park League - Education
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158. The Hyde Park League - Equal Rights Amendment
March, 1939 - March, 1945
159. The Hyde Park League - Finance I
July, 1940 - May, 1946
160. The Hyde Park League - Finance II
March, 1949 - March, 1951
161. The Hyde Park League - Food Emergency
1944 - May, 1946
162. The Hyde Park League - Full Employment and Labor
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163. The Hyde Park League - Minutes of Meetings I
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164. The Hyde Park League - Minutes of Meetings II
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165. The Hyde Park League - Minutes of Meetings III
November, 1933 - June, 1937
166. The Hyde Park League - Minutes of Meetings IV
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167. The Hyde Park League - Minutes of Meetings V
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168. The Hyde Park League - Minutes of Meetings VI
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169. The Hyde Park League - Minutes of Meetings VII
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170. The Hyde Park League - Organization, Constitution and By-Laws
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171. The Hyde Park League - Personnel
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172. The Hyde Park League - Policy
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173. The Hyde Park League - President
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174. The Hyde Park League - Publicity
July, 1942 - June, 1943
175. The Hyde Park League - Treasurer's Reports and Proposed Budgets
April, 1945 - March, 1947
176. "The Illinois Voter" I
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177. "The Illinois Voter" II
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178. Judicial Reform
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179. "Know Your Chicago Government" - Miscellaneous
November, 1951 - January, 1955
180. "Know Your Chicago" Survey
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181. Lake Shore League I
July, 1923 - December, 1942
182. Lake Shore League II
March, 1947 - March, 1950
183. Law Enforcement - Attendance Records
June, 1960 - January, 1962
184. Law Enforcement and Civil Service Committees - Report
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185. Law Enforcement - Correspondence
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186. Law Enforcements - Courts and Court Visiting
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187. Law Enforcement - Police Department (Discussion Guides and Memos)
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188. Law Enforcement - Police Department (Newspaper Clippings)
189. Law Enforcement - Police Department: Resource Material I
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190. Law Enforcement - Police Department: Resource Material II
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191. Leaders' Handbook
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192. Leadership Lists
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193. Leadership Lists - Committees and Branches
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194. Leader Training
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195. League of Women Voters of Cook County
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197. League of Women Voters of Illinois
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199. League of Women Voters of Illinois - Agendas and Minutes II
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200. League of Women Voters of Illinois - Agendas and Minutes III
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201. League of Women Voters of Illinois - Budgets and Proposed Budgets
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202. League of Women Voters of Illinois - By-Laws
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203. League of Women Voters of Illinois - 1955 Convention
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204. League of Women Voters of Illinois - 1957 Convention
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205. League of Women Voters of Illinois - 1959 Convention
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206. League of Women Voters of Illinois - 1961 Convention
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207. League of Women Voters of Illinois - 1960 Membership Count
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208. League of Women Voters of Illinois - 1961 Membership Count
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209. League of Women Voters of Illinois - Mimeographed Material I
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210. League of Women Voters of Illinois - Mimeographed Material II
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211. League of Women Voters of Illinois - Mimeographed Material III
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212. League of Women Voters of Illinois - Mimeographed Material IV
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213. League of Women Voters of Illinois - Minutes of the Board of Directors
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214. League of Women Voters of Illinois - President's Notebook
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215. League of Women Voters of Illinois - Press Releases I
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216. League of Women Voters of Illinois - Press Releases II
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217. League of Women Voters of Illinois - Press Releases III
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218. League of Women Voters of Illinois - Treasurer's Reports and Budgets I
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219. League of Women Voters of Illinois - Treasurer's Reports and Budgets II
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220. League of Women Voters of Los Angeles - "The Reporter"
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221. League of Women Voters of the U. S. I
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222. League of Women Voters of the U. S. II
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223. League of Women Voters of the U. S. - By-Laws
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224. League of Women Voters of the U. S. - Conventions I
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225. League of Women Voters of the U. S. - Conventions II
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226. League of Women Voters of the U. S. - Conventions III
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227. League of Women Voters of the U. S. - Conventions IV
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228. League of Women Voters of the U. S. - Local Leader's Handbook
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230. League of Women Voters of the U. S. - Mimeographed Material II
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231. League of Women Voters of the U. S. - Mimeographed Material III
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232. League of Women Voters of the U. S. - National Board Reports I
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233. League of Women Voters of the U. S. - National Board Reports II
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234. League of Women Voters of the U. S. - Proposed Budgets I
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235. League of Women Voters of the U. S. - Proposed Budgets II
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236. League of Women Voters of the U. S. - Publications
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237. League of Women Voters of the U. S. - School Survey Guide
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238. Legislative Action I
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239. Legislative Action II
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240. Legislative Action III
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241. Legislative Action IV
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242. Legislative Action V
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243. Legislative Newsletter I
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244. Legislative Newsletter II
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245. Legislative Newsletter III
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246. Legislative Schools
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247. "Let's Talk League" Kits
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248. Libraries and Museums
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249. Local Government
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250. Membership I
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251. Membership II
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252. Membership Cards
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253. Membership - Deposit Lists I
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254. Membership - Deposit Lists II
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255. Membership - Deposit Lists III
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256. Membership - Deposit Lists IV
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257. Membership - Deposit Lists V
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258. Membership - Deposit Lists VI
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259. Membership - Deposit Lists VII
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261. Membership - Deposit Lists IX
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262. Membership - Deposit Lists X
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263. Membership - Renewals and Resignations
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264. Membership Reports I
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265. Membership Reports II
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266. Membership Reports III
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267. Membership Reports IV
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268. Membership - Unit Membership Lists
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269. Metropolitan Area I
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270. Metropolitan Area II
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272. mimeographed Material II
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275. Mimeographed Material V
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276. Mimeographed Material VI
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277. Mimeographed Material VII
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284. Mimeographed Material XIV
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286. Mimeographed Material XVI
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288. National American Woman Suffrage Association - "Women Suffrage, Arguments and Results".
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289. National Freedom Agenda
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290. "The National Voter" I
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291. "The National Voter" II
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292. "The National Voter", "Trends" and "Action"
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293. Neighborhood Organizations - A Report
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294. Newspapers
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295. Newspaper Clippings
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297. The North Side League I
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298. The North Side League II
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299. The Northwest League
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300. "The Notebook" and "The Chicago Voter"
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301. Organization I
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302. Organization II
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303. Organization III
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304. Pamphlets
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305. Personnel
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306. The Policy Committee
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307. Press Releases I
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308. Press Releases II
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309. Press Releases III
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310. Press Releases IV
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311. Program
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313. Program - Making II
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314. Program - Making III
January, 1959 - December, 1960
315. Program - Making IV
January - April, 1961
316. Protection, Fire and Civil Defense
December, 1950 - June, 1953
317. Protection, Police and Licensing
November, 1949 - April, 1957
318. Publications
February, 1954 - March, 1956
319. Publications - "Politics of Trade"
October, 1961 - April, 1962
320. Public Relations - General
March, 1956 - January, 1965
321. Public Relations - Newspaper Clippings

322. Public Relations - Press
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323. Public Relations - Radio and Television
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324. Public Relations - United Film and Recording Studios
January - October, 1961
325. Public Works, Local Transportation and Utilities
July, 1958 - May, 1954
326. Questionnaires
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327. Recreation
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328. Refugee Resettlement
April, 1953 - March, 1961
329. Revenue I
January, 1954 - November, 1952
330. Revenue II
February, 1955 - 1957
331. Revenue III
May, 1959 - December, 1960
332. Revenue IV
1959 - June, 1961
333. School of Foreign Affairs Under the Auspices of Chicago League of Women Voters Forum
February, 1924 - 1937
334. The Selection of Police Officers - A Paper by the Ad Hoc Committee on Civil Service
October, 1961
335. The Sixth Ward League - Yearbook
1927 - 1928
336. The South Shore League - Yearbook I
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337. The South Shore League - Yearbooks II
1926 - 1938
338. The Southwest League I
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339. The Southwest League II
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340. Treasurer's Reports and Budgets I
February - December, 1959
341. Treasurer's Reports and Budgets II
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342. Treasurer's Reports and Budgets III
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343. Treasurer's Reports and Budgets IV
February - November, 1962
344. Unit Memoranda
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345. Unit Report Forms
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346. University of Michigan Survey
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348. Uptown League
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348. Voters Service I
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349. Voters Service II
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350. Voters Service III
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351. Voters Service IV
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352. Voters Service V
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353. Voters Service VI
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354. Voters Service VII
January - December, 1959
355. Voters Service - 1955 Aldermanic Candidates' Meeting
January - March, 1955
356. Voters Service - 1959 Aldermanic Questionnaires
January - February, 1959
357. Voters Service - Biographical Information on Candidates
September, 1958
358. Voters Service - 1959 Candidates
December, 1958 - January, 1959
359. Voters Service - 1958 Candidates' Meeting
May - October, 1958
360. Voters Service - 1960 Correspondence on Candidates' Questionnaires
January - November, 1960
361. Voters Service - 1958 General
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362. Voters Service - Information Booths
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363. Voters Service - 1951 Mayoral Elections
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364. Voters Service - 1955 Mayoral Candidates' Meeting
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365. Voters Service - 1954 Primary Elections
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366. Voters Service - 1956 Primary Elections
February - April, 1956
367. Voters Service - 1958 Primary Elections
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368. Voters Service - Public Relations: Radio and T. V.
June, 1951 - November, 1955
369. Voters Service - 1958 Questionnaires for Candidates for Congress
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370. Voters Service 1960 Questionnaires for Candidates (General Assembly - Primary)
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371. Voters Service - Questionnaires for Candidates for State Representatives
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372. Voters Service - Questionnaires for Candidates for State Senate
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373. Voters Service - Servicemen Project
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374. Voters Service - Speakers' Bureau Requests
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375. Voters Service - 1959 Votemobile
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376. Voters Service - 1960 Votemobile
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377. Water Resources - Resource Material I
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378. Water Resources - Resource Material II
March, 1957 - November, 1965
379. Welfare - Resource Material I
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380. Welfare - Resource Material II
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381. Welfare - Resource Material III
January, 1963 - February, 1966
382. The West Side League
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383. The Woodlawn League I
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384. The Woodlawn League II
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385. Youth Welfare
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I. Daley, Richard J.

1. To Mrs. Harold J. Monger, January 19, 1955
2. To Mrs. George Proctor, May 4, 1955
3. To Mrs. George Proctor, June 2, 1955
4. To Mrs. George Proctor, March 21, 1956
5. To Mrs. William Saphir, July 10, 1956
6. To Mrs. William Saphir, December 16, 1956
7. To Mrs. William Saphir, August 26, 1957
8. To Mrs. William Saphir, January 23, 1958
9. To Mrs. Paul K. Weichselbaum, August 15, 1958
10. To Mrs. Paul K. Weichselbaum, August 25, 1958
11. To Mrs. Paul K. Weichselbaum, December, 19, 1958
12. To Mrs. Paul K. Weichselbaum, February 24, 1959
13. To Mrs. Lester J. Senechalle, June 6, 1960
14. To Mrs. Lester J. Senechalle, March 13, 1961
15. To Mrs. Lester J. Senechalle, December 9, 1961

II. Dirksen, Everett McKinley

1. To Mrs. Hoyt R. Ogram, January 15, 1951
2. To Mrs. Hoyt R. Ogram, March 1, 1951
3. To Mrs. Hoyt R. Ogram, April 2, 1951
4. To Mrs. Hoyt R. Ogram, June 19, 1951
5. To Mrs. Hoyt R. Ogram, September 25, 1951
6. To Mrs. Bradford Patton, May 6, 1952
7. To Mrs. Bradford Patton, May 12, 1952
8. To Mrs. Harold J. Monger, February 5, 1954
9. To Mrs. Harold J. Monger, April 15, 1954
10. To Mrs. Harold J. Monger, May 6, 1954
11. To Mrs. Harold J. Monger, August 5, 1954
12. To Mrs. Harold J. Monger, February 11, 1955
13. To Mrs. Harry Schneiderman, August 23, 1957
14. To Mrs. Paul K. Weichselbaum, August 28, 1958
15. To Mrs. Lester J. Senechalle, March 29, 1961

III. Douglas, Paul Howard

1. To Forum of League of Women Voters, December 12, 1948
2. To Mrs. Hoyt R. Ogram, January 11, 1951
3. To Mrs. Hoyt R. Ogram, March 2, 1951
4. To Mrs. Bradford L. Patton, May 7, 1952
5. To Mrs. Bradford L. Patton, May 21, 1952
6. To Mrs. Bradford L. Patton, June 19, 1952
7. To Mrs. Harold J. Monger, October 3, 1953
8. To Mrs. Harold J. Monger, November 16, 1953
9. To Mrs. Harold J. Monger, January 27, 1954
10. To Mrs. Harold J. Monger, April 16, 1954
11. To Mrs. Harold J. Monger, May 11, 1954
12. To Mrs. Harold J. Monger, March 4, 1955
13. To Mrs. Harry Schneiderman, August 26, 1957

IV. Hoffman, Richard William

1. To Mrs. Hoyt R. Ogram, June 22, 1951
2. To Mrs. Hoyt R. Ogram, June 22, 1951
3. To Mrs. Bradford L. Patton, May 20, 1952
4. To Mrs. Harold J. Monger, October 26, 1953
5. To Mrs. Harold J. Monger, February 8, 1955

V. Kennelly, Martin.

1. To Mrs. Wayne A. R. Leys, January 10, 1950
2. To Mrs. Hoyt R. Ogram, December 13, 1950
3. To Mrs. Hoyt R. Ogram, February 21, 1951
4. To Mrs. Hoyt R. Ogram, January 9, 1952
5. To Mrs. Harold J. Monger, December 29, 1954

VI. O'Brien, Thomas

1. To Mrs. Hoyt R. Ogram, June 14, 1951
2. To Mrs. Hoyt R. Ogram, June 22, 1951
3. To Mrs. Bradford L. Patton, June 19, 1952
4. To Mrs. Bradford L. Patton, December 8, 1952
5. To Mrs. Paul K. Weichselbaum, July 20, 1951
6. To Mrs. Lester J. Senechalle, August 30, 1961

VII. Sheehan, Timothy

1. To Mrs. Hoyt R. Ogram, June 15, 1951
2. To Mrs. Hoyt R. Ogram, June 22, 1951
3. To Mrs. Bradford L. Patton, April 25, 1952
4. To Mrs. Bradford L. Patton, April 29, 1952
5. To Mrs. Bradford L. Patton, June 20, 1952
6. To Harold J. Monger, October 26, 1953
7. To Harold J. Monger, February 7, 1955

VIII. Yates, Sidney R.

1. To Mrs. Hoyt R. Ogram, June 14, 1951
2. To Mrs. Hoyt R. Ogram, June 22, 1951
3. To Mrs. Bradford L. Patton, April 25, 1952
4. To Mrs. Bradford L. Patton, April 28, 1952
5. To Mrs. Bradford L. Patton, June 19, 1952
6. To Mrs. Bradford L. Patton, December 8, 1952
7. To Miss Mary C. Stierer, October 28, 1952
8. To Mrs. Harold J. Monger, October 30, 1953
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10. To Mrs. Harold J. Monger, February 8, 1955
11. To Mrs. George Proctor, July 19, 1955
12. To Mrs. Paul K. Weichselbaum, July 7, 1955
13. To Mrs. Lester J. Senechalle, June 16, 1960
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