

FIELD SERVICE, continued

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New Leagues are making progress, you will be delighted to hear: Silver Bay now has 51 paid members; Maplewood has 57; Shoreview, 43. You will be sorry to hear that we have lost several Leagues: Birchwood has disbanded and its members have joined the Mahtomedi League; Waseca has requested to disband; Circle Pines has decided it can no longer function up to standard, and we hope its members will join a neighboring League; Park Rapids, in operation since 1935, has decided it does not have enough interested personnel to continue. We hope the members of these Leagues will all either join a neighboring League or become a member-at-large. On the bright side, we are exploring the possibility of starting two new Leagues. Mrs. R. Drew Miller, Expansion Chairman, and Mrs. Wilson will be visiting Faribault October 19th (at Hotel Faribault) and Albert Lea October 26 (in Hotel Albert), holding an "open house" type of meeting at the hotel, preceded by an advertisement in the newspaper, and special announcements mailed to prospects we have on our list. League members all over Minnesota, who have contacts in these two towns, can help by alerting their friends to this organization experiment, and generally "selling" them on starting a League in their home town.

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Please give to the Foreign Policy Chairman

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FOREIGN POLICY

You will receive in this mailing a pamphlet entitled "Community Education in World Affairs" which the state Board has obtained for you and which we know will be extremely helpful to you in your foreign policy work. Highly readable and realistic in its suggestions, this pamphlet will help you fill in the gaps and polish your plans for the coming year. Take the time TODAY to read it and let it guide you in doing successful foreign policy work in your community. (Incidentally, while this pamphlet is concerned directly with world affairs, it also will help other local Board members, so when you have read it, pass it around.) (Enclosure)

Our fall area workshops on foreign policy and membership were an excellent opportunity for us to meet and get to know you local foreign policy chairmen and to learn what you are planning for the year. Among other things, we found that many local League F.P. chairmen have not yet concretely formulated their plans for the coming season. In that connection, we urge the use of the above mentioned publication and remind you that the state foreign policy committee is ready to work with you.

In a few weeks (November 25) the first round of suggestions for the 1960 national program will be in. Even as this letter goes to you, local League unit members are mulling over program suggestions, going through the wonderful, grass-roots process which distinguishes and strengthens the League. Naturally, no one is more concerned than the local national program chairman that her League produce worthy program suggestions. Yet, in the interest of protecting the process we use for developing our League program, the local national item chairman should make every effort to restrain her own personal item preferences, either of subject matter or phrasing. She should be ready to assist but not to direct her League's suggestions. Especially in the first round is it important for the national Board to get an un-influenced picture of League thinking. Please, in your League, do your best to help generate program suggestions which truly reflect your League's thinking.

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Please give to the Water Conservation Chairman

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WATER CONSERVATION

As a national item chairman you will naturally feel both interest and responsibility in making first round national program suggestions. With your special concentration during your chairmanship on national issues and League's way of handling them, you will have a valuable contribution to make as your Board writes out the recommendation which is to be sent to national office by November 25. Unlike the water resources consensus, which is to be evaluated by state Board before going to the national Board, the program suggestions