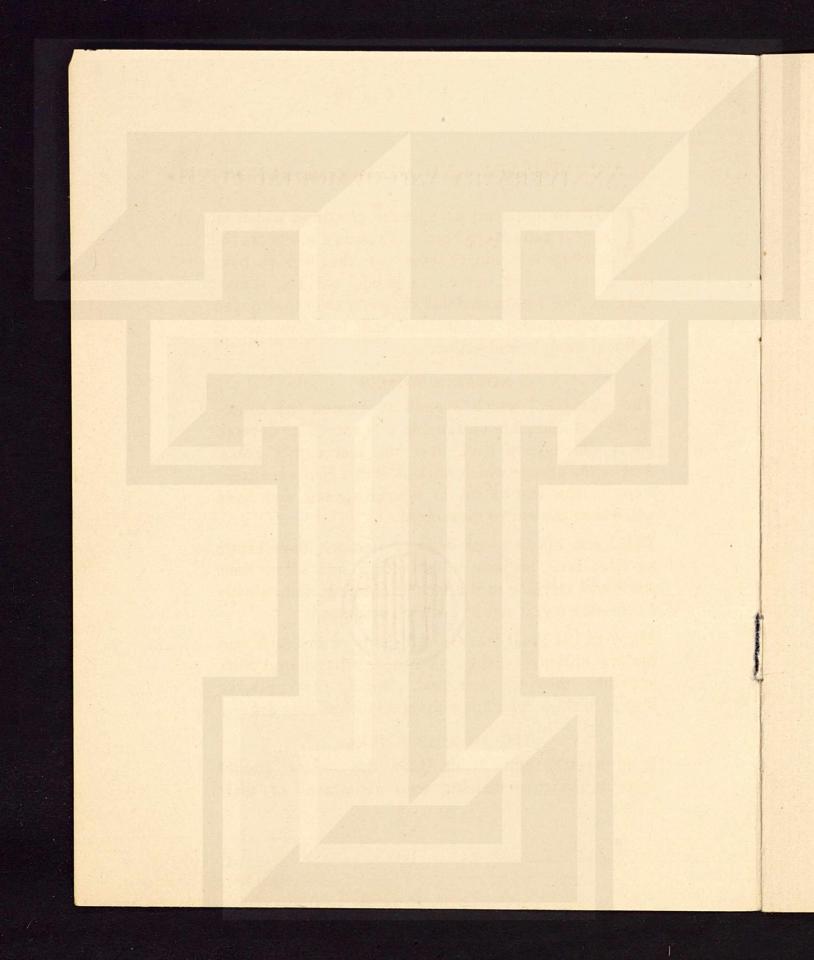
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THE world quickly accepts the condition which is, as if it had always been. Thus, in a few years the public will no longer remember that women have not always voted, served as public officials, shared fully in the responsibilities of government, enjoyed equal opportunity to educate and be educated in political thought and action.

#### NOTABLE WOMEN

The movement which opened to women the opportunities of complete citizenship is a record of devoted effort which goes back over the last eighty years. Among the groups which worked to this goal were great leaders, the inspiration of whose speech and lives quickened the entire movement.

There was also a great body of workers, their ideals as fine, their purpose as steadfast, and often their work and sacrifice in the face of criticism and obloquy as noteworthy, if not so widely recognized.

Many of the great leaders and many of the rank and file are no longer living. To those who shared their activities, they are very real. But as they pass, so also pass those who knew them and what they did.

# THE MEMORIAL IDEA

It is natural and fitting that the desire should arise to make permanent acknowledgment of their

achievements. There is also a desire to include recognition of a debt to those leaders who met the challenge which arose when the vote was won, women who directed old ideals and new powers into channels of useful citizenship.

Out of this sense of grateful appreciation has come a plan for a memorial. History has invariably failed to record the constructive efforts of women in adequate fashion. This memorial should be the foundation of a truer history.

The National League of Women Voters presents the plan and invites contributions not only from its members but from all whose lives have been enriched by association with those women now to be memorialized.

# THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

The National League of Women Voters was organized under the auspices of the National American Woman Suffrage Association on the eve of the enfranchisement of women.

It was organized in the belief that a non-partisan organization of women was needed to develop opportunities for unbiased political education. It was needed to promote the interests of home and of children, long handicapped by the denial of the vote to those most concerned with them. These purposes had been compelling incentives of the suffrage movement.

In pursuing a policy of political education through study and in encouraging its members to be active in the parties of their choice, the League is forwarding another dream of the earlier leaders. Their hope was not only that women should vote but that they should vote with intelligence and discrimination and bring a new point of view into political life.

# FEATURES OF THE PLAN

The plan contemplates the establishment of a permanent national roll of honor, on which shall be recorded the names of leaders whose work and whose influence have brought to the women of this country a new day of partnership in its public life.

Nominations for the national roll of honor will be made by the boards of the state Leagues of Women Voters and will be submitted to a National Advisory Committee on Selection of Names. A suitable fund is to be raised in honor of each name, the minimum in no case to be less than one thousand dollars.

The plan also provides that of the \$250,000 fund which is to be established the income only shall be used to carry forward the activities of the National League of Women Voters, the principal to be held intact as a permanent memorial.

# A PRIZED HERITAGE

The National League of Women Voters inherited from the National American Woman Suffrage Association nothing finer than memories of those noble lives. Part of the same heritage is the tradition of devoted public service to the public good. In carrying on the work begun by the leaders of an earlier day, the existence of the League is in itself a memorial. Establishing memorials to these women in the place most suitable for such recognition—the field of their activity—assures continuance of their efforts and influence.

# 1930—THE ANNIVERSARY YEAR

Years pass. Memories fade. In 1930 the National League of Women Voters will have been organized and at work for ten years. At the 1930 convention, the Tenth Anniversary, the League will pause to take stock of its own growth and achievements. At that convention, the League proposes to establish the memorial fund with fitting exercises and thereafter to erect a tablet in Washington so that subsequent workers and the world at large may have always before them a reminder of women who turned dreams for humanity into realities for today.

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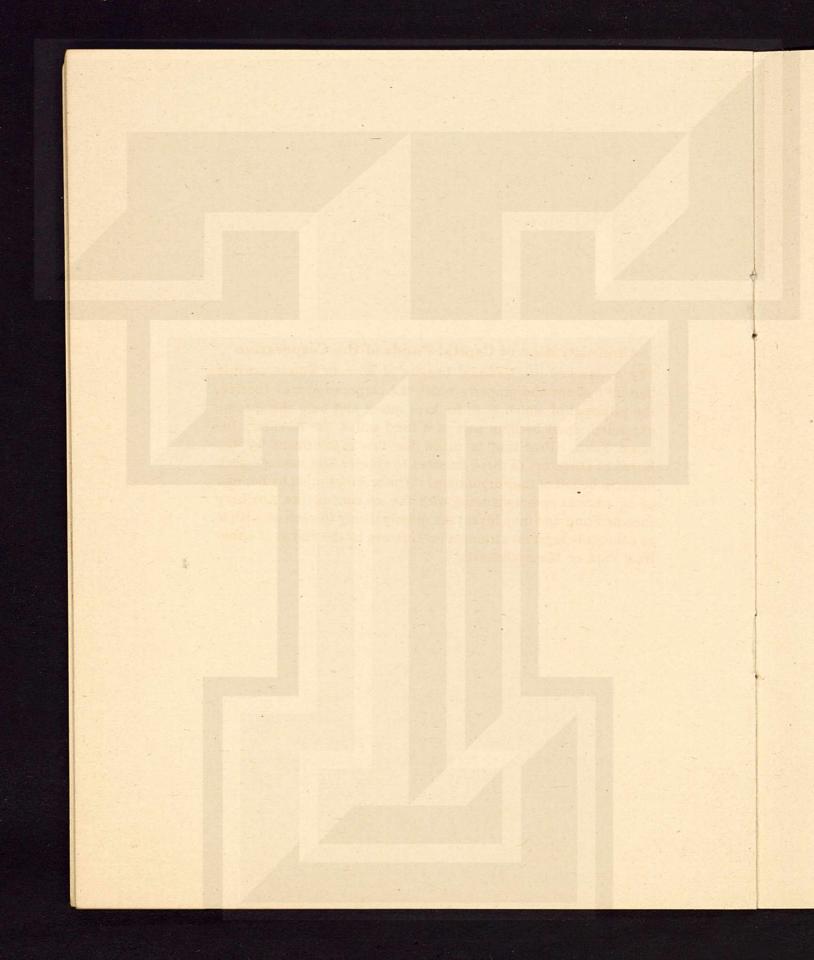
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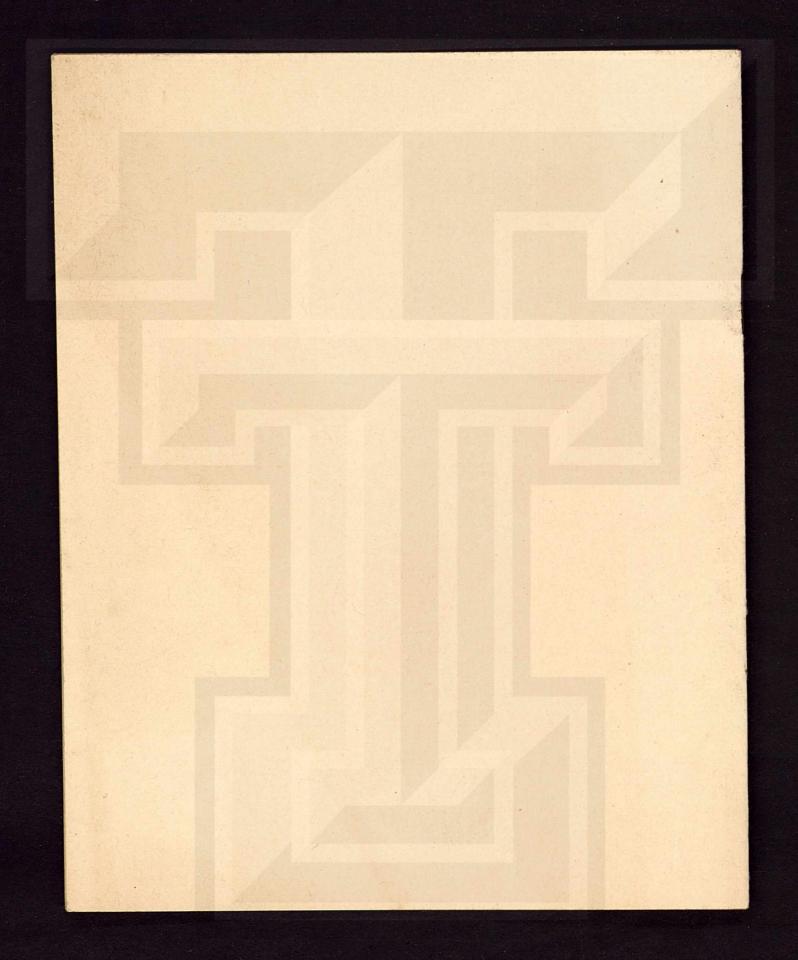
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# Administration of Capital Funds of the Corporation

The by-laws of the National League of Women Voters provide that all moneys and property which the corporation may receive, the principal of which is to be kept intact and only the income expended, shall become part of a fund called the Auxiliary Income Fund. Provision is made for the appointment by the Board of Directors of three trustees to receive and manage such funds in behalf of the corporation. The trustees must be bonded in an amount commensurate with the amount of the Auxiliary Income Fund and may invest the principal only in such securities as constitute legal investments for trustees in the states of either New York or Massachusetts.



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#### NATIONAL LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

#### NOT FOR PUBLICITY USE

REVISED September, 1929

The Aim -

A Fund of \$250,000 to be raised by the states to carry forward the work of the National League of Women Voters and to perpetuate the ideals of great leaders of women.

Share for Each State - Each state is asked to consider the total sum and its own share in relation to it. A table attached shows how the amount would have to be divided among the states if the same principle of apportionment were used as for the quotas for the annual national League budget.

Plans Suggested which each state may find useful in raising its share:

- 1. National Roll of Honor
- 2. State Roll of Honor
- 3. Anniversary Gifts
- 4. Birthday Luncheons

History -

Delegates from 39 states who attended the General Council Meeting in Washington April 22-26 voted that \$250,000 be raised for an Anniversary and Memorial Fund to be presented at the 1930 convention, this fund to commemorate ten years of League achievement and to perpetuate the ideals of notable leaders among women. The principal in this fund is to remain intact. Only the interest can be spent for the support of the National League but securities in this fund may be used as collateral for loans when needed.

In the original plan as adopted by the Council, a tablet was to be erected in Washington headquarters on which should be inscribed the names of outstanding women proposed by the state Leagues and for whom a Memorial contribution had been raised. The names of those in each state eligible to be so honored should be submitted by the state Board to a Committee on Selection named by the National Board.

In consultation with state Leagues these original features have been amplified. The Memorial feature has been made more far reaching and the Anniversary feature given a place by itself.

#### The National Roll of Honor

What names are eligible? The plan outlined to the General Council said "outstanding members of either the National American Woman Suffrage Association or the League of Women Veters, or both." In her first letter to the state Leagues about the plan Miss Sherwin said the plan "provides a means of honoring women in the various states who have been, or are now, outstanding citizens, perpetuating not only their names but their influence in work directed to the development of citizenship, like theirs in purpose and usefulness."

- 2 -A statement of eligibility in keeping the spirit of these suggestions will appear on the formal proposal blanks which will soon be available. What sum of money should be raised in honor of a name on the National roll? Above a necessary minimum of \$1000 this is a question for each state to determine. The national committee for the Fund was originally asked to fix a minimum between \$1000 and \$5000 but it seemed impossible to fix an amount equally suitable for all states. One state, for instance, may propose a name for which it will raise \$5000, while another may have several names for which contributions will be secured with a minimum of \$1000 for each name. The State Board, in proposing names to the National Committee on Selection, is asked to state what sum (of \$1000 or more) it expects to raise for each name. There are many men and women who will wish to contribute to such memorials who are not contributors to the current support of the League. We can approach supporters who may be interested to memorialize their associates of historic days. We can go to friends and families of women to be memorialized. Sometimes family and friends of women prominent in public work are not interested in that work. But the fact remains that the appropriate place for a memorial to an individual is in the field of her service, and this may secure donations from people not ordinarily or recently interested in the support of the Mational League of Women Voters. There is already apparent a widespread interest in the memorial feature and a recognition of the desirability of honoring women leaders in this appropriate way. Method 1. State President, in consultation with her board, appoints chairmen for state committee and reports name to the President of the National League. 2. The state chairman automatically becomes the state member of the National Anniversary and Memorial Fund Committee, in correspondence with the national chairman. 3. State Chairman, President, and Board confer on following: (Note if Board not meeting soon Executive Committee should act.) a. Names for National Roll of Honor. b. Amount to be raised to accompany each name. c. Additional members for State Anniversary and Memorial committee. 4. Names sent by State Board to the President of the National League of Women Voters to be transmitted to the National Advisory Committee on the Selection of Names. N.B. Based on experience in one of the states, we have ready an outline suggesting an ideal set-up for a state committee and possible procedure in the early stages.

#### State Rolls of Honor

This is a new feature which developed as a result of conference with League leaders in a number of states.

In discussing the National Roll of Honor, State Boards inevitably think of names of many other women, dear to the state organization and valuable as contributors to the whole history of the advancement of women as citizens, but possibly of not enough national acclaim or with too small a state circle cognizant of their achievements to figure on the National Roll of Honor with a large sum raised as a memorial. These names should have a permanent place.

So there has developed the idea of State Rolls of Honor which should be supplementary to the National Roll of Honor and should give recognition to a larger group. Provision will be made for listing these State Rolls of Honor in some uniform and permanent way at National headquarters.

- 1. The State Board would propose these names, just as it does those for the National Roll of Honor;
- 2. A state, not a National, Committee on Selection (or as one state puts it - "State Jurors") would pass on the suitability of these names for a permanent memorial;
- 3. Each state would determine for itself what sum should be raised for each name and whether it be raised en bloc or for each name separately. (It is taken for granted that no fund less than an average of \$100 per name would be established).

Such State Rolls of Honor will provide a chance for the appointment of women as jurors who are not now active in League work. These workers and supporters of former days are the ones best suited to pass on state names and their appointment would connect them with League work again. This, and the greater number of names made possible by State Rolls of Honor, should increase the radius both of money-raising and interest in the project.

This plan as outlined so far provides for solicitation, first, for the larger sums for the National Roll of Honor. That should be done as far as possible outside the list of regular supporters of the annual state budgets. And secondly, it provides for securing smaller sums, raised perhaps from more people, for State Rolls of Honor. After those projects are started and late enough in the year so that we do not interfere with work for annual state budgets, we plan to introduce the anniversary feature.

#### ANNIVERSARY GIFT

1930 is the Tenth anniversary year. In February, - probably on February 12, the anniversary of the League's first convention, - it is proposed that an effort be made for a personal gift to the National League from each member in every state, a gift of not less than \$1.00 per member. Some who have not contributed to the memorial feature may wish to give more. Some states may wish to stress the Anniversary rather than Memorial idea for the major part of the state's share. We suggest the slogan "Ten cents a year for a ten years' record." The dollar is just as large but in some communities doesn't seem so, when figured decimally. Fliers and pledge cards will be furnished the states by the National for this drive. Figure how many members the state has, and it will be evident that if this could be done successfully, a large part of state shares could be raised this way.

IMPORTANT - This plan should not be given out for the present. If talked of generally, it might easily interfere with the earlier raising of larger memorial sums. Further announcements concerning this feature of the campaign will be made by the National League later.

#### ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

This last feature is not money-raising but if uniformly carried out will be very brilliant and very stimulating to the ultimate success of the Fund.

We ask the state boards to advise the local Leagues at once, so that they will count upon it as a part of the plans for the year, that a day in March is to be designated by the National League for Anniversary Celebrations in every local League. The advantages of a uniform day are obvious. Added to the publicity value is the possibility of a greeting broadcast by the State President and a National officer if desired, on which the local League may tune in. You may remember this was done most successfully some years ago by Harvard and Yale clubs all over the country and gave opportunity for splendid advance and follow-up publicity.

These celebrations, probably luncheons or dinners, should mark the end of the campaign for funds in each state. Advance notice should be sent out that no money is to be raised at the celebration, only a report on funds raised given. Contributions tumbling in would naturally not be refused, but emphasis should be on the celebration.

The value of these celebrations lies in the opportunity to recite a stirring history of ten year's achievements. The National League will send a brief resume of national items to be stressed. The greater part of the time should be given over to a recital of state and local history and can be done in any way the state and local wish, serious or humorous, movie or solemn address.

There will be advance publicity from the National League for this feature as well as for others, but the great returns will come in the cumulative value of local newspaper accounts of all these meetings, nation-wide, just preceding the National Convention.

#### GENERAL REMARKS

First, we must not interfere with the regular money raising for the state budget - that means the chairman of the Fund committee should be someone not already raising the state money.

Second, two types of mind should be at work on this project. This could be arranged by having a Chairman and Vice-Chairman, one of whom is familiar with earlier history and knows how to reach people who will be glad to contribute to funds raised in memory of different women. The other Chairman cr Vice-Chairman could handle the Anniversary Gift Drive, Anniversary Celebrations, etc. Occasionally a state will be lucky enough to find a woman equipped for both types of work and with time to handle them.

The National has made the National Chairman of the Anniversary and Memorial Fund a member of the National Finance Committee. States might find it desirable to add their State Chairman or Vice-Chairman for the Fund to the state finance committee, avoiding duplication of effort and assuring cooperation.

#### PUBLICITY AND PRINTED MATTER

Copies of this outline are available for members of State Boards and state committee members. Kits will be furnished free to committee workers on the basis of one kit for each \$200 to be raised in the state, and if the state wishes them, additional kits furnished at cost when asked for. These kits will contain a selection of National leaflets and a special booklet on the Memorial features of the Fund. Enough fliers with pledge cards attached for the \$1.00 per member gift campaign will be furnished free to each state.

Publicity will be sent out from Washington from time to time which must of course be supplemented by states and locals. Care must be exercised to have all facts accurate since a local error might have a bad effect on the whole plan nationally, such facts as what the fund is and how it is to be used, what type of woman is to be memorialized, etc.

State and local Leagues will naturally develop, for the names they present, their own leaflets or fliers or material in more informal shape. Many projects are already afoot. One local League is raising a fund to memorialize a remarkable woman, still living, who at seventy-eight was president of the town's first suffrage organization.

News letters will be issued occasionally, giving news as the states make it, names presented ideas for raising money, etc.

# SPEAKERS

Study of the plan and conferences already held in a number of states makes clear that speakers at big meetings are not needed - what is valuable is a chance to meet with a group of workers or people who should be workers and acquaint them with details and possibilities for League growth and strengthening through this project. The National Chairman, Mrs. Edwards, will be available in the fall for a few such group conferences. More valuable still, there is a small group of nationally known women, from different parts of the

country who can give the impetus needed. All requests for any such help must be made of the National Speakers' Bureau in Washington.

# INFORMATION

Further data on the plan will gladly be furnished on application to

Mrs. Richard Edwards, Chairman 55 North Fremont Street Peru, Indiana

# PROPORTIONATE SHARES SUFFICIENT TO RAISE AN

# ANNIVERSARY AND MEMORIAL FUND OF \$250,000

(These shares are arrived at by multiplying by three the amount of the state quotas to the annual budget of the National League of Women Voters. The tetal thus obtained is larger than the amount contemplated for the Fund, but does not afford too much leeway for inequalities of operation in the States.)

Connecticut	\$ 5130.00	
Maine	2430.00	
New Hampshire	1890.00	
Massachusetts	13785.00	
Rhode Island	2430.00	
Vermont	1350.00	\$ 27015.00
Delaware	\$ 2430.00	
Maryland	4860.00	
New Jersey	8910.00	
New York	40500.00	
Pennsylvania	24300.00	\$ 81000.00
Alabama	\$ 2700.00	
District of Columbia	2160.00	
Florida	1890.00	
Georgia	2970.00	
Louisiana	2970.00	
Mississippi	1890.00	
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South Carolina	2760.00	
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Minnesota	5832.00	
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North Dakota	810.00	
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Missouri	7425.00	
Nebraska	3267.00	
New Mexico	1572.00	
Texas	8019.00	
Oklahoma	3564.00	\$ 27708.00
Arizona	\$ 1080.00	
California	10800.00	
Nevada	648,00	
Oregon	2376.00	
Utah	1512.00	
Washington	3888.00	\$ 20304.00
	Grand Total	\$266,661.00