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February 8, 1934

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Eleanor:

I am awfully pleased with the enclosed editorial. It came out of the blue. "Uncle Dudley" must have read the A.P. report of your conference.

Affectionately,

*Molly*

*I should be proud to have Franklin read it.*

*File*

should be dumb except when saying "yes" at the word of command. There was small disposition to permit the women to do much more than contribute to the war chest and enjoy the excitement during the closing moments of a campaign.

Sometimes it is said that if a man has religion he is very likely to have it in his wife's name. The opposite has often been true in regard to politics. Many of the women who have been placed in the front row as committee members or office holders have had their politics in their husbands' names. This has been literally true on a number of occasions when a Congressman has died leaving a widow. The lady in black has stepped into the political office as part of the estate of her late husband.

It is not surprising that the more realistic sex should appear uninterested in politics, especially after hearing some of the men talk about it. There is a superabundance of sentiment encrusted with tradition in the political attitude of many men. And then there are the slogans, some handed down for several generations.

If women are to become interested they must be shown that politics is important to them. It is exactly that task to which Miss Mary Dawson has set herself. Her own story helps to explain her present work. She came from Quincy and was brought up amid surroundings that are usually spoken of as privileged. Yet early in life she was obliged to do some of her own thinking, for her relatives were very staunch Republicans and she, deciding to be a Democrat, had to give reasons. She began to show her power of leadership when at Wallasey College she was prominent in the reform of what used to be the sorority system there. Afterward Miss Dawson was in social work of importance. She farmed it a bit, and then heeded a call to help things in which she believed over in New York, where she was president of the Consumers League.

Through her work for the less fortunate she developed an interest in constructive legislation, therefore in politics. She was prominent in the Smith campaign, seeking to organize the women of the central part of the country. She was even more energetic and enthusiastic in 1922. Her place with the national committee has been well earned.

And now she aims to help the women voters understand what it is all about. That should not be impossible considering Miss Dawson's experience and what organization, largely along club lines, has done for women in the United

and apparently the city was to lose the talent of this valuable citizen. He had contemplated his retirement to his home in Truro with far more satisfaction than was felt by the citizens of Boston familiar with the great value of Dr Washburn's life-long devotion to the welfare of his fellow men.

As physician, surgeon and director Dr Washburn has been connected with the Massachusetts General Hospital for 27 years, during which time he has made that hospital one of the foremost in the world. He has been decorated with the Distinguished Service Medal by the American Government for his work in American Army hospitals during the war.

By character, training and proven ability he is eminently qualified for the city post he will assume on March 1, and the city will congratulate itself on keeping him here.

#### VERMONT PULSE

VERMONT has for generations been one of the prize exhibits of the Republican party. It could always be depended upon to furnish a substantial majority for the party. It has never wavered in its loyalty. Nor did it waver yesterday. Under the circumstances, stalwart Republicans everywhere will derive comfort from the Vermont returns. With weather conditions not generally considered propitious to their cause, Vermont Republicans have elected Mr Gibson to the Senate and Mr Plummer to the lower house of Congress with majorities which show a slight proportional gain over the Republican vote in 1924.

To be sure, there is nothing to suggest the substantial victories to which Vermont Republicans have been accustomed in other years. But when the fortunes of a great party have fallen so low that one of its leaders in a neighboring State has actually suggested that it abdicate in an approaching election and endorse a Democrat for the United States Senate, a clean sweep even in rock-ribbed Vermont is not to be sneezed at.

To faint-hearted brethren in other States, the Vermont G. O. P. should "Stand by the guns."

#### EDITORIAL POINTS

Secretary of State Cordell Hull tells the people of Columbia that Europe has failed to provide leadership. That's exactly the stuff to give the South Americans.

Justice among the Nazis: A writer went on trial before the German Supreme Court yesterday for treason, but the specific charges were known only to the prosecution.

Don't worry about your life savings being cut 40 percent by devaluation. These are all imaginary dollars, anyway, and your 65 cents equal in buying power the inflated 100 cents you stowed away.

Along with our new dollars, containing 80 invisible cents, it must be that we will have a flock of copper cents, each containing six invisible mills. And, as a matter of information, is the copper cent devalued?

The president of the New York city Board of Aldermen is going to hold a "weeklong" course for Aldermen, in the hope, apparently, of teaching them something. The only trouble is, he won't be able to flunk those who can't learn until next election.

Here's a sincere compliment for President Roosevelt. The Japanese are completely unable to understand his gold measures, and they propose immediately to imitate them.

Because he "didn't like Frenchmen," a man in Lowell drove a 1929





*From Miss Dewson*

MULLER, MULLER, SMITH & MURPHY  
Tower Building  
Washington

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*Juli*

Miss Mary W. Dewson  
Democratic National Committeewoman  
National Press Building  
Washington, D. C.

2-5-34

Dear Miss Dewson:-

. . . . . I fear the Lord has never yet created anybody who could work that plan out in Nebraska. As a sample I quote from a letter that came from the Chairman of the Holt County Central Committee. That is the town in which I lived for many years:

"We have a party here who has charge of the relief work in this county by the name of Max Johnson, whom I believe hails from Lincoln, at any rate he got his appointment from Martt, who has charge of the state relief work.

"This man Johnson has five or six girls doing clerical work under him at the Court House, all of whom are Republicans as well as all their relatives. Among the girls employed by him are: Della Barnish, daughter of J. C. Barnish, a Hancock girl whose father, Claude Hancock, is the Chairman of the Republican County Central Committee, Ned Cronin, daughter of D. H. Cronin, Editor of the Frontier, a Republican newspaper, a Joyce girl and a daughter of Henry Grady, former Republican Postmaster here. Then again the bosses and timekeepers he has appointed are such as Wenty Grady and Ned Britell, not a single one being a Democrat."

I know these people and they are all stand pat Republicans. All are former Republican office holders. Barnish was the Treasurer of the county, Hancock was Deputy, Cronin was Republican postmaster, Grady was the Republican sheriff and Britell was the Republican deputy sheriff, and the women mentioned are all Republicans,

In a general way here is what we have in Nebraska. The right to appoint the personnel of the various agencies has been turned over to Republicans, for example this man Martt was, as I understand it, appointed by Hopkins and has charge of the Civil Works. A man named Hodges was appointed by the Labor Department and has charge of labor matters in our State. Substantially everybody he appoints in Nebraska is Republican.

The Land Bank out there is appointing Republicans appraisers and assistants. A lot of other agencies have been turned over to the Farm Bureau which is a part of the Republican organization.

I am not complaining but I am just telling you what the situation is. The fact is that nearly every agency that has to do with the employment of people in Nebraska is appointing Republicans. There are from three to ten Republican appointees in the various counties in Nebraska. They cover the whole field and very few Democrats are getting appointments and those who are are so diluted you couldn't recognize them as Democrats. On the other hand the most aggressive and outstanding Republicans in the country are being appointed.

Yours sincerely

Arthur F. Allen

February 12, 1934

Dear Molly, DE WOOD

Your letter of the  
eighth received. I am sorry I  
do not know the lady.

Very sincerely,

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE  
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February 8, 1934

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Eleanor:

I wish you would give me a line on  
Susan Sharpe Adams of Rhode Island.

affectionately,

*Mally*

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*James ...  
done by ...  
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DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE  
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MURRAY HILL 2-7400

February 5, 1934

*file by DEWSON 100*  
*Ex. Secy. Natl. Consumer League*

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Eleanor:

Lucy Mason is in the South to help put permanent underpinning under the NRA.

In regard to the Child Labor Amendment she says that two Richmond papers were writing editorials against the Amendment.

She also said: "The Governor is non-committal, but wanted to know what the President thinks. Everybody down here wants to know what the President thinks."

"The President is adored in the South with a fervid adoration - if he would make a public announcement that he thinks the Amendment should be ratified, it would do more good than anything else in the world. Can you get him to say that he favors the Amendment?"

"Jonathan Daniels had a good editorial in Raleigh News and Observer this morning, for Amendment. Just spent an hour with him - he agrees with me that a word from the President will tip the scale for ratification. F. Perkins article in Times has done much good, but nothing takes place of the President's statement.

"If the President would get Howe to wire, write or phone Governor Peery of Virginia for Amendment, it would be wonderful. Virginia is all set to reject and the other southern states will be greatly affected by her act."

The same old propagandists are at work: David Clark, the cotton mill owner with his Farmers' States' Rights League, membership of one according to Mr. Matings' paper "Labor"; and the Catholics with their fear that Congress would do to the parochial schools what no state has ever done and that is, wipe out the entire private school system.

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Mrs. Roosevelt - 2

February 5, 1934

I have never heard such stuff and nonsense  
as is being floated in Kentucky.

Jonathan Daniels is okey in North Carolina.

This is the critical moment for the Child Labor  
Amendment and I believe Franklin could save the day if he  
thinks it wise, but I will accept as best whatever decision  
he makes.

Affectionately yours,

*Mary - Molly*

Miss Mary W. Dewson



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February 3, 1934

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Eleanor:

Our efficient efforts were of no avail with the Courier Journal for Mr. Bingham has gotten out a special four page edition of all editorials and sent it to the circulation managers of the Courier Journal throughout the State.

Did you see Frances Perkins' article on Child Labor in the Times Sunday?

Faithfully yours,

MWD:HA

Miss Mary W. Dewson

Mrs. Scheider  
(from Mr. Kanne)

Suggested Draft of Reply

Mr. Courtenay Dinwiddie  
General Secretary  
National Child Labor Committee  
419 Fourth Avenue  
New York City

My dear Mr. Dinwiddie:

Reports of the work of the National Child Labor Committee during the past year have been brought to my attention by the United States Department of Labor.

With the adoption of the Textile Code last July, I think we all realized that the end of child labor in America was at hand. There is, however, a great deal to be done to insure that the standards set by that code and others that have since been adopted are made permanent and <sup>that</sup> children in occupations not covered by the National Recovery Administration are protected.

Very truly yours,

E. U. R.

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MURRAY HILL 2-7400

February 12, 1934

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Mrs. Malvina Thompson Scheider  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Scheider:-

I am enclosing the plan on Rural Leadership Training Schools that I have just talked to you about. This plan is exactly what rural women are praying for, because of the lack of funds for education of children beyond high school.

Mrs. Verna Hatch, prominent in agricultural circles, in the middle-west, is the author of the plan and is now in Washington, making an effort to get backing for it. I hope you will find time to glance over it and if possible discuss it with Mrs. Roosevelt.

The plan though drawn for Indiana is applicable in any agricultural state. Mrs. Hatch will be at the Harrington Hotel for a few days.

Thanking you for your consideration, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. June Fickel  
Assistant Director  
Women's Division

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INDIANA FARM BUREAU, INC.  
INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

RURAL LEADERSHIP  
TRAINING SCHOOLS

The Indiana Farm Bureau presents the following bulletin as a guide in directing the activities of schools for adult education under the immediate direction of the Indiana Farm Bureau and with Purdue and Indiana Universities, the State Board of Education, the Extension Department of the Universities, State Vocational Department, the County Agents Association, the Parent-Teachers Association, the Indiana Sunday School Association, the Farm Bureau Cooperatives, the State Editors Association, the State Boys and Girls Club Leaders and others cooperating.

The purpose of this bulletin is to assist in being of immediate help to the millions of unemployed who are more or less stranded educationally and economically by the depression. We hope there may be found in these suggestions a channel through which opportunities may be offered, whereby these our sons and daughters may be able to discover themselves in useful and happy endeavor.

The Indiana Farm Bureau has outlined the following suggested course of study which embodies the principles of cooperation that particularly meet the needs of people today.

It is a three hour course of study, for five days in a week, for a period of eight weeks.

The study comprises a composite group of class work, the subject divided into one hour periods - (1) The History of Government, (2) Farm Problems, (3) Leadership.

The Objectives are:-

To acquire a body of information and secure through group leadership classes, the experience and the ability to understand and appreciate rural institutions of cooperative character and to participate in their activities.

To create a respect for these established institutions, including the laws and principles which safeguard the rights of society and of individuals.

To create a liking for, and a permanent interest in rural life studies, reading widely and thoughtfully for the purpose of perpetuating a satisfying life on the farm.

To develop faith in progress through rural organization and a devotion to worthy American ideals and traditions.

To assist the many young people who have returned to

our farms in finding a place in life wherein they can be happy and most useful to themselves and society.

To make these future upholders of national life, efficient and progressive leaders.

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#### PART I

#### HISTORY AND GOVERNMENT AND HOW THE MACHINERY OF THE GOVERNMENT OPERATES.

##### Its Purpose is:

- A. To learn to appreciate more fully our present rural life through a knowledge of its development from the past by a critical study of pioneer life leading to the present.
- To understand how changes in agriculture and changes in the life of the people have each caused and resulted from the other.
- To appreciate the interdependence of rural and urban peoples; and to recognizing the tremendous influence of existing conditions upon rural communities.
- B. To understand how the introduction of machinery has led to specialization within our industries and professions.
- To develop an appreciation of the effect specialization has had on various phases of our economic life.
- To understand the reasons for the growth of our American Cities.
- To gain an appreciation of how economic changes have affected American living conditions in general.
- C. To give a better understanding of -  
How the cost of government is borne;  
How laws are made;  
How the departments of government are organized and function;  
How our international affairs are managed; and  
The importance of political parties in American Life, and to gain a recognition of the gravity of some of the problems of the present crisis.

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PART II

FARM PROBLEMS AND THE TRANSFORMING OF AN UNJUST SOCIAL SYSTEM.

This is a comprehensive survey of conditions and events affecting agriculture since the World War period to the present. It deals with the Tariff, Debts, the Extension Department, State and National Agricultural Organizations, Legislation, Taxes, the McNary Haughen Bill, Federal Farm Board, Farm Credit, Cooperative Marketing and Purchasing, Surplus, the Agriculture Adjustment Act and concludes with "What is good Citizenship and its relation to the World Crisis."

Its purpose is:

A. To gain an appreciation of the great task that rural life is facing and to direct attention to the accomplishments of national leaders as the beginning of a task far from finished.

To learn all phases of economic welfare with especial reference to the work at Washington and in our own State.

To understand that the beginning of this great crisis in American history has been a result of a long chain of events reaching to the present.

To recognize that poverty and strife are fruits of the present economic order, and that individual gain and competition are the cornerstones of a system which leads to cycles of unemployment.

To appreciate that expanded business in boom times to earn more profit result in glutted markets and the laying off of employees.

That reduced purchasing power retards demands for goods resulting in further unemployment.

To learn that charity does not solve the basic problem.

That planned production with the elimination of private programs to including farming and industry alike is the solution.

To gain an appreciation of the fact that federal agencies can do little unless the American people as a whole unite in fostering and perfecting the experiments that are being conducted in an attempt to cure the nations ills.

To know that during any great crisis all people should unite for the common good.

PART III

TRAINING IN LEADERSHIP AND THE LAND OF OPPORTUNITY.

This group of studies deal with agriculture and its choice as an occupation. (Charts for checking its virtues in comparison to other vocations are offered with the idea of helping our youth to decide favorably.)

The material, social, cultural, recreational and spiritual phases of farm life are a basis of studies which deal directly with a study of schools, homes and churches. It is built around the Cooperative Philosophy and how it works.

Its purpose is:

- A. To know that happiness comes through health, knowledge, faith and a reasonable amount of prosperity.

That justice, courtesy, hopefulness and personal relationship with others combine to make a satisfying program to build a foundation for a better social order.

That by raising the general level of human character throughout the world a new society free from war, brutality, arrogance, selfishness and waste can be brought about.

- B. To know that when brain and brawn unite in cooperative endeavor, great evils can be uprooted and an equitable society established.

That mutual dedication to noble causes are the most satisfying of all things and that the problem of building and maintaining leadership concerns profoundly the youth of the coming generation.

- C. To appreciate that the entire world calls for fearless breaks with precedents, for befriending and sponsoring unpopular causes, that leadership in worth while causes involves conflict and coming to close grapple with powerfully entrenched systems of wrong.

That workers in the cause of truth, justice and good will must be prepared to suffer pain, to be misunderstood and maligned and to endure hardships and sacrifices.

That when ridicule, jealousy, envy, and ingratitude are evidenced that there must be courage to overcome all obstacles for concerted effort in the creation of International Brotherhood.

Parts I, II, and III are all assembled as the basis in the study of leadership. It is the foundation for lessons in Organization, Public Speaking, Debating, Publicity, Administration, Parliamentary Practice and Social and Educational practices.



THE METHODS OF STUDYING THE PROJECT.

- (1) The course of study is presented with the idea of obtaining a comprehensive, sympathetic knowledge on problems of immediate interest and to interpret this knowledge into a constructive workable program for the building of leadership.
- (2) There are many who desire credit for highschools and colleges. They are anxious to have this schooling to speak for recognition to entrance for higher education the same as any other study. The problem of supplying a course of study which will be recognized as worthy of merit for college or high school credit must carry a plan for wide reading. This work will be supplemented by the advantages of a correspondence course, with questions prepared and sent out by the State Department.
- (3) There is no book that has embodied all these studies as outlined. The volume of books required to cover the course of study would of necessity be such a tax as to make the study prohibitive to many. Articles selected from magazines, periodicals, United States Government publications and newspaper clippings are mounted and indexed.
- (4) This material, collectively, is sent out with permission to be used for a period of two weeks, as under the plan of package library system.
- (5) Visits are to be made to cooperative plants in the district. Leaders of these cooperatives shall be invited in to speak, and all members of the community council are asked to cooperate with class work.
- (6) All lessons, papers and recitations are to be given from the floor, facing the class. The class is encouraged to offer friendly criticisms as to use of good English, posture, style of delivery, etc.
- (7) The staging of a rousing community meeting is to be arranged for early in the class work. Every phase of organizing, appointing committees, publicity, program and attendance committees is to be left to the young people of the class.

## HOW TO ORGANIZE AND THE ADVISORY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Farm Bureau President should call a meeting which would include the superintendent of the school, the head of the cooperative, the social and educational director, the county agent, the club leader, the vocational director, the parent teacher chairman, the librarian, the trustee, the minister, the editor and others.

- (1) A thorough understanding of the purpose of the meeting should be established and an organization should be completed with the Farm Bureau president as the chairman. This should be known as the Advisory Council.
- (2) This advisory council is to be retained for a central clearing house on advising with reference to facts and trends in agricultural life. It will suggest ways and means looking toward practical plans for progressive development and in terms cooperative effective for farm relief and urban interests.
- (3) Its members are to assist in developing a consciousness of national well being and the developing of leadership for the purpose of making possible equality for opportunity in all fields for all people.
- (4) Make plans at this time for creating a school for the teaching of Rural Sociology and Leadership under the plan outlined by the Farm Bureau. (Know why the study is presented. Read from the bulletin if necessary.)
- (5) Let it be known widely that opportunities for free schooling are open. Announce it in the papers, from the pulpits, in posters, telephones, etc.
- (6) Assist in discovering and naming the teacher. This is a cooperative school. Pledge each attendant to be responsible for assisting the teacher by visiting the school in person. Appear on the program when the subject you are most interested in is to be presented. Demonstrate willingness to do all that the teacher may ask.
- (7) Make studies of current national policies and public psychology. Upon the basis of these findings support constructive means and measures to overcome ignorance, apathy, and unwarranted prejudice that may exist.

INDIANA FARM BUREAU

Correspondence Study

Rural Sociology.

Campbell, Chapter I and II.

1. What appears to be the greatest drawback to farming?
2. How does this compare with other occupations?
3. Why is the group which tills the land so very important to the welfare of the nation? About what fraction of the population of the United States lives on the farm?
4. What can be said of comparative population in urban and rural communities of the United States in 1810, 1880, 1920 and 1930?
5. Why is the history of rural conditions in the Roman Empire of importance to America today?
6. To what extent are the farms of your community mortgaged? Is this increasing or decreasing now?
7. What relation is there between the price of farm products to the price of industrial products?
8. Why does the general property tax fall most heavily on farming? In what way has this been a factor which contributes to the decay of rural life?
9. What is meant by plundering farm communities?
10. List factors that show why the decay of rural life is fundamentally an economic problem.
11. What are three chief reasons why farm people have made so large a contribution to the story of America?
12. Make a list of leading Americans who were reared on the farm.
13. Make a list of young people from farm homes who graduated from high school ten years ago. How many live on the farm today? Why did they leave? Why are so many young people home on the farm today? What does this say for farming?

References: Cooperation by Hon. Frank Lowden. What the Farm Act Offers - U. S. Department of Agriculture. Restoration through Organization. W. H. Settle. Organization Is Imperative. O. F. Hall.

INDIANA FARM BUREAU

Correspondence Study

Rural Sociology.

Campbell, Chapter III and IV.

1. What are the eleven steps in the evolution of farm life in America? At which stage in the evolution of farm life does the present grave economic problem begin to appear?
2. Show how each step in the evolution of farm life has contributed to the present farm problem.
3. Make a list of all the household equipment and farm tools of the self-sufficing stage of farm life which you have seen.
4. Show how the amount of exchange of products was increased by the introduction of farming machinery and by the homestead laws.
5. Make a list of the articles used in your home which were produced by others outside of your family. Make a list of the goods or services which your family gives in exchange.
6. What does bargaining power have to do with the success or failure of farm life today?
7. What are the steps in the program proposed for improving rural life? Why do the rest of these steps fail if the farmer fails to develop his bargaining power?
8. Do you agree with the statement "The farm, best home of the family, chief source of national wealth, foundation of civilized society"? Justify your position.
9. Justify the statement that the American farmers are the greatest wealth-producing farmers in the world.
10. Justify the statement that the American farmers are the greatest wealth-losing farmers in the world.
11. What are the two sides of the farmer's business? Which side has he neglected?
12. Make a list of the articles which the farmers of your community buy that are produced and marketed on the group plan by big organizations. Make a list of the farm products raised in your community that are marketed on the group plan.
13. Compare the earnings of corn land with the earnings of U. S. Steel or American Locomotive.
14. Why has big business come to stay?

INDIANA FARM BUREAU

Correspondence Study.

Rural Sociology (cont'd)

16. What is the importance of the business manager to big business? Might the farm make equally good use of the competent business manager?
17. What can group marketing contribute toward making farming a successful business?
18. Distinguish between the corporate and the cooperative form of big business. Why is the cooperative form used on the farm?

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Ed. O'Neal. Farm Credit System - Ernest Rice. National  
Banks for Cooperatives - U. S. Dept. of Agriculture.



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Mrs. Malvina Thompson Scheider  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Scheider:-

I am enclosing a history of Ethel Loreland in response to your request penciled on the enclosed letter. Mrs. Loreland has a file in our office should care for further information.

Very sincerely yours,

Maryellen Fickel

Mrs. Jane Fickel  
Assistant Director  
Women's Division

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February 12, 1934

MURRAY HILL 2-7400

Mrs. Alvina Thompson Scheider  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Scheider:-

I am enclosing a history of Rachel Loreland in response to your request penciled on the enclosed letter. Mrs. Loreland has a file in our office should care for further information.

Very sincerely yours,

*Mary Helen Fickel*

Mrs. Jane Fickel  
Assistant Director  
Women's Division

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Excerpt

Morgantown, W. Va.  
December 28, 1933

Miss Mary W. Dewson,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Dewson,-

I have found out that the "Autocrat" in the relief organization at Charleston is so intensely unfriendly to our Governor, that she would have given no consideration to anyone recommended by the Governor. I believe this animosity was caused by the Governor's failure to appoint her State Welfare Director when Capt. Estill resigned a year ago. She offered the position to a Mrs. Grace Wylie, without consulting anyone, and to the great surprise of that lady.

For the past month, I have been working as Director of Women's Work for my county, and I am enjoying it very much. I know now that I could never have been happy in Charleston working in a department where the spirit is what it is in the welfare department. We are busily engaged in making furnishings for the Arthurdale homes. We enjoyed Miss Nancy Cook's visit very much. This is the most interesting bit of rehabilitation in the country, and almost every week end we are visited by welfare workers of national reputation.

With kindest personal regards, I remain  
Very sincerely yours,

(signed) (Mrs. F.R.) Ethel F. Moreland

*Miss Dewson  
she is Mrs. Moreland?  
Elean. Rowland*

ETHEL F. MORELAND Morgantown, West Virginia  
(Mrs. J. R.)

Father lifelong Democrat, Mayor of a strongly Republican town in Ohio for twelve years before coming to West Virginia to make his home.

Appointed first associate Chairman of Democratic State Committee, perfected organization of fifty of the fifty-five counties of the state in the six weeks before women voted the first time. Delegate-at-large to New York national convention.

Honorary Vice Chairman of state Judicial Convention in Blusfield, W. Va. August 1932. Member at various times of City, County and State Democratic Committees. Record of offices held in various local and state welfare agencies, on file in Mr. Farley's Office.

Member State Child Welfare Commission  
State Chairman Welfare Division Federation Women's Clubs  
Monongalia County representative on Crippled Children's Council  
Chairman Rehabilitation Committee county Council Social Agencies.  
Past President Mountaineer Craftsmen's Co-operative Association.

February 17, 1934

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Dear Miss Dawson:

Mrs. Roosevelt is away and I am sending this letter over to you to see if you could have someone send some material to this woman. No doubt she would receive it too late for the meeting she mentions, but she could use it in some other way.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to  
Mrs. Roosevelt

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Miss Mary Dawson  
Democratic National Committee  
Washington, D.C.

Letter from Mrs. A. L. Wire  
Box 274  
Victor, Colo.

February 19, 1934

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My dear Miss Dewson:

The attached letter from Mrs. Ruth V. Daniels, Oswego, Kansas, is referred to you for such consideration as you may deem advisable.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to  
Mrs. Roosevelt

Miss Mary W. Dewson  
Democratic National Campaign Committee  
Hotel Biltmore  
New York  
New York

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DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE  
HOTEL BILTMORE  
NEW YORK CITY

WOMEN'S DIVISION  
MARY W. DEWSON, DIRECTOR

MURRAY HILL 2-7400

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January 19, 1934

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Eleanor:

This more personal letter of Mrs. Guire's I want you to read. I know her. She is a delicate, cameo-cut Southern woman, full of fire and energy and really the most valuable worker in San Bernardino County, man or woman, bar none.

I wish I knew what to do with her before the old Colton postmaster's term is up in 1936.

Faithfully *reflecting*

*Moly*

MWD:HA

Miss Mary W. Dewson

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Nancy Ray Quire, Secretary

Ben Harrison, Chairman

W. A. Blair, Treasurer

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE  
Of  
San Bernardino County

941 No. 8th Street  
Colton, California  
January 8, 1934

Miss Mary W. Dewson, Director  
Women's Division  
Democratic National Committee  
Hotel Biltmore, New York City

Dear Miss Dewson:

Your letter of December 13, and mine of near the same date must have passed each other. I have also received copies of the Democratic Digest which are appreciated. Your tribute to Grace Westerhouse is beautiful, and so true and understanding of her marvelous qualities. I have lost in her one of my truest friends, and wisest councillor. There is no one in California who can fill her place in the Party. I feel now, during this trying time, that I could not keep my balance; I would not have courage to enter another campaign under such increased difficulties, but for my loyalty to her memory.

Even now I am not sure of what I shall do in the coming campaign. I've given the best part of my life, my strength and health. I've borrowed money to carry on for President Roosevelt. The money remains unpaid. I have no means of meeting my unfortunate obligations. Because I am a Democrat I cannot get employment. It is the plight of hundreds of Democrats in this county, and all other counties in this state.

Every day the Republican party is becoming strengthened by appointments in all Federal departments. Public works, the CWA, forestation, everything. In our county I know of but four Democrats (other than laborers) who were able to get employment. Even Republicans concede it to be the most corrupt political machine they have ever known. They openly and frankly admit that as the power has been given them, they will take advantage of it. President Roosevelt's program is denounced and ridiculed by the very people in whose hands it is placed, the Republican party in California.

And in the fact of this we are expected to elect a Governor and Congressmen!

We do not know where to begin. We have had no opportunity, no encouragement, no appointments. Perhaps you cannot understand the situation, I do not know.

I would like to see the Women's Democratic Club reorganized. Some have been kind enough to say that I am the only woman who will work. But I am tired and have no enthusiasm. Also, Mr. King has asked me to take charge



of his headquarters when his campaign opens. But I must have a change of heart, and I must acquire at least some degree of confidence in the outcome before deciding.

I know of hundreds of letters sent to Washington from loyal, devoted Democrats protesting conditions here. Never in any instance is there even an implied criticism of the President. I hope I have not left that impression with you regarding what I've written. The people often say, the President does not know, or perhaps, Franklin Roosevelt would never permit such injustice if he knew.

I want you to know these things whatever may happen in the future. You may be able to understand our difficulties and our failures, if we do fail to elect our candidates.

If you do not object to telling me, I should like to know whom you contact for political purposes in this state. Perhaps I could arrange to meet those who work with you in Los Angeles and San Francisco. I have stayed quietly at home since the election in 1932. But I know most of the prominent people in the state.

With every good wish,

Sincerely yours,  
(signed) Nancy Ray Quire  
Nancy Ray Quire  
Secretary Central Committee  
San Bernardino County California



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Mrs. Nancy Ray Guire  
941 No. Eighth Street  
Colton, California

January 14, 1934

Miss Mary W. Dewson  
Hotel Eiltmore  
New York City.

Dear Miss Dewson:

Let me thank you for your letter of December 29. It was the most encouraging word I have received regarding the post-office, for I know Mr. O'Connor is interested in my receiving the appointment.

I am so grateful to you for your continued efforts. It does seem strange that the present postmaster should continue to hold office, especially as sufficient complaints against him have been sent to the postoffice department at Washington. Mr. Thomas expects his dismissal. In court prodecures, judgements were brought against him which are being renewed from time to time. If he should ever be employed other than by the government, these judgements can be collected.

I am trying to secure data on Mr. Thomas' taking office. Of course I remember the occasion. But his re-appointment was withheld over a year by former Congressman Phil Swing pending a satisfactory settlement of a money matter involving members of the Republican Central Committee, and a bank in Colton. Certain members of the Central Committee refused to endorse Mr. Thomas for re-appointment because of his money transactions.

This is public knowledge.

If Mr. Thomas holds office until 1938 it will be a grave injustice to whomever follows him. There should be some record or data showing this.

Unless former Postmaster General Brown destroyed them!

I hope you do not object to my confidential letteral. They help to relieve my pent up resentment toward unscrupulous Republicans.

With deep appreciation,

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Nancy Ray Guire

February 21, 1934

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Dear Miss Dewson:

Mrs. Roosevelt is a member of the Committee on Awards of the Chi Omega, but is not a member of that fraternity.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to  
Mrs. Roosevelt

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Miss Mary Dewson  
Democratic National Committee  
Washington, D.C.

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DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE  
HOTEL BILTMORE  
NEW YORK CITY

WOMEN'S DIVISION  
MARY W. DEWSON, DIRECTOR

MURRAY HILL 2-7400

February 21, 1934

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Eleanor:

The Committee on the dinner for Fay Bentley  
is delighted that you are willing to go. They suggest  
for your approval the following dates:

Tuesday, March 20th  
Thursday, March 22nd

if not either of these dates, then Wednesday, March 21st.

Will you please let Mrs. Otto Beyer of McLean,  
Virginia know which you choose.

It was lovely seeing you today.

Very sincerely yours,

*Mary W. Dewson*  
Mary W. Dewson

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DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE  
HOTEL BILTMORE  
NEW YORK CITY

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WOMEN'S DIVISION  
MARY W. DEWSON, DIRECTOR

February 23, 1934

MURRAY HILL 2-7400

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

*DEWSON 100*

Dear Eleanor:

*Important*

I told Mrs. Pat Nagle whom I would like to see appointed to the Veteran's Appeal Board to have sent to Governor Pollard endorsements from prominent Democrats in Oklahoma. I enclose copies of the supplementary bunch.

*must*

The thing that interested me in her letter was that the Veteran's Board investigator is looking at five more men and one more woman in Oklahoma. I see no reason why Oklahoma ~~should~~ be given a position on this Federal Appeal Board since there are only thirty positions and forty-eight states and I believe if anyone would look at the personnel on the Board that there are already a couple from some states at that. *Of course to hard for Mrs. Nagle to compete against a man.*

*the Veterans Board* I was disappointed when I saw Jim Wednesday about for he is backing Mrs. Banning of Southern California instead of Mrs. Carroll Stewart. Mrs. Stewart is one of our most prominent Democrats in Southern California but because she was F.D.R. B. C. from January 1, 1932 on, McAdoo is against her. Governor Pollard says Mrs. Stewart is the best qualified of the women whom I have suggested.

If Mrs. Stewart were given a \$4000 executive job in the District or even a \$3500 one, I should be glad to see Mrs. Banning appointed to the Veterans' Board of Appeals although she has had the very slightest practical experience in affairs. She is of the lady bountiful type and a fine woman. You remember she is the woman whom McAdoo wished to have appointed to be Minister to Guatemala. She has lost her money and needs a job desperately, and I am all for her having one. I cannot, however, wish to see her succeed over the much better qualified Mrs. Stewart who fought, bled and died for FDR.

Jim had also been pretty well moved toward putting on a Veteran's Relief Corps (or something like that) woman chieftain from Georgia. I think I made it clear to him that the reason FDR wishes to have at least three women leaders not from the solid South is because he wishes to build up the Party and

Mrs. Roosevelt - 2

February 23, 1934

recognize women who have done National work and who up to date have been left out in the cold.

I told both Governor Pollard and Mr. Farley that I have no particular feminist leanings, but I am trying to build up the Party. If, however, they wish to appoint a fourth woman from the Veterans' Corps. it seems to me appropriate.

I certainly will appreciate your keeping in touch with Mr. Farley, Mr. McIntyre and Governor Pollard.

Affectionately yours,

Molly

MWD:HA

Miss Mary W. Dewson

Jim has in mind now not one I want as women who worked for FDR and will be highly valuable.

Jim's list

- 1 Mrs. Banning of Calif.
- 2 The Vet. Corps woman of Ga.
- 3 Mrs. Howarth of Miss

My list

- 1 Mrs. Stewart of Calif
- 2 Mrs. Pat Hayes of Ohl.
- 3 Mrs. Thornton Brown of Mo.



Oklahoma City  
Feb 19<sup>th</sup> / 34

Dear Miss Denson:

I overlooked this letter from Pres. Nash of the Okla. College for Women when I was on the Board of Affairs he was State Supt. Public Instruction and I was thrown in contact with him in many ways - when the Committee of Educators selected the twenty six women they considered the outstanding women of Okla. - Pres. Nash invited us down to the school and entertained <sup>us</sup> royally for an entire day - his excuse - he was furnishing inspiration for his girls.

I am also enclosing another copy from Chas. West - Col. West was our first Atty. General after Statehood. No doubt this appointment will be held up for some time as they are investigating five more men & one more woman and they are scattered over the state - this makes ten in all.

I really want this very much and I fear I shall be disappointed if I fail - however I am trying to be philosophical. Truly yours  
R. D. Nagle

February 15, 1934

M. A. NASH,  
PRESIDENT

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Governor John G. Pollard, Chairman  
Veterans' Board of Appeals  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Governor Pollard:

Mrs. Patrick S. Nagle of Oklahoma City is under consideration for the Veterans' Board of Appeals. Along with several thousand other Oklahomans who would be glad to do so, I wish to commend Mrs. Nagle to your serious consideration.

I have known Mrs. Nagle for more than two decades, as well as her excellent family, including her estimable husband before his death. Her family has made a contribution to this state, and a large part of this contribution has been made by Mrs. Nagle herself. She is an upright, honorable, Christian character with an excellent philosophy of government.

Mrs. Nagle has occupied various official positions in this state when it was possible to persuade her to serve. I have served with Mrs. Nagle in various capacities and have come to have the highest confidence in her judgment and ability on matters involving public affairs. On different occasions she has addressed the students and faculty on our campus.

I recommend Mrs. Nagle absolutely.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. Nash, President

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511 East Twelfth Street  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
February 19, 1934

Hon. J.G. Pollard,  
Veterans Bureau,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I wish to point out the extraordinary fitness of Mrs. P. S. Nagle for the work of your board.

I first met Mrs. Nagle many years before she entered public life and her courage, honesty, simplicity, lack of guile, but shrewdness, were everywhere acknowledged by those who knew her.

Afterwards she served as a member of the State Board of Public Affairs of Oklahoma which was an invention of mine to take the state's business out of politics. Nearer than any other occupant of that office she did the things the board was intended to do.

And now in Oklahoma no one is better known for all those qualities her old friends always knew she possessed. She holds a unique position here. Your board will be lucky if it acquires her services.

Respectfully,

*Chas. West*

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OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF VETERANS' APPEALS

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON

February 16, 1934

In reply refer to: 0

Judge James S. Davenport,  
Criminal Court of Appeals,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

My dear Judge Devenport:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 6, 1934, with further reference to the application of Mrs. Patrick S. Nagle of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, for appointment as an associate member of the Board of Veterans' Appeals.

You may rest assured that I will bear in mind your interest in behalf of Mrs. Nagle and at the appropriate time, her availability and the endorsements of record relative to her capabilities will be brought to the attention of the appointing authority.

Very truly yours,

*Jno. Garland Pollard*  
JNO. GARLAND POLLARD,  
Chairman,  
Board of Veterans' Appeals.



Oklahoma City, Okla.  
February 17, 1934.

Senator T. P. Gore,  
Senate Office Bldg.,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:

I have just learned since writing you this morning that Mrs. Nagle is being supported for one of the thirty places on the War Veterans Appeals Board. I have talked to some of the people who sent letters in her behalf and their support is genuinely enthusiastic. In short, the letters are not mere perfunctory endorsements. I can think of no place that Mrs. Nagle would fill with better grace than on this particular Board. She has an uncanny sense of justice combined with a very practical mind and an extraordinarily sympathetic disposition. I think she is one of the few people in the United States who would be capable of doing exact justice consistent with the cost to the government and at the same time be entirely humanitarian in her attitude. If she is appointed I predict that it will not be long before her reputation for fair play and common sense will be nation wide in War Veterans circles.

Mrs. Nagle is quite popular with the Democratic women of Oklahoma as evidenced by her recent appointment as chairman of the committee on Constitution and By-Laws for the new Women's Democratic Council of Oklahoma, of which Mrs. Frank Korn was the chairman. Mrs. Nagle's appointment came through Mrs. Korn and I am told she received a fine reception at the hands of the Democratic women when they met in Oklahoma City.

As you know I have always felt that it would be a master stroke on your part to assist Mrs. Nagle in getting a position suited to her talents and you know how much I appreciate your past efforts. She is not a woman who would fit into an ordinary clerical job. Indeed, she is far beyond such a status and I have for a long time been puzzled as to just where she would fit in best. The War Veterans Appeals Board seems to me the ideal place for her. I am sure it would be to your personal advantage to pull such wires as may be possible to have her appointed and I am equally certain that her appointment would reflect unusual credit upon the Administration.

I want you to thoroughly understand that I am not suggesting this as a personal favor in spite of my affection for Mrs. Nagle. Of course, like many others, I would like to see her placed but my primary reason in writing you is the conviction that her appointment will mean a great deal toward your future success and the prestige of the Administration.

With my usual kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

ALDRICH BLAKE

AB\*NC

*This man is  
an intimate friend of Sen. Gore & has been  
for a long period. If you he also happens  
to be a loyal friend of mine.*



CFB/gd

February 17, 1934

Ex-Governor John G. Pollard,  
Chairman, Veterans Board of Appeals,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

I desire to recommend to your favorable consideration  
Mrs. Patrick S. Nagle, 121 East 15th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,  
as a member of the Veterans Board of Appeals.

Mrs. Nagle is a woman of fine ability and has successfully  
discharged the duties of important state offices in Oklahoma. She is  
a loyal and patriotic woman who enjoys the confidence of the people  
of all parties in Oklahoma.

Very sincerely yours,

Chas. F. Barrett,  
The Adjutant General.

Feb. 17, 1934

Hon. John G. Pellard, Chairman,  
Veterans Appeal Board,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I understand that Mrs. Pat S. Nagle of Oklahoma City, has been suggested for appointment as a member of the Veterans Board of Appeals.

I have known Mrs. Nagle as a young girl in Pennsylvania up to the present time.

She is a lady of high character and of keen judgment; fair and impartial in her decisions, and attentive to her duties.

Her environment was the law as both her brother and husband were attorneys during their lifetime.

She is the first and only woman to have served on the Oklahoma State Board of Affairs, which purchases the supplies & c for the various institutions.

She served under two Governors and made such an excellent record that now some of the candidates for Governor are urging that a woman be made a permanent member of the Board.

Being familiar with Mrs. Nagle's character and talents, I take pleasure in urging her appointment as a member of the Board of Appeals, believing that she is fully qualified in every way to fill the position with credit to herself and the Authority making the appointment.

Very truly yours,

*Geo. J. Mechling*  
Geo. J. Mechling  
Highway Department.

GJM:FS

*revised @ original  
2-17-1934*

W. B. BIZZELL  
PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA  
NORMAN, OKLAHOMA

February 17, 1934.

Governor John G. Pollard, Chairman,  
The Veterans Board of Appeals,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Governor Pollard:

I write to indorse Mrs. Nagle of Oklahoma, for membership on the Veterans Board of Appeals. Mrs. Nagle has been prominent in Oklahoma politics for many years. She was formerly a member of the Board of Affairs, which has charge of the purchase of supplies for all state institutions and departments. This is a very responsible position and Mrs. Nagle performed her duties as a member of the Board, with insight and ability.

The appointment of Mrs. Nagle would please the people of Oklahoma and I would be highly gratified if this recognition should come to her.

Sincerely yours,

W. B. BIZZELL  
President

B/K

February 19, 1934

Governor John G. Pollard, Chairman,  
Veterans Board of Appeals,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sirs:

I am enclosing a letter from the Superintendent of the Confederate Home in Ardmore relating to Mrs. Patrick S. Nagle's activities while a member of the State Board of Affairs. I am transmitting this letter to you in connection with her possible appointment as a member of the Veterans Board of Appeals and as a further recommendation of her capability.

In addition to this, I can say from my own personal knowledge that Mrs. Nagle was careful enough while on the Board of Affairs to insist that the samples of the covering and lining of the caskets in which these old people were to be buried, as well as the robes to be worn by them, should be submitted before bids were let, so as to assure the old people would have a respectable burial and not be put away in just any manner in which the undertaker might be left to determine.

I hope this communication may be of further help in the matter of passing upon the qualifications of Mrs. Nagle for the place to which she aspires.

Very truly yours,

RAS:CJ  
Encl.

SECRETARY OF STATE

OKLAHOMA CONFEDERATE HOME  
ARDMORE, OKLAHOMA

GEORGE W. LEWIS  
SUPERINTENDENT.

Gen. R. A. Sneed,  
Secretary of State,  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear General Sneed:

I remember that the first four years that I was Superintendent of this Home that Mrs. Pat S. Nagle was a very valuable member of the State Board of Public Affairs. I remember several instances which showed that she was an efficient member, and one who was very anxious to look after the interests of the old people here in the Home.

The Board of Affairs had been buying old, mis-fit shoes for the lady members of the Home, and we had on hand a large quantity of worthless shoes. At Mrs. Nagle's suggestion, we were allowed to fit the ladies locally with comfortable shoes at reasonable prices, thereby saving the State money and giving the old ladies more comfort and quality. The same thing applied to dress goods that the Board of Affairs bought at random, and Mrs. Nagle saw to it that these goods were exchanged for something appropriate for these old ladies. It had also been the habit of the Board of Affairs to buy flour and coffee from the lowest bidders, often buying grades of these items which we could not use. Mrs. Nagle saw to it that we got the kind of merchandise that we needed, and that the old folks wanted, thereby cutting down waste, saving the State money and at the same giving the old people the things that they needed and wanted. I also remember that I made a trip to the office of the Board of Affairs in connection with some purchases, and the Chairman referred me to Mrs. Nagle, saying, "See Mrs. Nagle, she is the one who fights for the Old Confederates and the Unions Soldiers as well, she sees to it that they get the right kind of supplies."

General Sneed, I wanted to tell you these things, as I feel that Mrs. Nagle was the most valuable member the Board of Affairs had, and it really does me good to say something in her behalf.

Very truly yours,

GEO. W. LEWIS



February 17, 1934

Miss Mary W. Dawson, Director  
Women's Division  
Democratic National Committee  
Hotel Biltmore  
New York City, New York

Dear Miss Dawson:

Your letter received this morning is not inclined to inspire false hopes. However, I have not abandoned hope as I feel that the powers that be will surely recognize the fact that in all justice Oklahoma women are entitled to some recognition. My information is that an additional list of five, four men and one woman, are being investigated for this position. I know that reports sent in by the investigator in my case were most favorable.

I am glad that you were pleased with the endorsements. I was greatly gratified myself. Everyone asked to write a letter not only showed their willingness but insisted that it gave them pleasure to be afforded the opportunity, and said if there were anything further that they could do to let them know. Many of them have telephoned me to know how things were progressing and are mailing me the form letter that Governor Pollard sent out. I had thought that we would not send in any more letters as I was afraid we might wear Governor Pollard out. A friend of mine advised me to keep them filtering in with the thought in mind that their endorsement for me prevented one for somebody else. I have twelve more that I am sending you copies of to New York. I shall send a copy of this letter and a list of these letters to Washington so that you may be sure to receive it Monday.

Last Wednesday, we organized a Woman's Democratic Council of Oklahoma. I have never seen the women of Oklahoma so aroused and unified as they seem to be now. This is, I think, due to the inspiration they received from President and Mrs. Roosevelt's attitude on women in public life. We had Mrs. Rogers of Dallas here for the day and evening. She seemed to be a charming personality, a good speaker, and very bright. In fact, all around our meeting was a great success. I was chairman of the committee on constitution and by-laws. I wrote out the object, but some of the timid women toned it down by deleting the word "militant" in one place.

Still hoping that we may win out and fully appreciating that if we do not there is no use to try further to get anything for women in Oklahoma, I am

Gratefully yours,

Mrs Patrick S. Nagle

Mrs. Patrick S. Nagle,  
121 E. 15  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

MRS. PSN/L

Mr Kirby - Tax Commissioner  
 M. A. Nash - Pres. of Okla. College for Women  
 Joseph B. Johnson - Historian  
 D. H. Perry - Secy. Historical Society  
 Earl Patterson - Lieut. Col. Nat. Guard  
 H. A. Pat Mayhew - Comm. of Labor  
 J. E. Adams, M. D. - Lieut. of Hosp. for Women  
 E. L. Bayby, M. D. - Lieut. of Hosp. " " "  
 Mrs H. A. Roblin, Pres. Chairman of  
 Okla. Co. Democratic  
 Central Comm.  
 Mrs E. M. Box. Woman's auxiliary of the Legion  
 Thos. H. Hoyle - Chairman of Industrial Comm.  
 Enoch Scrivner - Wholesale Groceries  
 D. J. Jeloma - Wholesale Groceries  
 Herbert K. Hyde - Former P. S. District Atty.

February 16, 1934.

Governor John C. Pollard,  
Chairman, Veterans Board of Appeals,  
Washington, D. C.

IN RE: Mrs. Patrick S. Nagle,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

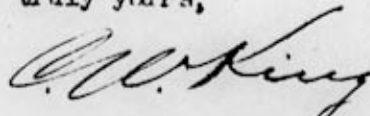
Dear Sir:

The purpose of this letter is to commend to you Mrs. Patrick S. Nagle, of Oklahoma City, former member of the State Board of Public Affairs of Oklahoma, and one of the most prominent women in the state. Her public service was such that on a change of administration, she was retained on that Board. She is known in every precinct of the state, and favorably so.

Her husband was a very prominent lawyer of the state, highly respected, and possessing a high degree of ability. From association with him and other legal minds, Mrs. Nagle became interested in law and has developed through her life training a judicial mind and temperament, such as qualifies her in every way to sit on a board requiring that character of decision. She would be entirely fair, and her natural bent toward industry and her intelligence would guarantee that her decisions would be accurate.

I hope that she will be appointed on this Board, and in so saying I express the sentiments of a very large portion of the population of Oklahoma.

Very truly yours,



G. W. KING, ATTORNEY.

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(COPY)

1117 Colcord Building,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.  
February 12, 1934.

Hon. John G. Pollard, Chairman,  
Veterans' Appeal Board,  
Washington, D. C.,

Sir:-

I am informed that Mrs. Angie Nagle (Mrs. Patrick S. Nagle), of this city, is under consideration as to availability for appointment to membership of the Veterans' Appeal Board.

I have known Mrs. Nagle for many years and it gives me great pleasure to endorse her for such an appointment. She came to Oklahoma in pioneering days, when she was just on the threshold of young womanhood. As an educator, as a pioneer wife and mother and as a positive influence in all that made the most for culture and for character in the founding and development of a new commonwealth, she has borne a most worthy part. Endowed with a strong mentality and possessing unusual ability to readily distinguish between essentials and non-essentials, she is generally recognized as a clear, logical thinker. She is also known as a real leader and her advice is highly regarded in the councils of her fellow citizens. She has been tried and proven in the public service of the state and she has not been found lacking in either efficiency, energy or fidelity. With firmness for the right as she understands it, she never fails to combine a sense of fairness which always commands respect and confidence, even on the part of those with whose opinion she has to take issue. I regard her as being well qualified and wholly worthy of such a mark of public confidence as would be signified in her appointment to such an important position as that with which her name has been brought under consideration.

Trusting that after due consideration shall have been given to Mrs. Nagle's qualifications, her manifest availability for such an appointment may be subject to favorable action, I am, Sir, with great respect,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

Joseph B. Thoburn.

OKLAHOMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA  
February 16, 1934.

Governor John C. Pollard  
Veteran's Board of Appeals  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Patrick Nagle of Oklahoma City is asking to be appointed a member of one of the Boards of Appeal of the Veteran's Bureau (Perhaps I have not the name of the position just right) but it is under your department.

I am writing this letter in behalf of Mrs. Nagle, a lady whom I have known, honored, and respected for many years. She represents the highest type of American womanhood; is educated, intellectual, and progressive; and one who has the respect and confidence of the people of Oklahoma.

Mrs. Nagle was one of the three members of the State Board of Affairs, under two democratic governors of Oklahoma. This Board has the responsibility of the expenditure of most all of the State's appropriations for public buildings; and, also the purchase of supplies for every public institution in the state. In the administration of the duties of this office, Mrs. Nagle, acquired the reputation of good judgment and strict integrity. Her appointment to a responsible position under the popular Roosevelt administration would meet the approval of the democrats, and would be a special compliment to the women of Oklahoma.

Yours truly

Dan W. Peery

P. S. The writer's ancestors came from Tazwell County, Virginia; his great-grandfather was William Peery, who was a member of Gen. Roger R. Clark's military expedition into Illinois; he is also a great-grandson, once removed, of Lieut. Reece Bowen of King's Mountain fame.

D. W. Peery



February 16, 1934

Gov. John G. Pollard, Chairman  
Veterans' Board of Appeals  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I have been informed that Mrs. Patrick C. Nagle of this city has been suggested as a member of the Board of Appeals. I have known Mrs. Nagle for the past ten or twelve years. She served as a member of the Board of Affairs of this State and has been a leader and a very prominent woman in this State, having made a record to be proud of.

If honored with this appointment I am sure that she will prove worthy of the trust imposed upon her and any favor shown her will be appreciated by her many friends in this State.

Very respectfully,

Earl Patterson, Lt. Col.  
U.S. Property & Disbursing Officer  
Oklahoma

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*State of Oklahoma*  
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

February 16, 1934.

Hon. John G. Pollard, Chairman,  
Veterans Board of Appeals,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Governor Pollard:

The possibilities of Mrs. Pat S. Nagle of this City being appointed a member of the Veterans Board of Appeals, has been called to my attention which prompts me to write this letter, thereby adding my endorsement and approval to Mrs. Nagle's long list of admiring friends.

It has been my pleasure to observe Mrs. Nagle as a business woman. Her sound judgement and ability in dealing with public affairs, has made Mrs. Nagle an outstanding figure among the many good women of Oklahoma and I shall be very glad to know that she receives recognition at your hands. You will never regret her appointment.

Sincerely yours,

W. A. Pat Murphy,  
Commissioner of Labor.

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# EASTERN OKLAHOMA HOSPITAL



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FELIX M. ADAMS, M. D.

Medical Superintendent

Vinita, Oklahoma

February 15, 1934

Mrs. Patrick S. Nagle,  
501 Medical Arts Bldg.,  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Madam:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 13th and as per your request I am sending a letter to Governor Pollard by air mail and I am enclosing a copy of same in this letter.

If I can be of any other service to you do not fail to call upon me.

Very truly yours,

F. M. Adams, M. D.,  
Superintendent

FMA:K

February 15, 1934

Governor John G. Pollard, Chairman  
Veterans Board of Appeals,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Governor Pollard:

I wish to recommend for your  
consideration as a member of the Veterans'  
Board of Appeals for Oklahoma, Mrs. Patrick  
S. Nagle of Oklahoma City.

Mrs. Nagle is a lady of the very  
highest type and has been in public life in  
Oklahoma for a great many years and I am sure  
has all the qualities to make her a very  
valuable member of this board. I am sure if  
you appoint her you will not have any cause  
for regret.

Very truly yours,

F. M. Adams, M. D.,  
Superintendent

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

February 10, 1934.

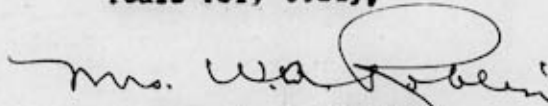
Hon. John G. Pollard, Chairman  
Veterans Appeal Board,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Governor Pollard:-

While a member of the State Industrial Commission of Oklahoma I had an opportunity to personally observe Mrs. Pat S. Nagle, of Oklahoma City, who was a member of the State Board of Affairs which purchased all supplies for state departments and institutions. Mrs. Nagle, under varying circumstances, was found always to be of high principle, fearless in standing up for what was right and, although not a lawyer, she evidenced a judicial mind in the settlement of many intricate questions arising out of such important work.

Mrs. Nagle is a Democrat who has worked for the party, and I hope upon investigation she may be your choice for appointment to the Veterans Appeal Board.

Yours very truly,



Mrs. W. A. Roblin,  
Vice Chairman Oklahoma County  
Democratic Central Committee.

The original mailed 2/11/1934- Air Mail.

This copy for Mrs. Pat S. Nagle.

Mrs. Nagle:-

Serious illness of my husband caused the delay in getting the above letter off to Gov. Pollard. I was happy to write this for you, and hope it may be of some help.



February 13, 1934.

Hon. John C. Pollard,  
Chairman Veterans' Board of Appeals,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Governor Pollard:

My attention has been called to the fact that the name of Mrs. Patrick Nagle, of Oklahoma City, has been suggested as a member of the Veterans' Board of Appeals.

As one who has been active in the American Legion Auxiliary, as President of the Oklahoma City Post No. 35, and also of the Fifth Congressional District, and knowing Mrs. Nagle as I have known her for several years, I unhesitatingly endorse this suggestion.

I believe that she will at all times be fair. Her positions on State Boards in the past have developed her to the extent that she will be able to enter into the trial of any matter, or the determination thereof, with a fair and impartial mind, and render whatever judgment she does render, with unhesitating determination to do justice by all the parties concerned.

Very respectfully yours,

*Mrs. Edw. M. Boy*



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**STATE OF OKLAHOMA**

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OKLAHOMA CITY

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO  
STATE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

Oklahoma City, Okla.  
February 10th, 1934.

IN REPLY REFER TO OUR

CLAIM NO.

Hon. John G. Pollard,  
Chief Veterans Bureau of Appeals,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Governor:

Having been advised that Mrs. Patrick S. Nagle, of Oklahoma City, is an applicant for a position in your department, and having had the privilege and pleasure of knowing her and her family for many years, I take this opportunity of bearing testimony to her high character, and her devotion to public duty as an official of our state and of expressing my sincere hope that her application will receive your favorable consideration.

To my personal knowledge Mrs. Nagle has been identified with Oklahoma, from its earliest territorial days, and no woman has done more for the upbuilding of Oklahoma, territory and state than Mrs. Nagle, and she has the respect and esteem of all who know her.

In my humble opinion Mrs. Nagle is well qualified to fulfill the duties of the position she seeks. She has a mind and temperament that is judicial, and in other respects she is thoroughly capable.

Her appointment would be highly gratifying to the people of Oklahoma.

I have the honor to be,  
Respectfully yours,

*Thos. H. Doyle*

February 12th  
1934

Gov. John G. Pollard,  
§ Veterans Appeal Board,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Gov. Pollard:

I understand that Mrs. Patrick Nagle has applied for a position on the Appeal Board.

Mrs. Nagle was on the State Board of Affairs here for four years and I think that she is one of the most capable and fair-minded persons that I ever knew. She uses good judgment at all times and I do not think that you could have anyone on the Appeal Board that would be any more capable of handling and doing the job satisfactory to everyone than Mrs. Nagle.

Any courtesy extended to Mrs. Nagel will be very much appreciated by our firm.

Yours very truly,

SCRIVNER STEVENS COMPANY

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Enoch Scrivner

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304-6 NORTH WEST FIRST STREET

**OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.**

February 12, 1934

Gov. John G. Pollard, Chairman  
Veteran Board of Appeals  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

It has come to the writer's attention that Mrs. Patrick F. Nagle of this city has made application, or is being considered, for a place with the Veteran Board of Appeals at Washington.

Having known Mrs. Nagle for the past twelve years and having occasion to observe her pass quick and keen judgement upon matters that came up before the State Board of Public Affairs of this state, of which she was a member for four years, I am writing to you in her behalf.

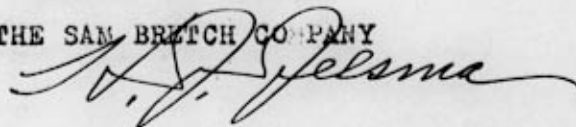
No doubt there are a great many applications for the position that exists, but knowing Mrs. Nagle for this length of time I do not know where you could find a more capable person with executive experience that fits her for a judicial position.

In the community where she has resided for the past several years she is looked upon with the highest respect and her integrity has never been questioned.

I hope that she may receive favorable consideration for a position with the Veteran Board of Appeals.

Very truly yours,

THE SAM BRETCH COMPANY



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OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF VETERANS' APPEALS

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON

February 9, 1934

In reply refer to: 0

Mr. Ben F. Lafayette,  
Chocotah, Oklahoma.

My dear Mr. Lafayette:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 6, 1934, with reference to the candidacy of Mrs. P. S. Nagle of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, for appointment as a member of the Board of Veterans' Appeals.

Please be advised that appropriate record is being made of your interest in Mrs. Nagle's behalf and be assured that at such time as recommendations are being prepared looking to the appointment of additional Board members, her availability and your endorsement of her will receive due consideration.

Very truly yours,

*Jno Garland Pollard*  
JNO. GARLAND POLLARD,  
Chairman,  
Board of Veterans' Appeals.



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SUITE 1501 RAMSEY TOWER  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

J. B. DUDLEY  
HERBERT K. HYDE  
DUKE DUVALL  
PAUL DUDLEY

February 16, 1934.

Governor John G. Pollard,  
Chairman, Veterans Board of Appeals,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Governor Pollard:

I am advised that Mrs. Patrick S. Nagle of Oklahoma is being considered by the Bureau in Washington for appointment on the Veterans Board of Appeals.

Mrs. Nagle has been a resident of Oklahoma since territorial days. She has raised a fine family and has contributed of her time and influence in building Oklahoma. She is intellectually honest, highly educated and sincerely devoted to the public welfare.

I am sending this message to you as a Republican and a former Republican appointee in the Western District of Oklahoma to the office of United States District Attorney. I recently resigned my position to engage in the private practice of the law.

If there is any woman in Oklahoma who is entitled to the thoughtful consideration of the Board, I know of no one who meets with the qualifications of this fine woman. She represents the highest ideals of womanhood in our State.

Thanking you very kindly for your consideration,  
I am,

Very truly yours,

HKH:Mc

*Herbert K. Hyde*



OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF VETERANS' APPEALS

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON

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Very truly yours,

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JNO. GARLAND POLLARD,  
Chairman,  
Board of Veterans' Appeals.

February 16, 1934

Governor John G. Pollard, Chairman,  
Veterans' Board of Appeals,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

In my judgment Mrs. Patrick  
S. Nagle of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
is especially well qualified, both  
temperamentally and by reason of experience,  
to act as member of the Veterans' Board of  
Appeals.

Mrs. Nagle has strong personality  
and has had years of business experience  
which should meet the necessary requirements  
for a position on this board and I unhesitat-  
ingly recommend her for appointment.

Very truly yours,

ELB:K

E. L. Bagby, M. D.,

February 27, 1934

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Dear Molly:

Franklin does not feel that we really should do anything for Mrs. Honeyman. As far as we know, there is no reason for giving her brother a job. I have known Mrs. Honeyman for some years and she says she works out there, and I really think she would if you would get after her and give her something definite to do.

Affectionately,

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Miss Molly Dewson  
National Dem. Committee

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE  
HOTEL BILTMORE  
NEW YORK CITY

WOMEN'S DIVISION  
MARY W. DEWSON, DIRECTOR

MURRAY HILL 2-7400

February 3, 1934

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Eleanor:

Mrs. David Honeyman of Oregon wishes  
her brother to have a federal position.

Whatever Mrs. Honeyman did in the  
Campaign, no inkling of it reached me. Of what im-  
portance is she to us?

Faithfully yours,

*Molly*

Miss Mary W. Dewson  
Director  
Women's Division

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No hurry

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Miss Sabina

February 27, 1954

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Dear Molly:

The President asked me  
to see Mrs. Obenauer and I will  
see her after the 15th of March  
if you will call me up. Perhaps  
both of you can come for lunch?

Affectionately,

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Miss Mary W. Dewson

Mr. McIntyre:

Will you please try to  
make an appointment for the  
President to see Mrs. Obenauer?

E.R.

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HOTEL BILTMORE  
NEW YORK CITY

WOMEN'S DIVISION  
MARY W. DEWSON, DIRECTOR

MURRAY HILL 2-7400

*Mrs. R.*  
February 9, 1934

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Eleanor:-

I believe that Marie Obensauer's point of view about the protection of home owner's mortgages would really interest Franklin enough for him to give her ten minutes and I do not minimize how busy he is.

She has had a satisfactory talk with Mr. Pehey but the very next time that Franklin thinks about the whole subject of home mortgages I think he would find it fruitful to talk with her. If this is positively without the question, why don't you talk with her yourself. She is as full of imagination in her way as Harry Hopkins is in his and just as practical.

Affectionately,

*M. W.*

Mary W. Dewson

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HOTEL BILTMORE  
NEW YORK CITY

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WOMEN'S DIVISION  
MARY W. DEWSON, DIRECTOR

MURRAY HILL 2-7400

February 28, 1934

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Eleanor:

I am sending you an excerpt from  
the letter of Mrs. F. J. Ravlin, Route 2, Miami,  
Florida about the conditions there.

I understand she is a very capable  
and prominent Democrat. This confirms what you  
said about Florida.

Affectionately yours,

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Excerpt of letter from Mrs. F. J. Ravlin, Route 2, Miami  
Florida to Mr. James A. Farley December 30, 1933

" I would like to call your attention to the feeling of the people down here concerning political appointments such as James M. Gilman, Richardson Saunders, C.W. Chase, Dr. Therrill, Butts and Smith.

It would seem that when one glances over these names that the only qualification necessary to obtain an appointment is to wreck a bank. James M. Gilman, president of the defunct Bank of Bay Biscayne, that has never paid one cent to a depositor since it closed three years ago, squandered the life savings of men, women and children, destroyed homes and broke the hearts and crushed the spirits of hundreds of people, and what Gillman did not do, Therrill, Smith and Butts finished and we are only told that the Chase National Bank received our guilt edge securities. These men are holding high paid political positions, which make us party workers of Dade County the laughing stock for our republican friends. It would seem that the Chase National Bank has taken good care of the bankers of the defunct banks of Miami."



DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE  
HOTEL BILTMORE  
NEW YORK CITY

WOMEN'S DIVISION  
MARY W. DEWSON, DIRECTOR

March 1, 1934

MURRAY HILL 2-7400

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Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Eleanor:

I hope that the President will nominate Judge Allen soon. The longer this hangs fire, the more the personal enemies that anyone makes in public life will try to stir up trouble.

The one trouble maker at the present moment is the former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Ohio, a Republican, Marshall, who was defeated for re-election by a Democrat, Wygant. He knows that Judge Allen and Susan Rehban practically elected Wygant because they considered Marshall dishonest and untruthful, to put it mildly.

Now Marshall is trying to get square with Judge Allen through stirring up William Green unjustifiably and trying to prove that Judge Allen is unfair to Labor. Senator Buckley said to Green, "You have got to do better on cases to prove anything to me." If you want to know what Labor thinks of Judge Allen, go to Ed Keating of the Labor paper in Washington, or to Robertson of the Railroad Firemen, or Whitney of the Trainmen. I have copies of Judge Allen's Labor opinions in my Washington office.

It would be understandable if the Utilities had attacked this appointment, but for Labor to do so, the friends of Judge Allen think is absurd and think her Labor friends will tell you so.

Sincerely yours,

*Molly Dewson*

Miss Mary W. Dewson  
Director  
Women's Division

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DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE  
HOTEL BILTMORE  
NEW YORK CITY

WOMEN'S DIVISION  
MARY W. DEWSON, DIRECTOR

March 2, 1934

MURRAY HILL 2-7400

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Eleanor:

I said I would remind you about the situation in regard to the District appointments. Franklin told you we might have a "reasonable number." In the beginning I asked for about twenty. Now I have reduced the number to:

1. Mrs. Lyman W. Cotten of North Carolina as Head of the Flaggrounds.

2. Mrs. Meta Fay of New York as Register of Deeds.

3. Mrs. Burchinal of West Virginia as Recorder of Wills, a position held by a colored man but Mac says that another colored man is to be reappointed so I said, why not make ~~her~~ assistant to the colored man. She is the National Committee-woman of West Virginia. I have not had time to consult her. Nevertheless, she is so hard up I think she would take anything.

The other women whom I wanted very much in executive positions in the District are Mrs. Timberlake, President of the Democratic Women's Club of Charleston, West Virginia and Mrs. Maria A. O'Connell, President of the Philadelphia Women's Club. Mrs. O'Connell was for four years head of the License Bureau in Philadelphia, a \$4000 job.

There has been so much resistance on the part of the men that I have settled down to the first three for the District: Cotten, Fay and Burchinal, and am trying to get Jim to give me three Marshalls' jobs (there are sixty) for Mrs. Timberlake and Mr. June Fickel (my Mrs. Fickel's husband who is wretched because he has nothing to do and who, although he has an 800 acre farm in Iowa which is not mortgaged and is a graduate of the State University, is not considered competent to hold a position in the corn and hog program because they don't want farmers but Ames Agricultural Extension men. As a result Mr. Wallace has an absolutely complete Republican corn and hog set up) and Mrs. Marie O'Connell whom Jim thought might possibly be given an inside job. After all, the marshalls have to receive from somebody or other their various papers to serve. She would have to have a \$3000 job to make it pay her to come to Washington. *She had \$500 as Licensing Commissioner in Philadelphia so she knows how.*

Mrs. Roosevelt--2

March 2, 1934

I have cut out Mrs. Lasley of Missouri who has been down all during the past week trying to get a position in the Welfare Department and Mrs. Mary Arnold of Indiana who is fitted for the same work--both these women having had years of experience. I have also cut out some more women who are important to the Party, but not so important.

When the Veteran's Board and the District are filled I wont have to worry so much because there will be nothing to worry about and I can talk to you about why don't you have a shetland sheep dog for your next furry friend?

Affectionately yours,

*Mary*

Miss Mary W. Dewson

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DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE  
HOTEL BILTMORE  
NEW YORK CITY

WOMEN'S DIVISION  
MARY W. DEWSON, DIRECTOR

MURRAY HILL 2-7400

March 12, 1934

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Eleanor:

When I think of the Southern gentlewoman who wanted a little bit more money than the \$75.00 a month her son could earn and you said "she is lucky to get it", I know how you will feel about the Black family of Oklahoma in which CWA has given Mr. Black, Miss Francoise Black, Miss Hilma Black and a brother a total salary of almost \$1000 a month.

I feel about Oklahoma much as you do about Florida but I imagine that Aubrey Williams does not come from Oklahoma.

Sincerely yours,

*Mary*

Miss Mary W. Dewson

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THE WOMEN'S JEFFERSONIAN CLUB  
Oklahoma City

Mrs. Donnelley Reid  
President

February 25, 1934

Mrs. Mary Dewson  
National Vice-Chairman  
Democratic Headquarters  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Dewson:

We, as a committee of women active in the interest of the President's administration in our state and the welfare of his program, submit to you a protest threadbare with its many presentations, but without effect.

In the early part of the PERA, Mr. Aubrey Williams was Field Representative, Oklahoma being one of the units of his territory. He directed that the Misses Hilma and Francoise Black, sisters and unincumbered, be given preferred places in the relief administration in Oklahoma County, and this was done. He also directed that a Mrs. Myhall, friend of the Misses Black, a social worker from Wisconsin or some other state, be given a preferred place, and he dictated a specific order that his wish be respected.

When the CWA came into existence in Oklahoma, Mr. Williams directed that Miss Francoise Black be given a place as secretary in the executive offices, and that her sister, Miss Hilma Black be head of the clearing house of those unworthy to be on the payroll in CWA, and later on their father resigned a position as operator of a filling station and became Safety Engineer in the Muskogee district, at \$275.00 per month; and now their brother becomes a buyer for CWA, making a total income for this one family of almost \$1,000.00 per month.

The women of Oklahoma have protested to the Congressmen, to the Senators, to Mr. Hopkins and to Mr. Williams, and today we are filing protest with the President. "Cut up to this good hour this family continues to receive this small fortune while there are hundreds of families without shelter and in great suffering for lack of food.

In the interest of the welfare of the party that we will be defending in 1936, we beg of you as our leader in Washington to see if we cannot have some relief from this embarrassing situation.

Assuring you our only interest is that common justice be done to the unfortunate and the preservation of the national administration from embarrassment, we are

226 N.W. 25th St.

Sincerely yours,  
MRS. DONNELLY REID



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MARCH 23, 1924

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DEAR MOLLY:

I HAVE BEEN INQUIRING AROUND ABOUT MRS. FINE AND I AM INCLINED TO BELIEVE THAT SHE REALLY WAS NOT THE ONE REPRESENTED HEREIN TO BE, SO I DO NOT THINK HE WILL MAKE ANY GREAT MISTAKE ABOUT HER.

Affectionately,

MISS MARY DEWSON  
DEM. NATIONAL COMMITTEE

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE  
HOTEL BILTMORE  
NEW YORK CITY

WOMEN'S DIVISION  
MARY W. DEWSON, DIRECTOR

MURRAY HILL 2-7400

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March 22, 1934

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Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Eleanor:

Sometimes I think I have been a little hard on Mr. Forbes Morgan so I want you to know that he has come through with a job for the husband of the National Committeewoman of New Mexico, Mr. Coe Howard.

Congressman Chavez and Senator Hatch besought my assistance in getting something for Mr. Howard whom they consider a very able man.

Mr. Forbes Morgan came across with a \$30,00 a week job in Dallas, Texas.!!

*Can you beat it!*  
Affectionately yours,

*M. W.*

MWD:RAK

Miss Mary W. Dewson

March 24, 1934

My dear Miss Dewson:

Could you help this lady by  
giving her some information on the subject  
of the recovery program.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to  
Mrs. Roosevelt

Miss Mary W. Dewson  
Democratic National Committee  
National Press Building  
Washington, D. C.

2.00  
Bailey P. Wootton, Chairman STATE DEMOCRATIC HEADQUARTERS

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For your information

March 27, 1934

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M. W. D.

Miss Lyda Mae Franics  
Young Women's Democratic Club of America  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Lyda Mae:

Referring to our conversation with reference to relief matters in the State of Kentucky while in Washington some time ago, will say that they are almost intolerable. In the first place, we have not enough money to finance the State's part of relief work here. As you know, the Governor urged the enactment of a sales tax at the special session of the Legislature in 1933 to take care of relief. However, the members of the General Assembly refused to enact any measure except a small tax on beer and whiskey, contending that it would raise \$3,000,00.00. This it has signally failed to do, as the Governor predicted.

The Governor urged the regular session of the General Assembly which has just adjourned to raise revenue for relief and other purposes. The General Assembly has again failed to take action. However, I think there will be a special session called, and the Governor will urge the Assembly to enact some revenue measures to take care of the situation. One thing that has kept the General Assembly from levying an adequate tax to take care of relief in this State is the fact that the administration of relief work in Kentucky has been very unsatisfactory to the Roosevelt Democrats. It has one of the most partisan Republicans in the State at the head of relief, and practically every set-up in the one hundred and twenty counties of the State is Republican, or at least anti-Roosevelt, and is being systematically worked for political purposes. While nothing is being openly done at present, it will not be long before these organizations come out openly against the National Administration, in my judgment, and it ought not to be tolerated by the "powers that be".

Governor Laffoon, as you know, was the original supporter of Roosevelt in Kentucky, and it was through his efforts that this State instructed for him. He is doing all in his power to support the National Administration, but he is being handicapped by conditions. Ninety per cent or more of those who oppose him in the General Assembly are anti-Roosevelt Democrats and have been all along.

I hope this matter can be worked out there in Washington in a satisfactory way, and especially in a way which will inure to the benefit of the President, as well as the Democracy of this State.

With kindest regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Bailey P. Wootton  
Chairman, Democratic State  
Central Executive Committee

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE

NATIONAL PRESS BUILDING  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

WOMEN'S DIVISION  
MRS. JUNE FICKEL, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

DISTRICT 1717

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March 31, 1934.

Miss Mary Dewson,  
Hotel Biltmore,  
New York City.

My dear Miss Dewson:

Now that the cattle bill has passed both houses and has gone to the President for his signature, I feel it is time that we make another effort to get June placed. I am sorry to worry you with this but I cannot be myself and do the best work here for you until he is working and mentally comfortable.

I am wondering if you think it advisable for you to write directly to Chester Davis or to Harry Petrie under whose supervision this set-up is being made. Mr. Petrie is a practical man and has said in no uncertain terms that he wants men associated with him of practical knowledge rather than those of theory. I feel that this is our last chance in the Agricultural Department and if June is not placed here I am uncertain about the outcome.

I hope you have a pleasant trip and want you to know that we will carry on in the best possible manner while you are gone.

I do appreciate what you've done for us and hope we can be settled for good soon.

Very sincerely yours,

Mayhew

Dear Eleanor,

This is our one chance to get June Fickel settled happily. Petrie apparently would take Fickel but he is not an Ames College man like the rest of the staff and may be let go himself. I spoke to Secy Wallace about this Wednesday but I can't get it through by myself. Wallace has met & know he no attachment. H.H.C. M. U.



April 3, 1934.

My dear Miss Dewson:

Mrs. Roosevelt has read over  
"The Human Aspects of the New Deal" and  
she thinks it is excellent.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to  
Mrs. Roosevelt.

Miss Mary Dewson  
National Democratic Committee  
National Press Building  
Washington, D. C.

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THE HUMAN ASPECTS OF THE NEW DEAL

Mary W. Dawson

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The other day two fine Arkansas women said to me, "What can we do to help the New Deal?" I answered "Reexamine why you are Democrats. Are you not Democrats for the same reason that I am a Unitarian and that you probably are Methodists because you were brought up in the faith of your fathers and accepted their beliefs as a matter of tradition? Today you are not questioning your religious beliefs because this is not a time of religious stress and strain but you should be questioning your political beliefs to see whether they are adequate to steer by in the government of our distressed country."

No government can rise much higher than the standards and wisdom of its people. Of late years the rank and file has accepted too lightly the say so of prosperous men and rationalized by pretending it did now know enough to think things through. We lost our integrity thereby.

The new attitude is expressed by the young hairdresser who said to me last week, "We never used to think government had anything to do with us but now we talk of nothing else. A little while ago one of my patrons said to me something about Roosevelt I did not like and I could not help it but I told her why I thought she was all wrong. I expected she would report me and that I should be fired. I planned to write Roosevelt and say I got fired sticking up for you and I'm proud and glad of it," Then she added almost regretfully, "But she didn't and the next time she came she asked for me again."

William Hard wrote what can we hope for when we set 125,000,000 fine, social minded citizens to catch 125,000,000 grafters and chiselers. Apt enough but if the higher side of our natures get into cooperative action we can rout the money changers from the temple.

The rock upon which the Democratic Party is founded is Jefferson's belief that the rights of humble persons must be protected. In his day they needed education to give them an equal chance. Now they need to be safe guarded from the encroachment of vested property interests and the machine age.

There are certain touchstones by which each of us can decide his political philosophy. Our destination chosen we can endure the difficulties of the voyage, even being temporarily blown off the course, for we will not go aimlessly in circles, or to an undesired port.

No civilization to my mind is worth preserving that is not planned to give security to every man to earn a decent living by a reasonable number of hours of work, and to care for him in childhood, in sickness and in old age; to educate and train him; and to preserve his civil and religious liberties.

Our economic development makes possible such a standard and permits additional material returns to the go getters. This differentiates the plans of the New Deal from Socialism. It is in short the halfway house between the unbridled license of the late era to get and to hold and the Soviet form of government.

The New Deal has three tasks. The first to care for the human misery created by the general collapse; second to get the wheels started; and third to work out a better ordered society.

The presence of human misery has been admitted and as a people we have cared for our people. There has been no cheap talk about creating this psychology or that. We are paying for the cost of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration and the Civil Works' Administration by taxation, each according to his income, just as we are paying for the cost of the late war. Emergency relief work is arranged so that those in need can if possible render some service to the State.

The need for speed, the lack of enough trained workers created flaws in the administration of these agencies. The grafter and the chiseler in some citizens overcame their above mentioned better natures. Ghouls cluster at every tragedy. A tremendous effort as a matter of fact had been made to put the FERA and the CWA in the hands of distinguished citizens. The smaller type of Democratic politicians protested vehemently that the Republican appointees were seizing the opportunity to build up the disrupted Republican machine and vice versa. When the reckoning comes I doubt if it shows as much graft altogether the country over as in one air mail contract. Only taking pennies from the eyes of the dead, or robbing the contribution box for the poor have such a close and vivid connection between cause and effect. Graft on relief funds arouses a quicker, easier disgust than the more sinister, hidden and burdensome forms of getting something for nothing that have honey combed our big affairs.

The Civilian Conservation Camps started as another emergency relief measure but it is developing into a part of the permanent plan. Two million were unemployed in 1929 at the top of the stock market boom.

It is said that when we get on a level keel once more five millions will still be unemployed. It may prove thrifty to utilize the services of a number of our young men just out of school for a year apiece in preserving our natural resources while building up their health, broadening their outlook and giving them a fine training in work habits and skills. Public schooling has proved its worth. Why not this extra year for those who volunteer.

The Home Owners' Loan Corporation has prevented foreclosures on many homes, and the loss of the savings of a life-time. Owners of bonds and stocks have had to put up with suspended income and depreciated capital but unless they gambled on the stock exchange their savings have not been so completely wiped out.

To get the wheels started several agencies were utilized. Easing of credit through the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and "priming the pump" by the Public Works' Administration were essential to the New Deal but as part of the machinery rather than as an end in themselves. Advocates of preparedness with blue prints of public works ready to be started at the beginning of a depression will have abundant ammunition for the future if we ever sink back into the old unplanned order.

The National Recovery Administration was planned to increase the purchasing power of the myriad of workers who live on less than \$1000 a year or if you will \$1500 and to decrease unemployment by shortening hours. For years the better type of manufacturers who faced the end of the road upon which we were travelling, the road of very low wages for the many and the necessity of a large market for mass produced



products, realized they should hold up wage scales to at least a living wage. But their individual need due to undercutting competitors who exploited labor and employed children sabotaged their long view and at the first personal strain they joined the race downward to lower and lower wage levels. Now the NRA provides a minimum wage for all employed in a given industry in the same region. It also offers help against undercutting through any number of mean trade practices. Unquestionably substantial gains have been made. It remains to be seen whether the Code Authorities will insist on compliance. Without it the whole plan is a dud. If the employers cooperate effectively to maintain minimums and concentrate their efforts on surpassing their competitors by improving methods of manufacturing, better organization, resourcefulness, initiative and imagination undoubtedly enforcement will be left in their hands. Opportunity galore for rugged individualism but under the rules of the game based on fair practices. To aid in determining fair practices the Consumers' Advisory Board is checking up in a painstaking technical way on the reasonableness of prices and various trade practices which affect the the consumer. But if the codes are not fair to labor and are not lived up to or if manufacturers try to manipulate them to raise prices unreasonably the state in self protection will have to declare industry's effort at cooperative self government a failure and itself regulate industry as much as is necessary to protect the public interest.

The second great effort to get the wheels going was made through farm credits and farm mortgage arrangements, and through the Agri-

cultural Adjustment Administration, by means of processing taxes and crop allotment. A Washington worker went home lately to see her family in North Carolina. They raise tobacco. She was astounded to see her mother with her hair neatly bobbed in a new dress. "Why Ma you look all perked up". "Yes, but look at Pa!" And there was Pa in the first new clothes she ever remembered seeing him wear. But Pa only said "Hugh! Come on out in the yard." There was a grand fifty dollar second hand Ford. Agricultural and industrial prices have been all out of balance. In 1928 Al Smith campaigned on the basis of the hundred thousands of farms lost through foreclosed mortgages. The situation did not improve. Most of the tenant farmers in Oklahoma and Texas became even more desperate. The AAA had given encouragement to all but the dairy farmers, particularly in the Minnesota region. Soon the AAA plans will become effective for them. But I think the hope of the farmers comes more from the determination of the administration to experiment until this age old problem is in hand and the energy with which they have gone about it than from the conviction that the complete solution has been found. It is not so simple a problem that it can be settled quickly and so finally.

The AAA and the NRA are fundamental steps toward a better ordered society and the essentials must be preserved in whatever precise form. Was it not Benjamin Franklin who said it is a dumb man who cannot learn from experience. Unfair competition must be wiped out, minimum standards for the worker must be enforced. Congress must be given power to prevent the exploitation of children by law. The President says, "It is my opinion that the matter hardly requires further

academic discussion. The right path has been shown." Yet the interests are making a desperate stand with the old battery of arguments that the Depression should have taught them to discard.

The new bill for federal unemployment reserves now before the Congress is a necessary part of the plan. Since wage scales in manufacturing are based on a subsistence or at best on a living wage few workers can save against unemployment. Reserves would carry laborers thrown out of work for three or four months while they are hunting a job. The non-partisan Employment Exchanges being established under the Wagner-Peyser law are another and fundamental part. The National Labor Board gives labor a fair tribunal in its otherwise unequal struggle with organized employers.

The Emergency Housing Corporation provides money at so low a rate of interest plus a 30 percent bonus that slums can be cleared and working men's houses built at a price per room within the range of their "living wage". No other housing arrangement makes it possible. Personally I do not approve of what is in effect a subsidy to industry. It is too illogical for us to buy goods cheaper because industry does not pay enough to enable its employees to rent tenements that are not breeders of crime and ill health. However we are clearing up the mess of years and as an emergency measure it has many values.

The New Deal is experimenting also with subsistence homesteads for we must never forget the five million estimated to be permanently unemployed that must be absorbed.

A yard stick for the cost of electricity has been established at Muscle Shoals. A hand is being taken in aviation, The oil code has

made great strides in regulating that turbulent industry. In the next three years I hope <sup>the New Deal</sup> it tackles bituminous coal and the railroads. It has a well developed experimentally tested plan for taking over marginal lands, so expensive socially, and utilizing them to control floods and erosion, to conserve forests and wild life and to provide recreation.

All these agencies have a human aspect. Only at one point do I see the New Deal efforts as mechanism and not a part of the goal and that is on the financial side. Of course the manipulation of money and credit has put 80 percent of capital in the hands of 2 percent of the people, and enabled some who spend the most to avoid the income taxes the rest faithfully pay. Restraints on financial power have been introduced. Small bank deposits are to be insured. The Stock Exchanges will be <sup>debarred from</sup> ~~restrained in~~ inviting and assisting the lambs to the slaughter. Exposure of big financiers has notified their fellows that in the opinion of the rank and file not everything that is legal is of good repute. But still there remains the question of legitimately financing the business of the country. This must be worked out with due returns to capital but I refuse to see property and its protection as the end and aim of society to which human rights of the humble shall take second place.

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NEW YORK CITY

WOMEN'S DIVISION  
MARY W. DEWSON, DIRECTOR

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MURRAY HILL 2-7400

April 9, 1934

Dear Eleanor:

Last week I was in Missouri and missed seeing you and this week I am going to Tennessee on Wednesday at 4:45 so that I am going to miss you again. I hope and expect you take Sundays off. If not, it would be great to have a chance to talk with you about things in general for I have just finished the first six months with the Committee. If you have any time Sunday to spare, if you will telephone my office they will get in touch with me.

The only particular person who is on my mind is Mrs. Fickel. I am so afraid that if we do not place her husband soon that she may walk out on me because he is getting so restless. On the other hand, both you and I have spoken to Secretary Wallace about Mr. Fickel for the cattle program and Mr. Friant now writes that "I fear the heavy pressure that is being put on the Secretary and Dr. Petrie is hurting instead of helping his case."

Cooperative efforts certainly presents many difficulties.

Affectionately yours,



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MURRAY HILL 2-7400

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April 16, 1934

Dear Malvina:

How nice that things have developed so  
that your sister can get married. I think an  
administration is always helped by a few love affairs.

If she comes into the office, I hope  
she will speak to me so that I can deliver my  
congratulations in person.

Very sincerely yours,

*Mary Dewson*

MWD:SKS

Mary W. Dewson

Mrs. Malvina Thompson Scheider  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Copy for Mrs. Scheider

April 16, 1934

Hon. Louis McHenry Howe  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Louis:

I had never heard of Mrs. Maude Murray Miller so I asked Mrs Julian who says she has no influence--is rather old and feeble. She is always trying to get to the front **at** the State Capitol but no one pays any attention to her. She thinks she has been badly handled.

However, in her opinion of the retention of Mr. Thad Brown on the Radio Commission, Mr. Julian agrees with her 100%.

Sincerely yours,

MWD:SKS

Mary W. Dawson

I sent word direct to Louis Howe  
to save you trouble.

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April 16, 1934

Dear Eleanor -

You cannot know how disappointed I am, to give out and not be able to help Franklin to the limit. What he is doing is so far-seeing and inspired he must succeed anyway. As for you I love you as I always have so I hate to think of losing even the fleeting glimpses that have lightened the job so much.

I take ~~great~~ satisfaction in some things the Women's Division has helped do:

1.- Many Democratic women have been kept from thinking their services were unappreciated and encouraged to continue their work.

2.- Recognition of women in federal positions has been unprecedented.

3.- Women have been stimulated to seek more definite responsibility in the party through changes in state laws governing political parties.

4.- The Reporter Plan has focused attention on the responsibility of Democratic women to understand and support the New Deal and convert their Republican neighbors.

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I hope by June first you will have chosen my successor. I am as you suggested enclosing a list of possibilities. I shall tell absolutely no one beside Miss Porter to avoid a lot of wire pulling, heart burnings and disgruntled women all of which can be avoided by making your two announcements simultaneously.

My preference is for a New Dealer because playing politics by the Women's Division would not be tolerated and would accomplish nothing certainly in the present stage of women's political development, whereas genuine interest in the New Deal could utilize the women's organizations to back Franklin's plans.

I am making three suggestions but they should be carefully checked. You and F. D. should see them and inquire further.

Most of the National Committee Women and the State Vice Chairmen are very very politically minded but Mrs. James H. Wolfe of Salt Lake City

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vice Chairman for Utah is also interested in government. She has made the Utah study clubs a part of the party organization. This plan plus her splendid organizing ability I believe defeated Smoot. Miss Bella Sherwin thinks most highly of her ability. Her husband is a judge who hopes to be elevated to the Circuit Court of Appeals when the present Utah incumbent dies. They are Unitarians. Of course she has no idea of my suggestion.

My second preference is Mrs. Musser the National Committee Woman of Utah. She is also a woman of culture, intelligence and ideals.

My third and less assured preference is Miss Amelia Sears of Chicago whose reputation as a social worker is nation wide. She is now one of the County Commissioners of Cook County. Chicago's mayor however has refused to let her run again on the Democratic ticket.

With the exception of Levinia Ingle there are all the New Deal timber I know of among



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the available leaders. Leornia Sagle is a brilliant forceful speaker but no organizer at all. I believe the women would write on her but somehow I don't believe she would fit the White House.

Devotedly

M. W. Dewson

Other prominent Democratic Women

5. Mrs. Scott Bullitt. She would make an attractive facade and is so wealthy she might give enough to pay for a first class assistant and for the expenses of the state vice chairmen so that they could be more active. She would be disinterested.
6. Anna Dickey Olsen of Minnesota is our best farm orator but like most orators she would not be a very good organizer. She has very strong and not so good fronts.
7. Mrs. Thornton Brown of Missouri an old war horse but both a fine speaker and organizer. She is a high type.
8. Smily Newell Blair
9. Fanny Susan Welch
10. Ellen Woodward
11. Mrs. Hollie Whitehead of Virginia whose husband has a federal position at Baltimore. I don't know how much experience she has, but she has personality and initiative.

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April 18, 1934

Dear Eleanor:

Mrs. Hamilton Wright says it will be a tremendous satisfaction to the women in the South who worked so hard for the Uniform Narcotic Bill to have you say at your next press conference how pleased you are at the lead the South has taken in this matter.

The drug interests were in evidence in South Carolina and Mr. Anslinger was so pleased with the work the women did there that he wrote the Secretary of the Women's Legislative Committee a special letter praising her former work.

The Governor of South Carolina has signed the bill and, as you know, it was passed and signed in Virginia, a few weeks ago. Those who have signed are South Carolina, Virginia, Florida, Kentucky, New York and New Jersey. If you agree to do this I think it would be well worth while.

Sincerely yours,

*Mary Dewson - Holy*

Mary W. Dewson

*I sign while I  
read. automatically*

MWD:SKS

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

April 19, 1934

My dear Miss Dewson:

Mrs. Roosevelt has asked me to send you the enclosed correspondence for consideration. She requests that the enclosures be returned to Mr. Peterson upon acknowledgment of his letter.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to  
Mrs. Roosevelt.

Miss Mary Dewson  
National Democratic Committee  
National Press Building  
Washington, D. C.

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April 19, 1934

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Eleanor:-

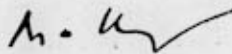
I want you to see a picture of Mrs. Wolfe.

I am enclosing her history.

*also some letters from her*

Mrs. Nusser's picture and history are in the  
"New Deal" magazine I gave you.

Affectionately,



Mary W. Dewson

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Mrs. James H.  
Wolfe

Mrs. James H. Wolfe



Biographical Sketch  
MRS. JAMES H. WOLFE  
Utah State Chairwoman, Democratic Women  
273 Capitol, (East) Salt Lake City, Utah

Husband- Hon. James H. Wolfe, Judge Third Judicial District Court

Children- Samuel, Emma Katherine, James H. Jr., Russell and George

Business Experience- Secretary of State and various state boards (1916-1917)

Course in business administration and accounting  
University of Chicago

Civic activities- President- Women's Legislative Council four years  
President- State League of Women Voters two terms  
Vice-President, Civic Center Ass'n  
President- Lafayette Parent Teacher Ass'n two terms  
State Chairwoman, H. R. A. Patriotic Volunteers  
Vice-Chairwoman, American Red Cross for Salt Lake Co.

Church activities- Unitarian  
Vice-President, Board of Trustees  
Past President, Alliance of Unitarian Women

Club activities- Board of Directors, Ladies Literary Club (past)

7-11  
January 31, 1934

Hon. Abe Murdock  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Murdock:-

I have learned that there is some opposition developing to the appointment of some of our women as post mistresses, and I wish at this time to state that the women's organization is wholeheartedly behind these candidates. Mrs. Musser, National Committee-woman and other women leaders, feel with me that the work which the women do in the organization is of such importance that it deserves some recognition in the way of patronage. I know you feel this way yourself, but there is a general feeling beginning to develop that the women are not going to be recognized.

I wish to call your attention to the following candidates:

Mrs. Lucile Greenwood of Richfield  
Mrs. Forrest King of Marysville  
Mrs. D. B. Perkins of Monticello

I understand that the terms of the present officers have expired in all of the above cases.

Mrs. Greenwood as you well know is qualified in every way for the position of post mistresses. She has given loyal service to the Democratic Party, having served as a member of the organization for the past twenty-five years. I sincerely believe that her appointment would not only meet with the approval of a majority of the Richfield residents, but would please the people of Sevier County as well.

I just finished a conversation with Mr. Draper in regard to Mrs. Forrest King. He stated that he thought she was one of the livest members of the entire organization in that part of the state, men not excepted. We find her a very intelligent person to work with. She can always be depended upon to cooperate in every way possible for the welfare of the party.

Mrs. D. B. Perkins impresses me as an outstanding woman. She has a splendid women's organization in San Juan County. She just completed putting over the N.R.A.

Hon. Abe Murdock -2-

Consumers' Drive down there, and did a really first class job. She is one of those rare persons whom you can really depend upon to "deliver the good".

I realize that everyone of these women have to face the opposition of men. They have to measure up to or surpass their opponent as far as ability is concerned, and in addition fight that archaic idea that women's place is in the home (except during a campaign).

Mr. Murdock, don't you think it would be a good idea to recommend the above named women for appointment, and clear the atmosphere so to speak. The longer these appointments are delayed sometimes, the more bitter the feeling becomes. When all is said and done your constituents cannot help but admit that these women are entitled to recognition and that they are capable.

We realize the tremendous strain which you are under during this session of Congress, and hesitate to inject now problems, but hope that you will give our recommendations favorable consideration. Mrs. Musser joins me in these recommendations.

With cordial greetings, I remain

Yours very truly,

Mrs. James H. Wolfe  
State Chairwoman.

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UTAH STATE DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE  
STATE HEADQUARTERS  
Salt Lake City  
Utah

December 1, 1933

Miss Mary W. Dewson  
Director of Women's Division  
Hotel Biltmore, N. Y.

Dear Miss Dewson:

I acknowledge receipt of your letters dated November 20, and 27. Answer to the first was delayed because I wanted just a little time to think about your plan. Of course you hit upon the difficulty when you stated that the problem might be to get a woman smart enough to do it. I have been trying to think women in our organization here who might have the background, the intelligence and the initiative. I can think of only one or two who are equipped at the present time. Of course I am not saying that there are not women who could be developed to do this sort of thing, because I know they could. I have been wondering whether or not a Leaders' Round Table would not get us further. If we could furnish them with a good outline and bibliography I believe that we could really do some good educational work. I have had under contemplation calling the study group presidents of Salt Lake County to my home for a luncheon meeting, to discuss the question as to whether they would not like to meet monthly for a round table discussion of the vital problems of the day. We then might have a Leaders' Group in each County. These groups should stimulate the activity in the various study groups throughout the County.

I am enclosing herewith copy of letter which was sent to County Chairwomen and Presidents on the 30th of October. We begin our reorganization in January, and we want the women to be prepared for it. As you doubtless know Utah is fortunate in having women vice-chairwoman provided for in its rules of organizations. Up to the present time, however, we have not been successful in having them elected in all the counties. I am also enclosing under separate cover copy of the New Deal, the magazine which our state organization is using to reach its members. It is issued weekly and can be used to good advantage if we perk up a bit.

I have gone somewhat into detail as to our plans and what we are trying to do here because I want you to know how thoroughly we believe in your "message". I believe that the women of this country want to do their share in assuming responsibility for their government, but they are handicapped by lack of knowledge, and if we could make the securing of knowledge a little easier for them; we would get fine cooperation.

I like the program which was sent out by Miss White under your direction. Now if we had one person in each County who could help the women to find the material, from which to write a paper or give a talk I think it would be splendid. If not in each County we should have at least one in each State. I do not know how it is in the East, but here in the West our women need assistance in securing their material. In a great many of the smaller communities they have nothing but a local weekly, which is about as good as nothing at all.

If you think that I can be of assistance in helping to put your program over in the states mentioned: Arizona, Utah, Nevada, Wyoming, and Idaho, I am perfectly willing to try. I know Mrs. Johnesse, State Chairwoman for Idaho. She seemed to get some inspiration from the work we were doing in the last campaign. I also gave some of our material and suggestions to the National Committeewoman from Nevada, who was quite new in the game.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Carolyn Wolfe  
(Mrs. James H. Wolfe)  
State Chairwoman





MRS. GEORGE D. SCHERMERHORN  
STATE REGENT  
READING, MICHIGAN

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,  
The White House.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt,-  
This year  
marks the Tercentenary  
of the landing of Jean  
Nicole on Michigan  
Shores, and will be  
appropriately observed  
on Mackinac Island,  
where he made one  
of his first encampments.

In 1931 the Michigan Society Daughters of the American Revolution chose Mackinac Island as Michigan's most historic spot, and erected a tablet marking it as such. Because of this, the Mackinac Island State Park Commission invited us to have a definite part in this summer's notable event.

July sixth is designated

as DAR Day, and our festivities will extend through the seventh, and many will remain over the weekend to enjoy the historic lore and the beauty of the Island.

I am writing to extend a cordial invitation to you, from the Michigan Society Daughters of the American Revolution, to join us on this happy occasion, and to ask if you would favor us with a few words of greeting

the night of our banquet,  
July sixth.

We are expecting  
our President General  
Mrs. Wagner to be  
with us, as well as  
many other state and  
national officers.

Hoping that it  
will be your pleasure  
to come to Michigan  
and that the Michigan  
Society may have the  
happy privilege of  
having you for its  
guest of honor, I am

Very sincerely

Hazel Schumacher

May, 12, 1934.

April 21, 1934

Dear Molly:

The President suggests that you take up the question of Miss Newton's appointment as Assistant Patent Commissioner with Secretary Hoyer.

Affectionately,

S:O

Miss Mary W. Dewson  
Democratic National Com.

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WOMEN'S DIVISION  
MARY W. DEWSON, DIRECTOR

Mrs. Roosevelt

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Eleanor:

Has Franklin ever considered appointing  
Miss Newton as Assistant Patent Commissioner?

You remember I have often spoken to you  
of her and how advantageous it seems to me to give  
a few women who make their mark in a profession  
some real recognition.

Affectionately yours,

*Molly*

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Miss Mary W. Dewson

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*1-21-34* MURRAY HILL 2-7400  
March 5, 1934

*President suggests  
you take the up  
with Secretary of  
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April 30, 1934

Dear Eleanor:

Malvina gave me your message that I am to see Jim. Unfortunately, he is in New York today and tomorrow. I shall be here Wednesday and will try to see him but he is so busy that sometimes it takes me three or four weeks before I can get to him. Thursday, I am speaking to the Pennsylvania Federation of Democratic Women's Clubs.

Affectionately yours,

*Molly*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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MISS DeLand

Dear Missy:

Mrs. Roosevelt is sending you this  
to bring to the President's attention and  
for him to do, of course, as he wishes.

M.L.S.

Mrs Scheider

The President says he  
cannot take part in a  
State matter

(to: Mrs.  
Hamilton  
Wright.)

M.L.

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*Molly*  
Mary W. Dawson

P.S. Mrs. Hamilton Wright of the Narcotic Bureau came in today to ask me to get you to see her for two minutes on Wednesday in order to tell you that the Uniform Narcotic Law has been signed in Virginia and passed in South Carolina in both houses and is now up to the Governor, whom she expects will sign very soon, to ask whether the President will comment favorably on the passage of these laws.

She says that it would make a strong impression on Europe if the President shows that he is behind this movement to clear up the narcotic situation in the United States.

Mrs. Wright can be reached at Decatur 5138. She does her work in her home.

*Dear Eleanor I want to thank you for my lovely  
Data files You were a darling to send them to me  
My love  
Molly*

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April 30, 1934

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Eleanor:

If the President plans to express his satisfaction about the adoption of the Uniform Narcotic Drug Act in Virginia and South Carolina he should also add Rhode Island for it was unanimously passed by Rhode Island on April 20th and, I presume, was signed by the Governor.

Affectionately yours,

*Molly*

Miss Mary W. Dewson

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*on your letter from conference*

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April 30, 1934

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Eleanor:

This letter from Mrs. Wolfe who is, as you know, Regional Advisor for Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, Nevada and Arizona shows, as you see, that she has already, very pleasantly, been a stimulous in every state but Arizona in her region.

Affectionately yours,

*Mary W. Dewson*

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Miss Mary W. Dewson



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## UTAH STATE DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE

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Newhouse Hotel  
Salt Lake City, Utah

April 24 - 1934.

Miss Mary W. Dewson, Director,  
Women's Division, Democratic National Committee,  
Hotel Biltmore, N. Y.

Dear Miss Dewson:

At last we have held our State Council of Democratic Women, and it proved to be very successful. We had an attendance of over three hundred at each session. I enclose a revised program. The meetings were carried out according to schedule, except that at the afternoon session we had additional short talks from Mrs. Blood, the wife of our Governor; Mrs. Johnesse, Mrs. Baking and Mrs. Ross of Idaho, and Mrs. Taliferro from Wyoming. The four ladies from Idaho and Wyoming arrived in time for the morning session. They did not miss a talk, and seemed very enthusiastic about getting things going.

Mrs. Johnesse spoke about getting a similar meeting in Idaho. She is a very energetic person, and I know that she will accomplish her purpose. She told me that she had an amendment to Idaho election laws passed at the last regular session of the legislature providing for women as vice chairmen of all political organizations and committees, and that these women will be elected at the primaries to be held a few months hence.

Mrs. Taliferro was also enthusiastic, but did not say anything about her plans.

I did not get a response from either Mrs. Clinedinst or Mrs. Nungesser regarding the Council meetings, and I am wondering whether or not they received my letter. Mrs. Nungesser did write me however saying that she would like me to come over and try to get her started. I may try to do it next week.

I also enclose clippings, which may interest you.

Yours sincerely,

*J. Wolfe*  
Mrs. James H. Wolfe  
State Chairwoman.

May 5, 1934

Dear Miss Dewson:

I am sending you this letter  
for your information. Mrs. Roosevelt has  
already acknowledged it.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to  
Mrs. Roosevelt

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Miss Mary Dewson  
Democratic National Committee  
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Let. from Mrs. Georgia Osborne  
Pres. Roosevelt Garner Club of Wyandotte County

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE  
HOTEL BILTMORE  
NEW YORK CITY

WOMEN'S DIVISION  
MARY W. DEWSON, DIRECTOR

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MAY 8, 1934

Dear Eleanor:

Elizabeth Wheeler, daughter of Senator Wheeler, is chairman of the student group for Good Will Day which is May 18th. They are going to make a demonstration in favor of disarmament.

The student group is composed of members of the International Relations Clubs that have been established in every college. The ones who have organized this Washington demonstration are from Johns Hopkins, Goucher, American University, Washington University, Catholic University, University of Maryland, etc.

A small delegation is very eager to be received by the President on May 18th. When Mr. McIntyre was approached he said the President is very busy but did not actually say no, so they asked me to try to help them get a few minutes. I said that I would put in a word for them but what would Miss Wheeler think of you as a substitute? She said they would be delighted if you would receive them.

Very sincerely yours,

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COMMITTEE FOR  
**WORLD GOOD WILL DAY**

DEMONSTRATION OF STUDENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE FOR WORLD DISARMAMENT  
AUSPICES OF WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE  
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TELEPHONE METROPOLITAN 3815

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HAROLD SAMPSON, UNDERGRADUATE CHAIRMAN  
MARY MOSS WELLBORN, SECRETARY

May 1, 1934

Dear Friend:

On World Good Will Day, Friday, May 18, we are having a demonstration of students and young people in Washington. A delegation will call on President Roosevelt asking him to take the lead now in securing a World Treaty for Complete Disarmament. Program of the demonstration and the resolution which will be presented to the President are enclosed.

We want every organization of young people in the United States represented in the delegation to the President. We are writing to ask your cooperation. Will you immediately get in touch with all groups of young people with whom you are connected and put the following requests before them:

To have representatives of their group take part in the delegation to the President.

To have resolutions, petitions, all kinds of communications, in the spirit of enclosed resolution, sent to us at above address before May 15.

To hold Disarmament Meetings on World Good Will Day - have a message wired to the President supporting request our delegation will present on that day.

We can quickly send you copies of enclosed program and resolution, if you will let us know how many you desire.

We hope that you yourself can take part in the delegation. Will you please let us hear from you at the earliest possible moment?

Sincerely,

*Mary Moss Wellborn*  
Secretary

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May 2, 1934

Dear Friend:

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We want every organization of young people in the United States represented in the delegation to the President. We are writing to ask your cooperation.

If you are interested in our plans, will you please inform your congregation and all groups of young people with whom you are in touch of the demonstration?

We should like the leaders of your young people's group to get in touch with us as soon as possible. Please let us know how many copies of the enclosed program and resolution you would like to distribute.

Sincerely,

*Mary Moss Wellborn*

Secretary



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MARY MOSS WELLBORN, SECRETARY

May 4, 1934

Dear

On World Good Will Day, Friday, May 18, we are having a demonstration of students and young people in Washington. A delegation will call on President Roosevelt asking him to take the lead now in securing a World Treaty for Complete Disarmament. A program of the demonstration and the resolution which will be presented to the President are enclosed.

We are writing to ask your cooperation because we want every organization of young people in the United States represented.

If you are interested in our plans, will you please pass on the enclosed material to the young people you know who are most active in working for peace.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary.

To the President of the United States from the Students  
and Young People of the United States  
World Good Will Day May 18, 1934

Mr. President:

We, the youth of America, believe the frenzied rivalry of nations in producing more and yet more armaments must inevitably precipitate war. If war comes our generation will suffer, not only through the horrors of conflict itself but through the economic chaos which will surely follow.

We challenge the right of the generation now guiding the affairs of the world to inflict such injury upon us.

Mr. President, we have seen you assume office in a time of panic, fear, and economic paralysis. We have seen you plunge into national problems with adventurous courage and give the people of our country an inspiration which banished fear and started them toward recovery.

We believe that by virtue of your personal prestige and of your office as Chief Executive of the most powerful nation on earth you can similarly inspire the world to end the senseless contest of armaments.

In your message on May 16, 1933, to the rulers of all nations you expressed the fervent hope of the American people for peace through disarmament. At that time you said, "The way to disarm is to disarm."

We call upon you now to end this country's participation in the armament race. We call upon you to take the lead in securing a World Treaty for Complete Disarmament - the actual abandonment of the weapons of war and of force as a means of settling international difficulties.

You are in a position of greater power than any man in the world to bring about disarmament - real disarmament, and the only real disarmament is Complete Disarmament. We call on you, Mr. President, to use this power to end war.

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*Mary W. Dawson*  
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May 8, 1934

Hon. James A. Farley  
Postmaster General  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Jim:

As you know, I have been deeply distressed that Mrs. Lyon Childress, National Committeewoman of Tennessee has been one of the President's most ardent supporters ever since the National Convention in 1924 has not been given adequate recognition.

Mrs. Childress is the youngest sister of the late Senator Joseph W. Bailey, U. S. Senator from Texas and an intimate childhood friend of Senator Pat Harrison. It has been impossible to find a suitable position for Mrs. Childress who now suggests that it would be most gratifying if her husband, Lyon Childress, could be appointed to the U. S. Board of Mediation.

Mr. Childress has had suitable experience for this position. He is a prominent Democrat and has always had and is now holding a state position. He was Superintendent of Taxation from 1926 to 1932. Mr. Childress is a direct descendant of the wife of President Polk and a most attractive Southern gentleman.

It occurs to me that Mr. Childress is qualified not only for the U. S. Board of Mediation but also for the U. S. Board of Tax Appeals.

Such an appointment would be an admirable solution for a very trying situation.

Very sincerely yours,

Mary W. Dawson

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May 8, 1934

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Hon James A. Farley  
Post Office Department  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

You asked me to send you the history of Byron O. Beall of New Mexico whom I would like to see appointed to the United States Board of Tax Appeals.

I asked the President to consider this appointment and Colonel McIntyre gave me the impression that nothing stood in the way if you would endorse him.

The reason I am for Mr. Beall is because when I saw him in January 1932, he agreed to give us instructed delegates from New Mexico at the Chicago Convention and he kept his word. Since that time, he has been most cooperative in every way possible. Both Senator Hatch and Congressman Chavez will be very much pleased at this appointment.

Mr. Beall is eminently fitted for the position by his long experience as tax commissioner in New Mexico. Moreover, he has the type of mind and personality that fit him for this position.

Very sincerely yours,

Mary W. Dewson

May 11, 1934.

My dear Miss Dawson:

Mrs. Roosevelt is having a garden party on Thursday, May 17th, for the women holding executive positions in the Executive Departments and the different commissions, and for a representative from the office of each Senator and Representative. I am enclosing copies of the letters which have been sent. Are there any people in your office whose positions would correspond to those of the women who are being asked on Thursday, and would you send me a list of them so that cards may go?

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Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to  
Mrs. Roosevelt.

Miss Mary W. Dawson  
Democratic National Committee



# State Emergency Relief Administration

STATE CAPITOL BUILDING  
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

May 12, 1934.

Miss Mary W. Dewson,  
Director of Women's Division,  
National Democratic Committee,  
Hotel Biltmore,  
New York City.

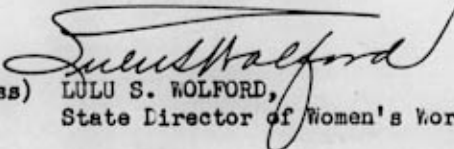
Dear Miss Dewson:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the letter sent to our First Lady, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, asking her interest in this most worthwhile project of making a survey of the handicapped persons in the metropolitan city of Omaha. The entire cost of this survey would run between \$3,000 and \$5,000 only of Federal funds.

I am sending you a summary of what has been done through the activities of the Department of Vocational Education of our state during the past three years in this field.

If you feel inclined to add your personal approval to this project and to call Mrs. Roosevelt's attention thereto, I am sure you will be rendering a service not only to the handicapped of Nebraska alone but of the entire nation, as I believe this project carried out as it has been here in a small way can with the aid of a very small portion of the Federal funds render an inestimable service to humanity from social, humane and financial standpoints in their rehabilitation and restoration to health and ability to sustain themselves instead of being public charges. I trust that I am not suggesting anything unethical. I am thinking of it only as all women working together for the best interests of humanity. Thanking you for all the many kindnesses extended to me, I am

Most sincerely yours,

  
(Miss) LULU S. WOLFORD,  
State Director of Women's Work.

Room 2234.

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Copies of letters sent to Miss Mary A. Tewson, Democratic  
National Committee. Original letters sent to Mr. Carpenter,  
Georgia Warm Springs Foundation, Warm Springs, Georgia.  
Letters copied, May 19th, 1934

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May 14, 1934

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Miss Mary W. Dewson,  
Director of Women's Activities,  
National Press Building,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Miss Dewson:

I am enclosing a letter to you which I received several weeks ago from Leonard McHugh, Chairman of the St. Louis County Democratic Committee.

This letter speaks for itself and gives you as much knowledge of the situation as I have myself. However, I do want to say that Mr. McHugh is a very fine man and a valuable asset to the Democratic Party and when he asks a favor of this kind, if there is anything we can do for him, it is to our interest to do it.

Will you please let me hear from you so that I may report to Mr. McHugh?

With my kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely,

Mrs. Stanley V. Hodge,  
Democratic National Committee-  
woman.

DEMOCRATIC ASSOCIATION

Duluth, Minnesota

C O P Y

Mrs. Stanley V. Hodge  
Federal Building  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Hodge:

Several of the boys at Hibbing have called to my attention the condition of John Slattery, fifteen years old, residing at Hibbing. He is paralyzed from an attack of infantile paralysis when he was very young. He now goes to school in a wheel chair. His parents are unable to send him away for treatment.

Do you think there is any possibility that Mrs. Roosevelt could be interested in having him sent to Warm Springs, Georgia?

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Leonard McHugh  
Chairman, St. Louis County  
Democratic Committee

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May 14, 1934

Mrs. Stanley V. Hodge  
2426 West Broadway  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Hodge:

I am very glad indeed to bring John Slattery to  
Mrs. Roosevelt's attention.

I know that Warm Springs can take care of only a  
small number of those who need to go there but, of course,  
there is some basis of selection. Let us hope that young  
Slattery can be among the fortunate who are admitted.

Very sincerely yours,

Mary W. Dawson



May 14, 1934.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,  
White House,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I am taking the liberty of sending you this copy of a projected survey which we are endeavoring to found in Nebraska. The objectives of this survey are a reduction of and prevention of crippling conditions among children, the correction of their existing physical disabilities and the improvement of the coordination of the various agencies in the state that deal with the rehabilitation of crippled children and disabled adults.

Beginning three years ago twelve (12) clinics for crippled children have been conducted by thirty-eight (38) county medical societies (400 physicians and surgeons) as a part of the program sponsored by the Rehabilitation Division of the State Department of Vocational Education in cooperation with the crippled children's committee of the state Elks Association. Of the 1,019 crippled children examined by the twelve (12) clinics over 600 are now under programs of physical restoration. The attached analysis of eleven (11) of these clinics in which 797 children were examined shows that of the 348 reporting at the time the analysis was made, (more than a year ago) 246 had followed recommendations for remedial measures and 238 had shown definite improvement.

Nebraska has in excess of 5,000 crippled and handicapped persons, the greater majority of whom are under sixteen (16) years of age. Many are victims of Poliomyelitis. The Elks Clubs of the state have an endowment fund of \$10,000 raised for the purpose of rehabilitating crippled children and they, together with various public agencies, will provide for the treatment of cases where parents are unable to do so. Women's civic clubs cooperate in every possible way, and all business organizations - grocers, hotels and restaurants - furnish free lunches, necessary linens, etc. for the clinics. The light and power companies donate all wiring, current and lamps necessary.

It was my privilege to attend a clinic this week in which over sixty (60) of these unfortunates were examined and recommendations for treatment made to the parents and to the permanent crippled children's committee.

Our principal objective now is to make a complete survey of the city of Omaha (population 200,000) by twenty or thirty nurses who have been working under CNS but are now unemployed and who would have entre to every home and the confidence of the families visited. We are asking only sufficient funds to make this survey by these nurses. We feel that there are in excess of 1,200 handicapped children in the city of Omaha alone. The follow-up work in these cases is done by permanent committees made up of cooperative organization representatives who endeavor to make possible the treatment of every case that will respond to remedial measures.

We most respectfully solicit your interest and cooperation in this projected survey. We believe this survey will be of inestimable value to the entire nation as an example of what can be done through uniting the interest and efforts of Governmental agencies, public organizations, the medical profession, the press and private citizens.

We are fortunate, indeed, to have as our First Lady one who takes such an active interest in the welfare of humanity.

Gratefully yours,

(Miss) LULU S. WOLFORD,  
State Director of Women's Work.

Room 2234.

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DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE  
HOTEL BILTMORE  
NEW YORK CITY

WOMEN'S DIVISION  
MARY W. DEWSON, DIRECTOR

MURRAY HILL 2-7400

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May 15, 1934

Dear Eleanor:

These young people look to the President as a leader  
and are keen to follow him even though they do not see  
eye to eye on armament matters.

They expect about one thousand at the square.

If the President wanted to say a word in their national  
radio time the Good Willers would not deny him this privilege!

Sincerely yours,

*M W Dewson*

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Mary W. Dewson

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## State of Nebraska

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**To:** Nebraska State Emergency Relief Administration.  
**From:** J. R. Jewell, Supervisor Vocational Rehabilitation of  
Disabled Persons, State Department of Vocational Education.  
**Subject:** Proposed survey in Omaha of crippled children and adults  
vocationally handicapped by physical disabilities.  
(Proposed by J. R. Hawke, City Director of Vocational  
Education, Omaha City Schools.)

**Note:** Replying to a communication under date of April  
26 from Miss Lulu S. Wolford, State Director of Women's  
Work, requesting that I give supplemental information  
and comments regarding the above proposed survey, the  
following data is respectfully submitted.

### FOREWORD

In order that the Relief Administration may know that  
this proposed survey will fill a definite need and that the data  
obtained will be immediately put to work by organized agencies

- a. in the reduction of crippling conditions among children,
- b. in the prevention of crippling conditions among children,
- c. in the correction of their existing physical disabilities,
- d. in improving the coordination between the various agencies in the state that deal with rehabilitation either of crippled children or disabled adults,

it is essential to have an understanding of

1. What has been done in the rehabilitation of disabled persons, both children and adults, in Nebraska.
2. Current problems in the field of rehabilitation of disabled persons in Nebraska.
3. The follow-up program by which information made available through the proposed survey will be used in Nebraska and may be used in other localities.

The information supplied is divided generally under these three headings though I will give special attention to the twelve points enumerated in Mr. Hopkins' letter of April 30.

1. What has been done in the Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons, both children and adults, in Nebraska.

When organized.  
Funds available—state.

The Rehabilitation Division of the State Department of Vocational Education was established late in 1921 in Nebraska. The work is supported jointly by state and federal appropriation totalling approximately \$25,000 annually.

Funds available nationally.

While the national act provides that the one million dollar fund appropriated annually and allotted to the various states on a maximum basis be expended for the promotion of the vocational rehabilitation of disabled persons, because of the smallness of the fund compared to the size of the job that was to be done, the federal administration found it necessary to require that the funds be expended largely on a basis of case work procedure. Of necessity, but a small amount of time, money and effort could be expended in the promotion and coordination of rehabilitation services of agencies outside the federal and state programs. While information relating to the number, kind, ages and conditions of disabled persons in the state would have contributed greatly to intelligent organization of the program, we did not have sufficient money for survey purposes to even make a start in this direction.

Small funds for promotion.  
Almost none for basic surveys.

Uses of funds.

The funds could be used for disabled persons of employable age for their physical examination to determine nature and extent of disabilities; for the training of eligible disabled persons; for their transportation to and from place of training; for books, supplies, tools, necessary instructional equipment, a limited amount for the purchase of needed artificial appliances; and for the placement of disabled persons in occupations especially suited to their disabilities.

Though some few states have provided funds for the physical restoration and maintenance of disabled persons during training, none of the state and federal matching funds could be expended for these purposes.

Persons aided in 13 years.

During the thirteen-year period of this program in Nebraska, approximately 700 disabled persons, for the most part entirely dependent at the time of application, have been prepared for and placed in occupations where they are now self-supporting, productive citizens.

Percent who make good.

A survey made of 550 cases rehabilitated during an eleven-year period showed almost 80% of the cases carrying on in the same line of work for which they had been trained.



Case cost compared to caring for dependents.

The average cost of rehabilitating these cases was approximately \$446.00 whereas the cost in Nebraska was \$310.08 each year to care for each inmate in the state custodial institutions.

Earnings of persons rehabilitated.

The total average earnings of the 550 civilians rehabilitated in the eleven-year period approximate a half million dollars a year. These producers and taxpayers, once dependent, are now engaged in 150 different occupations and are the support of over 1,700 persons.

Careful case selection necessary.

As the work of rehabilitation became generally known throughout the state, more applications were received than could be handled with available funds. Each year as the work progressed it became more necessary to tighten the requirements for eligibility and to use greater care to accept only those applicants in the greatest need who seemed most feasible for rehabilitation programs.

Increasing difficulties of placing disabled persons.

Then, too, as the work progressed year by year, it became increasingly difficult to place physically handicapped people in occupations. The growing mechanization of industry, increasing industrial accidents, the tightening of physical requirements in industry, steadily mounting compensation insurance costs and other factors beyond the control of the disabled individual, even before the depression struck in 1929 and 1930, had begun to seriously mitigate against the employment of physically handicapped people in Nebraska regardless of the individual's ability to do a given job.

Unemployed disabled persons a greater economic problem than normal unemployed persons (See cartoon)

Employers and society generally seem to be losing sight of the fact that a disabled man out of employment becomes a greater burden and is a greater economic loss than is an able bodied man out of employment for the reason that the physically handicapped individual has a tendency to deteriorate more rapidly and is not only a non-producer and a dependent but is one who, in addition to these, requires physical care. Modern ballistic engineers certainly recognize this fact in warfare by designing war machinery intended to cripple and maim rather than to kill. A dead enemy is thrown in a shallow grave while a wounded enemy requires two to carry him back and three to care for him and feed him behind the lines.

In order

Putting problems up to the people.

1. to stimulate the employment of physically handicapped people and
2. that funds for the rehabilitation of physically handicapped persons, both state and local, might be made more adequate,

it was thought necessary to attempt to lay the size and scope of the problem before the people of the state.

Press association cooperation.

The aid and cooperation of The Nebraska Press Association, comprising membership of 21 daily and 400 weekly newspapers, was enlisted and secured. It was impossible to make a census of the disabled people in the state. However, it was thought possible to determine the current number of disabilities occurring annually from accidents in the state.

State-wide accident survey and publication.

For a period of 28 months, every issue of every weekly and daily newspaper in Nebraska was sent to the office of The Nebraska Press Association where all accident notices were clipped. These clippings were forwarded each day to our office where they were compiled. Each two weeks, a bulletin was issued by the press association and published by the entire press of the state. This bulletin showed the number of farm, home, industrial, traffic and other public accidents and their resultant casualties in injuries, disabilities and deaths.

Facts established by accident survey.

Admittedly, the figures obtained were incomplete as press notices naturally cover only the most serious of accidents. However, more than 25,000 accidents were surveyed and the results compiled. The survey established the fact that accident disabilities in Nebraska occur at the rate of 41 per month or about eight times as fast as our rehabilitation division, with present funds and facilities, can return disabled individuals to remunerative employment.

Remedial legislation improved cooperation with employers.

Appropriations for the work received a 40% increase which was removed by the following session of the Legislature in line with reductions made generally in the whole state budget. Employers became much more generously disposed toward the employment of physically handicapped persons when they were brought to a better understanding of the seriousness of the situation. In fact, if it had not been for the changed attitude on the part of employers brought about by the new contacts made and information given them through the survey, we hardly would have been able to place any disabled people in the state since the depression struck.

Direct and indirect results of survey and publicity.

The indirect result pointing toward the reduction of accident disabilities were many. Local industrial accident prevention programs within factories expanded tremendously. Public safety programs were undertaken by scores of cities and towns. The Uniform Motor Vehicle Act recommended by the National Conference on Street and Highway Safety was adopted by the following session of the Legislature by a huge majority. People of Nebraska, at least while the publication of the survey was in progress, became definitely accident conscious.

### **Crippled Children Work in Nebraska.**

**Facilities available for crippled children care when rehabilitation was begun in Nebraska.**

When rehabilitation work was begun in Nebraska, it was generally accepted as a fact that facilities for the care of Nebraska's crippled children were quite adequate. Almost 20 years prior to 1921, Nebraska had established a state supported orthopedic children's hospital at Lincoln which is considered one of the finest institutions of its kind in the country. Some years before, there had also been established an orthopedic department of the University Hospital in Omaha. Omaha also has a privately endowed institution known as the Hattie B. Munroe Convalescent Home for Crippled Children. A number of Lincoln and Omaha private hospitals have small but well equipped orthopedic departments. Nebraska is fortunate in having a number of fine orthopedic surgeons. Surgeons who have been graduated from the University of Nebraska College of Medicine for more than 26 years have received the benefits of instruction in orthopedics at the hands of men who are nationally recognized as pioneers in this field.

**Still crippled children were without adequate care.**

Yet, from the commencement of the rehabilitation program in Nebraska, we have been receiving applications from disabled adults now permanently disabled by physical defects which could have and should have been easily corrected in the early years of their life. In a great majority of these cases, we are completely baffled in our attempts at rehabilitation not so much by disabling physical affliction as by the fact that because of childhood defects general education and mental development has been entirely neglected.

**Faced with the impossible.**

Probably, the most heartrending picture in the whole field of social service is presented by a young man in his teens with a perfectly normal intellect and a warped, twisted body that might easily have been corrected in childhood whose physical condition has prevented him from receiving even an elementary schooling. He speaks to us with childlike faith and simplicity of the accomplishments of Lord Byron, John Milton, Helen Keller, our own great President or some notable figure in history who has had the courage, fortitude and ability to rise to greatness in spite of physical handicaps. He confidently expects that by some more or less magic stroke we can, with the few hundred dollars at our disposal for each case, bridge the gap between zero schooling and a career and set him on the road to success.

**Fine minds embittered by neglect.**

Or, those others who with a little schooling have come to realize that they are different; that a physical correction which should have been done at an early age was denied them on account of ignorance or poverty. Their brilliant minds have become embittered, sullen, demanding and anti-social. I am speaking not of dozens or scores but hundreds of cases with whom we have had contact.



Pioneering for improvements years of study.

We made close contact with every agency in the state which had to do with any phase of work for crippled children and attempted as best we could to work with them. We followed closely the state programs of work for crippled children in other states in an attempt to visualize a program that would be a complete program for crippled children which might be installed in Nebraska. Finally, we were attracted by the methods and accomplishments of the crippled children's program in the state of New Jersey. We corresponded with Joseph G. Buch, Chairman of the Crippled Children's Commission in the state of New Jersey. Mr. Buch, an experienced, able humanitarian who for years had struggled with the same problems, had finally organized a program which seemed to be getting results.

Combining our research efforts with State Elks Assn. and a New Jersey pioneer, J.G. Buch.

At the same time, the State Elks Association in Nebraska became interested in undertaking a project for crippled children as a major activity of the state organization. Through the lodges, they raised an endowment fund of \$10,000. This fund was to serve as a nucleus for a larger endowment fund the income from which was to be used to carry out any program decided upon. For a year, the Crippled Children Committee of the State Elks Association worked with our department in a study of other state programs. As interest finally centered around the New Jersey plan, Mr. Buch was induced to come to Nebraska for a conference with the state committee and representatives of the department. The plan finally evolved for the commencement of a program was an evolution of the New Jersey plan with changes deemed necessary to meet the differences in conditions in the two states.

The Nebraska plan finally evolved.

It is a plan based on survey to determine the names, residences, ages, number, kind and conditions of crippled children in a given area. Once these facts are ascertained, regular medical societies are encouraged to conduct clinics by which complete general physical, mental and orthopedic examinations may be given to all crippled children found within the given area. Permanent Crippled Children Committees of laymen are then formed, representing all organized agencies in the area, to aid in carrying out the detailed recommendations of the clinics with respect to care, after-treatment, education, vocational preparation and placement of the children examined. The plan was formulated late in 1929.

Preliminary state survey from available records.

Five years prior, a law had been passed requiring that school census enumerators report to the Department of Public Welfare all blind, deaf, defective and crippled children of school age. This information had been accumulated in that department and nothing had ever been done. A four-month survey was then undertaken in one county. Whereas, the survey of the state records disclosed 37 crippled children residing in one county, the detailed contact survey showed more than four times that many.

The medical society in that county immediately organized and conducted two clinics for the examination of the crippled children found. A follow-up committee was organized according to the original plan.

Organized cooperation effected with State Elks Assn.

Following these clinics, the State Elks Association Convention authorized the employment, on a half-time basis, of a field worker whose duties it would be to conduct additional detailed surveys and encourage local medical societies to hold clinics for the examination of the children discovered and to organize the follow-up committees; to coordinate the work for crippled children of various agencies in each locality and to coordinate the work of the various committees over the state. For this purpose, they agreed to raise \$3,000 per year in addition to the endowment fund already created.

How expense of program is met.

This department also employs the field worker on a half-time basis as a rehabilitation agent to do regular rehabilitation case work with those children of employable age and over who are discovered through the medium of the clinics.

How administered.

The program is administered jointly by the Chairman of the Crippled Children Committee of the State Elks Association, August Schneider of Benedict, Nebraska, and the State Supervisor of Vocational Rehabilitation, J.R. Jewell. Both serve without compensation in the direction of the program.

Twelve clinics held and results to date.

Twelve clinics for the examination of crippled children have been held by county medical societies in Nebraska in cooperation with the program sponsored by Nebraska Elks and the Rehabilitation Division of the State Department of Vocational Education. 1019 crippled children have been examined. Over 600 of the 1019 children are now under or have completed programs of physical restoration. Many have made complete recoveries. 76 of our 93 counties have had clinics made available to their crippled children.

Who has cooperated?

41 County Medical Societies have cooperated. 460 physicians and surgeons have contributed at least a full day's time to the program. 5 orthopedic surgeons have given 17 full days' time. 253 registered and student nurses have given a full day of their time to assist in the clinics. Permanent Crippled Children Committees have been established in ten centers in the state. Over 700 layworkers and committeemen representing scores of organizations and agencies have cooperated in the clinics and permanent committees.

The program is functioning to correlate and coordinate all public and private agencies which are rendering service to crippled children in the state into one comprehensive, cooperative enterprise from which all duplicating efforts



and lost motion will be eliminated so that the greatest possible number of crippled children may be benefited at the least possible expense to the individual, to the community and to the state.

It is a program in which the individual, the local community, cooperating organizations and the state all do their part so that the greatest possible self-reliance and independence will be developed by those who are aided.

3. Current problems in the field of Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons in Nebraska.

No funds for survey activities in Omaha.

Omaha, our largest metropolitan center, has a population well over 200,000. Funds available for rehabilitation there are absorbed in actual case work for disabled adults. No funds are available for survey or promotional purposes. Available public records in Omaha show approximately 450 cases of crippled children whereas we feel sure from studies made in other sections of the state that between 1200 and 1500 crippled children actually reside there.

Much duplication. Many without attention.

While Omaha has many facilities for rendering aid to crippled children, because of lack of adequate centralized information, there is much duplication of effort and overlapping between agencies. Many handicapped children are not receiving adequate attention.

Whole rehabilitation problem actually unknown.

In the field of adult rehabilitation in Omaha, in Nebraska or nowhere in the United States do we know the actual present total of persons who are in need of rehabilitation services. It may be impractical to make a complete census of the disabled in Nebraska but it is possible to make a complete census of

- a. those physically handicapped adults in Omaha whose physical handicap prevents their employment,
- b. those physically handicapped adults in Omaha whose physical handicap seriously interferes with their present work.

3. The follow-up program by which information made available through the proposed survey will be used in Nebraska and may be used in other localities.

Rehabilitation problems in Omaha can be made known.

If the proposed survey can be conducted, the size and scope of the whole job to be done in the rehabilitation of disabled persons, both children and adults, in Omaha, a representative city, would be known.

The various agencies in Omaha in a position to render any type of rehabilitation service could be determined simultaneously. These agencies might then be carefully coordinated and regimented into one program whereby rehabilitation of hundreds of disabled persons could be

accomplished with the same resources that now accomplish the rehabilitation of a few score annually,

The plan capable of expansion

When such a plan is successfully worked out in Omaha, the result obtained could be duplicated in every city of like size in the United States. It might also be expanded to include a whole state. It might further be expanded to include a number of states or possibly the whole country.

Rehabilitation by individual case work procedure.

Rehabilitation of disabled persons, either children or adults, by the method of individual case work procedure necessarily limits itself to the number of case workers directly engaged in the work. Its accomplishments depend directly upon the amount of money specifically made available for the purpose.

The national rehabilitation program.

The rehabilitation program conducted jointly by the federal government and the various states has been a program full of remarkable accomplishments. Many thousands of physically handicapped individuals have been taken from the rolls of dependents and transformed into independent, self-supporting citizens.

A great laboratory for determining methods and procedure.

The program has constituted a great laboratory in which has been evolved methods and procedure by which the wreckage of our fast-moving social and industrial system may be salvaged and by which those made dependent by disease may become productive. It has proven to employers beyond the shadow of a doubt that it is an economic fallacy to ruthlessly scrap handicapped workers. It has provided disabled individuals with new hope and confidence in their own ability to come back.

Rehabilitation needs larger than can be met by state and federal program alone.

But, America annually disabled by accident more people than were disabled from the United States by the World War. It is unlikely that funds sufficient to accomplish the rehabilitation of these people by the basis of individual case work procedure will ever be made available through combined state and national sources. An adequate rehabilitation program will require the combined efforts, properly coordinated, of every agency, both public and private, in a position to render service. That coordination can be accomplished only when complete facts regarding the size and scope of the problem and facts regarding services available from existing agencies are made available. These facts can be made available only through well organized, carefully directed surveys for which at the present time there are no existing funds.

F.E.R.A. proposed survey can provide pattern program.

If the Federal Emergency Relief Administration can make funds available for this survey in Omaha, it will not only prove an invaluable aid to the development of an adequate program of rehabilitation for disabled persons, both children and adults, in Nebraska but will provide a pattern program that will contribute greatly to the development of rehabilitation in other sections and nationally.

Referring to the twelve points mentioned in Mr. Hopkins' letter of April 30.

1. Purposes to be served by the project.

These have been previously covered in detail.

2. Group or groups sponsoring the project.

Department of Vocational Education, Omaha, under the Omaha Board of Education. (J. R. Hawke, Director).

Rehabilitation Division, State Department of Vocational Education. (G. A. Fulmer, Director and J. R. Jewell, Supervisor).

State Elks Association, Crippled Children Committee. (August Schneider, Chairman, Benedict, Nebraska).

Crippled Children Committee, Omaha Elks Lodge. (Penn. P. Fedrea, Secretary). Note: The Omaha Elks Lodge has been a heavy contributor to the program for crippled children sponsored by the State Elks Association. They have appointed a special Crippled Children Committee composed of representative doctors in Omaha who already have devoted considerable time to the study of needs for this project and who have given it their unqualified endorsement. This is a permanent committee who will spend considerable time and give valuable aid in helping to work out the coordination of agencies for service to crippled children after the survey has been made.

3. Name of director, together with a brief description of his qualifications.

The survey will be directed jointly by the Omaha Director of Vocational Education in the Omaha Schools and the State Supervisor of Vocational Rehabilitation. These joint directors have offered to serve without compensation.

J. R. Hawke, Omaha Director of Vocational Education in the Omaha Schools, --- B.S. and M.S. Pennsylvania State; 15 years' experience in vocational trade training in organizing and promoting vocational programs (5 years Director of Industrial Education, North Braddock, Pa., 5 years Director of Industrial Education, Republic of Haiti, 4 years Director of Industrial Education, Omaha and for past 3 years has directed vocational rehabilitation in Omaha). During the above fifteen years of service, he has directed a number of surveys similar in character to the one proposed.

J. R. Jewell, State Supervisor of Vocational Rehabilitation, Nebraska -- Served for 13 years in above capacity. Prior to that time, had ten years' experience in mechani-

cal engineering, 6 years of which were industrial engineering and plant management. During the past 13 years, has directed the following related programs and surveys: Survey of the Blind in Douglas County, Survey of the Blind in Lancaster County, Survey of Employment Possibilities for the Handicapped in Lincoln, Nebraska State Accident Survey, Nebraska Crippled Children Survey. For the past 4 years, has directed the crippled children program of the State Elks Association. For two years, served as Secretary of the National Rehabilitation Association.

4. Data to be obtained.

This is covered in detail on the attached copy of blanks to be used in the proposed survey.

5. Sources of data (records, house-to-house canvass, etc.).

Existing public records from the following listed organizations and groups will be examined. This will be followed by personal consultations with individual cases discovered.

Omaha School Census Report  
Visiting Nurses Association  
Hattie B. Munroe Convalescent Home  
for Crippled Children  
University Hospital, Orthopedic Department  
University Hospital Dispensary  
Creighton Medical College Dispensary  
Douglas County Hospital  
St. Joseph Hospital, Orthopedic Department  
Methodist Hospital, Orthopedic Department  
12 other Omaha hospitals have promised information from their records  
League for the Hard of Hearing  
Omaha Association for the Blind  
Rotary Club, Crippled Children Committee  
Kiwanis Club, Crippled Children Committee  
State Department of Public Welfare  
Omaha Department of Child Welfare  
Omaha Council of Churches  
Omaha Chapter of the American Red Cross  
Child Saving Institute  
Christ Child Society  
The Creche  
Urban League  
Father Flanagan's Home  
Nebraska Children's Home Society  
Nebraska Society for Crippled Children  
Omaha Orthopedic Association  
Douglas County Medical Society  
Individual physicians' and surgeons' records  
Personnel managers' records of major corporations in Omaha



Omaha Council of Social Agencies  
National Reemployment Service  
State Compensation Department  
Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A.  
Omaha School Nurses  
Douglas County Nurses Association

These and other Omaha organizations will cooperate.

6. Geographic area or areas to be covered.

The city of Omaha, Nebraska.

7. If a survey is conducted, approximate number of persons and other units to be investigated.

One reason for the survey is to determine the number of persons in need of rehabilitation so it is impossible to give this information.

8. Tentative copy of the questionnaire to be used.

The copy is attached.

9. Estimated cost, appropriately divided, such as supervisor's salary, supplies, etc.

20 nurses at \$18.00 per week for 10 weeks	.....	\$3780.00
1 supervising nurse at \$25.00 a wk. for 10 wks.		250.00
4 clerical assistants at 40¢ per hour, 30 hours per week for 10 weeks	.....	480.00
Total labor	.....	\$4510.00
Supplies (estimated)	.....	100.00

10. Types of personnel to be employed and their respective numbers.

Twenty nurses, one supervising nurse, four clerical assistants (stenographers).

11. Estimated man hours for each type of personnel

Nurses	.....	8,000 man hours
Clerks	.....	1,200 man hours

12. Provision, if any, for tabulation and publication.

No provision has been made for tabulation and publication of the survey though it is believed by those sponsoring the survey that this can be arranged for through the co-operation of a number of agencies within the state who are vitally interested in having the information secured.



## REHABILITATION OF DISABLED PERSONS



J. R. JEWELL,  
SUPERVISOR.



**3,000** NEBRASKA BOYS WERE DISABLED IN SERVICE DURING 19 MONTHS OF THE WORLD WAR AND ARE NOW DRAWING A TOTAL OF **\$1,500,000** A YEAR FROM THE GOVERNMENT FOR SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITIES OF ALL TYPES.

**3,000** NEBRASKA CITIZENS (APPROXIMATELY), ARE DISABLED THROUGH ACCIDENT OR DISEASE EVERY 24 MONTHS. OF THESE, 984 ARE DISABLED BY ACCIDENTS AND 1000 ARE CHILDREN CRIPPLED BY DISEASE.



IT COSTS NEBRASKA **\$310.08** EACH YEAR TO CARE FOR EACH INMATE OF OUR STATE INSTITUTIONS.



IT COSTS ONLY **\$446** TO TRAIN A DISABLED PERSON IN A TRADE AND TO MAKE HIM SELF SUPPORTING. ONLY HALF OF THIS COST IS BORN BY NEBRASKA, THE OTHER HALF IS BORN BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.



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THE TOTAL EARNINGS OF THE 550 CIVILIANS REHABILITATED BY THIS STATE IN THE PAST ELEVEN YEARS APPROXIMATE A HALF MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR. THESE PRODUCERS AND TAXPAYERS, ONCE DEPENDENT, ARE NOW ENGAGED IN 150 OCCUPATIONS AND ARE THE SUPPORT OF 1700 PERSONS.

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COLUMBUS LODGE NO. 1195 B. P. O. E.  
COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA

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CLINIC DATE

THURSDAY, MAY 17, 1934

CLINIC LOCATION

FEDERATED CHURCH

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AHM. 4/20/34

## ELKS COMMITTEE

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### CRIPPLED CHILDREN COMMITTEE

Preparation of clinic room etc. Appoint the following committees to assist:

#### RECEPTION COMMITTEE (LADIES)

Select several ladies to meet the patients as they arrive, issue them numbers and generally officiate in the waiting room.

#### REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

Committee to provide a light lunch for patients and parents. Sandwiches, cake, ice cream, milk and coffee, provide an adequate and desirable lunch.

#### TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Several cars should be available in case it is necessary to call for and return some local cases who have no means of transportation. It may also be necessary to take some of the patients out to local doctors' offices for X-rays or special tests. One or two cars will be sufficient.

The Crippled Children Committee will assist in all of the above committee work in addition to serving in the Program Committee Room.

All examiners, nurses, assistants, instruments, etc. will be provided by the MEDICAL COMMITTEE.

Crippled children and their parents are naturally both apprehensive and sensitive and the committee should assist in preserving privacy and quiet for them.

Visitors, other than doctors and those assisting in the work, should not be admitted to the clinic floor without first consulting the medical committee.

### RECEPTION COMMITTEE

The Reception Committee, composed of six ladies, will have charge of the reception and waiting rooms. Two committee women should be stationed at the door to direct parents and others to the Registration Desk and waiting rooms. Those stationed in the waiting rooms should visit with the parents and provide quiet amusement for the kiddies.

It must be remembered that many of the families have driven long distances and are both weary and apprehensive - this committee can do much toward relieving the nervous tension which may occur in the waiting rooms. Local stores should be willing to contribute advertising novelties, toys and balloons for the children. (Noisy toys should not be accepted - because there may be some nervous and mental, as well as physical, cases represented.)

Personality, tact, and organizing ability are essential requirements of the Reception Committeewomen. Should any embarrassing situations arise - call for Mr. Mann.

Eighteen ladies will be required on this committee. Their hours should be divided as follows: 7:30 A.M. to 12:00 noon - 6 ladies; 11:30 A.M. to 2:30 P. M. - 6 ladies; 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. - 6 ladies.

### REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

The Registration Committee, composed of four ladies will preside at the Registration Desk and will handle registration and issue numbered tickets to the parents. One Committeewomen will handle the Nurse and Doctor Registers; one will superintend the Lay Group Register; and one will be responsible for the Patient Register. The fourth committeewomen will issue one numbered ticket to each person signing on the Patient Register, regardless of the number of children they may bring in.

On the Patient Register, the name of one parent or guardian only is desired - if more than one child in the family is to be examined, the figure '2', '3', '4', or more should be placed in a circle following the parents name. When in doubt as to the proper procedure, call Mr. Mann.

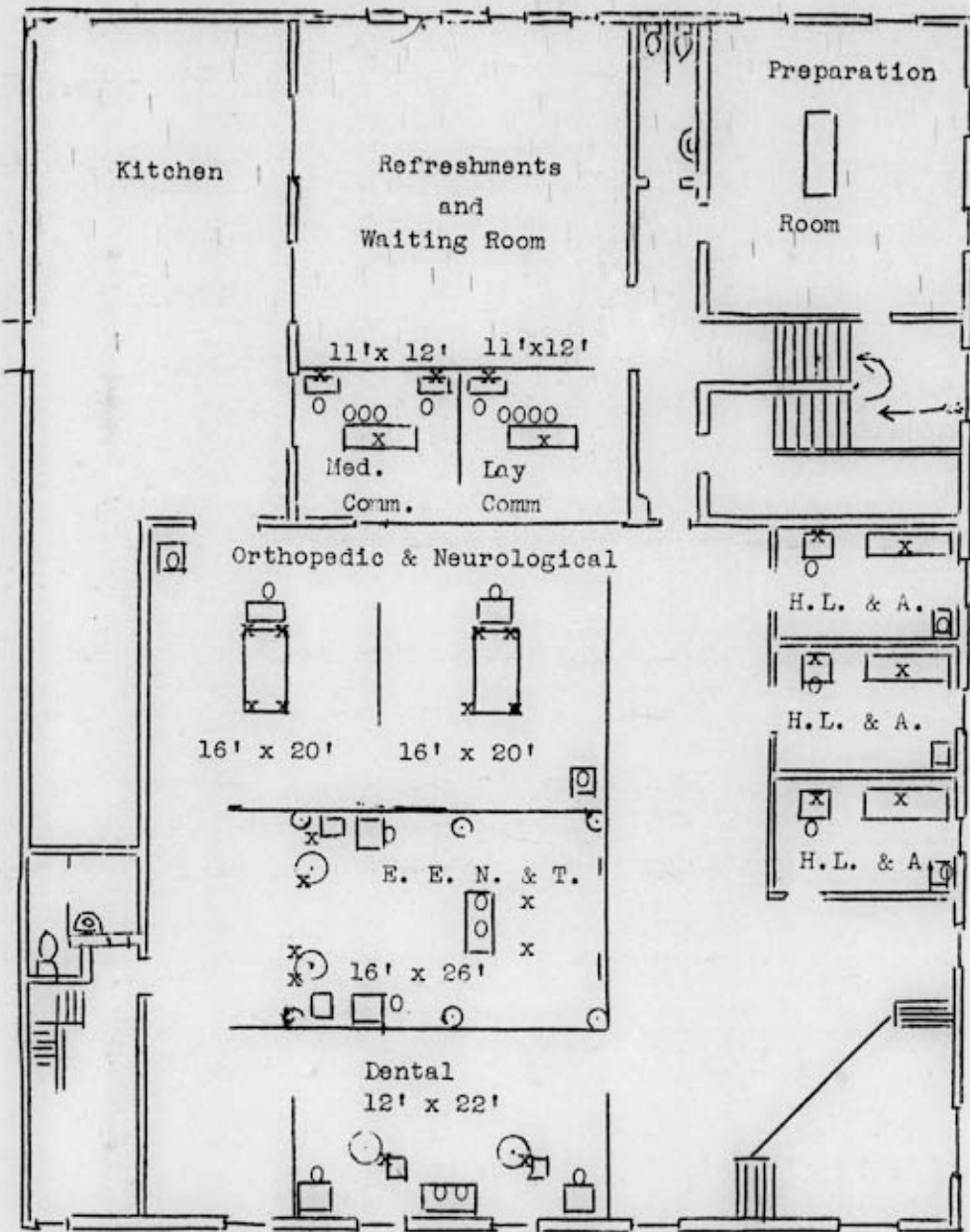
Twelve ladies will be required on this committee and their hours should be arranged in accordance with the Reception Committee schedule.

### REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

The Refreshment Committee, composed of about ten ladies, will provide a light lunch, consisting of sandwiches, cake or cookies, ice cream, milk and coffee. Preparation should be made to feed from one-hundred-fifty to two hundred persons. The lunch should be served on paper plates, cafeteria style, between the hours of 11:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. Paper cups should be used whenever possible. Local grocers, bakers, butchers, packers and jobbers will be glad to contribute the necessary supplies for the lunch.



THIRD COLUMBUS CLINIC



Basement floor plan - Federated Church - Columbus, Nebraska.  
 AHM -4/24/34 Scale 3/32" - 1'  
 Registration desk and main waiting room are on first floor.

TO BE PROVIDED BY ELKS COMMITTEE

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- 3 Hospital Carts
  - 3 Tables 3' x 7' x 32"
  - 4 Tables 3' x 5' x 30" (Kitchen tables)
  - 9 Writing desks 18" x 28" x 30"
  - 4 Pedestals 18" x 18" x 36" (Elks Club)
  - 7 Tables 18" x 18" x 30" (Elks Club)
  - 4 High chairs - (Elks Club)
- All available rugs and floor runners.
- 3 Typewriter desks and typewriters
  - 6 Folding screens
  - 30 Wire baskets (Swimming Pool)
  - 1 Canvas strip 7' x 60' )
  - 1 Canvas strip 7' x 30' ) - or 2 Canvas strips 7' x 45'
  - 1 Canvas strip 7' x 20'
  - 3 Canvas strips 7' x 8'
  - 12 Pieces of wood 2" x 2" x 7 feet
  - 12 Pieces of wood 1" x 2" x 6 inches
  - 250 Feet 6 or 8 gauge galvanized iron wire
  - 9 Water pitchers and slop jars
  - 9 Water pitchers and glasses
  - 3 Army cots (National Guard)
  - 30 Army blankets (National Guard)

TO BE PROVIDED BY COMMITTEE ( CONT'D)

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200 Bed sheets

100 Towels, hand

75 Towels, bath

15 12ft. extension cords

3 20ft. extension cords

6 3 way sockets

6 2 way socke

6 Bridge lamps - 60 watt globes

10 Desk lamps - 40 watt globes

\* 8 Ceiling drops 7' from floor - over orthopedic tables.

\* This group of lights will probably require special wiring and should be fused to stand a constant load of 1500 watts. Two outlets should be provided half way between the tables for moving picture flood lights.

THIRD COLUMBUS CRIPPLED CHILDREN CLINIC

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CLINIC OUTLINE AND SCHEDULE FOR  
MEDICAL, DENTAL AND NURSING STAFF

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MEDICAL CLINIC ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

W. R. Neumarker, M.D. Chairman.

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COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA

MAY 17, 1934

AHM- 4/24/34

## SCHEDULE OF EXAMINERS

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Hours should be arranged so that the required number of examiners will be on hand at all times during the day.

ROUTING COMMITTEE	:	2
DENTISTS	:	2
E. E. N. & T.	:	2
HEART, LUNGS AND ABDOMEN	:	3
NEUROLOGIST	:	1
ORTHOPEDISTS	:	2
RECOMMENDATIONS GROUP	:	3

The medical recommendations group will review the findings and recommendations of the examiners and explain them to the parents.

Each examiner, in making recommendations for treatment or operative work, should, if possible, give an estimate of the cost covering his recommendations. This is essential so that the lay committee will have something tangible on which to base their follow-up work.

Each examiner will furnish his own instruments and gowns. Applicators, tongue depressors, linen, basins, soap, towels and sterilizing solutions will be on hand for their use.

THE MEDICAL CLINIC ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE SHOULD EXERCISE GENERAL SUPERVISION OVER ALL CLINIC ACTIVITIES AND SHOULD NOT BE HANDICAPPED BY HAVING TO CONDUCT GENERAL EXAMINATIONS.



NURSE SCHEDULE

	<u>ASSISTING NURSE</u>	<u>*RECORDING NURSE</u>
CASE HISTORIES :		4
PREPARATION ROOM :	2	
DENTAL :	1	2
E. E. N. & T. :	1	2
HEART, LUNGS AND ABDOMEN :		3
NEUROLOGIST AND ORTHOPEDIST :	3	2
RECOMMENDATIONS GROUP :		# 2 who can type
CASE ROUTING AND RELIEF :	3	
	<u>10</u>	<u>15 - 25</u>

\* RECORDING NURSES should be good writers who understand medical terms and are accurate in spelling.

# The nurses working with the recommendations group must know how to **type** as all reports are typed before being released by this group.

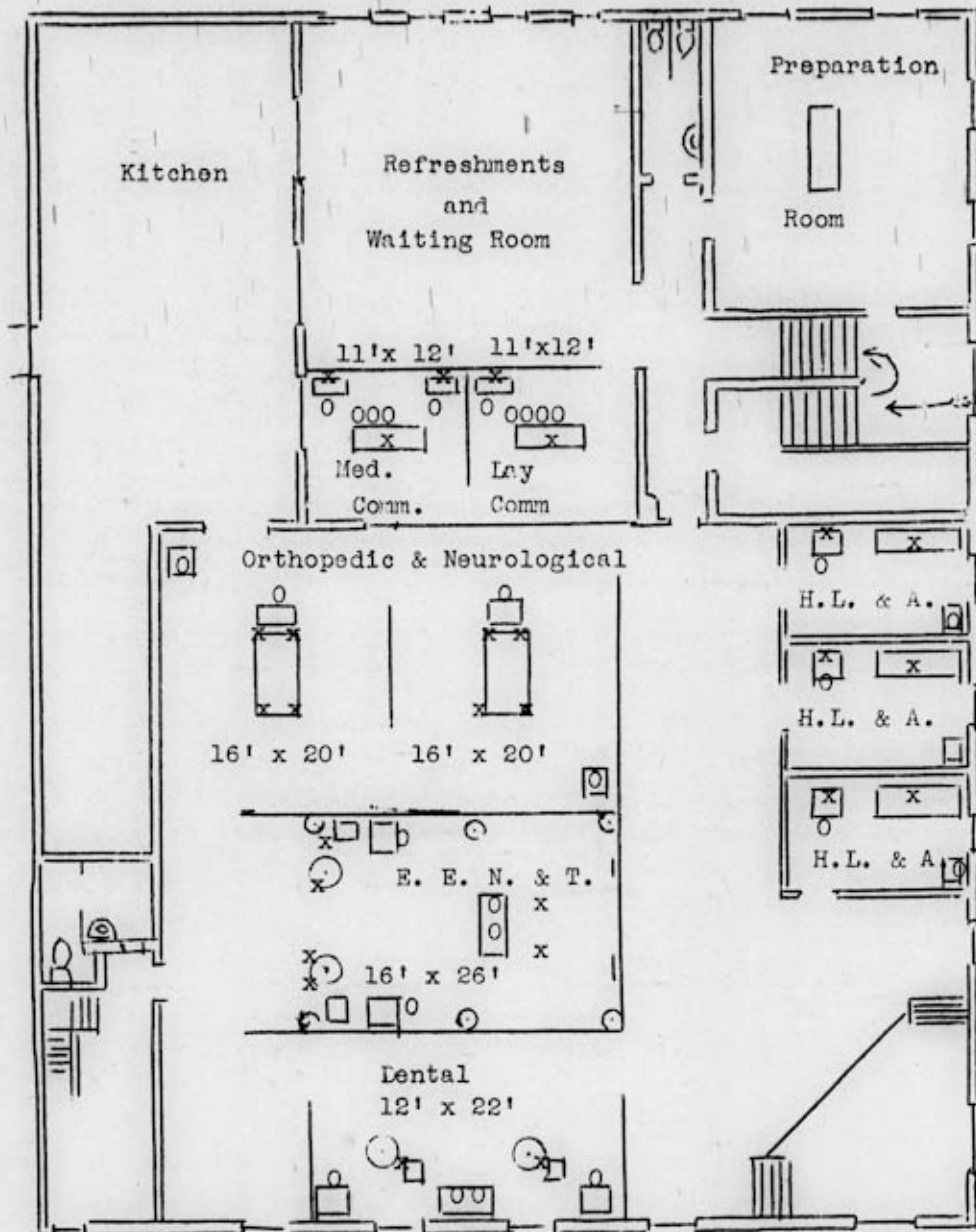
CLINIC HOURS ARE FROM 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Registration of patients closes at 4 P.M. and the examinations should be completed by 5:30 P.M.

THE CLINIC WILL BE HELD IN THE FEDERATED CHURCH BUILDING  
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THIRD COLUMBUS CLINIC



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 Registration desk and main waiting room are on first floor.

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May 29, 1934

*dl*

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

*Appointments  
to Naval Academy  
W. H. ... F. C. ...*

Dear Eleanor:-

The enclosed letter from my golfing partner  
in the summer is self explanatory.

I know Franklin saves his Naval Academy  
appointments for the sons of Naval officers. Does he also in-  
clude any residents of the District of Columbia and, if not, to  
whom does one turn?

Affectionately,

*MW*

Mary W. Dewson

MWD-MV

May 23 1934

3023 P STREET, N. W.  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dear Moll;

You probably do not remember my asking you about how to get an appointment to the Naval Academy for a friend of mine so I am writing this to remind you.

William Floyd Crosby, a cousin of Agnes's is very anxious to get one for his son W.F.C. Jr. The awful complication is that he is a resident of the D.C. and so has no Senator or Representative to give him one. I believe that usually in such cases the only way is to get one "at large" from the President. Of course he would be only to glad to have an appointment as alternate if it were not possible to do any better. It is very hard on the residents of the D.C. if they have lived here a long time and have no voting place anywhere else.

Young Bill was born in Philadelphia on Jan. 17 1918. He is now at Andover and will be ready for the Academy in 1935. He has always wanted to go into the Navy, is a good student particularly in Mathematics and has always had high marks in this. He is a fine upstanding boy, a gentleman and would be exactly the best type of officer. I know him well and know that he is a splendid boy physically mentally and morally. He has also a very pleasing personality.

His father is a member of the Cincinnati, one of his ancestors, Gen. Wm. Floyd was a signer of the Declaration of Independence, one - Dr. Ebenezer Crosby\* was a Surgeon on Gen. Washington's staff. You see he is a good American! His grandfather's sister, Ellen Crosby, married the President's uncle John Roosevelt. Their daughter Elsie Roosevelt, his cousin, lives at Hyde Park. Perhaps the President knows the Crosbys as they are cousins by marriage.

If there is anything you can do to help I should be more than grateful as I think the boy would be a credit to the Navy and his heart is set on it. If there is no appointment available from the White House, I should be glad of any suggestions as to where to turn next.

Ever yours

*Wm. F. Phipps*

(D. ...)  
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May 28, 1934

MURRAY HILL 2-7400

Dear Eleanor:

I am out of luck for there are certain things I wanted to ask you. I will do it by mail.

INVITATION TO SPEAK

1. The Mackinac Island State Fair Commission of Michigan is going to have a blow-out in observance of the Ter-centennial of the landing there of Jean Nicolet. The Michigan Society through Mrs. George D. Schenmerhorn, State Regent of the D.A.R., Reading, Michigan asks you to be their guest on July 6th. They will have a nation-wide hook-up for you to speak over. They will bring you up there from Detroit on one of Michigan's finest private yachts.

(a) Of course, we want to carry Michigan so it would be an advantage to have you go.

X (b) It really is a perfectly beautiful bit of country. I have been there. Enclosed is the invitation.

CHARITIES REQUESTING AID

1. (a) The International Migration Society which has done a splendid piece of work in reducing friction and increasing understanding between foreign countries and the United States is making a valiant struggle to hold on until better times. If it can get seven thousand more, it will probably survive. Can you consider giving it some of your radio money?

(b) Would you ask Judge Lacey the most influential trustee of the Rackman Foundation to get them to give it some money? Lacey gave \$50,000 to Warm Springs. He is running for Congress.

2. The National Consumers' League begs me to ask you to give a little of your radio talk money to the League. Lucy Mason is doing a fine job and spent two months in the South talking child labor, etc., and got all but \$75.00 of her expenses from the Southerners!!

3. The National Recreation Association

(a) wants you to chair a meeting at its Congress in October.

(b) to suggest any ideas of what should be emphasized by the Congress.  
(delicate compliment)

WARNING

1. The broadcast that you were supposed to make on May 19th was sponsored by a building supply corporation whose rate sheet shows interest charges approximately 23% falling on home owners though the apparent rate is 12%. Mary Obenauer is the source of this information and I could not reach you in time to tell you.



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Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt

POSSIBLE OPENINGS FOR WOMEN

1. Oscar Chapman says the contemplated bureau of Insular Affairs will probably be put into the Department of Interior. He thinks the Assistant Director should be a woman with a salary of around six thousand dollars. He says the Virgin Island Committee is greatly impressed with Joanna Colcord who was put on it at my suggestion. He recommends someone of that type. Mr. Chapman says there might very well be a second place, assistant to this Director. I expect it is only necessary for the President to say the word to Ickes.

2. Since the Commissioner of Education Zook leaves July first and is replaced by Studebaker from Iowa, and since Miss Goodykuntz is from Iowa this means two Iowans at the head of the Commission; also two Republicans, also I understand from Miss Alice Barrows of the Department of Education that Miss Goodykuntz is not much of any good. Miss Barrows does not know I am quoting her and would, undoubtedly, be much put out if she did.

For this place, I suggest to you Miss Lulu S. Wolford, former Assistant Director of Education in Nebraska. From her references I judge she is efficient. She is a Democrat and she is not from Iowa. I am enclosing a letter which Miss Wolford wishes you to read about a project she has in mind as Director of Women's Work for the F.E.R.A. in Nebraska. This will give you a line-up on Miss Wolford.

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I am also out of luck because this seems to mean that I am not going to see you again. I get through Thursday night and leave New York for Castine, June 7th. I spend the week-end in Westport, Connecticut.

As ever, with my love

Yours

Molly

MWD:SKS



MRS. GEORGE D. SCHERMERHORN  
STATE REGENT  
READING, MICHIGAN

May 12, 1934.

Miss Mary Deuson,  
National Democratic Headquarters,  
Press Building,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Miss Deuson:

During my recent visit to Washington you will recall that Mrs. James H. McDonald, of Ypsilanti, Michigan, Mrs. John W. Bailey, of Battle Creek, Michigan, and I were in your office, considering with you the possibility of Mrs. Roosevelt accepting an invitation from the Michigan Society Daughters of the American Revolution to come to Mackinac Island, Michigan, early in July.

The Michigan Society has long been interested in this Island because of its historic lore and its part in the American Revolution; and this summer we have been asked by the Mackinac Island State Park Commission to have a definite part in the observance of the Ter-Centennial of the landing there of Jean Nicolet.

We accepted, and are inviting every State Regent and the members of each State Society, our National Officers and our President General, Mrs. Magna, to join us. We have extended the invitation to the Michigan Society Daughters of 1812 and the Sons of the American Revolution.

Miss Mary Deason,  
Washington, D. C.

July 6th is to be D.A.R. Day. A tablet will be unveiled, marking Saint Ann's Parish, of Michilimackinac, as the oldest Saint Ann's Parish in the United States of America, it having been established in 1695.

In the afternoon I shall be hostess at a tea in the gardens of the Grand Hotel. In the evening there will be a banquet in which all societies will join. If Mrs. Magna is with us she will address us briefly. We will have representatives from the other societies on our banquet program and our highest hope is that Mrs. Roosevelt will also address us. We are promised by the National Broadcasting Company that in the event Mrs. Roosevelt addresses us that our program will be given a nationwide "hook-up".

On July 7th a colorful historical pageant will be given, sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution of Michigan; and aside from the planned program there is much of interest, not the least of which is the unsurpassed beauty of the Island.

From July 4th on, the festivities will be interesting. One day will be devoted to honoring Governor Comstock, of Michigan. But the D.A.R. activities are in no way designed to be political for that is necessarily against the policy of this organization.

We expressed to you verbally our very great desire to entertain our ranking member, Mrs.

Miss Mary Deuson,  
Washington, D. C.

Roosevelt, and the pleasure it would afford us;  
we hope that you will convey this to her.

If the trip would be facilitated by making it part way by water, I am commissioned to say that one of Michigan's finest yachts is offered for her pleasure and convenience.

You have visited Mackinac and are familiar with this beauty spot of Michigan. I hope that Mrs. Roosevelt may visit there this summer and give us the great pleasure of acquainting her also with its beauty.

Thanking you for your kindly interest in an event which means so much to the Daughters of the American Revolution of Michigan; and with sincere appreciation for placing the enclosed letter in Mrs. Roosevelt's hands, I am

Very sincerely,

*Hazel Schermerhorn*

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State Regent of Michigan.

Enclose letter.  
HS/VM

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June 22, 1934

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Miss Dewson has suggested that we have a contest for the best account of the duties of county vice chairwomen, also for precinct vice chairwomen with an autographed photograph of the President for a prize. I think this is a worth-while idea and I would like to carry it out. Many times in the organization, we find that the women elected or appointed to these offices consider them honorary only and have no conception of the possibilities of the office.

~~///~~ The snag in the project is the autographed photographs. In your absence, Mrs. Eben referred the matter to Mr. Early who rendered the decision that inasmuch as it was a matter dealing with organization, Mr. Farley's picture was the proper one to present. Of course, Mr. Farley's would be excellent but it does not mean the same thing to the women that the President's picture would.

I dislike being a nuisance but would like your opinion. Is it at all possible for us to have the autographed pictures of the President, one for each division of the contest?

With personal greetings, I remain

Yours very sincerely,

*James H. Wolfe*  
Mrs. James H. Wolfe  
Acting Director

JHW:SKS

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.



I have not answered  
this letter. Seems  
like a "bully" idea  
if it can be worked  
out.

Carolyn W. Weger.

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE  
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NEW YORK CITY

WOMEN'S DIVISION  
MARY W. DEWSON, DIRECTOR

MURRAY HILL 2-7400

July 18, 1931.

Miss Mary W. Dewson,  
Director Women's Division,  
Democratic National Committee,  
National Press Building,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mollie:-

The Indiana Women's Democratic Club will hold their annual fall meeting at Lake Wawasee sometime during the month of September. The former members of the Executive Committee of this Club are extremely anxious that our organization shall not be taken over by any group <sup>which</sup> has in mind only personal success and selfish ambition. Therefore, we want to make this fall meeting the most outstanding one of all the years of Club history.

I am making this suggestion to you, in all confidence and with the hope that you will reply frankly to me. Would it be possible to secure the help of Mrs. Roosevelt? We would not need to advertise the meeting as a political one. It can be called ANYTHING, which might be approved by yourself or Mrs. Roosevelt. It can be either educational or political and can be advertised as "under the sponsorship" of the Indiana Women's Democratic Club.

I hope you will understand that I write this letter with some reluctance because I know how thousands of such requests must come to you. If I only had the opportunity to talk with you, it would be easy to give you a picture of our situation in Indiana. We MUST WIN the Congressional campaign this fall. It will be a most difficult task.

If this letter is presumptuous, just toss it in the waste basket and write back to me, "don't be silly".

I forgot to say that there is a landing field at Lake Wawasee, thus making it an easy matter for anyone to come and go by airplane, without the annoyance of seeing too many people.

Most affectionately yours,

*L. P. Flynn*

Regional Advisor  
14th District.

(Mrs. A. P. Flynn)

luf/r

*It has also occurred to me, that we could make this meeting - a "4th District" one. The lake is within splendid motoring distance*

*from Allison, Michigan, Ohio & this season, and is truly a beautiful place.*

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MOSS ACRE  
CASTINE  
MAINE

DEWSON No. 01112  
July 21, 1924

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Dear Eleanor, -

I think this idea of  
Mrs. Flynn's is fine. (You know  
Indiana will be very close. Is  
there any chance?

I hope you have been able to  
squeeze a lot out of this summer  
in spite of handicaps.

My best to you as always  
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TELEPHONE: NATIONAL 8212

IN REPLY  
 REFER TO NO.

August 24, 1934.

*Dear Beasley - I thought  
 Franklin might be interested  
 in a review, little bit -  
 No. 4*

*[Signature]*

Dear Molly: **Dewson**

I just received your letter thanking me for seeing Mr. Beasley in behalf of Mr. Perkins and asking to learn something of my activities.

After all the little thing that I was able to do is just what the "New Deal" air program means. Cooperation with everyone in and out of aviation and to further the interest in our industry with those who are deserving and capable of building it up.

I just returned from a survey that covered most of the United States and finding a new spirit and a great hope that the new group will really work for the best interest of all I consider it a huge success. All of the factories I visited are behind in orders, something that has been unheard of since the "hey-day" of 1929. And, differing from the days of 1929 there is a stability in ideas and business direction that has never existed in the aviation industry. Mr. Vidal is pleased and wants me to go directly to Secretary Roper with my findings at the first opportunity.

Molly, as I've told you many times, I am receiving the greatest possible cooperation and consideration from the boys in the Commerce Department and I want you to know that everyone of them are doing a marvelous piece of work and the people in the industry are really appreciating it.

Had lunch with Stella Akin the other day and you were discussed. We miss you and your guidance and are looking forward to your return.

With best personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

*[Signature]*

COPY

Miss Mary W. Dewson  
Women's Division  
Democratic National Committee  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Miss Dewson:-

Thought all this stuff might interest and amuse you so am sending it along. Without realizing it, I out the "Hon. Ben Hooper's" attacks on Mr. Farley but you have most of it.

As you will see Mr. Farley's visit was very timely coming as it did as all this fusion stuff was being made public. He made a wonderful speech and a fine impression. Everyone was crazy about him. Though it was raining more than two thousand came out to see him and in all this heat. I enjoyed seeing him but regretted he could not be here longer.

As you see Pope is going to see to it that we have another hard campaign but Tennessee real Democrats are ready for it and we are all in a militant mood and ready to fight for the President, McKeller and McAlister (Nat Bachman is safe) "until H freezes over". They've gotten us mad now. I am not surprised at Pope. You remember I wrote you during campaign days that he would trade the President off if he thought we needed to. Thanks to his egotism we did not.

How have you been all summer? It has been dreadfully warm here. The Hermitage Asso. sent me to Mass. to represent them at the Natchez Trace meetings in Jackson and Natchez and I enjoyed it so much. The rest of the time I've been at home.

Hoping you will get some information and a few laughs out of these enclosures I am with love and all good wishes,

Sincerely

(signed) Ethel Childress

Nashville Tenn.

Am also enclosing the good editorials, etc. about Mr. Farley and some cartoons.

Childress through  
August 18, 1934  
her husband should  
have a regular position.  
She has been pro JDR since  
1920. In May she was bitter at  
being left out and has  
but she got out and has  
she but she had  
is O.K. again.  
Her husband  
has been  
collected in  
Tenn.  
No 4.



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WOMEN'S DIVISION

MRS. JUNE FICKEL, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

DISTRICT 1717

September 13, 1934

*DEWSON*  
Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
Hyde Park  
New York

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:-

I have just returned from a trip over the five states of which I am Regional Advisor. Perhaps it is a trifle unfair to approach you when on vacation, however there is one matter over which I am greatly concerned.

The Subsistence Homestead project at Granger, Iowa is one of vital importance both socially and politically. The project was approved last Spring and up to date there has not been one shovelful of dirt moved nor a contract let. This past week I went over the ground with Father Ligutti and a mutual friend to see for myself the subject of much discussion. I understand now that the ground has been purchased.

The condition of the coal miners in this area is most pitiful and has been greatly aggravated by the drouth. The problem of getting the children to school is most serious.

I have talked to Maurice Kelso in the Subsistence Homestead department, and he feels that the project will now go forward. I am wondering if you feel that you can stimulate this progress, because if history repeats itself there will be other delays.

The Republican party are capitalizing on this particular project in my state and adding greatly to the mental distress of these unfortunate miners and their families. I would appreciate anything you care to do in this emergency for the welfare of these people and the political assistance it will give Iowa.

May I tell you about my trip when you return to Washington? The women of the middle West join me in sending you greetings.

Very sincerely yours,

*Maybelle G. Fickel*  
Mrs. June Fickel  
Assistant Director  
Women's Division

*Yes*  
MGF-MV

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September 22, 1954

Dear Molly:-

Thanks for your note. I am glad to know you will be in New York after October 16. I shall take the first chance of seeing you there. In the meantime, wouldn't you like to come down to Washington and stay for a few days with me, you choosing the time and I will tell you if there is any reason.

I loved Emily Blair's card.

affectionately,

Miss Mary Dewson  
Castine  
Maine

November 7, 1934

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My dear Miss Dewson:

I am sending you the enclosed letter from Mr. Southgate. Would you mind returning it to me with any suggestions you could make about Mrs. Rhea, that is if she should be asked to any more than any of the ordinary receptions.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. J. M. Helm  
Secretary to  
Mrs. Roosevelt

Miss Molly Dewson  
Democratic National Committee  
National Press Building  
Washington, D. C.

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letter from Mr. Southgate, concerning Mrs. J. W. Rhea, Custodian of Securities of the Farm Credit Adm. Room #13, Treasury Dept.

NOVEMBER 15, 1934

Dear Molly:

I think this ballet is splendid,  
but I do not think I should be on when  
I do no work.

affectionately,

S:O

Miss Molly/Dewson  
171 West 12th St  
New York

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171 WEST 12TH STREET  
NEW YORK CITY

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Nov. 26. 1934

Dear Eleanor -

Of course we have to  
have you as one of our vice-  
presidents. It does me good  
to have your blessing.

Molly DEWSON



WE SUBMIT THE ATTACHED BALLOT FOR YOUR SUGGESTIONS AND  
APPROVAL. PLEASE RETURN IT AS SOON AS YOU CAN.

*Give ballot  
but start of letter  
when I can't read  
letter. off*

November 8, 1934

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November 27, 1934

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The "hite House  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Molly Dewson asked me to send you a copy of  
Theresa McDonald's letter as it gives you a line on  
what the Women's Division is about.

Very sincerely yours,

*Caroleen W. Wolfe*  
Mrs. James H. Wolfe  
Acting Director

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Detroit, Michigan

November 16, 1934

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Miss Mary Dawson  
Democratic National Committee  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Dawson:

Under separate cover I am mailing you a list of the senior and junior reporters. I want to take this opportunity to call your attention to the marvellous cooperation given me by Miss Clara Walters, chairman of the State Central Committee of the 17th District. She arranged all of the reporters according to congressional districts, wards and precincts. During the recent campaign we used these reporters in the house to house canvas and precinct activities. From this group we selected 50 names of prominent workers and these 50 women have pledged their support in helping to complete the canvas for reporters in Detroit.

We plan to have a rally sometime in January and we will invite the adjacent counties to participate. As I stated before I have started a book with every precinct given a page. We are starting now in the precincts where we have no reporters and with these 50 women we hope to have at least some representation in the precincts. We have ordered stationery which will be used exclusively for the Reporter Plan.

We feel that a great deal of the success of the Democratic victory in Wayne County was due to the tireless campaigning of the junior reporters. Among them I want to call your attention to a young lady who proved to be so efficient as a junior reporter that we promoted her to a vacancy in the senior reporters. Her work has already won the approval of the chairman of the State Central Committee. In the campaign Mrs. Nell Barden, and the above young lady Miss Mary Smale, Miss Clara Walters and Miss Henrietta Rosenthal were priceless.

We have arranged for a Professor from the University of Michigan to be one of the speakers at our rally. If we can raise funds we are also going to have Mrs. Flynn.

We will send additional names weekly inasmuch as the 50 workers are daily compiling their lists.

With best wishes and the hope that I will see you in the near future when I am in Washington, I remain

Sincerely,

MRS. THERESA A. McDONALD  
487 South Newport

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Dear Molly: *Dewson*

I think the pamphlet is grand and Franklin wants to have a meeting with you and Jim and Louis Howe to start the whole thing off after he gets back. I will wire you so that you can come down. I am glad that you will be the chairman.

Much love and a happy Thanksgiving to you.

Affectionately,

WHAT THE WOMEN COULD AND SHOULD DO  
FOR THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY

THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE

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Women should be the mouth to mouth, house to house interpreters and apostles of the New Deal.

THE WAY WOMEN FUNCTION

Women have a genius for organization and for patiently and persistently working for an objective that interests them.

Witness woman suffrage, temperance, peace.

The present program of the Democratic Party for economic and social justice and security appeals deeply to women.

With encouragement Democratic women would study this program and learn to present it at their numerous "meetings" or in conversation over the tea-cups.

Witness the success of the Federation of Women's Clubs and other organizations of women in sustaining interest and effort by this method.

Many Democratic women of a high order not hitherto identified with the party organization would be attracted by such an opportunity.

Democratic women in small places who have not ordinarily functioned between campaigns would be given a definite responsibility and women rise to responsibility.

National Elections Are Won Between Campaigns.

THE PIPE LINES

The basis of any successful plan will be a thorough-going representation of women in the party organization down to the precinct.

Every Democratic state organization should have 50-50 representation of men and women.

In other words, state laws on political parties (or until state laws can be amended, Democratic State Committees) should provide for the election of a chairman and vice-chairman of different sexes\* for every committee - for state, congressional district, county, city, ward, town and precinct committees.

For example see the Iowa law.

Every woman vice-chairman of a county or city committee so elected should in addition to her usual duties be held responsible for the formation of a New Deal study group or groups in her territory.

For example see the Utah system.

During her term of office she herself should be chairman of the study group since independent organizations tend to disintegrating personal rivalries.

Every state or congressional district vice-chairman should be held responsible for explaining to her county and city vice-chairmen the value of this plan in giving vitality to the women's side of the organization and in winning Republican votes.

\*Hereafter referred to for convenience as vice-chairmen only, although women are serving as state chairmen in New Jersey and Idaho.

They should hold state-wide or regional "institutes" on the New Deal to spread information and to kindle enthusiasm for further study.

State vice-chairmen should develop senior reporters on the various agencies of the New Deal available for important meetings throughout the state.

Each study group should have its own reporters on the various agencies of the New Deal.

Public recognition of women's share in the party by 50-50 representation plus definite responsibility for study groups and the Reporter Plan would go a long way toward reconciling women to the fact that as yet they have won little say about choosing candidates for office or the distribution of patronage.

#### THE PUMPS

There must be leadership.

Those in control of the party organization in any state must see to it that state, congressional district, county and city vice-chairmen are of superior caliber and interested in the New Deal.

It is up to the staff of the Women's Division of the Democratic National Committee to infuse state vice-chairmen with enthusiasm for supporting the New Deal in this practical intensive way.

They must arrange for information on the New Deal to be available in convenient shape.

#### "GAS MONEY"

State committees should raise a little money for the express purpose of enabling state vice-chairmen to attend district conferences and institutes.

Many vice-chairmen are able and willing to give their time but are handicapped in getting around by the cost of gasoline and a few small necessary expenses.

In building up the women's interest and organization under this definite plan one hundred dollars for gas money between campaigns is worth ten times that amount in a last moment scramble before election when women's minds have already become set.

For lack of \$25 of gas money in the early stages many a county has been lost.

#### THE GAIN TO THE PARTY

The stream of information constantly carried into the states through this women's organization plan would mean a well informed public opinion, deeper interest in the aims of the New Deal and greater enthusiasm for the Democratic Party.

Instead of a few leaders trying to reach a mass of voters at the last moment when their minds are already made up, women everywhere, in the home, on the farm, in the factory, would have an increasing knowledge and understanding of what the New Deal is giving them and their families.

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Nov. 22

Dear Eleanor -

Louis asked me to write  
the enclosed leaflet to quiz Congressmen  
in January.

I hope to read it - any  
way I am sure you will.

In my letter I did not  
say if "they" wanted me to be  
chairman of the Advisory Council  
described I would be. But if the  
plan outlined is adopted and  
frushed I will.

Guess I don't need to  
sign myself to you and the  
New Deal

loyally yours

M. K. Dawson

My 18 carat love and affection  
to you!



171 West 12th St. New York  
November 22, 1934

Dear Louis Howe,-

You said you would like a statement to give to Democratic Congressmen at the beginning of Congress on how I think women could and should help win elections. Such a statement is enclosed.

The plan outlined was started last January. 50-50 representation by law was then in effect in a few states. A few others had it through rulings of Democratic State Committees. Since January there has been a quickening of interest in a few more states and some specific progress.

The Reporter Plan has been started in 384 counties or cities in 43 states and the Women's Division has the names and addresses of 8525 reporters, also the New Deal agencies upon which the reporters have agreed to inform themselves.

The response has been encouraging but to get more wide spread activity and more thorough-going effort several things are needed.

- 1.- The stamp of approval by the President and by Chairman Farley would be a tremendous asset.
- 2.- I should like to see the approval take the form you suggested, - an intimation to the state chairmen and other leaders that if they want patronage they should arrange for 50-50 representation and the right type of vice-chairmen throughout their state organizations. Of course each state should be handled individually on the basis of how far it has gone along with the plan to date.
- 3.- A budget should be provided for the Women's Division which will enable the director, her assistant and the eight regional advisors to get around NOW to state and congressional district conferences and institutes. You know I am not a spender and do not mean anything extravagant. But every dollar spent NOW in developing enthusiastic women workers down to the grass roots will be more effective than 25 times as much just before election.  
Compare the money you put into Maine through the men and through the women. If the women had gone in earlier and had received the same encouragement and support from the Maine State Committee given me in the last weeks of the campaign I believe Dubord and Utterbach would have been elected.  
Instead of an increased budget NOW Emile Hurja has asked the Women's Division to reduce its staff. I agree with the men that this procedure is wise so far as work with men is concerned.
- 4.- In addition to an increase in the budget for travelling expenses another woman should be added to the head-quarters staff of the Women's Division who is fitted to handle adult education by mail - call it by whatever more engaging name you will.
- 5.- The salaried force would then consist of the director, assistant director and study group advisor all three of whom would contact and stimulate vice-chairmen. The unsalaried force would be the eight regional advisors drawn as now from the experienced and successful party

organizers and leaders. The regional advisors are worth a moderate per diem when on the road outside their own state and should receive a little clerical help and postage.

6.- An advantageous addition to the Women's Division would be an Advisory Council to be made up of women who are known as advocates of the New Deal although not hitherto closely identified with the Democratic Party. The Council would advise with the staff and give the Reporter Plan support and publicity. Some of them atleast should meet with the staff and Mr. Farley six times a year - perhaps on a rotating basis. This would involve some travelling expenses.

Grace Abbott thinks well of this idea and would serve. Belle Sherwin is strong for the idea although she cannot serve and suggests Mrs. Minnie Fisher Cunningham of Texas and Mrs. George Hibbard of Winnetka, Illinois. Harriet Elliott of Chapel Hill, No. Carolina and Mrs. Henry Goddard Leach are also the type I have in mind.

7.- Mrs. James H. Wolfe, the Acting Director of the Women's Division believes the Division should take over the publication of the Democratic Digest now issued by the Women's National Democratic Club with the help of a monthly subsidy from the Democratic <sup>Party and</sup> Committee. She has a plan by which it would reach the 3000 county vice-chairmen and other leaders without expense to the Committee beyond the \$200 a month now used to subsidize The Digest.

I should have preferred to talk with you rather than to write, but since I missed you in Washington I am writing because if anything is to be done it should be done quickly and the fine enthusiasm created by the recent elections utilized so that the President's splendid effort, will have the support from the women they deserve.

Wont you give me your reaction to this letter when you come to New York next week ?

Faithfully yours,

Molly Brewster

... - Mrs. McAllister  
is one of Mrs. Sabnis  
State leaders who is  
good. If we had

this  
sort as vice chairman  
in each  
state - Oh  
boy!

Will you  
please send  
this to home  
when you  
have read  
it for it  
is a good  
illustration  
Moly

Please return  
this - 10-21-34

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Mrs. James H. Wolfe,  
Acting Director,  
Womens' Division,  
Democratic National Committee,  
National Press Bldg.,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Wolfe:

Although my husband, Thomas F. McAllister, was unsuccessful in winning the election to Congress from the Fifth District of Michigan, he lost by only 1835 votes out of a total of 78,000 votes cast; he won in Grand Rapids by 2700 votes, and also in this county, but he lost in the adjoining county of Ottawa, which has always been a rock-ribbed Republican territory, the majority of the population being composed of conservative Dutch Reformed people. But even in this district great gains were made for the Democratic party. The city of Holland (Ottawa County) which usually has given the Republican Congressman, Mr. Mapes, a majority of 3,000, this year only gave him a majority of 600. The city of Grand Haven (Ottawa County) for the first time in history gave a majority to the Democratic party. Similar gains were made almost everywhere and consequently we are feeling encouraged over the progress made in this district.

Mr. Mapes has been in Congress for 22 years

To me the outstanding achievement of the campaign was the formation for the first time of an active organization of workers in the towns, wards and precincts of both counties. This McAllister for Congress Committee of 700 workers will be made a permanent organization for the Fifth Congressional District, and will work during the next two years to consolidate the gains made and increase the majorities in those precincts where it is especially necessary. The Kent County Committee for the first time also had a ward and precinct organization, and I believe it is due to the intensive work done by the McAllister for Congress Committee, cooperating with the Kent County Committee, that the Democrats carried Grand Rapids for the first time and that Mr. McAllister ran far ahead of his ticket as well as ahead of Mr. Mapes and Senator Vandenberg in their own city.

Mrs. James H. Wolfe,

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Great progress is being made in converting the Republican Dutch Reformed vote to the cause of democracy. The formation of Knickerbocker-Roosevelt Clubs in this city and in Holland composed entirely of Holland people; speakers on the Christianity of the New Deal; the enlistment of some of the leading Holland citizens to speak over the radio on behalf of Mr. McAllister's candidacy, all contributed to this progress. With continued work along these lines during the next two years I believe we should finally be able to win the whole district over for the Democratic party.

Six days after the election a joint meeting of the Kent County Democratic Committee and the McAllister for Congress township, ward and precinct committeemen was held. Over 1,000 people attended and a number were turned away. There was as much enthusiasm at the meeting as if the party had been completely victorious.

At this meeting I spoke particularly about the Reporter Plan and the opportunity it gives women to assist in the organization and promotion of the Democratic party. I have the names of many new volunteers for Ward Reporters, and I should like to have mimeographed outlines of the plans to send to them. I am going to devote much time in the next few months to organizing this Reporter Plan intensively in Kent and Ottawa Counties, because I believe it is one of the most important pieces of work that can be done here for the future success of the party. Everywhere people are most enthusiastic about the idea and during the campaign we used several of the Key Reporters as speakers at meetings and on the radio.

The party organization here had to be built up from nothing in such a short time that organization among the women's clubs was not stressed sufficiently, but in the future there will be a chairman and chairwoman in each precinct and women will be organized through the Reporter Plan.



Mrs. James H. Wolfe,

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I believe that if there had not been dissention within the party in Michigan the state would have remained in the Democratic columns. As it is, we shall have a majority of one in the House of Representatives of the state legislature; we shall have a Democratic state treasurer, and auditor general, and control of the state administrative board, as well as of a number of departments. If the Democratic party here continues to increase in strength and enthusiasm as it has in the past I feel sure that 1936 will see Michigan again a Democratic state.

Mr. McAllister and I wish to thank you for your prompt answers to us whenever we requested any information during the campaign. We could always count on you for an immediate and accurate reply, although we seldom received answers from the Men's Division, even to our telegrams.

I am enclosing some of the literature used in the Congressional campaign. We had 14 periods on the radio devoted to the discussion of the objectives and achievements of the New Deal. Representatives of labor, of the ministry, of women, of business and of the professions all spoke. This, in addition to countless meetings throughout the counties, a house to house canvas in a great number of the precincts, all helped to build a solid foundation for the Democratic party in this conservative Republican district, and to carry for the first time in our history many of the precincts which formerly have been Republican. All of this makes us feel greatly encouraged by the outcome.

In the meantime, any suggestions that you may have for organization we shall greatly appreciate. I know that you are responsible for the marvelous organization in the state of Utah and can undoubtedly give us many pointers.

I should like to have Miss Mary Dewson's address.

I was so busy during the campaign that I did not have an opportunity to thank you for your letter to Mrs. Dan Handley clearing up the situation in regard to the Reporter Plan in this county. I believe Mrs. Handley said in her letter that I was a new convert to the Democratic party,



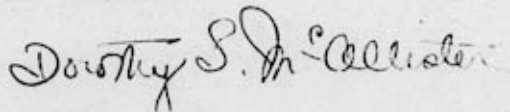
Mrs. James H. Wolfe,

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but although not an active worker up to the last year. I have always voted for the Democratic party, except when I voted for LaFollette for President. In an interview published in the newspaper in October 1930, I stated that my choice for President was Franklin D. Roosevelt. Governor Comstock appointed me to the Liquor Control Commission as a Democrat and recently at the state convention of the Young Democrats, I was elected National Committee Woman for the Young Democratic Clubs of America.

With many thanks to you for your interest and cooperation, I am

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dorothy S. McAllister". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Mrs. Thomas F. Mc Allister

DSM\*MR

Memo for F.D.R.

Why can't we have the  
meeting with Jim and  
Molly while this is on.

E.R.

171 WEST 12TH STREET  
NEW YORK CITY

DE V J U

Nov. 30. 1934

Dearest Eleanor

I am glad you like  
the plan for something should  
be done.

I shall be down in W. on  
the Pres. Advisory Council on  
Econ. Security Dec. 7 + 8.<sup>K</sup>  
Perhaps that will furnish  
the opportunity for us five to  
get together.

I had a letter from Felix