

There are some available. Any of you who feel you really want to have a locker, please let Mr. Martineau know.

We hope to get a sufficient supply of file cabinets, not so that each delegate may have one, but so that each delegate may at least have one drawer of a file cabinet for papers which he will be accumulating. Each of you will have the desk in the chamber, a desk in your committee room, and the file drawer for that purpose. Each of you is entitled to receive a telephone credit card for use to the limited extent permitted to you as a delegate. If you will stop at Mr. Martineau's office, you may pick it up. You can make long distance calls on that card only within the confines of the State of Maryland.

Copies of the final report of the Constitutional Convention Commission, which is in the same familiar blue cover, but is a little more than twice as thick as the interim report, have been distributed to your committee rooms. Each of you should have one. If you do not find it there, please let Mr. Brooks know.

A number of delegates have asked whether dictating equipment will be available. We have a problem with stenographic help. We cannot possibly get sufficient stenographic help to have an abundance for all the delegates. We would not have the money to pay for it if we could get it. We anticipate that some delegates completely familiar with the use of dictating equipment would prefer to do so. We have rented some equipment. We do not want to rent more than will be used. If you will be the user of dictating equipment, please let Mr. Martineau's office know.

Forms for proposals can be obtained from the office of the Chief Clerk. The office of the Chief Clerk is the corner of the Department of Legislative Reference room at the desk occupied during legislative sessions by Dr. Everstine. That is the location of the hopper. The Clerk will be glad to assist any delegate in preparing proposals for submission. Under the rules, you will file the original and five copies of each proposal with the Clerk. He will arrange to reproduce it immediately, and copies will be distributed at once to all delegates, to the press, and to the public.

Keep in mind that in accordance with the procedure discussed by the Chairman of the Rules Committee at the last meeting, it is possible for you to submit proposals other than in the precise language which you want to see adopted in the Constitution. In other words, you may submit what has

been termed idea proposals. They need not be in formal language. You may submit, for instance, a proposal that the Constitution provide for a secretary of state. That would be simply an idea proposal. Nothing more is needed. You may submit any kind, any number of such idea proposals. They will be referred to the appropriate committee, and if the committee favorably acts on the proposal, it will embody it in formal language in a committee recommendation.

This procedure is adopted in order to facilitate the flow of ideas from the delegates to the committee in orderly manner. We hope that the procedure will be used very freely.

Many of you have asked about locks. Locks for the desks in the House Chamber are being made. They were removed from the desks when the desks were being refinished. I understand they will be available shortly.

Those of you who are not familiar with the legislative practice and the electrical board should familiarize yourselves with the switch on your desk. I call your attention to the fact that under the rules adopted by this Convention, it is a serious offense for any person, delegate or not, to operate the switch which controls the voting board. In the center of that switch is a white ribbed circle, which you can, with your finger, pull forward and back. That operates the signal for pages. If you want a page, flip that center button back and forth several times. It will light a light at either side of the rostrum and a page will come to your desk.

I think the procedure for the operation of the rest of the lights has by now been determined by nearly all delegates. I might add that the one fortunate part of this device is that the presiding officer can absolutely control because until a switch here is turned on, you can flip the button all you want, and it has absolutely no effect.

The procedure in formal voting, in any case where a roll call vote is called for, will under the rules be by the electric vote callboard. The procedure in each instance will be for the presiding officer to throw the switch, which rings a bell just in front of the rostrum. That is your signal to vote even though you do not hear the presiding officer's announcement. Before the record is taken, the presiding officer will ask if everyone has voted, and will ask if any delegate desires to change his vote, giving an opportunity for delegates to change simply by pushing the other button. After reasonable opportunity, the presiding officer