Lot ten (10), in Block two (2), Washington Yale Addition to Minneapolis, in Hennepin County, Minnesota.

Sec. 2. Hennepin county, conveyance to Hennepin county Historical Society. The County of Hennepin is authorized to convey the same property to The Hennepin County Historical Society for a nominal consideration, or without consideration, or upon such terms and conditions as its County Board may see fit.

Provided, however, that the above mentioned conveyances shall be made only upon the written request of The Hennepin County Historical Society.

Approved April 15, 1955.

CHAPTER 461-S. F. No. 1565

An act relating to retirement allowances in cities of the first class; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 422.04.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 422.04, is amended to read:

422.04 **Retirement allowance, when paid.** Any person who shall have been employed by the city to which this chapter applies and who shall have fulfilled the conditions therein specified shall be entitled to receive a retirement allowance therefrom, as set forth in the provisions thereof. No retirement allowance shall be paid any retired employee of such city prior to the expiration of the calendar year next succeeding the date this chapter becomes effective therein.

Any conditional present incumbent shall be entitled to participate in the benefits provided by this chapter upon submitting to the retirement board a written notice of desire to accept the provisions of this chapter and of such evidence of the right to so participate as the board may require; provided that any such employee who is less than 30 years of age at the date this provision becomes effective therein shall submit such notice before reaching that age, and any such employee who shall have passed the age of 30 at that date shall make written application for participation in the benefits of the retirement fund within 90 days after such date. Before receiving said retirement allowance, such conditional present incumbent shall contribute to the fund herein provided for an amount which shall be equal to the amount of the contributions to said fund which said conditional present incumbent would have made had he been a contributor to said fund since January 1, 1922, in accordance with the method of contribution herein provided for, plus four percent compound interest. All such applications not filed within the time specified herein shall be denied by the retirement board.

The minimum age for retirement on a service allowance, except as otherwise provided, shall be established by the retirement board, may be greater for men than for women, may differ for different classes or grades of employment, but shall not be less than 60 years for men and 58 years for women, nor greater than 65 years. The ages so established by the board shall not be subject to revision prior to the expiration of a five year period from the establishment thereof, and shall apply to all persons who retire during the continuance thereof.

Subject to the limitations stated in this chapter, any employee in contributing class who shall have attained the established age for retirement shall be entitled to retire, and any such employee who shall remain in the service thereafter, shall be retired upon reaching the age of 65 regardless of the provisions of the veterans preference act and receive a service allowance as specified in this chapter; provided, that the compulsory retirement age of 65 shall not apply to employees of the Municipal Building Commission.

Any employee who retired prior to the passage of this amendment, and the designated beneficiaries of any such employee, shall be entitled to a retirement allowance to be calculated, determined and payable in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1956. Approved April 15, 1955.

CHAPTER 462—S. F. No. 1566 [Not Coded]

An act authorizing cities of the first class having 450,000 inhabitants or more to provide by ordinance for the payment of its employees by check forwarded through the United States mail.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Minneapolis may pay employees by mailing