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THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

I question if Christmas can ever be "merry" Except to the heart of the innocent child, For when time has taught us the meaning of sorrow And sobered the spirits that once were so wild; When all the green graves that lie scattered behind us Like milestones are marking the length of the way, And echoes of voices that no more will greet us Have saddened the chimes of the bright Christmas Day— We may not be merry, the long years forbid it, The years that have brought such manifold smarts; But we may be HAPPY, if only we carry The spirit of Christmas down deep in our hearts. Hence we shall not wish you the old "Merry Christmas" Since that is of shadowless childhood a part, But one that is holy, and happy and peaceful, The Spirit of Christmas down deep in the heart.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

A Message to Every Member Dear Comrades:— The wets are very active at this time in circulating petitions for the repeal of the prohibition article of the state constitution. Their plan is to have the question voted upon at the primary election in June. If we prevent their securing 20,000 names, we shall save our state the disgrace of having the repeal of prohibition voted upon and also save the expense of a big campaign. Work done now will accomplish much greater results than the same amount of work done later on. Let us constantly emphasize the fact that there is but one legal and honorable way to defeat prohibition and that is to elect a Congress that will repeal the Eighteenth Amendment. Every voter has the right and the opportunity at every Congressional election to express himself at the polls on this question. What the so-called Better Citizenship Association proposes in these petitions is to nullify the Eighteenth Amendment in this state. This is secession. No state has a right to do it; no loyal state will attempt it and no patriotic man or woman will sign such a petition or vote for it. The question is, can we permit our state to nullify the Constitution of

the United States? The Eighteenth Amendment provides that the STATES, with Congress, shall enforce that article. The proposition of the Better Citizenship Association is therefore to vote against the Constitution of the United States. Have you talked with your friends and neighbors? Have you sent out letter to voters with personal note? Have you done everything that is in your power to do? If all the dries of North Dakota were as active, persistent and VOCAL as are the few wets, there would be no battle to fight. This is the time to have as many public meetings as possible. Use home talent, get people to thinking and working. Medal contests are effective. Put the essay contest work into the schools. Get the children of the L. T. L. and the young people of the Y. P. B. to work. They are good publicity agents and advertisers; they will distribute literature, make and put up posters and give other valuable assistance. The Canadian Plan Since my last letter, I have had the privilege of attending the Saskatchewan Provincial W. C. T. U. convention at Saskatoon. Those women are doing intelligent, heroic and sacrificial work in the face of most discouraging circumstances. They have found that "Government Control" is a complete and woeful failure. The "Moderation League" promised better conditions and better enforcement. But conditions have been steadily growing worse, bootlegging and drunkenness are on the increase and the jails are filling up. The president of the Moderation League committed suicide. The women said to me—"Don't let the people of North Dakota be deceived as we were." I found conditions in Winnipeg the same. When I asked about the permits, men said, "There are so many bootleggers, there is no need to get a permit." They said—"It is not government control of the liquor traffic but it is liquor traffic control of the government." The evening I spoke at Saskatoon, we closed with the entire audience standing, and with uplifted right hands and clenched fists repeated the solemn pledge—"With God's help, we'll win prohibition." On this trip I saw, as never before, what it means to lose prohibition, the world of difference there is between the liquor traffic outlawed and the liquor traffic in the saddle. It was significant that the Mayor of Saskatoon and a representative of the Ministerial Association who gave addresses of welcome and said such nice things about the social service work of the W. C. T. U., said nothing about temperance or

prohibition or even government control! I was glad to have the opportunity of following them with a talk on "Prohibition is the best method." Day of Prayer Thursday, Jan. 5 The national general officers and the national evangelistic director have designated Thursday, January 5th, as a day of prayer for the W. C. T. U., its members and leaders, for increased support of the Eighteenth Amendment, for those charged with responsibility for law enforcement and for the election of undoubted friends of prohibition to all offices in the next election. To this we add, for the defeat of the attempt to repeal the prohibition article of our state constitution. We earnestly hope that every union of the state will assemble and devote at least one hour of this day to prayer. Invite all Christian people to join with you in this meeting. Read the call to prayer on the cover page of The Union Signal of Nov. 12 January 15 and 16 Begin now to plan for a great celebration of Victory Day. Now that the enemy is attacking and seeking to overthrow our state prohibition law, we should make more of this day than ever before. This is an opportunity to arouse every community and focus attention upon this campaign. To do this, concentrate Victory Day celebration as far as possible, on Sunday, January 15, and thus take advantage of regular church services, Sunday schools and young people's meetings. Every union will receive this month, a Victory Day Clip-sheet with speeches, articles and statistics for preachers, radio talks, editors and speakers. The plan is, a meeting in every community, a sermon from every pulpit, a demonstration in every Sunday School and young people's meeting. If you begin early, plan wisely and use the help so generously provided by the National W. C. T. U., the results will be far reaching and glorious. Yours for Victory, Elizabeth Preston Anderson. GOLDEN RULE SUNDAY It is true that no one needs a definite day set aside for a survey of his spiritual state. Any day will do. Yet when such a day as Golden Rule Sunday is set into the calendar it is welcomed as a spur to such an audit as well as an opportunity to express good will to others as the Golden Rule commands. Golden Rule Sunday falls on December fourth this year. At that time all who are interested in the work that Americans have been doing for orphan children in Armenia and Greece and the Holy Land thru

the agency of Near East Relief plan an observance that will suggest the countries where these young wards of America dwell. It usually takes the form of a simple meal such as the boys and girls eat in the orphanages—a vegetable stew or macaroni and cheese with a bit of stewed fruit and a piece of dark bread and a cup of cocoa. On such simple, wholesome fare the wretched waifs who came to "the Americans who take care of children" for help were changed as by a miracle to a state of normal health. Their story, told about the family table or at the Golden Rule Dinner of a class or club or other group, charges the atmosphere with the philanthropic feeling that is naturally aroused by any tale of the suffering of childhood. The work carried on by Near East Relief has always received the fullest support from the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. It is not a piece of welfare work that meets an emergency; it is the doing of a task that reaches into the future, that sets the mark of America's progressiveness on these ancient lands in the most cordial spirit of friendliness. The amount saved by the Golden Rule Dinner may be sent, as before, through the regular channels. PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING "When a boy," said a prominent member of a church, "I was much helped by Bishop Hamline, who visited a house where I was. Taking me aside the bishop said, 'When in trouble, my boy, kneel down and ask God's help; but never climb over the fence into the devil's ground, and then kneel down and ask for help. Pray from God's side of the fence.' Of that, I have thought every day of my life since." Continuing, he remarked: "Stanford Cobb, the missionary of Persia, helped me in another way. Said he: 'Do you ever feel thankful when God blesses you?' 'Always,' 'Did you ever tell him so?' 'Well, I don't know that I have,' 'Well, try it, my young friend; try it. Tell Him so; tell Him aloud; tell Him so that you will hear it yourself.' That was a new revelation. I found that I had only been glad, not grateful. I have been telling Him with grateful feelings ever since to my soul's help." Mrs. Ella A. Boole, National president of the W. C. T. U., says: "Our work is not done. The conflict for law enforcement may be as long and bitter as for constitutional prohibition. Every W. C. T. U. is a center through which sentiment for law enforcement is made."

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Associate Secretary—Mrs. J. L. Hughes, Bismarck.

Valley City's program for 1927-28 is the first to reach us. It is a neat, original and comprehensive program, covering the essentials of our work. A social half hour with lunch follows each program.

North Dakota boasts a new national director, Mrs. Kate S. Wilder of Fargo, who was appointed by the national officers as director of Institutes, an office vacated by Mrs. Anna Marden De Yo of San Francisco when she was elected Corresponding Secretary of the National W. C. T. U.

Mr. John N. Hagan of Deering has been appointed Prohibition Administrator for North Dakota to succeed Mr. Arthur A. Stone, who resigned some time ago. Mr. Hagan has assumed the duties of the office and is living in Fargo. Major B. C. Boyd, who has served so acceptably in the interim, will continue with the department as Prohibition Inspector.

ESTATE NOTE

For value received I hereby instruct the executor or administrator of my estate to pay to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of North Dakota, or order, the sum of.....

within six months of the date of my death.

Signed

FIELD WORK

Mrs. Necia E. Buck—On her way west in September, Mrs. Buck spent a week in Third district where, in company with the district president, Mrs. Mary Ida Torr, she visited Upham, Russell, Newberg, St. Pauls and Westhope. She spoke in the movie house at Upham and before the Ladies Aid Society at Westhope. She made 17 personal calls and interested teachers in L. T. L. work, to whom material was later sent, also S. T. I. material to those who promised to introduce it into the schools.

At last report, Mrs. Buck was in Goleta, Calif., caring for an older sister who is ill.

Mrs. Josephine E. Sizer—It was with great pleasure we welcomed the president of the Minnesota W. C. T. U. for two weeks work in the state, beginning October 15. Mrs. Sizer was a pioneer years ago in a part of the territory she visited and was warmly welcomed everywhere. As a public speaker, she is second to none in the National W. C. T. U. She knows the work thoroughly and presents it in an attractive manner.

Mrs. Sizer visited La Moure, Lisbon, Dickey, Jamestown, Steele, Gladstone, Dickinson, New England, Rainy Butte, Manning, Hazen and Valley City. At Hazen she organized a union with Mrs. H. E. Bergland, wife of the pastor of the Evangelical Church, president. She addressed some 2,000 people, everywhere speaking against the repeal of the state prohibition law. She gained 22 new members, made all her expenses and put a small sum into the state treasury. Come again!

Mrs. Kate S. Wilder—Another campaigner who has done good work is our state field worker, Mrs. Wilder, who left Fargo Oct. 15th for a month's itinerary in the northwestern part of the state. Courtenay, Carington, Harvey, Balfour and Drake were visited, with addresses in churches, schools, Sunday Schools and at local union meetings. A Sunday was spent at Kenmare and since no organization was possible, 13 Willard members were secured.

At Minot the Normal and public schools were addressed, an afternoon and public meeting held. Stanley and White Earth were visited and an interesting time had at Wheelock where Mrs. Wilder addressed all the public schools to which Mrs. Wallestad could take her in the Ford and spoke seven times in one day. Sunday was spent at Ray where the Lutheran and Methodist Sunday schools were addressed, and the Sunday morning congregation.

Williston's schools came next and Mrs. Wilder was the guest of the Business and Professional Women's Club at their annual banquet where she gave a short talk. Van Hook and Ryder were visited and when, by special invitation, she visited Parshall, a union was organized with 15 active and three honorary members. The president is Mrs. Juliette Hove, the secretary, Mrs. Andrew Nordaune and the treasurer, Mrs. C. E. Shubert. The Rev. John Roberts, pastor of the Congregational church, recently from England, is intensely interested in prohibition in America and is doing all he can to strengthen the cause. Through his influence, the union was organized.

Next Sunday was spent at Ryder

where Mrs. Mielke and Mrs. Wertzler entertained and helped with the itinerary, driving to Rosegen in the afternoon, where 75 people were addressed and four new members gained. Three services at Ryder were addressed, besides the talks in public schools. At Makoti, the W. C. T. U. and Y. P. B. held a rally. Our friends Rev. and Mrs. F. L. Watkins, are now stationed at Turtle Lake, having also an appointment at Underwood, and they kindly welcomed Mrs. Wilder and helped her with the work. Another union was organized at Underwood on Armistice Day, of which Mrs. C. B. Unumb is president, Mrs. W. Gogstetter, secretary and Mrs. C. C. Koenig, treasurer. There are 13 active members with Rev. Mr. Watkins an honorary member.

At Max, Mrs. Wilder spoke at a Lutheran supper Saturday evening to 125 people. On Sunday, drove with the pastor to a country appointment where some of the people came from 18 miles distant.

At the evening meeting in town, eight women were ready to join but no one would take the presidency. Next day, the public schools were visited. At Bismarck, an evening meeting was held and next day 450 were addressed at the schools. Summary: New members gained, 54 active and 5 honorary. Miles traveled, 1,263; persons reached, 6,375. Literature against signing wet petitions distributed everywhere.

Mrs. Fred M. Wanner—Our state vice president has done some fine work in the northeastern part of the state, mostly in the 17th district. Her first stop was at Hillsboro, Oct. 27th, where she spoke before the large Lutheran Ladies' Aid and in the schools. Next day at Reynolds, where the Rev. M. O. Engberg kindly arranged a meeting and also an opportunity to speak in schools. Sunday was spent at Gilby in the morning and at Forest River in the evening, speaking at each service. Next day L. T. L.'s were organized at both of these places, and schools at Johnstown visited.

A union of 15 members was organized at Fordville, with Mrs. Wm. McConnachie, president; Miss Olive Ratcliffe, secretary and Mrs. Wm. Bond, treasurer. Mrs. Wanner spoke three times in schools and found the teachers interested. At Adams 173 people were addressed, including the members of the local union and teachers. Fairdale came next and then our Mrs. Beasley met her, and after the meeting, took Mrs. Wanner to her home. At Nekoma, she spoke five times reaching nearly 300 people. Then Mrs. Beasley drove to St. Olaf's church and to Highland church where Mrs. Wanner enjoyed speaking to many young people.

At Edinburg, she spoke in movie house for 12 minutes to 150 people, besides the woman's meeting and the talks to schools. Langdon came next with an evening meeting and then an evening was spent with our state president, in her new home at Park River. Next morning Mr. Catherwood drove our campaigner to Grafton where she got her train for Crystal

Here she spoke twice in schools and organized an L. T. L. with Mrs. J. O. Reese, a Willard member, to sponsor it; spoke for ten minutes at Legion program before 300 people and at a special meeting in the Presbyterian church.

Sunday was spent at Grafton as

the guest of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Pollock, in whose church Mrs. Wanner spoke in the morning, and at Minto in the evening, remaining as the guest of Mrs. Carrie M. Evans. Minto, St. Thomas, Grafton and Drayton came next with talks in all schools, and an L. T. L. organized at Minto with Miss Edith Dowling, leader. Meetings of the women were also held at each place. At Bowesmont, Mrs. Wanner was the happy speaker at a mother and daughter banquet and an L. T. L. was organized in the schools with Mrs. Lewis Hanson, superintendent.

Spending Sunday in Cavalier as the guest of the Methodist pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. B. S. Locher, Mrs. Wanner spoke at Sunday School, taught the Bible class, spoke at the morning service, at Hensel in the afternoon, and at the Evangelical church at Cavalier in the evening. Next day she was heard with the greatest interest by the young people of the schools.

Words cannot measure the splendid work of these campaigners for prohibition as they have visited so many communities, inspiring children and young people with higher ideals and reaching old and young with the message that "Prohibition is the best method," and should not be repealed.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK

The purpose of the Sunday School department is to develop righteous citizens, through religious education. Literature which will help in this work can be obtained at reasonable prices from State Headquarters. There are programs adapted to the different departments of the Sunday school. The opening exercises afford the best opportunity for using these and open the way for the presentation of the temperance lessons which are found in both the International and Graded quarterlies.

Pageants are very effective and children, both young and old, love to put them on. Blackboard exercises may also be obtained which will prove helpful. I am sure after an opening of this kind, the lesson can be made more interesting and more pledges will be signed. Be sure to have pledge cards at such a meeting.

Co-operate with the superintendents and teachers. They will be glad to have you furnish supplementary literature to be used in presenting a lesson. Place temperance books in Sunday School libraries. Then distribute temperance literature to all classes.

The four special days to be observed during the year are—World's Temperance Sunday, which falls on Oct. 30th this year; Anti-Cigarette Sunday, the second Sunday in the year; Frances Willard Day, the Sunday nearest her birthday, and Patriotic Sunday, which is the Sunday nearest the 4th of July.

Much can be accomplished with very little effort if we first get a vision of the importance of the work, second, a responsibility for the work, and lastly, a determination to do it.—Mrs. Guy F. Harris, Director.

New local Presidents since report was printed:

Stanley—Mrs. A. L. Anderson.
Hope—Mrs. C. S. Shippy.
Northwood—Mrs. P. G. Sonnack.
Drayton—Mrs. E. M. Ruthruff.
Minto—Mrs. Guy Miller.
Wyndmere—Mrs. Verna Ball.

SECRETARY'S CORNER

Dear Comrades:—

The State Reports were ready Nov. 1st, thanks to the promptness of the Knight Printing Co. Copies have been sent to all members of the executive committee and to local unions. Additional copies at 15 cents each may be obtained from the state treasurer or from Headquarters.

Copies of letters to voters have been sent in quantities to all unions, to ministers all over the state and to Clubs where we have no unions. We can furnish more on short notice. Copies of the leaflet showing why wet petitions should not be signed are also available.

One local president writes: "We can use some more (letters) to advantage. We had the ministers busy today. Have sent out all letters you sent, running a slide in movies and putting articles in paper. We are thinking of making posters for shop windows. **WE ARE WILLING TO DO ANYTHING TO HELP.**" That's the spirit that wins. We hope it may predominate everywhere.

Loving wishes for the holiday season.

Hopefully yours,
Barbara H. Wylie.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Sept. 20-Nov. 20

DUES—Bantry \$4.20, Sheldon 2.10, Esmond L. T. L. 70c, Mrs. A. L. Stueland, Willard 1.00, Hunter 22.40, Fargo Scan. 1.40, Spring Brook, 2.10, Larimore 3.50, Crystal Springs Y. P. B. 4.00, Fargo 48.30, Kenmare, Willards 13.00, Hillsboro, Willards 14.00, Bantry 2.80, Mrs. Jas. Belknap, Willard 1.00, Fargo 28.70, Mrs. Jos. Brew, Willard 1.00, Parshall (new union) 5.60, Jamestown 25.20, Reeder 2.90, Fargo 17.95, Underwood (new union) 4.90, Steele 4.20, Mrs. Geo. Menson, Willard 1.00.

BUDGET—First Dist. \$30.00, Lisbon 15.60, Gibby 7.50, Fargo 65.00, Bowesmont 10.00, Fargo Scan. 130.00.

MISCELLANEOUS—Miss Mary Torr, life membership, \$10.00; Fairmount, Armenian relief, 6.00; Col. at state conv., 120.95; Literature sales at conv., 16.20; Mrs. Inez Trump, donation, 6.00; Spring Butte, donation, 6.16; Col. on field, Mrs. Josephine Sizer, 138.87; New Rockford, reports, .45; Fargo Scan., reports, 3.00; Hatton, reports, .45; Fargo, reports, .45; Leed., reports, .45; Devils Lake, Near East, with exc., 5.10; Bantry, Near East, 3.53; Kate S. Wilder, birthday offering, 5.00; Col. on field, Kate S. Wilder, 70.86.

Dear Sisters:—

The Christmas season is now in our minds, and we are looking forward to the celebration of the birth of the Savior who came to bring Peace on the Earth. Our work in the Woman's Christian Temperance Union is one of the paths that Christ has given us to rid the thorns that are laid for the feet of the children, the innocent and the helpless; and He has told us inasmuch as we have done this unto one of the least of these we have done it unto Him.

May we at this time, and at the closing of the old year, take renewed courage for another year's work, and be thankful for the work He has given us to do. The enemy, with the indifferent, has many reports about our

NEWS FROM THE FIELD

The local paper at Ryder gave a two columns report on the state convention.

Park River had special services for World's Temperance Sunday by children in four Sunday schools.

Rummage sales have helped raise budget money. Valley City cleared \$50 and Minot \$70 in this way.

Jamestown had reports of National convention at two regular meetings. The editor gave much space to report of Mrs. Sizer's address.

Mrs. F. T. Brooks of Minot, president of the hostess union for the 1928 convention, was a pleasant caller at State Headquarters.

Bowesmont recently had a very enjoyable mother and daughter banquet with Mrs. Wanner as speaker. Pretty decorations, peppy songs and a bountiful repast featured the occasion.

Mrs. Minnie E. Huyck visited the union at Oberon, giving a good report of the National convention. Later, the Oberon union gave reception to teachers at the N. B. Garnas home. Mrs. J. A. Graham gave the address of welcome. Music and readings lent interest to the program and a social time with refreshments was enjoyed.

Carrington had a poster display during Education week; on World's Temperance Sunday, had a short talk in all Sunday schools with 80 signing the total abstinence pledge; at reception to teachers, had musical program with light refreshments; local paper gave nearly a column on front page to Mrs. Wilder's address. Seeing this, a minister at Parshall asked for Mrs. Wilder and a union was organized. "It pays to advertise."

The Fargo unions held their usual Thanksgiving meetings at the Florence Crittenton Home, bringing donations. At a recent meeting of the Fargo Scandinavian union, a program on Narcotics and Medical Temperance was arranged by Mrs. H. M. Rudd, local director. Miss Edith Pearson of the Child Health Clinic gave a very practical talk. She called attention to the prevalent and dangerous use of aspirin except under a doctor's prescription. The divisions of this large union have been working so well that it was voted to pay the budget in full.

The Crystal Springs L. T. L. held a Halloween party with appropriate decorations in the school auditorium. Members of the W. C. T. U. and the school faculty assisted in the program, which consisted of singing and games, after which refreshments were served.

Prosper is bereft in the removal of their president, Mrs. C. H. Hancock, to Brainerd, Minn. At a recent meeting of the union, Mrs. Hancock was the guest of honor and was presented with a seed pearl pin. Not only has Mrs. Hancock been the faithful and resourceful local president, but she has been a most helpful friend and neighbor to every one and will be greatly missed.

work that tend to discouragement, but "The Battle is the Lord's" and He has fought and is still fighting for us.

We pray that each union with each member may be filled with courage and faith as we go forward in His service for another year.

Lovingly,
Mrs. E. C. Watkins,
State Treasurer.

SUGGESTIONS FOR

VICTORY DAY 1928

It is particularly valuable this year to concentrate Victory Day celebration as far as possible on Sunday, January 15, and thus take advantage of the meetings of Sunday Schools, young people's meetings and the regular church services.

Our slogan, "Prohibition is the Best Method," has never been more apt than it will be on the eighth birthday of the 18th Amendment, and around that theme let the celebration be built.

With a nation wide political struggle imminent, the wets have started to flood the country with propaganda in an endeavor to prove that under prohibition the country is worse off than in the saloon days. The wet attempt will be made to prove, not merely that prohibition is useless, but that it is an actual detriment.

Let Victory Day be the occasion to offset this propaganda by calling attention to the benefits of prohibition. Local meetings in every community are urged. A state meeting in the capital city can be arranged later as a campaign conference.

Conferences, lunches or banquets may be held on Saturday or Monday, with short addresses covering the same theme—"Prohibition is the Best Method."

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

Should be observed by a meeting in every community in the United States; by sermons from every pulpit; by a demonstration in every Sunday School. The attempt is being made to TAKE PROHIBITION AWAY FROM YOU. Victory Day should be your defiance to the enemy and a glorification of your cause. On Victory Day you should plan to get the message of the Benefits of Prohibition to the entire United States—including the young people and the children.

Prohibition is the Best Method

One way of bringing home our slogan is to contrast today under prohibition with an actual and typical locality in the saloon regime. Many young people have never seen a saloon, never walked by one with its glaring lights and drunken crowd; and yet an attempt is being made to tell them this prohibition era is worse than the saloon era, with its accompaniment of unlimited cheap booze, red light back rooms and the law breaking bartender. The opponents of prohibition are trying to tell our youth that the furtive, outlawed, hard-to-locate bootlegger with his expensive poison is worse than the glaring, public, accessible, well advertised saloon.

Let our answer be that we outlawed the saloon; and we are driving the criminal bootlegger to the wall. We rid the country of saloon politics; we aim to drive out bootleg politics.

The country tried out all other methods; and they failed. Tell in detail what they were and why they failed. The pledge signing movement; the dispensary method; the high license; the local option; state-wide prohibition.

PROHIBITION IS THE BEST METHOD

Relation of Law Observance to the success of prohibition. The benefits of prohibition are measured in direct proportion to Law Enforcement. Where prohibition is observed and enforced there are the blessings.

But in spite of the fact that prohibition is proved to be the best METHOD, enemies of prohibition are trying to substitute other METHODS. The most prominent is the proposed modification of the Volstead Act to permit the manufacture and sale of beer and wine, which Andrew Volstead described at the Minneapolis Convention of the National W. C. T. U. as merely the first move toward opening the flood gates of hard liquor. The wets talk about the Canadian Plan of government sale of liquor. Of course, as a temperance measure, the Canadian Plan is a failure. It can never be adopted in the United States because the 18th Amendment PROHIBITS the manufacture and sale of liquor by the government and everyone else.

The Ammunition Train

The National W. C. T. U. will have ready for distribution to every union in December a VICTORY DAY CLIP-SHEET, as large as the page of an ordinary newspaper, replete with speeches, articles, statistics for preachers, radio talks, editors, speakers on January 14-15-16. With a meeting in every community, sermons from every pulpit, and demonstrations in every Sunday school, the material thus prepared and widely scattered, will undoubtedly get the widest and most numerous audiences ever accorded to any single message. Let us aim for that result.

FAIRS AND EXHIBITS

Dear Local President and Director:

Greetings and best wishes for a great year in this department.

Through this department of "Visualized Publicity," we can emphasize by picture, poster, pageant, float, play and music the beautiful and constructive, the benefits of prohibition, the blessing of total abstinence and law enforcement.

Every local union should have a capable director. One who is interested in civic affairs, and who will use every opportunity to present our program of law observance and law enforcement by the above methods. These methods can be used to great advantage in the 1928 political campaign.

Many new members can be secured by exhibit booths at state and county fairs. Try to place booth in a conspicuous place and make it an exhibit of beauty as well as education. Posters and literature can be secured from State and National Headquarters, and should be used abundantly. Always provide a place for visitors to register, and report number to your state director. Even though booth may be small, provide a few chairs and a cot for visitors to rest, also cold drinking water. Have kind, congenial women in charge of the booth.

Co-operate with other organizations in all community affairs and thus win friends and members for the W. C. T. U.

Make plans early in the year and see that they are carried out. Every director should know her state fair law.

Yours for great success,
Mrs. Bessie M. Darling,
705 Oak st. Grand Forks.

The W. C. T. U. is a law observance organization. Every member is pledged to obey the law and because of this basic fact, it lays foundations for obedience to all laws.

WHAT MAKES A NATION GREAT

What shall make a nation great? That nation shall be the greatest that cares best for its greatest asset, "the child in the midst," the asset of more value than the natural resources, the silver or gold, the cattle upon a thousand hills, or the grain of a million fields. (Edith F. Lee)

Every child in our great nation should be so morally safe-guarded and so thoroughly trained that he will be a real valuable asset to the country that gave him birth.

Herein lies America's greatness. To build out of the children of today a society more worthy than anything that the past has produced—this is our greatest task, this is our opportunity.

The boys and girls and young people of America have a great work laid out for them today—they like big jobs—they cannot be satisfied with less than a big program.

We look to them to keep the prohibition fire burning on the altar of our great republic. We expect them to pass on to the whole world the light of prohibition's sacred purpose and the steady gleam of its divine hope.

The intelligent, fine spirited boys and girls and young people of today accept this responsibility and important commission gratefully.

The home, the school, the church and our own organization must rally to the task of training and developing these boys and girls for their work.

This great and worth-while co-operative movement deserves our earnest prayers, our enlarged interests and our consecrated and divinely directed service.

The public schools are opening their doors to our methods and materials when these are properly presented to right authority.

The children are enthusiastic over the program such as our department presents.

Our organization has had a two fold purpose from its beginning—to annihilate the liquor business and teach and train the young for leadership.

The Loyal Temperance Legion invites every patriotic boy and girl to join its ranks. It offers them a big opportunity to serve their country in a real way—through observance of law and in citizenship training. It enlists them as new Crusaders of the twentieth century to help win new moral victories for America and for the whole world. The Loyal Temperance Legion in song and story develops ideal methods for bringing scientific and governmental temperance truths to bear upon young lives.

Through its various departmental activities it seeks to train for Christian citizenship and moral leadership these boys and girls who will be the men and women of tomorrow.

Through the payment of dues it identifies its members with the W. C. T. U. work, both present and future.

As National Prohibition Guards its members pledge themselves to "Safeguard America's future" and to "Help lift the world to the light."

Our W. C. T. U. needs these boys and girls to help carry on the work they are doing.

It must put forth greater efforts to win America's boys and girls for law observance that they may pass on to the succeeding generation blessings even greater than have been transmitted to them.

EXCERPTS FROM SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT

I stand in reverence before the loyalty and self-sacrifice of the white ribboners of North Dakota. In spite of discouragements, money in closed banks and other obstacles, our women have bravely met their obligations. Every year, the conviction grows—there never were such women!

This year we have majored in publicity, field work and the membership campaign. Never have we had so much publicity. Several unions maintained a W. C. T. U. column and many letters appeared in mail bags of leading newspapers. Our president, Mrs. Anderson, and the president of the Grand Forks union, Miss Wagar, have broadcast prohibition news over the radio.

Our field work aggregated 218 1/2 days. We had four state and three national workers—Mmes. Nelia E. Buck, F. M. Wanner, Kate S. Wilder and Julia D. Nelson, and Mrs. Lydia B. Johnson of South Dakota, Miss Helen Byrnes of California and Mrs. Lottie E. Woodford, special lecturer for the Scientific Temperance department of the National W. C. T. U. Mrs. Woodford spent the month of July in the state, addressed seven summer schools, reached 6,305 teachers and distributed 10,000 leaflets to help in their work. Our field work resulted in the organization of 12 local unions, 4 Y. P. B.'s, 8 L. T. L.'s and in gaining 125 Willard members.

The membership campaign brought in 840 new women, 58 of whom are Y. P. B.'s. All honor to the victorious volunteer captains whose names are here recorded in the order in which they were received. Mrs. R. B. Reed, Fargo; Mrs. L. G. Thompson, Hatton; Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, Fargo; Mrs. J. M. Johnson, Fargo Scandinavian (20); Mrs. C. M. Pearson, Napoleon; Mrs. E. C. Watkins, Fargo; Mrs. P. A. Thoreson, Fargo Scandinavian; Mrs. Chris Sydness, Fargo Scandinavian; Mrs. Jennie G. Dysart, Esmond; Mrs. W. A. Smith, Lisbon; Mrs. B. A. Norris, Jamestown (20); Mrs. F. A. Laubloom, Fargo Scandinavian; Mrs. P. R. Sorenson, Jamestown; Mrs. Geo. F. Clarke, Fargo; Mrs. Alice Holcomb, Jamestown; Mrs. A. C. Jones, Carrington; Mrs. Anton Nelson, Hatton; Mrs. Morris Williams, Fargo; Mrs. B. O. Sorbo and Mrs. Martin Christianson, Grand Forks Scandinavian; Mrs. Fred Carman, Northwood; Mrs. Josephine Keller, Temvik; Mrs. Theo. Strandness, Larimore; Mrs. E. E. Simpson and Mrs. E. A. Mickelson, Kathryn; Miss Lena Roseth and Mrs. Martin Lium, Christine; Mrs. Paul Rode, Ryder and Mrs. A. H. Lindquist, Wheelock.

District conventions were held in fourteen districts—one convention being postponed on account of rain and bad roads. New district presidents are, Miss Mary Ida Torr of Upham, Mrs. Olaf Larvick, Temvik, Mrs. E. C. Wilson, Hettinger and Mrs. C. W. Hammelton, Lisbon.

State directors who reached the standard of efficiency this year are, Mrs. Emma B. Golden, Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, Mrs. Guy F. Harris, Mrs. Geo.

We must work hand in hand with the children of our nation holding steadily on until our prohibition law may everywhere prevail and we see a Safer America and Better World!

Mrs. E. S. Bordwell,
State Secretary.

F. Clarke, Mrs. Mae Brudevold, Mrs. A. L. Stueland and Mrs. Lulu W. Zimmerman.

FLOWER MISSION AND RELIEF WORK

Dear Comrades:

Another year of work together is before us. Your hearty co-operation and work in the varied activities of this department has been a source of inspiration all over the state. I rejoice with you in the good work accomplished.

We are glad that we were privileged to lend a hand in the relief work in the South, as well as locally; the needs are not yet entirely filled. Also remember the stricken people in foreign lands the first ten days of December, either direct to Near East Relief, thru the American Women's Hospitals, 637 Madison Ave., New York, or through the state treasurer.

Each member of every local union should be supplied with a record card that items may be jotted down from time to time when done. This would be easy to do and the aggregate would make a difference in the final report at the end of the year.

Mrs. Wylie writes me that but one union reported a float during the year, but Reeder not only had a float but won first prize with it on the Fourth of July, besides other special activities. In fact, you all do so many things do you wonder I get excited when the reports come in at the end of the year? Let us make special effort this year to co-operate with other departments of the union more than usual, especially with the L. T. L.'s. I wish you all a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Inez Lee.

Y. P. B. NOTES

To Mrs. Minnie E. Huyck, president of the Second district, goes the honor for the first organization this new W. C. T. U. year—a Y. P. B. at Esmond, with Miss Gladys Huyck, leader, and a growing membership.

Chevon had 55 present at their first meeting and all the teachers joined. The school board, glad to have the building used for such a good purpose, granted free use of gymnasium and domestic science rooms. Miss Mabel Burt is the general secretary.

The Fargo Y. P. B. met at the home of Mrs. R. M. Pollock. There were Y. P. B. songs and yells and several get-acquainted games. The president, Walter Lagerberg, spoke and several signed the pledge. A social time with refreshments followed. Miss Helen Watkins is general secretary.

PRIZES OFFERED FOR POSTERS

Dr. M. L. Hutchins, National Director of Medical Temperance department, offers \$10 for the best original poster and \$5 for the second best, along medical temperance lines, posters to be submitted at National convention. Here is a chance to earn a little money. Let us try to get our young people in the Y. P. B. and other organizations to try this.

Dr. Hutchins says: "Alcohol is not a food and it is not a medicine. It is poison and its use is detrimental to all ages in all climes. Always there is some safe remedy that will do the work better than alcohol. It is bad for children because their growing tissue is particularly susceptible to its

poisonous effects. It is bad for youth for the same reason and because it arouses their sexual passions and often throws them off their balance.

"It is vicious to recommend alcoholic nostrums to girls in their teens. It masks their troubles but does not cure them. A hot mustard or salt foot-bath, with a drink of hot milk, or hot lemonade and the hot water bottle applied to the abdomen and the small of the back is far better help. Women at the menopause of life may be greatly harmed by alcohol. Aside from the curse it always is, it may mask a diseased condition and the trouble may not be detected until it is too late."

If only the government had been wise enough, in the Eighteenth Amendment, not to have excepted alcohol for medicinal (to say nothing of sacramental) purposes, we would be a long way on our road to law enforcement, but old customs die hard. Because we did not sense that alcohol is a detriment and not an asset in medical practice, we suffer all this. Justice would say that if alcohol is to be inflicted on any class, it should be on the well and not on the sick who are less able to resist its evil effects.

Annie F. Catherwood.

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