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THE PATRIOT

The flag went by. He doffed his hat
And asked no praise for doing that.
He never boasted: "I am true!
I love the old Red, White and Blue!
I love my children and my wife,
Mine is a most unusual life,
Because it happens, don't you see,
I am what I'm supposed to be."

He never said: "Who looks at me
A law-abiding man will see."
When we by bars are not enclosed,
Respect for law is presupposed,
He could be trusted at his post
But never thought of that to boast,
And if you mentioned it he'd say
A man's supposed to live that way.

He did his best, and let it go,
Without desire for pomp or show;
Those manly traits which marked
him most.

He never raised his voice to boast.
He played the neighbor; played the
friend,

Was true to all men to the end,
And I should choose him from the lot
For what I'd call a patriot.

—Exchange.

MRS. ANNIE WITTENMYER

"When, long ago, in the snow and the
sleet,
Womanhood knelt in the pitiless
street,
Out of that agony, out of defeat
Blossomed a glory for you and for
me."

From the Woman's Crusade of 1874 blossomed the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union and it is most fitting that we observe the sixtieth anniversary in 1934. Looking forward to this important event, certain goals have been set and the states placed in groups named for early Crusaders who "gave active and honorable service" to some state in each group. With North Dakota are placed Florida, Louisiana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Utah, Philippine Islands and West Virginia, and the group is named in honor of Mrs. Annie Wittenmyer, first president of the National W. C. T. U.

Mrs. Wittenmyer was born in Ohio but her early home was in Kentucky. She attended a Seminary in Ohio and was married in her twenty-first year. She was very prominent in the church and in all charitable enterprises. At the beginning of the Civil war, Mrs. Wittenmyer was appointed by the legislature of Iowa as sanitary agent for that state. Later she entered the service of the Christian Commission where she developed her plan for special diet kitchens which contributed greatly to the health of our soldiers. The first of these kitchens was opened at Nashville, Tenn., and food prepared for 800 of our sick and wounded soldiers. In this work she had the assistance of all the army officers, military and medical. General Grant was a personal friend.



MRS. WITTENMYER

These improvements in the diet kitchens were the means of saving thousands of lives and restoring many to health and usefulness.

Near the close of the war, Mrs. Wittenmyer promoted the idea of a Home for Soldiers' Orphans and founded an institution in Iowa bearing her name. She visited Washington and obtained from Secretary Stanton permission for the erection of the beautiful barracks at Davenport which are still maintained in a flourishing condition. Mrs. Wittenmyer next conceived the idea that the vast amount of activity and energy developed by the war along philanthropic lines, should be maintained on a Christian basis in the church. Bishop Simpson entered heartily into this plan and the Methodist church established a Home Missionary Society of women for the express purpose of ministering to the spiritual and temporal needs of strangers and the poor. This was made a General Conference society in 1871 and Mrs. Wittenmyer elected its corresponding secretary. During the year 1876, over 50,000 families were visited under its auspices.

Mrs. Wittenmyer removed to Philadelphia and founded her paper—"The Christian Woman" and later a juvenile paper, "The Christian Child." In addition to this large publishing work, she carried forward the enterprises of the society described above and known as the "Ladies' and Pastors' Christian Union," traveling in its interests thousands of miles and speaking in every state from Maine to California.

When the temperance women met in their first national convention and Mrs. Mary Clement Leavitt declined the presidency, Mrs. Wittenmyer was elected to that post and served faithfully four years. At that time, twen-

THE STATE CONVENTION, WIL-
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THE WORLD'S W. C. T. U. CON-
VENTION, TORONTO, CANADA,
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ty-three states were organized, aux-
iliary to the National union. One of
the most notable acts of her adminis-
tration was the presentation to Con-
gress in 1875 of a huge petition or
behalf of local, state and national un-
ions, asking for the prohibition of the
liquor traffic. At this time a hearing
was granted by the congressional
judicial committee. Another import-
ant act was the sending of a letter of
inquiry to the International Medica
Association which met in Philadelphia
in 1876 and which led to a hearing
before a committee of celebrated phy-
sicians of Europe and our own coun-
try. Another official act was the
holding of the first Woman's National
Camp Meeting at Ocean Grove.

In addition to the care of her three
papers and the duties of her office as
W. C. T. U. president, Mrs. Witten-
myer wrote several books, among
them, "History of the Woman's Tem-
perance Crusade." Miss Willard says
she was first, last and always a wom-
an's woman, crying out against the
tyranny of prejudice and custom
Gospel work was her delight and her
hymn—"Victory"—written for the
Newark convention in 1876, embodied
her declaration of "faith in these
words:

"The Lord is our refuge and strength,
His promises never can fail;
We've learned the sweet lesson at
length,

His grace over sin can prevail.
In the sweet by and by
We'll conquer the demon of rum,
In the sweet by and by
The kingdom of heaven will come."
—E. H. W.

Miss Graccio L. Houlder of Aus-
tralia, who has been in the United
States for some time and observing
the working of National Prohibition,
is the author of a most readable and
illuminating book—"Dryosophy and
Dryology"—containing many true il-
lustrations, original aphorisms, obser-
vations and valuations of prohibi-
tion as delivered from platform, pul-
pit, over radio and in debate. We
acknowledge with thanks an attract-
ive copy of this interesting publica-
tion and commend it to our readers.

The women's wet organization re-
cently gave a prize for the best poster
against prohibition. The prize, by
some appropriate ironical impulse,
was given to a poster showing the
Constitution of the United States be-
ing violently torn to pieces.

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dinavian.

Mrs. Robert B. Reed, Fargo.
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Mrs. J. M. Johnson, Fargo Scan-
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Mrs. Fred M. Wanner, Jamestown.
Mrs. O. J. Flagstad, Hillsboro.
Mrs. H. M. Rudd, Fargo Scandi-
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Mrs. E. S. Bordwell sees many compensations in her work as state L. T. L. secretary. Not the least of these came May Day in the form of a lovely May basket from the McKenzie L. T. L. containing the names of all the loyal members.

Mrs. Bordwell gave a talk on Children's Work at the Stutsman county S. S. convention at Cleveland, introducing some temperance ideas.

We are all glad to welcome two new L. T. L. secretaries discovered by Miss Wiggins—Miss Ann Jensen of Mandan and Miss Eldora Koenig of Underwood.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Comrades:

We are happy that North Dakota has 70 Prohibition Patriots and that this means 350 new women added to our ranks. My hearty congratulations to every Prohibition Patriot and to all those unions who have one or more Prohibition Patriots and will thus be represented by as many American flags in North Dakota's part of the demonstration at the great public meeting at Niagara Falls, June 10.

Most of the district conventions have now been held and will be reported in another column. At those I was privileged to attend, I was impressed with the spirit and determination of the women and with the work done in the Scientific Temperance Instruction and Medal Contest Departments. I was delightfully entertained in some homes that are historic in the annals of the North Dakota W. C. T. U. and in others that will be.

Among these gracious hosts and hostesses whose homes are places of rest to body and spirit are—Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Chamberlain, Lisbon; Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Calderwood, Crary; Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Hagen, Landa; Miss Edith Carey, Bottineau; Mr. and Mrs. W. Duguid, Cando and Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Severson, Sheyenne. Mrs. Duguid, on short notice, had a well attended meeting of the Cando union at her home while I stopped there enroute between the Third and Second district conventions. Seven members of the Egeland union were present at this meeting.

Miss Margaret Alexander, county superintendent of schools for Towne county and director of S. T. I. for the First district, has done a worth while piece of work in putting the essay contests in all the schools of her county.

In the Third district, Miss Manda Svingen, county superintendent of schools for Bottineau county, had twelve medal contests in her county with twelve speakers in each contest, one hundred forty-four young speakers reaching large audiences. In the Second district, with Mrs. J. O. Severson, director of S. T. I. department, a district essay contest was held. Prizes from the Third grade up were awarded at the district convention. Pupils from the Sheyenne schools won most of the prizes.

At these conventions, plans were made for survey of the new voters, for picnic institutes and joint meetings. Mrs. Mazie Stevens, Devils Lake, director Child Welfare and Health for the First district, exhibited a "Stevens' Safety Kit" which can easily be made by any one and is designed to be carried in automobiles for first aid in case of accident. She will be glad to send directions to any who are interested.

Petition to Disarmament Conference

The Committee on Cause and Cure of War, of which the National W. C. T. U. is a part, is assembling a petition of one million names of women to be sent to the Disarmament Conference in 1932. The presidents of unions will receive these petition blanks shortly and I hope every union will circulate them. The signers must be women—they need not be members of the W. C. T. U. but every member of the W. C. T. U. will want to sign.

Decision of the Supreme Court of Illinois

The Supreme Court of Illinois has

recently decided that the law giving women the right to act as jurors was unconstitutional. The state legislature, instead of passing the measure, referred it to the voters, and it was approved by a general referendum. The point in this decision was that the Constitution of the state of Illinois makes no provision for a general referendum and therefore the legislature has no power to refer a general act of legislation to a vote of the people of the state. This decision is epochal because it is a fatal blow to the hope of the opponents of prohibition to effect a change of the Eighteenth amendment through a referendum. The Constitution of the United States specifically provides the method of its own amendment and it does not include the referendum. This method can be changed, of course, by the same orderly process by which the 18th amendment and all other changes in the Constitution have been enacted.

The friends of the legalized liquor traffic are endeavoring to mislead the people by their talk of a national referendum and to implant in the public mind the false belief that the question is still unsettled.

Survey of New Voters

The school census will greatly aid in the survey of new voters. These figures can be obtained from the county superintendent of schools. This survey should be completed as soon as possible that the work of cultivation and education may begin. Youth's Roll Call should be presented for the signatures of these new voters and the special national literature systematically furnished them.

Yours faithfully,
Elizabeth Preston Anderson.

IN MEMORIAM

"We will not think of them as gone
Far from our earthly sight;
But living, loving as of old
In God's own realms of light."

White ribboners and other friends will sympathize with Mrs. S. O. Nelson, Northwood, president of the Sixteenth district, in the homegoing of her beloved sister, Mrs. Edward Israel of Pasadena, California; with Mrs. Bert La Grave, president of the Esmond union, in the death of her noble husband, May 17th; with our comrades in the Rainy Butte union in the loss of their efficient secretary, Mrs. Edward Kramer, and with members of Upham union in the passing of Mrs. Arthur Shroyer, a faithful worker.

MRS. WOODFORD AT

SUMMER SCHOOLS

We are happy to announce that Mrs. Lottie A. Woodford, special lecturer for the Scientific Temperance department of the National W. C. T. U., will again address our summer schools for teachers. Mrs. Woodford comes under the auspices of the State Educational Department and her schedule has been arranged by Miss Bertha R. Palmer, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, as follows:

June 22, 23—Mayville
June 24, 25—Minot
June 26, 27—Valley City
June 29, 30—Dickinson
July 1, 2—Ellendale

It is gratifying to know that the educational picture—"Ten Nights in a Bar Room" is now in the state and showing in the larger towns. It carries a most impressive lesson.

WHY I AM A TOTAL ABSTAINER

I Choose to Abstain from Alcoholic Liquors Because

1. I seek a strong body; alcohol lowers resistance to disease.
2. I desire a keen mind; alcohol confuses the powers of the mind.
3. I strive for spiritual growth; alcohol mars the best in life.
4. I covet self-control; alcohol's first attack is upon the powers of self-government.
5. I would excel in sports; alcohol lessens muscular co-ordination and reaction.
6. I would be efficient; alcohol impairs effective service.
7. I seek safety upon the highway; alcohol increases accidents.
8. I do not wish to waste money upon that which destroys.
9. I would set an example safe for others to follow.
10. I wish to pass on untainted the heritage which is mine.
11. I want to be a loyal citizen; the use of alcohol is breaking the spirit of the law.
12. I desire no "entangling alliances;" total abstinence is a declaration of independence from a habit-forming drug which subtly destroys those it claims to serve.

A STARTLING STATEMENT

By Dr. Brown of the Keeley Institute, of Los Angeles

"The cigarette is a greater menace to the young people of today than the open saloon ever was."

For 65 years Dr. Brown has been associated with the Keeley Institute, and after years of investigation, made this remarkable statement.

Dr. Brown declared that the reason that the cigarette is a greater menace to the young people than the open saloon, is because the cigarette has respectability. To be an habitue of the saloon was considered a disgrace. Young women who would not go into a saloon, for a drink, will smoke cigarettes. Dr. Brown makes this pertinent statement:

"Every young woman who comes to us for treatment for the liquor habit was an inveterate user of cigarettes. She began her drinking after using cigarettes. If cigarettes could be prohibited in America, the liquor problem would be solved.

"In our institution we find that the history of every woman who comes to us for treatment could have this caption written above her name and record: 'cigarettes, drink, dope,' 'CIGARETTES, DRINK, DOPE!'"
—White Ribbon News.

Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, Sheldon, Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, Fargo, and Mrs. Andrew Veitch, Grand Forks, will attend the World's convention at Toronto as delegates from North Dakota.

The Tenth district convention will be held at Hettinger June 2, with Mrs. Wanner as speaker, and the 17th district will meet at Park River, June 25, 26, with Mrs. Kate S. Wilder assisting.

"Our mighty God can take but one
And make a thousand fee,
But give Him two and He will run
Ten thousand to the sea;
Things increase at a ten-fold rate
Whenever we cooperate."

TREASURER'S REPORT

April 20-May 20

DUES—Hatton \$2.80, Hatton Y. P. B. 15.00, Necia Buck Union 9.80, Oakes 70c, Rock Lake 1.40, Crosby 9.10, Lakota 8.40, Ellendale 9.80, Grand Forks 7.00, Fargo 22.40, Mayville 3.50, Page 3.50, Fordville 7.70, Makoti L. T. L. 1.50, Bismarck 6.40, Northwood 9.00, Clyde 4.90, Jamestown 4.90, Dickinson 2.10, Park River 2.80, Grand Forks 3.50, Page 2.10, Powers Lake 5.40, Abercrombie 2.10, Finley 7.00, Wyndmere 1.40, Guelph 2.10, Linton 7.70, Hazelton 7.00, Mandan 7.00, Hillsboro 2.10, Carrington 2.10, Valley City L. T. L. 3.10, Esmond 5.60, Larimore 2.10.

BUDGET—Stady-Zahl \$7.00, Oakes 1.00 Rock Lake comp. 20.00, Crosby 3.00, Dickey comp. 9.00, Clyde comp. 6.00, New Rockford comp. 25.00.

MISCELLANEOUS — Convention Fees—13th Dist. \$5.00, 11th Dist. 5.00, 16th Dist. 10.00, 1st Dist. 10.00, 2nd Dist. 10.00, 3rd Dist. 5.00, 15th Dist. 10.00. Pledges—4th Dist. 10.00, 20th Dist. 20.00. Mrs. J. N. Wallstad, medals, 12.55; Hoople, dividend, 67c; Mayville, Reports, 75c; Northwood, song books and exc., 85c; 1st Dist. Life Members, 30.00; Mayville, Self Denial and exc., 3.60; Donation from Calvary Evangelical Church, Fargo, via Mrs. Wanner, 3.00; Col. on Field, Miss Lenadelle Wiggins 62.99.

Dear Sister White-Ribboners:—

Let me commend you for the way you have maintained interest in your local unions this year. Most of the unions have done splendid work, and those who have fallen short some have wished it otherwise, I am sure, and will yet bring up their membership to a nice gain.

We must not fail to make a real gain in the state this year. Sentiment for the Prohibition cause is growing fast and we want to prove to those who are doubtful that our state is putting its ideals into action. Another cause for stirring us to real active work is the honor that will come to our State President, Mrs. Anderson, and to our state, at the next National Convention to be held in Seattle. All states having a gain this year will be represented by their Presidents when they place a star in the flag. Shall our State be left out? In these many years of devoted service that Mrs. Anderson has given our state she has never failed us. Shall we embarrass her by allowing North Dakota to be the state that has no star to represent it? I am sure we will never be content to have such a disgrace come to North Dakota. We have a good record—let's not break it!

The State Treasurer's Books Close September Tenth! Remember the gain we are working for.

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

MRS. WILDER'S WEEK'S WORK

Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, state and national director of Institutes, went to Cavalier May 18, where, through arrangement of Miss Helen M. Moore of the High School, she addressed the students of the high school and a public meeting in the evening. For several years we have had a number of Willard members at Cavalier.

At Grafton next day, Mrs. Wilder met with the union at its regular meeting, in the Presbyterian church,

giving an address and speaking in the high school next morning. At Gilby Mrs. Wilder addressed all grades and the high school and spoke at a P. T. A. meeting in the evening. Next day, at the Douglas farm, she attended the annual Child Welfare meeting and was one of five speakers to give short talks. Fifty adults and twenty children were present and refreshments were served.

Grand Forks union held its regular meeting May 22nd in the Methodist church and, following the business session listened to an address by Mrs. Wilder.

MRS. WANNER WINS HER WAY

The Fifteenth and Sixteenth districts were privileged to have as their guest speaker this year our popular vice president, Mrs. Fred M. Wanner.

For the 16th district, meeting at Northwood, May 5, Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, corresponding secretary, sends the following report: "It was the best attended convention since I have lived here. Fourteen members of the executive board were present and a good delegation from local unions. Mrs. Wanner was with us and in her usual pleasing way, gave life and light to the meeting. Splendid reports were given by local unions and department directors. Mrs. Geo. Muir, secretary L. T. L. and Y. P. B., gave a wonderful paper on her work. Publicity and Literature were discussed by Mrs. H. L. Norley of Grand Forks and Mrs. W. E. Lillo of Larimore. Mrs. Wanner gave a fine review of recent legislation. Mrs. Theo. Strandness had charge of memorial hour. Mrs. Lillie B. Smith is preparing a history of the district. We had beautiful music throughout the entire convention, Northwood contributing most of it. Rev. R. R. Syrdahl extended a welcome for the churches and Mrs. S. H. Njaa for the union. Mrs. E. A. Stousland, Grand Forks, responded in a very pleasing manner. At the fine banquet in church dining room, Mrs. O. L. Sateren was toast-mistress. Rev. S. H. Njaa spoke on "Observance and Enforcement" and Rev. R. R. Syrdahl on "Not Repeal." States Attorney Owen also gave an address. Mrs. P. G. Sonnack discussed the district motto—"Not by Constraint but Willingly" and there was community singing.

"A gold medal contest was held with Miss Lucille Ludwig, Grand Forks, winning the medal. The high school orchestra played several selections and the L. T. L. sang a group of songs. Mrs. Wanner gave a splendid address on the Gold Star Mothers' Pilgrimage to France. All officers were re-elected except the vice president who was replaced by Mrs. O. L. Sateren, Grand Forks."

At the Fifteenth district convention held at Finley, May 7-8, ten unions were represented by 48 voting delegates. Addresses of welcome for the city, schools, churches and W. C. T. U. were by Atty. P. O. Sathre, Prof. E. Jerde, Rev. V. E. Boe and Mrs. Sadie Glascock and were unusually good. Mrs. Eina Aaker, Hatton, made response. Music by the High School Girls' Glee Club, the male quartette, Mrs. Theodora Haakenson and Janice Hoffman was appreciated. Affectionate greetings were sent Mrs. Abbie W. H. Best of Fargo, a former district president. The president, Mrs. Minnie Hanson, whose contemplated removal from the state is re-

gretted, was presented with a seed pearl pin and a gavel. Several unions had prepared histories of their organizations. Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, Fargo, was elected pres.; Mrs. Julia D. Nelson, Fargo, vice pres. at large; Mrs. G. E. Norris, Fargo, vice pres. for Cass county; Mrs. Henry Soliah, Mayville, vice president for Traill, and Mrs. Julia Egan, Hope, vice president for Steele county; Mrs. J. H. Potter, Fargo, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Sadie Glascock, Finley, recording secretary, and Mrs. E. O. Moe, Galesburg, treasurer.

Mrs. Fred M. Wanner, our vice president, is making an extended tour of the southwestern part of the state. Beginning at Linton May 19, she was the guest of the district president, Mrs. Ellen Pagel, speaking in schools and at a public meeting. Next came the Ninth district convention at Hazleton where Mrs. Wanner was the speaker. Then Mandan, Beach, Dickinson, New England, Rainy Butte, Reeder, and Bowman were visited and the Tenth district convention will be held at Hettinger June 2nd, the district president, Mrs. E. C. Wilson in charge. Other points will be visited and Sunday June 7, spent at Flasher Mrs. Wanner will return June 8 and during the encampment of the National Guard at Devils Lake June 13-27 will have charge of a Tarry-a-while at Baldwin Cottage, where she will be assisted by Mrs. Nellie P. Barber of Cando.

MRS. ANDERSON ATTENDS CONVENTIONS

Four districts—the First, Second, Third and Thirteenth—were happy to have as one of their convention speakers, the state president, Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson. Crary, assisted by the Preston union, organized years ago by Mrs. Anderson, entertained First district convention May 11th. Miss Lenadelle Wiggins, national field secretary, also gave valuable assistance on the program. The district president, Mrs. Edna F. Duguid, writes: "The church was beautifully decorated with banners, mottoes, plants and cut flowers and a committee received the chilly delegates in a delightfully warm church. Dinner and supper served in the church were delicious banquets. Music by different unions was exceptionally fine. All of the nine unions responded to roll call, also all district officers and many directors. Mrs. Swanson of Devils Lake preached the sermon and Mrs. Langdon conducted memorial service.

Reports were encouraging along the lines of budget paid, Union Signals taken and essays written but most alarming along the lines of L. T. L. and Y. P. B.—not one young people's organization. Mrs. Homer Harp, Egealand, and Mrs. Jessie Burkholder, Rock Lake, were elected for L. T. L. and Y. P. B. respectively and we hope for better things next year. Flowers were presented to Mrs. Anderson, Miss Wiggins and Mrs. Duguid. Miss Helen Werick, Crary, won the silver medal in oratorical contest. Mmes. Anna R. Lean and and J. L. Rosholt were presented as Prohibition Patriots. Mrs. J. G. Calderwood, Crary, Mrs. C. A. Jahnke, Rock Lake and Miss Tina McMarty, Calvin, were honored as life members. All district officers were re-elected.

THIRD DISTRICT followed, May 13, and Mrs. Gottfrid Johnson, Botti-

neau, secretary, reports as follows: "Third district held its annual convention at Landa, Mrs. J. C. Miller presiding. Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, state president, was the guest of honor. Mrs. Anderson assisted during the day sessions and gave a very fine address in the evening. At the afternoon and evening sessions musical numbers added greatly to the enjoyment of the audience. Two vocal numbers by a chorus from Oak Grove Seminary, Fargo, were enjoyed, also a trio consisting of the Misses Ragna and Selma Odegaard and Mrs. Carl Gorder of Bottineau; a duet by Misses Ovila and Dagmar Vinje of Landa; a duet by the Misses Odegaard; a piano solo by Miss Estella Johnson of Landa; and a chorus from Landa. Groups of children from the Landa school presented two playlets—"America for Americans" and "A Sick Baby." Mrs. L. Larson of Newburg gave a very fine reading.

Reports from local unions showed much activity during the year. Medal contest and essay contest work have been carried on extensively in the Bottineau county schools and have been made possible through the splendid cooperation of Miss Manda Svingen, county superintendent.

Mrs. J. C. Miller, Bottineau, was elected president; Mrs. V. S. Dahl, vice president; Miss Estella Johnson, Landa, recording secretary, Mrs. R. R. Smith, Bottineau, corresponding secretary; Mrs. J. L. Gorder, Bottineau, treasurer; Miss Clara Berg, Landa, Y. P. B. secretary; Miss Ovila Vinje, Landa, L. T. L. secretary."

Following this convention Mrs. Anderson was the guest of Miss Edith Carey, Bottineau, and Mrs. Edna F. Duguid, Cando, meeting with the Cando union.

For Second district convention, we are indebted to Mrs. Jennie Dysart, Esmond, district publicity director, for the following report: "Second district was honored this year in having our state president, Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, for convention speaker for the first time in many years. The convention was held in Trinity Lutheran church, Sheyenne, May 15, with a good delegation from all unions but two. Splendid reports were given from unions and departments. Several new members were reported. Mrs. Guy F. Harris was introduced as a Prohibition Patriot. Splendid addresses were given by Mrs. Anderson, Atty. R. T. Rinken, New Rockford, Rev. C. W. Langdon, Carrington, Mrs. M. L. Styles, Esmond. Mrs. Jennie Dysart conducted the memorial service. The officers were all re-elected with the exception of Mrs. A. C. Jones who has left the state and Mrs. Daisy Krepes, Carrington, was elected corresponding secretary in her place. Greetings were received from Mrs. Minnie Huyck, former president, now in Burlingame, California. The banquet served by the Sheyenne union was a pleasant and outstanding event of the convention." Mrs. H. G. Hudson, New Rockford, led the singing and expressed the unanimous sentiment of the delegates in the following original verse (sung to the tune of Maryland)

"The district unions welcome you—
Our President from Sheldon,
We pledge devotion strong and true,
Our President from Sheldon!
May skies be sunny while you're here,
May days be happy, full of cheer,
May memories of us be held dear—
When you return to Sheldon!"

AN AMERICAN WITH THE COURAGE OF HIS AMERICANISM

By W. G. Calderwood

The reading public knows that Governor Emmerson of Illinois vetoed the bill passed by the recent legislature, repealing the prohibition enforcement laws of the state. As was to be expected, the wet legislators attacked him savagely, and the wet press extracted all the vituperative vitrol and acid from the language and poured it upon him. Nor was their rage chiefly because he vetoed the measure. Their fiery wrath was fanned to fury by the fact that he so keenly analyzed the inevitable results of the bill, and pointed out with discerning clarity the motives that must have actuated its supporters.

Here are some of the highlights of the Governor's masterly message:

"This state has always recognized the need for regulation or control of traffic in intoxicating liquor. From the beginning of organized government in Illinois there were laws on the subject and the liquor traffic has been restricted with constantly increasing stringency. State laws regulated the sale of intoxicating liquor both within and outside the limits of cities, towns and villages; prohibited the sale of intoxicating liquor to minors, near homes for disabled volunteer soldiers, or within four miles of the state university, and prohibited the admission of minors to dance halls where intoxicating liquor was sold. In 1907 the local option law was adopted, giving the people in cities, towns and villages the right to create by popular vote the anti-saloon territory.

"It is apparent that this bill would remove from the statutes all those laws on this subject and the serious consequences of such a situation cannot be ignored by any thoughtful citizen. The police, sheriffs, constables and other law enforcing officers, numbering tens of thousands, could not, under state law, interfere with the sale of liquor to school children, the operation of stills and dramshops near schools and colleges, or any other trafficking in intoxicants. * * *

It passes belief that any group of men, moved either by their slavery to their appetite for drink, or by greed of gain would be willing to make a reality of the gruesome picture which the Governor draws and turn the rapacious liquor traffic loose upon the children and the helpless addicts to damn and destroy them.

"It is quite evident to me that the repeal of these acts is not a mere gesture of disapproval of Prohibition, as some would have it appear, but tends to strike at the fundamental unity of national government under the Federal constitution. I am not for nullification. * * *

"But I am satisfied that the American people do not want and will not attempt the correction of these evils by wiping out all liquor regulations. This is unthinkable, but it is the principle of this repeal bill.

"If the Eighteenth Amendment and its attendant legislation thru ineffectiveness produced the bootlegger, the speakeasy and the illicit still, surely these and other evils cannot be destroyed by wiping out all state restraint. We cannot cure individual disregard for law by state disregard for the Federal constitution.

"No sincere advocate of this bill holds this opinion. It has only one

purpose. That is to hinder and thwart and make impossible the efforts of the Federal government to execute the Eighteenth Amendment and thereby compel the substitution for it of some other system. This is not the orderly and legal method for securing this change. It smacks more of lawlessness and rebellion. * * * Illinois must stand with the Federal government and the supreme law of the land."

No clearer exposition of the fundamentals of government has been made in recent years. Governor Emmerson has rendered a distinct and eminently significant service to his state and nation. He is an American who has the courage of his Americanism.

MISS WIGGINS COMPLETES HER WORK

At the 14th district convention at Guelph, April 21, Miss Lenadell Wiggins, national field secretary, was the welcome speaker. The attendance was good and much constructive work was reported by unions represented. The Guelph union entertained all delegates at a bountiful supper. All officers were re-elected. Returning to Oakes as the guest of the district president, Mrs. Carrie Aasen, Miss Wiggins addressed the schools.

At Jamestown, April 23-24, the Twelfth district met in convention with the president, Mrs. Lulu W. Zimmerman, presiding. Every union was represented. An outstanding event was the mother and daughter banquet at which Miss Wiggins gave an address. The splendid program was well carried out. Mrs. Zimmerman writes: "The spirit throughout was splendid. Of course with Mrs. Wanner and Mrs. Bordwell present, success was assured." All officers were re-elected. Miss Wiggins spoke at Jamestown College and High School. Sunday, April 26, was spent at Mandan and next day Miss Wiggins attended the convention of the Eleventh district at McKenzie.

Mrs. Ella C. Boise, president of the district, writes: "We really did have the best convention that I can recall in this district. I cannot remember a program being carried out so nearly 100 per cent. The history of local unions was very interesting. We appointed Miss Helen Erickson, Tappen, for Y. P. B. work. Miss Wiggins was very helpful all day and discovered Miss Erickson. The L. T. L. demonstrations from McKenzie and Menoken were fine, the latter managed by two teachers as we have no union there." More than 100 attended the evening session at which Miss Wiggins was speaker. Musical numbers were given by Mrs. R. C. Boren and daughter Madeline and Mr. C. D. King and daughter Emma. Resolutions recommended more time to be devoted to young people's work. Delegates and visitors were guests of the McKenzie union for luncheon and dinner. All officers were re-elected.

Miss Wiggins next visited Washburn and Underwood and with Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Mielke of Ryder went by car to speak in schools at Max, Douglas and Ryder. Of the Fourth district convention at Plaza, Mrs. Mielke writes:

"We had a splendid convention, a full house both nights and very fine music at all meetings. Plaza turned out in a most hospitable way. The program was carried out almost entirely. The pageant—'America in the

Making,' directed by Mrs. Moyer, was beautiful, impressive and conveyed a deep and thoughtful message. Mrs. Frisbie, local president at Makoti, was a stately and beautiful 'Liberty.' The costumes were so real. Eight white ribbon recruits were consecrated, including the twin daughters of Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Mathre.

"The medal contests were fine. Miss Elsie Cook, principal Junior High at State Teachers College Minot, is very able and much interested. We are planning a grand gold medal contest and institute at our district picnic this summer at Minot. Makoti won first prize and Douglas second in the poster contest and in the Scrap Book contest, Makoti was first and Ryder second. Prizes were also awarded in district essay contests. We had sunsuits from all localities for Camp Grassick. We loved Miss Wiggins. Her address was splendid. We were pleased to see so many men out and they enjoyed her witty but serious message. All officers were re-elected."

From Plaza, Miss Wiggins went to Minot where she spent a busy Sunday leaving Monday for Ray to attend the Fifth district convention, May 4, 5. Mrs. H. H. Olson, district president, writes: "We had splendid attendance, 35 voting delegates and plenty of visitors. Every union was well represented. Zahl has united with Stady union. Miss Wiggins was fine. Everybody fell in love with her. Under direction of Mrs. Wallestad two medal contests, with 14 contestants, were held. Nothing brings the people out like medal contests. Gold medals were awarded Mildred Anderson, Alamo, in the first group and Lyle Carlson, Ray, in the second. Wildrose furnished musical numbers by Mmes. Hegre, Helle and Moelling, and Williston by Mrs. A. R. Henry, Cora Jean Hartman and Frank Hoare. Ray's generous contribution consisted of piano solos by Misses Mildred Jacobson, Alice Kalness, Goldie Johnson, Kenneth Barwick and Manfred Arnold; piano duets by Misses Donna Rinehart and Maxine Tewel and Duane and Wendell Pile and clarinet solos by Tom Maides, with readings by Mildred Johnson, Grace Hougstad and Billy Carter. Mrs. Mrs. Fred Pile welcomed the delegates and Mrs. John Pehrson responded. Mrs. G. D. Shaft, Alamo, led the memorial service. Lunch was served to delegates and visitors. All officers were re-elected except the corresponding secretary and Mrs. Fred Pile welcomed the delegation. Powers Lake invited the next convention."

From Ray, Miss Wiggins visited Lansford where she was the guest of Rev. and Mrs. Chas. Kepler. Bottineau and Rugby followed and Sunday, Mother's Day, was spent at Devils Lake where she addressed the Presbyterian Sunday School, the School for the Deaf and the Methodist congregation in the evening. Next day, with Mrs. Anderson, she attended the First district convention at Crary.

At Lakota, the local president, Mrs. C. A. Peterson, made arrangements for Miss Wiggins to speak in the schools, to members of the local union and following a concert in the evening. At Mayville, under direction of Mrs. Martha W. Oas, Miss Wiggins addressed the State Teachers College, the High School and the local union at which members from Portland and

Hillsboro were present. The High School at Portland was also addressed. Youth's Roll Call was everywhere presented. We appreciate the work of this charming young field secretary and wish her continued success.

NEKOMA hired the hall for a showing of the picture "THE TRANSGRESSOR" by Mr. Carter of the Anti-Saloon League. There was a record attendance and all seemed visibly impressed.

VALLEY CITY held three medal contests with John LaGrone winning first place for boys and Betty Calman and Ruth Swanson for the girls.

CANDO entertained grade and high school teachers and seniors at a banquet May 13. On May 14, at their regular meeting Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson was an honored guest and gave a helpful address.

LINTON L. T. L. under the leadership of Mrs. Ellen Pangel, held their quarterly program on Saturday afternoon with parents and members of the union as guests. The little folks are writing stories about Miss Willard.

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