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"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH."

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God In The Nation's Life

Putting God in the nation's life,
Bringing us back to the ideal
thing—
There's something fine in a creed like
that.
Something true in those words that
ring.
Sneer as you will at the "preacher
air."
Scoff as you will at the Bible tang,
It's putting God in the nation's life
That will keep it clear of the crooked
"gang."
We've kept him out of its life too
long,
We've been afraid—to our utter
shame—
To put Him into our speech and song,
To stand on the hustings and speak
His name.
We've put all things in that life but
Him.
We've put our selfishness, pride and
show;
It is time for the true ideal to come,
And time for the low ideal to go,
Putting God in the nation's life,
Helping us think of the higher
thing—
That is the kind of speech to make,
That is the kind of song to sing.
Upward and forward and let us try,
The new ideal in the forthright
way—
Putting God in the nation's life,
And putting Him there in a style
to stay.

Baltimore Sun.

President's Letter

Mrs. Anderson Writes From
New York

Dear Comrades:

I am writing this letter from Hotel McAlpin, New York City. I sail on the S. S. Leviathan tomorrow, with a party of Gold Star Mothers, for a pilgrimage to the cemeteries and battlefields of France, where I will visit the grave of our eldest son, Fletcher, who gave his life for his country. There are four women from North Dakota in our party, Mrs. Annetta Lien, Almont, Mrs. James T. Mealy, Reynolds and Mrs. A. D. Howenstein, Grafton.

We were too late to see Mayor Walker's "beer parade" but we learned from eye witnesses that the newspaper and radio reports were greatly exaggerated. Many taxies and cabs were in line without a single passenger. Out of the 409 units of the American Legion in the city, only six marched in the parade. It was reported that Gold Star mothers would march but not one was seen in the beer parade. I sometimes wonder how long it will take the people of America to realize how they are being duped by the gross misrepresentations and false statements of the wet-controlled radio and press.

I had a conference with our National and World's W. C. T. U. Mrs.

Boole, last evening. She is anxious that North Dakota shall have a good representation at the Seattle convention—a convention of special importance in this campaign year. She is also anxious that we shall have at least as many Keepers of the Flag as we had Prohibition Patriots. It seems to me every union ought to have at least one Keeper of the Flag. Please do your best during the few days that are left of the membership campaign which closes July 1st.

Now that petitions are being circulated for the repeal of prohibition in our state constitution, every Christian woman in North Dakota ought to be counted in the W. C. T. U. Alone she can do but little, but, by joining the W. C. T. U., her influence and power are multiplied by the strength of our great organization. If you can

tion as congressman, Mr. Usher L. Burdick, and this must be done at the primary June 29. The wets can never win if the dry voters vote.

Those who do not vote are helping to make this great Republic a government of the minority, by the minority and for the minority. The stay-at-home voter is a menace, not only to prohibition but to democracy itself. It is our task to get out the dry vote. The vote slacker is worse than the war slacker. If you are to be away on vacation, be sure to get an absent voter's ballot.

Since commencing this letter I have had a conference with Mrs. Frances P. Parks, former National Corresponding Secretary, well known and loved by many North Dakota women. Among many other things we discussed a petition which will

The Song Of The Ballot

This is the song of the ballot,
Mighty as Merlin's rod.
That works the will of the hosts of
hell

As well as the will of God—
This is the song it singeth:
"I make you a promise fair—
I'll keep my pact with the men who
act,
Whatever their creed or prayer!"

O, huge is the power of the ballot
That comes to the hands of men
To lift the earth to a higher worth,
Or batter it down again;
But many good people know it not,
Nor use it as their own—
While wrong and sin have gathered it
in
To work for them alone.

Then hail to your magic ballot,
Now in this fateful hour!
We fight for truth in the voting booth,
Invoking our sovereign power,
And here's to the man or woman
Who worketh your spell aright,
That out of a crass and sordid mass
May rise God's truth and light!
—Logan Hall in Epworth Herald.

Defend Prohibition

"Defend prohibition from the pulpits in the first week of June."

This is the suggestion made to all W. C. T. U. women by Mrs. Ella A. Boole, President of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Every W. C. T. U. woman is asked to cooperate; to suggest to the minister of her church that he sound a note of defiance to the proponents of repeal.

This is something the W. C. T. U. is well organized to do. Moreover, inasmuch as the church is against the liquor traffic because of the nature of the church and the nature of the liquor traffic, it is something that ministers can well afford to do.

The whole answer to the west is contained in two recent simple leaflets published by the National W. C. T. U., "A Prohibition Parallel" which contains an answer to current wet propaganda; and "A Dozen Gains in a Dozen Years," made up of statements taken from such official sources as the U. S. Bureau of Census, the National Educational Association, the Department of Justice and police reports of the greater cities.

See that you or your union asks the ministers to cooperate in this great national movement in the first week of June, just before the two parties meet in convention to adopt platforms and name candidates. See that all ministers have copies of these two leaflets. Order them from State Headquarters, Fargo.

THINK OF BEULAH UNION
WITH TWO KEEPERS OF THE FLAG!

KEEPERS OF THE FLAG

Mrs. Josephine E. Sizer, Minot
Miss Bertha R. Palmer, Bismarck
Mrs. George F. Clark, Fargo
Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, Sheldon
Mrs. C. R. Stai, Beulah
Mrs. Bessie Hollstein, Beach
Mrs. L. G. Rose, Beulah

convince Christian women of their
duty, you will help them as well as
help our work.

How to Meet the Proposed Repeal of Prohibition

We should not wait until the repeal petitions are completed and filed but begin at once preparations for the campaign. The first step is to form a local organization in every community. The president of the W. C. T. U. or in her absence or inability to act, some other officer or member should call a meeting of temperance people, giving special invitations to ministers, educators, editors, lawyers and other leaders who are dry. At this meeting a chairman, secretary and treasurer should be elected. Teams of speakers should be appointed to go before churches, adult bible classes, young people's societies, service clubs, women's clubs, and into neighboring towns and country school houses. It would be well to have a good singer or quartette with each team.

Data for speakers will be furnished free from our State W.C.T.U. Headquarters. Other suggestions will be sent you later in the campaign. The first important duty of the local organization is to get out the dry vote at the primary election, June 29th. While repeal of prohibition cannot be voted upon until the general election Nov. 8, yet it is equally important to defeat the wet candidate for nomination.

soon come into your hands. The National W. C. T. U. as a member of the National Council of Women of which Frances E. Willard was first president and recently Mrs. Parks was president, is circulating a petition to foreign governments, requesting that they appoint their most distinguished women as representatives at the International Congress of Women which will convene in July during the Chicago World's Fair in 1933. District and local presidents will receive from the National Council petition blanks with instructions and are asked to secure names of all women who are willing to sign. These need not be W. C. T. U. women. At the foot of each petition blank indicate that the names are secured by the W. C. T. U. and mail these signed petitions to Mrs. Wylie at State W. C. T. U. Headquarters. You can help us financially by doing this because, for every thousand names secured, five dollars will be paid into our state treasury.

I expect to sail from France June 9 on the S. S. President Roosevelt and will be home before the primary election.

Yours faithfully,
Elizabeth Preston Anderson.

Count that day lost whose low, descending sun views from thy hand No Worthy Action Done.

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Associate Secretary—Mrs. C. W. Carlson, Mandan.

A Good L. T. L. Report

The Loyal Temperance Legion at Bottineau was first to send complete report of their year's work to the secretary. This legion is conducted in Fourth, Fifth and Sixth grades of the public school with a membership of forty-two. Twelve regular meetings and one public meeting were held during the school year. A program of songs, recitations and talks, proved very interesting and a play was presented. The attendance was good and the W. C. T. U. members served lunch. Posters were made, blotters given out and literature distributed. Mrs. R. W. McLees is the capable leader.

At this time reports should come in from legions carried on in public schools. During vacation we should not entirely disband but have picnics, hikes and sometimes a jolly party where rally cries and prohibition cheers will help create sentiment for law observance and loyalty to our country and its constitution. Boys and girls like to do their bit and this is one way to do it. Their help is needed.

Mrs. E. S. Bordwell,
State Secretary.

HAVE YOU WON THAT NEW MEMBER?

State Regional Conferences

In addition to the National Regional Conference at Fargo in February, state regional conferences were held during May at Grand Forks, Minot and Dickinson. State workers leading were Mrs. Fred M. Wanner, state vice president, Mrs. E. C. Watkins, state treasurer, Mrs. Frank Beasley, recording secretary and Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, state and national director Institutes. Attendance and interest

at each place were gratifying. Mrs. J. P. Reiton, Grand Forks, Mrs. Geo. Campbell, Minot and Mrs. R. T. Crawford, Dickinson, graciously assisted the state corresponding secretary in making arrangements for these conferences.

At each place the following resolution was unanimously adopted: Whereas the anti-prohibition forces, after four years of agitation, have not been able to present a better plan than prohibition, and Whereas, they now present Home Rule, which means return to the old conditions of state option, therefore, be it resolved, That we request the delegates from our state to the National Party Conventions to give their vote for Enforcement, rather than Repeal planks (camouflaged as resubmission.) It was also voted to support only those political candidates who stand for the enforcement of the 18th Amendment.

The press in each town was generous in giving space to reports of the conference. A question box was an interesting feature of each meeting. Reports of the conferences follow:

The Grand Forks Conference

The state regional conference was held in the Methodist Episcopal church, Grand Forks, May 5, 6, with Mrs. E. C. Watkins, state treasurer, Mrs. Frank Beasley, recording secretary and Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, state and national director Institutes as leaders. Mrs. J. P. Reiton, president Grand Forks union, led in a service of prayer and praise. Mrs. E. Franklin led in singing and Mrs. Bessie M. Darling in the salute to the flag. Three district presidents, Mmes. Kate S. Wilder, S. O. Nelson and Frank Beasley, brot greetings. The keynote address was given by Mrs. Wilder and proved encouraging. Mrs. Watkins discussed Prohibition Press Plans, and showed how to meet wet propaganda, emphasizing the use and distribution of our literature in all available places.

A very stirring address by Mr. Henry G. Owen, states attorney for Grand Forks county, was much appreciated. He paid tender tribute to his mother whose influence has always guided him in every stand for the right. She taught him that immorality walked hand in hand with liquor. Mr. Owen believes in prohibition and its enforcement. At the afternoon session, Mrs. Annie F. Catherwood of Park River offered prayer. Mrs. Watkins discussed Resubmission and Referenda showing its futility. Two solos by Mrs. Gladys Hill McKenzie were beautifully rendered. Mrs. Wilder, speaking on Holding the Front Lines, said the American home stands back of the nation in holding our prohibition law and only through our homes will we succeed in putting liquor out of business.

Dr. E. P. Robertson, president Emeritus Wesley College, gave a very interesting talk on his recent visit to Washington, D. C., where he had an interview with Mr. Wickensham, head of the President's Law Observance Commission. Mrs. Beasley opened the discussion on "Winning the Election," naming the requisites as, Prayer, Knowledge of the Facts and Consecrated Service.

Mmes. Annie F. Catherwood, Anna L. Hazen and O. L. Sater followed with impressive talks on the subject.

At the banquet, served by the Methodist ladies in Epworth Hall, Mrs. J. P. Reiton presided and Mrs. Franklin led the community singing. Miss Garvik delighted the audience with her vocal selections. Brief addresses were made by States Attorney Owen, Dr. Robertson and Mr. R. B. Griffith. At the evening service, a gold medal contest was held at which Gladys Brusegaard, Gilby, won first place. The other contestants were Bessie Howland, Larimore, Jean Middleton, Gilby, Lucille Sponheim,

Northwood, Stella Lillo, Larimore and Mendora Carlson, Northwood. Mrs. J. P. Reiton was made a life member of the state W. C. T. U. by the members of the Grand Forks W. C. T. U. of which she is president.

In her eloquent address on Our Duty as Citizens, Mrs. E. C. Watkins said: "Give the 18th Amendment 15 years and no one will think of taking it out of the constitution. The 13th Amendment, too, seemed intolerable to many people in the United States during the years that followed its enactment. Even many of its proponents feared it might not be the right remedy. Looking back, it seems as though the people of that time should have welcomed that amendment with open arms and incredible that American people ever tolerated slavery. Give the 18th Amendment time and people will feel the same way about it."

Friday morning, Rev. W. Murray Allan led the opening devotions. In discussing How to Meet Wet Propaganda, Mrs. Beasley quoted Senator Morris Sheppard as saying a national evil requires a national remedy. Mrs. Watkins gave a very helpful talk on Financing our Work.

"Our Crusade Goals," discussed by Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, proved very instructive, members taking part in the Institute Quiz. In the open forum—Translating Resolutions into Votes—led by Mrs. Wilder, Mrs. C. E. Mills represented the Missionary federation, Miss M. Beatrice Johnstone, the Congress of Parents and Teachers and Rev. Frank S. Hollett, the churches. We were inspired by these cooperative talks and thanked God that we are not alone in our work. Mrs. S. O. Nelson, president of the hostess district, voiced the noontide prayer and the regional conference adjourned.

Mrs. A. Veitch, Secretary.
The Minot Conference

Mrs. Fred M. Wanner and Mrs. Kate S. Wilder led this conference which was held in the Vincent Methodist church, Minot, May 12, 13, with 14 unions represented. Mrs. J. C. Miller, Bottineau, Mrs. H. E. Mielke, Ryder and Mrs. H. H. Olson, Ray, presidents of the Third, Fourth and Fifth districts respectively were in attendance, and brought greetings. In the keynote address, Mrs. Wilder stressed the necessity for law observance teaching and declared the W. C. T. U. has always taught total abstinence, believed it was good before the 18th amendment existed and still believes it is good. Mr. Paul Campbell, states attorney for Ward county, emphasized the necessity for cooperation with enforcement officials. Rev. N. Everett Hanson of the Methodist church and Rev. Marcus S. Lewis of the Bethany Lutheran church led devotions during the conference.

In the round table discussion on "Winning the Election" led by Mrs. Wanner, timely talks were given by Mrs. Mielke on "First Voters," by Mrs. Hazel McCulloch on "The Woman Voter" and by Mrs. E. B. Goss on "Informing the Voter and Getting Out the Vote."

At the conference dinner in the dining room of the church, Mrs. Mielke presided, Mrs. Wanner offered prayer, Miss Frances Campbell played a violin solo, Miss Marjorie Olson, Parshall, gave a reading and Miss Elizabeth White sang a group of numbers. The boys glee club of the Teachers' College high school, led by Jean Gilbert Jones, sang three numbers.

For the evening program, with Mrs. Wilder presiding, Mrs. Geo. Mounce conducted devotions. Mrs. Wanner spoke on "Meeting Wet Propaganda" and Judge George H. Moellring, Williston, speaking on state responsibility for enforcement, said, in his opinion, the major responsibility for enforcement of the

prohibition law lies with the states rather than with the federal government. "In North Dakota, to take away state responsibility by repeal of statutes and constitutional provisions, with respect to prohibition, would be a serious blow to the actual enforcement of 18th amendment." He said, "The most valuable cooperation and assistance which the federal government can contribute, as I see it, is in the field of detection and apprehension, and in procuring the evidence. In many cases, federal agents can procure evidence where local officers fail, not because of the inability of the latter but because their official character is known to the perpetrator and his proximity to the scene of operations carefully noted."

Mrs. George Campbell, state director Christian Citizenship, conducted the forum on "Translating Resolutions into Votes" and was assisted by Mrs. Erling Monnes who spoke for the Missionary societies, Mrs. V. E. Stenserson for the Parent-Teacher organization, Mrs. J. L. Odette for the women's clubs and Rev. R. Ulvilen for the churches.

Mrs. J. C. Miller, president of the Third district, offered the noontide prayer after which the conference adjourned.

The Dickinson Conference

From all reports, the Dickinson conference excelled in interest and enthusiasm. Delegates were present from Beach, Beulah and Rainy Butte, besides the local delegates. Five new members were gained and ten subscriptions to Union Signal. THREE Keepers of the Flag were introduced—Mrs. C. R. Stai, Beulah, Mrs. Bessie Holstein, Beach and Mrs. L. G. Rose, Beulah. We are very proud of the record of our new union at Beulah.

The Rev. H. J. Gernhardt, pastor of the Methodist church, spoke very forcibly on the "Necessity for Cooperation with Enforcement Officials." During the Round Table discussion on "Winning the Election" led by Mrs. Wanner, "First Voters" was ably discussed by Mrs. L. G. Rose, Beulah; "The Woman Voter" by Mrs. A. S. Ward and "Informing the Voter" by Mrs. Carl Nelson, Dickinsonson.

Mrs. C. G. Ellinger, Beach, was accompanist for the conference and sang several beautiful selections. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Robinson, Dickinson, delighted the audience with a duet. Little Eva Joy Farrand and Dale Ova were dedicated as White Ribbon Recruits.

Mrs. G. C. Stearns, wife of the editor of the local paper, attended all the sessions and reported the conference to the paper. Generous space was given the proceedings. Mrs. Fred M. Wanner and Mrs. Kate S. Wilder conducted this conference and were heard with much interest in their various addresses. Mrs. Wilder addressed the girls in the State College dormitory. Much credit for the pleasant local arrangements is due Mrs. R. T. Crawford, president local union.

Mrs. Wilder accompanied the Beach delegates home and held a meeting that evening on short notice with a good audience present. Later, Mandan was visited where she met with the local union and addressed the schools, after which she attended the Ninth district convention at Napoleon.

Mrs. Wanner drove over to New England with delegates and from there went to Reeder where she spoke in schools and at a public meeting. The absence of Mrs. E. C. Wilson, president of the 10th district, who was detained by illness of relatives, was much regretted. During these conferences our workers made many pleasant contacts which will strengthen in the cause we love.

Treasurer's Report

DUES:—Drayton \$3.50, Portal 8.40, Finley 11.20, Devils Lake 9.80, Sheldon 5.60, Nekoma 2.10, Fargo 8.40, Mayville .70, Epping 4.20, Lakota 3.50, Hannah 3.50, Stanley 2.10, Fargo 2.10, Powers Lake 7.70, do Y. P. B. 1.00, Epping .70, do Y. P. B. 4.75, and L. T. L. 2.20, Hettinger 2.10, Rainy Butte 3.50, Fargo Scan. 20.30.

BUDGET:—Drayton complete \$19, do balance on last year's budget 4.00, Devils Lake complete 14.00, Nekoma with exch. 17.10, Lakota 8.00, Hannah 10.00, Calvin 20.00.

MISCELLANEOUS—Gilby, reports .75, 17th District Pledge 15.00, Life Membership of Mrs. J. P. Reiton, Grand Forks 10.00, collection on the field, Mrs. Wilder 5.79, 2nd District Convention fee with exch. 8.10, do Pledge 5.00, Fargo, Light Line 5.00, Mrs. J. N. Wallestad, medals 6.90.

Dear Sisters of the White Ribbon:— Let me congratulate you for the fine work you have done, and for the good spirit you have maintained through these trying months when "lack of finances" is the common subject of conversation thruout our country.

The time is now on when we must begin to think of getting in the dues for the members not yet paid. The membership of our organization is counted by the NUMBER of dues paid in. If our membership were counted by those in sympathy with our cause, as some of the organizations against Prohibition are, our membership would be immense, indeed. Through these years the work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union has gone forward through sacrifice, and we are sure it must continue to grow through the same spirit. Let us not fail at this point.

Recently Drayton put on a Home Talent play, then took it to Bovemont. It was a great success. They raised enough money to pay their budget for this year, a balance left on last year's, and enough left in the treasury to pay for next year's budget.

Hannah had a very interesting after noon meeting followed by a supper to which their husbands were invited. They raised enough to pay a substantial sum on their budget for this year. Other unions are using different methods.

We feel sure we can depend on you to do your best even in these trying times. Our women of North Dakota have never failed us, and we feel this year will be no exception.

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

Y. P. B. Flashes

The W. C. T. U. special train, with a Y. P. B. special coach will leave Chicago for the National Convention in Seattle, Monday night, Aug. 8th, passing through North Dakota on the Northern Pacific in due time.

Copies of the picture showing the presentation of Youth's Roll Call to President Hoover may be secured from the National W. C. T. U. Publishing House, Evanston, Ill., at 15 cents a copy.

The pageants—"Many Waters" and "The Father of His Country," suitable for Bicentennial programs, may be obtained free from the Hon. Sol Bloom, U. S. Washington Bicentennial Commission, Washington, D. C.

"So You're Going to the Convention" is the title of a very informative booklet by Marjorie Shuler which will be appreciated by all women travelers whatever their destination. You may have it free by writing The Service Bureau, Ladies Home Journal, Philadelphia, Pa.

An Interesting Letter From Mrs. Buck

Dear North Dakota Comrades:

I have been roaming over the state of Washington for a couple of months and have met with so many old friends of North Dakota days—I wondered if you would not be interested in hearing of them. My first real surprise was meeting Mrs. Ella Galagher at an institute at Mount Vernon. Many of you will remember her as state model contest director. She has just celebrated her 80th birthday, is still very active and much beloved, is treasurer of her county, living at Burlington.

Here I met Mrs. Semrau McKibbin, mother of Bessie Semrau and once member of the Balfour union. From Mt. Vernon I went to Bellingham where another institute was in progress, and the first person to greet me was Mrs. Minnie Hanson. This almost took my breath away but a still greater surprise awaited me when my hostess proved to be an old time neighbor and member of the Bethel union, Mrs. Anna Currie Axling, who left North Dakota as a girl 25 years ago. She saw my name in the paper and asked to entertain me. At Everson I met Rev. and Mrs. Boothby, formerly of Leeds. My last date in that county was at Blaine, on the Canadian border, where the Peace Portal is located. After the meeting a lady asked me if I knew Mrs. Fred Wanner and I said "Yes, but who in the world are you?" She proved to be Lydia's "Aunt Matt" and I had to delay our departure to discuss the Waner family.

From Bellingham, where for 50 consecutive days it had rained at some time during the twenty-four hours, and was cool and moist, I went to Wenatchee where the sun shone hot and the dust was deep. At an evening service in the Christian church, the first person I saw was Grandpa Deal of Egeland, father of my oft-time hostess and all-time friends, Mrs. John Pehrson of Alamo.

In Spokane I have been the guest of Mrs. Davis and daughter Edna of Devils Lake and following a meeting in the Fowler M. E. church I was greeted by Mrs. Houser and Mrs. Nehr, sisters of Mrs. Farley of the Cando union, and Mr. and Mrs. Brassard. Mr. Brassard's mother and Mrs. Brassard's mother, Mrs. Galloway, were both devoted members of the Rolla union.

Among others I have met are Mr. and Mrs. Pears and Mr. and Mrs. Barks, all of the Bethel community and now located at Longview, Washington; Mrs. Olney of Pullman, former member of Knox W. C. T. U. and Hon. Chas. Rogers of Monroe, formerly of Calvin, and whose first question was, "How is Maggie Silvers?"

Washington and Oregon must fight to retain their dry laws in the coming election. We are praying that the ways of the wicked may be turned upside down and we are working to answer the prayer. I will have spent 65 days on this trip, made 52 towns, including Tacoma, Seattle and Spokane, attended 19 institutes, given 130 addresses. Meeting these North Dakota people has made me homesick for all of you and I take this way of once more trying to express my appreciation of all that North Dakota and North Dakota folk have meant to me.

Lovingly yours,
Necia E. Buck.

A cablegram received from our state president, Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, May 24th, announced her safe arrival in France with the Gold Star Mothers' Pilgrimage.

How To Reach New Voters

Dear Co-Workers:

This year all temperance workers are interested in the challenge presented by the new voter. According to the most recent investigation by the National W. C. T. U., there are in North Dakota this year, 52,178 new voters, a great increase over the figures for the last presidential election. Wherever possible, these prospective voters should be reached by the Y. P. B., the W. C. T. U. and other young people's organizations.

Each Y. P. B. should organize a New Voters' project. If there is no Y. P. B., the local W. C. T. U. may carry on the work. At a dinner meeting of representatives of all young people's organizations, discuss the matter and form a Community New Voter's Committee to include:

Two representatives from each young people's organization.

Two ministers of different denominations.

Two members of the W. C. T. U.

Two laymen invited by the young people.

Two members of the Young People's Branch.

The adults should act as advisors, the young people as key people to take suggestions to their groups. At a second meeting, the key people report the action taken by their groups. Sub-committees may be appointed. These sub-committees should enroll new voters, provide speakers, music, publicity and literature.

New voters should be reached through mailed literature, personal interviews, young people's organizations, classes for study of citizenship, rallies, patriotic banquets, through helping to get out the vote by driving cars where permitted. A recognition service for new voters should be held at mass meeting shortly before election.

If you are not a Light Line Branch, will you not try to become one this year? The subscription price of The Union Signal to foreign lands is \$1.50 a year and of the Young Crusader, 47 cents.

How about your flag? If completed, you may win additional points as follows: First ten additional points will make the 8½ inches of the staff bordering the flag; five more points will add the spearhead and each point thereafter will add one-half inch to the staff or flag pole. The Branch should report all additional points to the state secretary who will report to the national secretary, Miss Winona R. Jewell, when material for making the staff will be sent according to the number of points.

If your Branch has presented the Declaration of Purpose, please send me the NUMBER of signatures only; let the signer keep the pledge and the Branch keep the coupon. If you have received answers to the question, "Why Am I a Total Abstainer?" will you please send them to me? Our national secretary is anxious to receive the answers.

Mrs. Geo. H. Moyer,
State Secretary.

The W. C. T. U. at Edmore had a Mother's Day Tea. Each member was responsible for two visitors. Red and pink roses made by members were given to the mothers and a very enjoyable program of songs, readings and music was given. The president, Mrs. T. H. Smith, talked on "What is the W. C. T. U. and Why Should I Join." A goodly crowd of the women of the community came thus under the influence of the W. C. T. U. and were brought face to face with their own responsibility as mothers and Christian women, for this great work.

Obey The Law

Leon M. Abbott, Sovereign Grand Commander of Supreme Council of Masonry says: "That member of society, no matter what his station in life or his profession may be, who willfully disobeys the laws of his country is not only fugitive to his duties as a citizen but he is working hand in hand with the destructive elements."

Abraham Lincoln said on Jan. 27, 1837 "Let every American, every lover of liberty, every well-wisher to his posterity, swear by the blood of the Revolution never to violate in the least particular the laws of the country and never to tolerate their violation by others."

Law is a rule of action by authority and is not made active until a condition makes demand for it. A law at present that is much in controversy is the 18th Amendment and Volstead Act which prohibits the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor. Every loyal citizen is called upon to take his stand. Shall it be for or against law observance? "They that forsake the law, praise the wicked, but such as keep the law contend with them," a wise man has said.

The United States is so concretely industrialized mechanically that sobriety is imperative. Graham McNamee, the well known radio announcer said recently, "I doubt whether radio could have been brought to its present stage of dependency in the pre-Volstead days. The whole process is so tightly geared up that just the slightest bit of fuzzy thinking or fumbling action could cause trouble." He says the broadcasting force is 100% dry, thus making that whole industry an example of law observance.

William C. Durant, president of the Durant Motor Co., says, "The first duty of a good citizen is to obey the law. The highest law of the land is the 18th Amendment. I believe that good citizenship, morality and decency are on the side of Prohibition and that American leadership belongs on that side."

Observing the laws of traffic is of great importance. The stop and start signs are only one of the traffic rules but accident and death too often are the price paid for not observing this law. Proper lights on cars at night; driving on the right side of the highway; slowing down at warning signs; curves and railroad crossings, and schools, a human regard for those who walk, are laws that should be strictly observed to insure proper safety for all. A drunken driver is the worst hazard on the highway.

It is only citizens of small caliber who permit themselves to take advantage of a law and violate it. When Theodore Roosevelt visited Yellowstone Park he was asked if he hunted there, as he probably could do because of his high position. He replied, "No, it is against the law, and on American soil American law must rule."

A narcotic drug addict is prohibited from driving motor vehicles in the large cities of North Dakota. This law will undoubtedly be hard to enforce. The habit is a most secretive one and not until some tragedy occurs will any steps be taken to curtail the smuggling and distributing of dope. The State Insane Asylum is now caring for numerous cases of drug addiction which also adds to the tax payer's burden.

If the money and energy directed against the 18th amendment were used to control narcotic drug production, half of the world's crime and misery would disappear.

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State Director.

Beer Revenue In Europe

Germany Derives Seven Per Cent Of Her Revenue From Liquor

By W. G. Calderwood.

The North American Newspaper Alliance sheds a new and interesting light on the hotly debated question of beer and whisky as revenue producers. In a recent copyrighted article by Dr. Max Winkler the insignificant role played by John Barleycorn in the field of revenue is shown to be so small as to be almost contemptible.

The budget which the present Congress has been struggling to balance totals less than \$5,000,000,000 and there are those who claim that legalizing beer would bring "a minimum revenue of \$2,500,000,000" or over 50% of the total requirement.

It is true that the "experts" on the tax value of beer do not agree. Their "guesstimates" range from \$2,500,000,000 down to \$500,000,000. But even this lowest figure represents over 10% of the total budget which is a substantially higher ratio than the highest record in Europe, even when both beer and spirits are heavily taxed.

Dr. Winkler names Germany as the only important country in Europe where revenues derived from alcohol constitute any considerable part of the national income, and even in this outstanding instance liquor pays only 7% of the nation's budget. Moreover, this revenue is not from beer alone, but from all intoxicants, including spirits.

It is at least interesting to note that the country which relies to the greatest extent upon booze as a source of revenue was the one which would have totally collapsed but for the help of the United States which collects no revenue from that source.

Roumania where the liquor revenue is 3% of the total is named as the country which collects the next largest proportion of its national income from intoxicants. Dr. Winkler closes his article with the statement that "The situation is similar with regard to other European countries of which statistics are readily obtainable."

These are not impressive ratios. They make one think of the niggardly contribution which beer used to pay toward the national revenues in the United States. "Lest we forget"—the largest contribution that the United States ever collected from beer was during the World War when a high tax was levied against the amber toxic and brought into the national treasury \$126,286,000, which was less than one per cent of the national budget.

In the light of these facts, the talk of the "experts" who now estimate that with a tax on beer the government could pick the pockets of the working people of over 50% of the national budget sounds like a distorted page from Topsy-Turvey land.

A BICENTENNIAL OBSERVATION

In memory of the mother and wife of George Washington and in memory of other mothers, the Valley City W. C. T. U. invited the mothers of Barnes county to an observance in the college auditorium on Mothers' Day, May 8, at 3:00 p. m. The address of the afternoon was by Mrs. Fred M. Wanner of Jamestown, and was entitled, "Mary and Martha." Special music was furnished by Valley City musicians from the State Teachers College, the high school and the Community Club; by Mrs. Harry Knott, Dr. Glenn Hulett and Kenneth Norman. Rev. Thos. Nugent led the invocation and Prof. M. S. Ward gave A Tribute to Mother. Some 700 people were in attendance.

District Doings

THE SECOND DISTRICT met in annual convention at Esmond, May 10, with Mrs. Fred M. Wanner as speaker, and Mrs. J. A. Graham, vice president, presiding. Delegations were present from five unions. Mrs. H. M. Aanestad of Esmond conducted opening devotions. Reports of local unions showed an earnest effort to carry on in spite of depression. Mrs. Lily Kaufman conducted the memorial hour. Sydney and Bert Kaufman sang a duet.

The officers elected were: President, Mrs. J. A. Graham, Oberon; vice president, Mrs. Nellie P. Barber, Carrington; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Abram Baldwin, Oberon; Rec. Sec., Mrs. A. Norin, Sheyenne; Treasurer, Mrs. Jennie G. Dysart, Esmond.

Luncheon was served by the Congregational ladies and Rev. Mr. Cording, pastor of the church, gave the invocation. Following the luncheon Mrs. Jennie G. Dysart gave the address of welcome and Mrs. Garnaaas of Oberon responded. Two entertaining readings were given by Miss Alma Okland and all joined in singing "Wind the Ribbon Round the Nations."

The afternoon devotions were led by Mrs. Jessie Humphrey of Minnewaukan. A round table discussion followed in which many took part. Mrs. J. A. Graham and Mrs. J. O. Severtson entertained with a duet. Rev. Cording gave a helpful talk on "Meeting Wet Propaganda." Mrs. Wanner spoke impressively on "Keep On Keeping On." Mrs. Baldwin voiced the closing prayer. The ladies again served lunch before the delegates left for home.

THE FIFTEENTH DISTRICT met at Hillsboro, May 4, with the district president, Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, in the chair. Eleven unions were represented by fifty-two delegates. Mrs. Julia D. Nelson, vice president, led the opening devotions. The memorial hour was in charge of Mrs. Anna M. Warren, Portland.

Reports of constructive work were presented by local unions and department directors. Mrs. Kate S. Wilder was again elected president, Mrs. Julia D. Nelson, vice president; Mrs. J. H. Potter, Fargo, Cor. Sec.; Mrs. P. O. Sathre, Finley, Rec. Sec., and Mrs. E. O. Moe, Galesburg treasurer.

Mrs. P. A. Jorgenson, Sharon, led devotions, opening the afternoon session. Mrs. Wilder discussed goals set by National and Mrs. Martha W. Oas, Mayville, Special Literature. Miss Bertha Forde and Mrs. Gilman Holland sang a duet. The addresses by Hon. P. O. Sathre on The Prohibition Law and by Mrs. E. C. Watkins on Our Duty as Citizens were greatly appreciated. The round table on Perplexing Problems proved very helpful.

At the evening service, the church was crowded with an interested audience. Music of a high order was furnished by the High School Band; violin solo by Lief Christiansen, song by the Hatton Y. P. B.; a Rainbow Ribbon demonstration by the L. T. L.; a flute solo by Miss Hazel Hewitt and a song by the High School Girls' Glee Club. Rev. A. T. Tjornlund conducted a prayer service. The convention was welcomed for the city by Mayor L. E. George; for the schools by Supt. J. J. Elster, for the churches by the Rev. C. E. Covell and for the local W. C. T. U. by its president, Mrs. O. J. Flagstad. Responses were by Mrs. Guy F. Harris, president of the Fargo union, and by Hon. P. O. Sathre. Mrs. Wilder gave the evening address. Lloyd Texley, Hatton, read his prize winning oration.

"America" was sung and the Rev. O. J. Flagstad pronounced the benediction.

Much credit for the success of this splendid convention is due Rev. and Mrs. O. J. Flagstad and their helpers.

THE THIRTEENTH DISTRICT. Dickey entertained this convention May 4, 5, the district president, Mrs. Paul Hanson, presiding. Mrs. Fred M. Wanner was guest speaker and gave valuable assistance through the meeting. Her evening address on "Keep On Keeping On" was inspirational. Six young people took part in a medal contest, Lois Larson winning first place. Officers and directors were re-elected.

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT. Following the regional conference at Grand Forks, members of the 16th district met to transact business and elect officers. Mrs. J. W. Scott led a brief memorial service. All local unions reported fine work during the year. Ten district directors submitted written reports. The departments of Sunday School Work and Medical Temperance were adopted. Mrs. S. O. Nelson was again elected president. Mrs. Anna L. Hazen, Larimore, vice president; Mrs. Essie M. Darling, Grand Forks, secretary; Mrs. J. W. Scott, Gilby, treasurer.

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT. Preceding the regional conference at Grand Forks, this district met at Grafton May 4, the president, Mr. Frank Beasley, presiding. The day was given over to business and encouraging reports were presented by the unions. Grafton furnished good music, including a duet by Rev. and Mrs. B. Locher and piano solos by Misses Arline Van Camp, Eunice Tarbla and Marion Carrothers. Readings were given by Donald Swanson, Inez Craving and Lois Tverberg. Mrs. Beasley's address at the evening session was impressive. Lunch was served by the hostess union. All officers were re-elected except the vice president and Mrs. E. M. Ruthruff, Drayton, was elected to that office.

FOURTH DISTRICT held a business session at the close of the Minot regional conference May 13. Reports were given and plans made for the ensuing year. Mrs. H. E. Mielke, Rydor, was elected president, beginning her 15th year; Mrs. C. F. Truxax, vice president; Mrs. T. M. Wold, Makoti, secretary and Mrs. A. S. Dwelle, Minot, treasurer, succeeding Mrs. I. C. Mellum who resigned. Nine unions reported the work of the year. District directors reported for their departments. Mrs. George H. Moyer, Makoti, and Mrs. Erling Monnes, Minot, entertained with solos. Prizes in the district essay contest were awarded.

NINTH DISTRICT met at Napoleon, May 20, Mrs. Ellen Pagel, district president, in charge and Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, guest speaker. Mrs. Hattie M. Wilson's history of the district was most interesting. Mrs. E. Zunkel gave an excellent talk on the essentials of a good union. Mrs. Olaf Larvick spoke on the special literature and how to distribute it. Napoleon L. T. L. sang and gave a demonstration of their work. Four white ribbon recruits were consecrated to the service. A silver medal contest resulted in giving first place to Iverne Hien who read, "Your Flag and My Flag." Mrs. P. S. Gutensohn sang a beautiful solo and a chorus of girls from the high school gave a pleasing number. All officers were re-elected. Miss Lou Mae Fitch kindly drove the convention speaker to Bismarck to catch her train home.

TENTH DISTRICT met at Reeder, May 20, Mrs. Fred M. Wanner being the guest of honor and convention speaker. Hettinger and Bucyrus sent

delegates and encouraging reports of work were given. Mrs. E. C. Wilson having resigned as president, Mrs. J. C. Sims was elected in her place; Mrs. O. A. Erlandsen, vice president; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Albert Marple, Hettinger; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Ed M. Hoffland, Reeder; Treasurer, Mrs. Willie Olson, Bucyrus. Previous to this meeting, Mrs. Wanner had spoken in the New England schools to more than 300 pupils. Sunday, the 22d, she spent in Hettinger, speaking in the Congregational and Methodist churches and to a Boy Scouts convention.

STANLEY held two silver medal contests, one in Seventh and Eighth grades with eight contestants, in which the winner was James Cottingham, aged 12, with the selection, "The New Crop." Another group of eight in Sixth grade contested and the winner was Sylvia Sonderson who read, "Don't Let Them In." Much interest was shown and much credit is due the teachers who drilled the children.

WILDROSE held its first declamatory contest April 28, with 20 contestants, in four groups. The winners were Geraldine Christianson, Evelyn Redal, Dorris Myking and Helen Sather. Mrs. John Pehrson, Alamo, vice president of the Fifth district, presented the medals in a pleasing manner. Mrs. Phil Moellring is local president.

NORTHWOOD held an open meeting at the United Lutheran Church May Day with Miss Bertha R. Palmer, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, as the principal speaker. Some 400 people were in attendance and the address was heard with much interest.

The Fargo Scandinavian union is recently bereft in the passing of three faithful members, Mrs. Iver Fossum, Mrs. Anna Gjerde and Mrs. Victor Johnson.

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