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They Did Not Go And Vote

He talked of right and talked of wrong.
Of duty talked he loud and long;
He criticized all known neglect;
He asked, "What can we all expect?"—
But failed to go and vote!

He talked of laws both good and bad,
What he would do if he but had
The rule of things, and show the way
To bring about a better day—
BUT DID NOT GO AND VOTE!

She talked of trouble in the land,
Of those who ruled, and took her stand
Against the wrong and for the right,
Saw coming storm and darkening night.

But—careless—did not vote!
She stayed at home, and talked of laws,
Or she went shopping, calling, too,
And told what leaders all should do—
BUT OH, SHE DID NOT VOTE!

—Corra Ivans Dunham.

The Campaign

Dear Comrades:

June 27 is the day of fate for North Dakota. On that day the decision will be made whether or not hard liquor shall be legally sold in our state which has never had the sale, which has been clean since statehood.

Every union should be represented at the polls 100 per cent on election day and every member instructed to vote against BOTH hard liquor bills. Vote "NO" TWICE. What are you, dear comrade, doing personally to arouse your friends and neighbors to the magnitude of the tremendous calamity that threatens us at this election.

It is not enough that YOU vote right, but, in addition to that, it is of vital importance that you do your utmost to get every dry voter of your acquaintance to go to the polls Wednesday, June 27, and vote "NO" on both hard liquor bills. There are enough dry voters in North Dakota to win this election IF WE CAN GET THEM TO THE POLLS.

Remember repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment carried by a minority vote. Millions of dry voters did not vote. Out of forty million votes cast in the presidential election, the wets, with the support of the administration and the press of the country, were able to muster less than fifteen million votes for repeal, a little more than one third of the presidential vote. It is presumable that the ardent wets voted—they always do. Then the other two-thirds, the big majority that stayed at home and did not vote must have been mostly dries. This should be a warning to us. Take nothing for granted.

It is surprising how many good people FORGET to vote on election day,—how comparatively small

REMEMBER THE DATE

JUNE 27, 1934

Remember The Object

To Defeat The Hard Liquor Bills

Which aim to repeal our state prohibition laws and to raise the alcoholic content of beer to 5.5 per cent. Tell your friends and neighbors

And Vote "NO" On Both Bills

AT THE PRIMARY ELECTION JUNE 27

things, trifles, a headache, company, baking, ironing, sewing, plowing corn, cutting hay, etc., will keep them from this sacred responsibility of citizenship.

The ballot box is the urn of destiny. If we stay at home on election day and either of these bills should carry and the state be flooded with hard liquor, we are just as responsible for the results as we would be if we went to the polls and voted for hard liquor.

Read Matthew the 25th chapter, beginning with the 31st verse. It is a flashlight picture of the judgment, given by Jesus, the Judge. Note that those people on the left were not condemned for anything they DID but for the things they failed to do. Jesus stands today over against the ballot box. If we fail to go to the polls and register our votes for the protection of the youth of the state against this curse which damns both body and soul, He says to us, "Inasmuch as ye did it not unto one of the least of these, ye did it not to Me."

We must not lose sight of the fact that at this primary election candidates for United States senator, congressman, governor, attorney general, states attorneys, judges and members of the legislature are to be nominated. Never were men of character and ability, men who are right on the temperance question, more needed than today. Find out BEFORE the primary election how these candidates stand on the question of prohibition. Candidates are much more amenable BEFORE they are nominated than afterwards.

The Consolidated Dries, of which we are a part, are doing fine work. The officers and campaign managers are

freely giving their time and effort to the cause. Find out who your precinct manager is and cooperate with him or her in every possible way. In addition remind your dry friends and neighbors by postcard before election day, or by phone call on that morning, to go to the polls and vote. No electioneering is allowed on election day but we can remind people that it is election day and ask if they have voted. One thing more, and this may be the most important, will you join with me in a solemn covenant to pray daily for victory?

Yours in faith and hope,
Elizabeth Preston Anderson.
Sheldon, N. D.

Cleveland Six HONOR ROLL

Mrs. E. M. Strom, Grand Forks.
Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, Fargo.
Mrs. Barbara H. Wylie, Fargo.
Mrs. Fred M. Wanner, Jamestown.
Mrs. P. J. Foss, Stady-Zahl.
Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, Sheldon.
Mrs. C. F. Truax, Minot.

Mrs. Anderson Honored

April 27, when the Sheldon W. C. T. U. met at the home of Mrs. Fred Lillcrap, Mrs. B. A. Burns was leader and the L. T. L. gave songs and rally cries. During the social hour, the hostess brought in a lighted birthday cake and the members gave Mrs. Anderson a handkerchief shower in honor of her birthday and as an expression of their love and appreciation.



Miss Mary B. Ervin

Miss Mary B. Ervin, Xenia, Ohio, field worker for the National W. C. T. U. and L. T. L. superintendent for the World's W. C. T. U. has come to North Dakota for a month, May 23-June 24, to work in the interests of the campaign against the hard liquor bills. Miss Ervin was with us five years ago and did most satisfactory work. She makes a special appeal to young people and is a fluent and convincing speaker, with a sympathetic understanding of present day conditions.

Beginning at Grand Forks and visiting the larger towns in the state, Miss Ervin will complete her work at Fargo, returning directly home to prepare for the World's W. C. T. U. convention at Stockholm, Sweden, for which she will sail June 30 from New York with the other United States delegates.

Mrs. Sizer Completes Her Work

Mrs. Josephine E. Sizer, National W. C. T. U. worker, who has been with us on several occasions, spent the month of May in the state and was the speaker at eight district conventions. Mrs. Sizer also spoke in schools, before local unions and at public meetings. She began at Fairmount and finished at Williston, leaving June 1st for similar work in Montana. Her work has been very satisfactory, her addresses strong and impressive and she has gained many new members. We appreciate the help she has given in the campaign and bid her Godspeed in her efforts.

By a vote of 2,128 to 1,834, the charter provision forbidding the sale of beer near the campus of the university of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, was supported and reaffirmed at a recent election.

WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN

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President's Message

Dear Co-Workers:

I am out in the field and my letter will be brief. Mrs. Anderson has written about the two hard liquor bills, to kill which is our chief objective at this time. I have been so encouraged while in Tenth and Eleventh districts, to find such enthusiasm and fighting spirit in our blessed women, as well as hearty cooperation on the part of the pastors and many other men.

We must keep up our membership drive and I am so glad that we can welcome three more women to our Cleveland Six honor roll. I know of others who hope to win this honor very soon. I believe there never has been a greater challenge for enlistment in our work than now. This is a psychological time to gain new members so invite your next door neighbor, your church, missionary and social friends and you will be surprised at the willingness of some to join at this time.

When in conversation with any voter, do not forget to mention the menace and danger to the children and youth of our beloved state, urging every one to vote "NO" on both hard liquor bills. I have recently had the opportunity of talking to several good-sized audiences—between 160 and 175 in a well-planned meeting in the town hall at Reeder, about 150 at a P. T. A. meeting at Hettinger and about 100 at McKenzie—many of them men—all much interested in hearing about these liquor bills. Several have asked for a copy of my speech that they might have the facts with which to refute wet propaganda. I cannot give copies but urged them to subscribe for The Union Signal, my chief source of information.

Some of these facts are: Business men are realizing that legitimate business is suffering from the beer business and will suffer much more if the hard liquor bills pass. The same money cannot be spent for bread and beer—for shoes and booze. Two-thirds of the population of the United States are women and children who are always the greatest sufferers from the liquor traffic. Statistics show that fewer groceries were purchased in the United States in January and February of this year than during the same months last year, though there are repeated assertions that more men are employed.

Dr. C. W. Saleeby, noted British scientist, says, "Beer is a devitalized, devitalized, drugged, decayed, impoverished 'food' and is nothing under the sun but poisoned water." "Alcohol paralyzes again and again the selfcontrol that would have saved the man or girl from a course of which there may be no terrestrial end but perdition." Though Baron Von Liebig, the famous German chemist, is credited with the statement, "Beer is liquid bread," the statement cannot be found in his scientific works but he does say, in his complete works on Chemistry, that "Beer, wine and spir-

its furnish NO element capable of entering into the composition of the blood, muscular fibre or any part that is vital. Nine quarts of the best ale contain as much nourishment as would lie on the end of a table knife."

Dr. Miles, Professor of Physiology at Yale, says: "A taxi cab driver, after taking two pints of 2.75 per cent beer, would be an unsafe driver—less dangerous by far is the man who is so drunk as to be incapable." Wine has much larger alcoholic content than beer, European wines average from 10 to 18 per cent alcohol, American wines even a greater alcoholic content. A large glass of grape juice contains 200 calories. Wine, in which the sugar has been converted into alcohol and acids, is much inferior to grape juice—the so-called tonic is not in wine."

Insurance companies have found out that moderate drinkers have a mortality of 18 per cent greater than total abstainers. The soft drink trade has lost, sales in Cook county, the home of Chicago, having fallen off 50 per cent since the return of legalized liquor. January and February 1934 registered respectively 55 and 38 per cent increase in number in Keeley Institute at Dwight, Ill., compared with the same months in 1933.

Liquor filled candies have been sold in confectioners' stores to little children in eastern cities, and ice cream, flavored with liquor, all to create the appetite for liquor in our children. The sale of two ounce liquor bottles to our youth is another trap, for the brewers are aware that 69 per cent of all drunkards form the habit before twenty-one years of age—only 8 per cent after thirty.

The prohibition law was repealed but you can't repeal the injuries, the results, in so many ways, from the liquor traffic. A recent exchange says: "The repeal of the 18th Amendment was advocated as a Recovery Act. Perhaps they figured that drunken drivers would kill off a couple of million jobless people." We need to "pray and press right along." We must cooperate with the workers coming into our state—Mrs. Sizer, Miss Ervin and Miss Williams—and bend every energy to defeat the two vicious hard liquor bills. We must work and pray for God's guidance having faith that "Right will triumph and wrong be overthrown."

Yours with love,

Mrs. Fred M. Wanner.

Interesting Activities

CROSBY held a very successful essay contest in the grades. Mrs. J. H. Phelps, contest director, and the local president, Mrs. C. E. Erickson, visited the rooms, giving a talk in each and awarding prizes.

RAY held a food sale, clearing nearly \$20. A silver medal contest and poster and essay contests in grade schools for which prizes were given, were among their worthwhile activities.

COOPERSTOWN'S essay contest was most successful, 183 essays being written. At a special assembly at school, Mrs. T. P. Overby, local president, announced the winners as follows: Junior-Senior class, 1st, Evelynne Ost, 2nd, Nadine Nelson, 3rd, Bremeen Johnson. Sophomore-Freshmen: 1st, Robert Brimi, 2nd, Miriam Duffy, 3rd, Palmer Sonreal. Seventh and Eighth grades: 1st, Jean Howden, 2nd, Lela Marie Garlid, 3rd, Mayvis Lockner. The union raised money for the generous prizes by serving a dinner to the Commercial Club.

GRAND FORKS SCANDINAVIAN union met at the home of the president, Mrs. E. M. Strom, for a special Child Welfare and Health program. Mrs. R. A. Sprague, state director of this department, conducted a service at which five little children were

dedicated as white ribbon recruits.

FARGO SCANDINAVIAN union held a medal contest in the Calvary Baptist church, Rev. Vance Webster, pastor of the church, leading devotions. The five contestants had been coached by Mrs. R. E. Skonord and did excellent work. Mavis Jensen, with the selection, "The Tragedy of Betty's First Dance" won first place. Mrs. F. A. Landbloom reported the district convention and gave readings for Mother's Day.

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT held an institute at Northwood with members of the Hatton and Larimore unions as guests. A fine program was given and a silver medal contest held at the close. Mrs. S. O. Nelson, district president, presided.

HATTON'S L. T. L. declamatory contest was of special interest with some eighty children in attendance.

SHELDON held a union service on a special Sunday evening, Mrs. J. A. Lensink presiding. Rev. James Anderson led the worship service. Prize essays were read by Inez M. Dorrance and Lucille Bueling who won first and second place in senior class and by Annabelle Christianson and Agnes Probert in the junior class. By request, Harold Nessett read an essay which appears in another column but was not in the competition. Mrs. Wm. Cuthill presented the prizes. Ethel Jean Lemnus won the L. T. L. prize for the greatest number of charges against alcohol. The high school quartette sang. Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, in explaining the hard liquor bills, pointed out that the most reprehensible feature of both bills is the attempt to link the education of our children with the sale of that which destroys them, body and soul. She advised everyone who wishes to protect our youth to vote "No" on both hard liquor bills June 27.

FARGO union's essay contest, in charge of Mrs. J. H. Potter, resulted in the writing of 1128 essays. Receipts from a Temperance Tea at the home of Mrs. R. M. Pollock, were used to purchase books as prizes, which were awarded as follows: To Philip Dolve of the Horace Mann Junior high school; to Bob Headland, Sixth grade, Jefferson school; to Joan Klinsmann, Fifth grade, Emerson H. Smith school and to Norma Hanson, Fourth grade, Franklin school.

North Dakota comrades are always proud and happy to hear good news about Miss Bertha R. Palmer. Of her work in northern California, the state president, Mrs. Louise J. Taft writes: "Then Miss Palmer came. Instead of delivering addresses, she demonstrated to us by lessons how to teach the facts of what alcohol is and what it does. She is a teacher of rare native ability and painstaking preparation, who holds her class in rapt attention during the clear-cut presentation of her subject. Some of the outstanding principles, supervisors and teachers in our largest centers attended her classes and carried away her syllabus, also other reference material she recommended, and they impromptu her for more lessons. Christian leaders in Sunday schools and church did likewise. Eager learners stayed to ask questions after the conference closed."

Trust

Whoever plants a seed beneath the sod
And waits to see it push away the cloud

He trusts in God.

Whoever says when clouds are in the sky
"Be patient, heart, light breaketh by and by"

Trusts the most high.

The Loyal Temperance Legion

Mrs. E. S. Bordwell, State Secretary

Vacation days are here but the summer months must not be vacation months for leaders of our Loyal Temperance Legion. During this time we have opportunity for a varied program, picnics, hikes, camp fires, swimming parties and other activities that will make the legion meetings a real joy for boys and girls as well as for their leaders. With these, we must combine our L. T. L. teaching and make the vacation time a harvest time for our splendid program.

The work in schools will have closed but we will have more time to carry out our program elsewhere. This is a splendid time to organize neighborhood legions. Our long beautiful evenings could be used by having groups of boys and girls gather on some lawn while we conduct a meeting, using stories, songs, illustrations and demonstrations.

This is a good time for leaders to acquaint themselves with the Course of Study which is outlined in the L. T. L. Year book or manual, and to plan programs based on the general outlines given by the National secretary, that we may put this program of alcohol education, citizenship and character building across to the children.

"Come do the things you ought to do
And join the W. C. T. U.
And to the Lord and us be true,
Will you? Will you? Will you?"

Bismarck L. T. L. held their second quarterly L. T. L. rally which took the form of a Light Line memorial service for Anna Gordon, and raised their \$5.00 for the missionary fund plus the 53 cents for a subscription to the Young Crusader to be sent to a mission field. They used the beautiful candle-lighting service with appropriate songs.

Northwood L. T. L. also has become a Light Line Legion sending The Young Crusader to a missionary in Madagascar. We are happy to welcome these two and the Crosby W. C. T. U. in the Light Line brigade.

Mrs. B. A. Burns, superintendent of the Sheldon L. T. L. asked the members to write all the things they knew about alcohol and little Ethel Jean Lemnus submitted the following:

It makes you drunk. It makes you have a different color.

You are not so nice looking. You are doing wrong.

It poisons your whole body. It weakens the body.

You get into trouble. You can't see straight.

You get into wrecks. You might kill some body.

You are put into jail. You always get in bad.

You always do wrong things. You smell awful when you drink.

You can't be a Christian. You are disobeying Jesus.

You are hurting His feelings. You can't go to Heaven.

You are disobeying the laws of the L. T. L. Nobody will like you.

You should never drink alcohol. Drink milk instead.

Pep Song—Try It

Learn, learn, learn the facts,
Answering the foe.
Surely, surely, surely, surely,
Booze will have to go.

Tell, tell, tell the facts,
Everywhere you go.
Surely, surely, surely, surely,
Booze will have to go.

—H. L. R.

Treasurer's Report

April 18-May 18

DUES—Grafton, \$6.30; Prosper, .70; Mayville, 5.60; Fairdale, .70; Bottineau, 1.40; Ray, 4.20; Hettinger, .70; Plaza, 3.50; Cooperstown, 14.70; Northwood, 1.40; Beach, 3.50; Van Hook, 5.60; Fargo, 2.80; Hannah, 3.50; Minot, 2.10; Douglas, 6.30.

BUDGET—Grafton, \$2.00; Fairdale 9.30; Edgeley, 5.00; Ray, 17.00; Hettinger, 9.30; Northwood, 5.00; Beulah, 5.00; Pembina, 11.00.

DISTRICT PLEDGE—12th dist., \$25.00; 16th dist., 10.00.

Mrs. R. B. Reed, Treas.

1116, 3rd Ave. So., Fargo, N. D.

The World's Convention

Evanston, Ill.—Preliminary announcement of notable features scheduled for the 15th triennial convention of the World's W. C. T. U. at Stockholm, Sweden, July 20-25 next, was made here today by Mrs. Ella A. Boole of Brooklyn, N. Y., President of the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

"The convention," states Mrs. Boole, "will be held in the Concert Hall at Stockholm, under the patronage of His Royal Highness, Crown Prince Gustav Adolph of Sweden.

"Already it is known large delegations representing every continent in the world and nearly fifty different countries will attend. Large delegations will be present from the United States, England and Wales, Scotland, Ireland, both Ulster and Free-State, Germany, France, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Latvia, and Esthonia. Some delegates from South Africa are well on the way and the same is true of representatives from Australia, New Zealand, China, Japan and Korea.

"The party from the United States, possibly accompanied by the delegates from Canada, will sail from New York on June 30th on the Westernland. After a week in England they proceed to Norway enroute to Stockholm."

It is hoped that arrangements may be made for an international broadcast of the opening of the Convention. Mrs. Ella A. Boole, as President of the World's W. C. T. U. will preside at most of the sessions though she will be assisted by the Vice Presidents: Miss Emilie Solomon of South Africa, Miss Sandstrom of Sweden, and by members of the Advisory Committee: Lady Cecilia Roberts of England and Miss Fanny von Herten of Finland, and Miss Agnes E. Slack of England, Secretary of the World's W. C. T. U.

Who Pays The Tax?

"Who really pays the tax, the brewers and distillers? Not one cent of it.

"A woman bends over the washtub. Her husband is down in the saloon drinking, helping to pay the tax.

"A young man is taking his first drink. He is beginning to pay the tax. He may be a drunkard in a few years and then he will pay more tax.

"An employee has just been discharged for drinking. He was paying the tax. He joins the large army of the unemployed.

"A husband is selling off some of his best furniture and the family is moving into a stuffy flat. He has been paying the tax.

"A constable is ringing his bell. He is going to sell some household goods for rent. The owner has been paying the tax at the corner saloon.—Ex.

We were immeasurably better off with National Prohibition at its worst than with legalized liquor at its best.—John R. Mott.

District Conventions

TWENTIETH. Christine entertained this convention May 3, the district president, Mrs. Katherine Gardner, presiding. After a devotional service, the business session followed and annual reports were given. Lunch and dinner were served in the church dining room by members of the Christine union. In the afternoon, round table discussions took place and the delegates went on record to do all in their power to kill the hard liquor bills. Mrs. Josephine E. Sizer, national field worker, as guest speaker, gave a strong address on "The Task Ahead" and helped throughout the meeting. All officers were re-elected except the vice president and Mrs. Gertrude Israelson, Christine, was chosen for that place.

FIFTEENTH. Meeting at Sharon May 3, this banner district had a very worthwhile convention. Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, district president, presiding. Mrs. W. K. Sherwin led devotions and Mrs. Elina Aaker, Hatton, the memorial service. Awards were made to Fargo and Fargo Scandinavian unions for budget paid in full and to Prosper and Hatton for budget in full and as Hold Fast unions. Mrs. Julia D. Nelson, Fargo, gave a short address. Mrs. Wilder led in a discussion on Alcohol Education. Mmes. E. S. Duce and V. Evej sang a duet.

"Citizens of the Future" was the topic considered by Mrs. C. E. Leslie, Hillsboro, and Mrs. C. H. Rohoit, Mayville, gave her impressions of the National convention at Milwaukee. A solo was contributed by Mrs. Carl Solum of Mayville and the Sharon L. T. L. put on a pleasing demonstration. Mrs. O. J. Flagstad, Hillsboro, was elected delegate to the National convention at Cleveland in November.

At the evening session, following community singing, Mrs. Wilder led devotions and Miss Norma Hegge of the Hatton L. T. L. and Miss Margaret Pomeroy of the Fargo Y. P. B. gave short talks. The high school Glee Club furnished music. Miss Lorraine Lageson, a piano solo and Mr. Simon McKenzie sang.

Rev. S. T. Nelson, Aneta, welcomed the delegates for the churches, Supt. E. V. Estensen for the schools and Mmes. P. A. Jorgenson and L. Langehaug for the local W. C. T. U. Mrs. Hans Langseth responded. The address of the evening by Dr. James E. Cox, president North Dakota Consolidated Drys, was a masterpiece and more strongly impressed the audience with the great necessity for working to kill both the hard liquor bills at the primary election.

SIXTEENTH. Meeting at Larimore with a large attendance, this convention was presided over by the district president, Mrs. S. O. Nelson, Northwood. The services of Mrs. Sizer as convention speaker, were much appreciated. After the business session, a paper by Mrs. Geo. S. Muir of Gilby on the ANR (Advance, Not Retreat) was read and the memorial service conducted by Mrs. E. Franklyn. Lunch was served in the church dining room.

The afternoon session was full of interesting topics and discussions. Miss Margaret Hyslop read a paper on "Keeping up with the Times";

Rev. T. A. Olson spoke on the SRA—Spiritual Recovery Act—and Prof. Lillo on Cooperation of Schools in the Temperance Cause. "The Task Ahead" was discussed by Mrs. Sizer who later consecrated five little folks with the white ribbon recruit service. Splendid music enlivened the program throughout.

At 6:30 a banquet was served at which Mrs. T. A. Isen was toast-mistress. Welcomes were given by

the schools, women's clubs and local W. C. T. U. and the response was by Mrs. O. J. Oswald, Northwood. At the gold medal contest, Avis Haga, Northwood, won first place. Mrs. Sizer gave the address of the evening. The Northwood L. T. L. presented a playlet and two members sang. Mrs. T. A. Olsen, Larimore, was elected vice president. All other officers were re-elected.

TWELFTH. Valley City union entertained the convention May 11, Mrs. Lulu W. Zimmerman presiding. Mrs. Thos. Nugent led devotions and Rev. George Parish, pastor of the church, welcomed the delegates. The morning was taken up with routine work. Mrs. Chas. Atherton sang and Mrs. H. E. Schmitt, Jamestown, spoke on "The Task Ahead. After the memorial service and noontide prayer lunch was served in the church dining room.

The afternoon session was opened with prayer by Mrs. C. F. Framstad. Mrs. I. A. Jacobson, Dazey, spoke on the SRA and Mrs. Mary Zetterberg on "The Citizen's Opportunity. A paper on "The Movies as One Phase of Education, was presented by Mrs. M. D. Westley, Cooperstown, and Miss Susan Norton gave a short talk. Miss Helen Stowell spoke on L. T. L. work. Mmes. Parish, Ottinger and Ruliffson gave vocal numbers and a boys' quartet sang. The state president, Mrs. Fred M. Wanner gave the closing address on the ANR—Advance, Not Retreat.

SEVENTEENTH. Bowsmont was hostess to this district May 11, Mrs. Frank Beasley, district president, presiding, with Mrs. Josephine E. Sizer as guest of honor. After the business session of the morning, a luncheon was served in the church dining room. At the afternoon session, three generations were present as Mrs. Geo. Patterson read the scripture lesson, her daughter, Mrs. J. F. McKay being president of the local union and little Jimmie McKay being dedicated to the temperance cause by Mrs. Sizer. Mrs. Annie F. Catherwood, state director Medical Temperance, spoke of the work of her department and Mrs. J. S. Fattlar, state director Scientific Temperance Instruction, spoke on Alcohol Education. "Keeping Up With the Times" was discussed by Mrs. Sizer and work for the young people by the state Y. P. B. Secretary, Mrs. Beasley.

A delicious supper was served by the local ladies.

Rev. C. W. Langdon led the evening devotions, and sang a solo. Two numbers were furnished by the high school glee club and a duet by Mrs. A. T. Everson and Miss Danielson. A playlet, "Silver Bullets" was presented by Eleanor Halcrow, Florence Learn and Audrey Billings. Prof. J. M. Learn spoke on "The Citizen's Opportunity" and Mrs. Sizer gave an able address. All officers were re-elected with the addition of Mrs. Frank Quigley of the Pembina union as vice president at large, Mrs. Hazel Kneeshaw Pate, Pembina, for Pembina county, Mrs. D. M. Upham, Grafton, for Walsh county and Mrs. Nettie Reid, Hannah, for Cavalier county. Miss Mae Halcrow is the director for the new department of Religious Education.

FOURTH. May 17, this district was entertained by the Benedict union. After the worship period, reports of officers and directors were heard and Mrs. F. W. Gress, Underwood, conducted the memorial service. Mrs. C. F. Truax conducted a symposium on "Our Task Ahead" in which several took part. Mrs. Geo. Campbell reported on Christian Citizenship, Mrs. J. W. Frisbie on Social

Morality, Mrs. J. J. Larsen on Soldiers and Sailors and Mrs. Geo. Moyer on young people's work. At noon a luncheon was followed by a social hour.

The afternoon session was opened with devotions by Miss Susie Herrington and a solo by Miss Grace Herrington. Mrs. H. E. Mielke, state vice president, who has served 15 years as district president, declined re-election and was succeeded by Mrs. C. F. Truax of Minot. Mrs. T. M. Wold, Stanley, resigned as secretary and was succeeded by Mrs. J. J. Larsen, Benedict. Gifts were presented by Mrs. Sizer on behalf of the district, to these retiring officers, in appreciation of their services.

Mrs. Sizer, convention speaker, analyzed the liquor measures and declared the public will demand a return to prohibition. "An outraged American public will not suffer on indefinitely" she said. Resolutions at this convention as at the others, opposed the hard liquor measures, advocated spiritual education in citizenship for children who will be the citizens of tomorrow, favored a ban on all liquor and cigaret advertising and favored "an aggressive expression of public sentiment to challenge the group of motion picture promoters who continue to defy decency." Appreciation was also expressed of Mrs. Sizer's help and of the hospitality of Benedict. At the evening session, Rev. Mr. Long conducted devotions, and music was by the high school chorus and M. Sorenson, fustist. Mrs. Geo. Moyer presided at the medal contest, Dorothy Burtness, Ryder, winning the gold medal which was presented by Mrs. Mielke. In the district essay contest, Parshall Ryder and State Teachers' College Minot, were winners.

Mrs. Wanner Afield

Our state president, Mrs. Fred M. Wanner, spent Sunday May 20, at Reeder. Next Day May 21, she conducted the Tenth district convention at Hettinger of which a report will be given later. May 22 she met with the members of the Mandan union and May 23 was the guest speaker at the Eleventh district convention at McKenzie of which she gives a most enthusiastic report. Appearing on the program were Rev. and Mrs. Theodore Torgerson, McKenzie, Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Brown, Rev. H. R. Shirley, Mrs. P. D. Wood and Mrs. Margaret Grover, Steele; Mmes. C. D. Rodgers and J. W. Rodgers and Misses Bernice and Margaret Bliss, McKenzie; Mmes. Chas. Liesman and J. L. Kelly, Bismarck. Special music was furnished by Misses Olson, Simonson and Runney, McKenzie, and Carroll King, Menoken. Strong addresses were given by Mrs. Wanner and O. T. Owen, Bismarck. The district president, Mrs. Ella C. Boise, presided. Mrs. Wanner was happy in dedicating eight little white ribbon recruits. The Ninth district met at Linton May 25 with Mrs. Wanner as speaker. Sunday May 27 she spoke at Steele, finishing her present itinerary.

Other district conventions at which Mrs. Sizer spoke but have not yet been reported were the First at Edge land, May 15 and the Second at Carington May 18. The Fifth met at Zahl May 28 and 29 with Mrs. Sizer as guest of honor.

"Such encouraging word comes from the difficult field we have assigned Mrs. Nacia E. Buck. She has finished her work in Fresno county and reports 59 new members. She is worthy of our whole hearted support and will be a blessing to every county that uses her."—White Ribbon Ensign (California North.)

Confessions Of An Alcohol Drinker

I have lived long enough: My way of life
Is fallen into the sear, the yellow leaf;
And that which should accompany old age,
As honor, love, obedience, troops of friends,
I must not look to have; but, in their stead,
Curses, not loud but deep, mouth-honor, breath,
Which the poor heart would fain deny, and dare not.

—Shakespeare.

With scalding tears in my eyes, with remorse in my heart that ineffective words of mine cannot describe, I regret to the innermost fibers of my being, that I am a drinker. Hard drinks have been my only joy, have been my greatest sorrow, have clouded my mind, have troubled my conscience, have given me many a night's lodging in a filthy gutter, have broken my healthy body and soon will be my passport to the great beyond.

I am an old man at forty-five. Unlike the wine I drank that improved with age, time has decayed me. It has rotted out all good within me leaving only this miserable residue. Tenderness has given way to brutality, love to hate, appreciation to envy, ambition to a desire to reek an unjustified revenge on all society.

I am asked to leave restaurants and hotel lobbies because I'm dis-respectable looking; I am refused admittance to theatres because I smell of liquor; white collar jobs are not for me because alcohol has rendered me unsuitable and irresponsible, hard manual labor I cannot do because drink has cut my mind and weakened my heart. I am not allowed to drive an automobile; when I go places I must ride the rods or travel on foot. Danger lurks wherever I go for chronic alcoholism weakens the constitution, numbs the senses and slows down the reactions.

I can see these faults in my sober moments, but I am helpless to better my condition. An irresistible craving for drink seizes me; it drives me frantic, and I spend my last dime for a swallow of that poisonous liquid.

The fact that I was born in a wealthy family and received a good education is but a curse. It makes me acutely sensible to the slings and biting remarks of those I come in contact with. Children taunt me about my pot-belly and red nose. When I try to make friends with them they flee in fright. Men shun me or pity me. Pity—the very thought of it enrages me, makes me bite my nails and tear my hair. They know and I know that I, and I alone, am responsible for what I am. Then o rob it in with some honeyed words of sympathy! It's enough to drive a total abstainer to intemperance. When I started drinking I was ignorant as to the effects alcohol would have on me, but "ignorance of the law is no excuse," nor has ignorance ever saved men from the results of their ignorance.

Nations are not slow to see the bad effects of liquor. In 1902 the government officials in France posted the following extract from a report made by two noted doctors in an effort to decrease alcoholism:

"Alcoholism is chronic poisoning, resulting from the habitual use of alcohol, even when this is not taken in amount sufficient to produce drunkenness. Alcohol is useful to nobody, it is harmful to all. It leads, at the very least, to the hospital, for alcoholism causes a great variety of diseases, many of them most deadly. It is one of the most frequent causes of consumption. Typhoid fever and pneumonia, which would be

mild in a sober individual, will rapidly kill the alcoholic. Alcoholism is one of the most frightful scourges, whether it be regarded from the point of view of the health of the individual, of the existence of the family, or of the future of the country."

Before the Great War, when the highest degree of physical and mental power were needed, most nations prohibited the sale of intoxicating drinks. Russia issued orders that brought absolute prohibition to a "country where 150,000,000 people had been using all the liquor they cared to pay for." England increased taxes on liquor to reduce consumption. The United States also adopted the amendment at this time prohibiting the sale and transportation of intoxicating liquor.

Now boys, listen to a man who has tried it and leave drink alone—if not for your own sake, for the sake of your posterity. It has ruined individuals; it has ruined nations. Give it a chance and it will ruin you.

HAROLD NESSETT.

Sheldon, N. D.

White Ribbon Recruits

Back in ancient history there is an interesting fable about the Gordian Knot that no one could break or untie. It was foretold that whatever youth could accomplish this would become the ruler of the then known world.

The love between parents and children is a stronger tie than this. Time and distance make no difference. Many a mother's heart was overseas with her son during the World War. She did not think of him as part of our country's wonderful man-power, but rather as the child she had loved and sacrificed. The key to the home, then, is through the children who begin their life's work in infancy.

At an inspirational Child Health Day Meeting held at the home of Mrs. J. S. Fleming, May 26th, four little White Ribbon Recruits averaging in ages from six months to four years were presented to the W. C. T. U.

They were Virginia Ann Hagen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Hagen, born November 10, 1932. Dolores Elaine Flovik, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. Flovik, born September 24, 1932. Donald Minchinton, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Minchinton, born July 16, 1932. Thomas Jas. Minchinton, born May 25, 1929. During this consecration service, Argyle Franklin, accompanied by her mother Mrs. E. Franklin, rendered a vocal solo "Jewels."

The Consecration Service was conducted by the local Child Health and Welfare Director, who offered a prayer dedicating these children to our great temperance work. Attending and enjoying this service were the mothers of these children.

Mrs. R. A. Sprague,
Director Child Welfare and Health.

THE BOSTON HERALD (March 7, 1934) comparing February 1933, under prohibition, with the same month in 1934, under regulation, notes an increase of 25 per cent in arrests of men, and 40 per cent in arrests of women in that city, for drunkenness. This is what the wets call "true" temperance.—W. G. Calderwood.

The W. C. T. U. celebrates victory in Evanston and issues a statement saying: "Whatever the future may determine as regards the prohibition cause, Evanston serves notice that legalized liquor selling is not wanted in a community where home happiness and high standards of living prevail." Evanston voted 11,586 to 3,597 against the sale of liquor. Four other Chicago suburbs also voted dry.

Promise About Bootlegging Broken

The Administration promised that repeal would do away with bootlegging. However strange it may seem, Mr. Joseph H. Choate, Jr., director of the Federal Alcohol Control Administration, now appeals, in the name of the Administration, that liquor taxes be lowered and that the enforcement agencies be greatly increased in order to remedy a bootlegging situation which he thinks furnishes more liquor than is furnished by legal distilleries. He also recommends that "a campaign should be started and maintained by every organization interested in temperance, including all honest drys and repealists, to arouse public opinion and compel the aid of every police and prosecuting authority, local, and State as well as Federal, to press for efficient and drastic action." Honest drys are not likely to grow enthusiastic about creating public opinion in favor of the consumption of legal liquor however much they deplore the growth of the bootlegging business. Then Mr. Choate gives as another objective, "the cheapening and improving of the legal product to induce all decent citizens to withdraw support from the bootlegger." We predict that these "decent citizens" who have patronized the bootlegger will still continue to do so, for they can always get cheaper liquor that way—The Union Signal.

Facts About Hard Liquor Bills

The Monopoly Bill

1. Raises the alcoholic content of beer from 3.2 to 5.5 making beer undoubtedly intoxicating.
2. Gives drug stores, hotels and restaurants a monopoly on the sale of hard liquor. Virtually making saloons out of the places where the traveler must sleep and eat.
3. Lodges and clubs may sell hard liquor.
4. Provides for a state hard liquor commissioner and inspectors. Another political football.
5. Local community has no voice in determining the establishment, the number or the character of hard liquor places.
6. Repeals more than 100 enforcement laws so as to permit the treating of children, thus creating the appetite.
7. Limits the fines to a maximum of \$100.00, but provides no minimum thus making possible a fine as small as \$1.00 or less thereby rendering penalties worthless.

The Wide Open Bill

1. Raises the alcohol content of beer from 3.2 to 5.5 making beer undoubtedly intoxicating.
2. Legalizes the sale of hard liquor by all who pay a license.
3. Has local option clause operative only after hard liquor has been sold and then only after more than 50% of the voters have petitioned for special election. "This is not Democratic."
4. Disfranchises the country voter on the liquor issue. Farmer folk have no control over liquor evils permitted in the towns where they spend their money or where many of their children must attend school.—"This is not Democratic."
5. Repeals all laws in conflict.

In wrong-doing, humanity builds its cross. The farther humanity wanders from the social principles taught by Jesus Christ and exemplified in His perfect life, the heavier the cross and the longer the trail back.—Edwin H. Dummer.

Promoted

Mrs. Thos. Forde, beloved mother of Miss Serine Forde, secretary of the Hillsboro union, a life member of the North Dakota W. C. T. U., after a long and beautiful life, has entered into her heavenly rest. "We chant no dirges while we weep. For full and sweet her life has been; So near she dwelt to heaven's gate, 'Twas but a step to enter in."

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