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YOUR FLAG AND MY FLAG

Your flag and my flag, oh! how it flies today
O'er your land and my land, and half a world away,
Rose red and blood red, its stripes forever gleam,
Snow white and soul white, our good forefathers dream.
Sky blue and true blue, its stars forever bright,
A glorious guidon of the day, a shelter through the night.

Your flag and my flag, oh! how much it holds,
Your land and my land, secure within its folds.
Your heart and my heart beat quicker at the sight;
Sun kissed and wind tossed, the red, the blue, the white.
The one flag, the great flag, the flag for you and me,
Glorified all else beside, the red, the white, the blue. —W. D. Nesbit

FLAG DAY—JUNE 14

On June 14, 1777, the Congress of the United States decreed that our flag should consist of thirteen stripes, alternate red and white, for the thirteen states, and that the union be thirteen stars, white on a blue background. Since then, a star has been added for each state entering the union. Much has been written and sung in honor of the Stars and Stripes but the greatest honor we can bestow upon it is to obey the laws and uphold the Constitution of which it is a symbol. The flag stands for "Liberty and Justice for all" which far surpasses personal liberty.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Comrades:
District conventions will soon be over and several of us on our way to the World's convention in Washington, D. C. We have made a gain in membership although not so large as we had hoped to make. I wished that each member might have been a Courier. We are happy that more unions are on the Honor Roll and some are Gold Star unions.

Our Temperance Education Fund continues to grow and we are proud of you women, especially you who have gone "the second mile" or are at work on it and I feel sure that all will keep on working towards our goal. Ask some more friends to make contributions to our work. The sooner we raise our share, the more work we can have done in our state.

Although the national membership campaign has closed, the state campaign will continue right up to convention time in September. I find it easier to gain new members than it has been for some years as people are now more fully realizing the dreadful menace that legalized liquor is to

children, youth and adults.

The fellowship that we have enjoyed during the past few weeks has warmed my heart, especially where I caught glimpses of bravery and resourcefulness in many places where the going was so hard. I am more convinced than ever that our best and most profitable work can be done through and with the children and youth of our state. Let us win them for strict temperance and not only shall we have them but we will help win back the fathers, mothers and older relatives.

I have been much encouraged by the willingness and readiness which many superintendents and teachers have shown in ordering the Syllabus in Alcohol Education and other helps that we have suggested for teaching Scientific Temperance. One union is ordering \$5.00 worth of such books for their school library.

Many of our dear women have become discouraged and dropped out because they feel we have been beaten. Don't you ever think so! We have lost a battle but not the war. This fact should be a greater challenge to us to work and to win back for our beloved state and nation, a better prohibition law and one that will be enforced.

We must make more use of intercessory prayer, remembering that "faith without works is dead" but each one can pray. We must each be informed as to conditions in our state and nation. Some one has said "The liquor trade, brewery, distillery or what not, isn't going to help the American farmer pay his taxes or lift the mortgage." A little more than three years of repeal have shown a big rise in the number of deaths by auto accidents, some statisticians openly claiming that at least sixty percent are attributable directly or indirectly to drinking drivers and pedestrians. Even brewers are warning their saloon men to encourage more people to drink, and not people to drink more, as the latter will hurt their business.

We must stress the harm in beer and protest to our radio stations about the advertisement of it because after July 1st, all such advertisements, including hard liquor, will be legal and radio stations will be well paid but they do want to give their radio audiences what the greatest number desire. So let them know at once of your disapproval of all liquor advertisements. "The King's business requireth haste."

I shall think of you all while attending the World's convention and shall bring back as much of it to you as I possibly can. I hope that each member who does not take The Union Signal will avail herself of the special offer for the convention numbers. "The Lord watch between thee and me when we are absent one from another."

With love,
Mrs. Fred M. Wanner.
Jamestown, N. D.

ON TO WASHINGTON!

When the World's W. C. T. U. Convention meets in Washington, June 3-8, Mrs. Fred M. Wanner, our state president, will officially represent North Dakota and will be accompanied by the largest delegation we have ever had at a World's Convention. Those expecting to attend are as follows: Mrs. C. E. Webster, Mrs. Addie M. Brooks, Fargo; Mrs. C. A. Landgren, Mrs. E. S. Bordwell, Mrs. Ida Buttle, Jamestown; Mrs. Flora Day, Medina; Mrs. C. F. Truax, Minot; Mrs. Carrie Aasen, Oakes; Mrs. Mary Lindblad, Driscoll. They will be joined at Washington by Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, Fargo, who has spent the winter in Florida and will be accompanied by her daughter, Miss Elizabeth Wilder, also of Fargo. We shall all read with great interest the proceedings of the convention. If you do not get The Union Signal, you will enjoy the convention numbers which may be secured for 10 cents.

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT

LET US PRAY!

If radio's slim fingers
Can pluck a melody
From night, and toss it over
A continent or sea;
If the petaled white notes
Of a violin
Are blown over a mountain
Or a city's din;
If songs like crimson roses
Are culled from thin, blue air,
Why should mortals wonder
If God hears prayer?
—Edith Romig Fuller

"I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named." Eph. 3:14,15

There is a breath-taking bigness about the experience of Christian prayer. Paul begins with "the whole family in heaven and earth" and ends with "all ages, world without end." In the Lord's prayer our desire sweeps through heaven, earth, the kingdom, the power and the glory!

Alexander Whyte reveled in "the magnificence of prayer." Christian supplication is a sharing of the boundless sympathies of the Father of all; so it becomes vast, splendid, world-embracing. William Carey prayed and God etched the map of the world on his heart. Frances Willard prayed and God gave her a world vision of nations redeemed from the curse of the liquor traffic. Should it be different with us? There is a praying invalid whose humble room is an amphitheater that takes in all the continents!

Is not God waiting for intercessors who will pray into actuality an orderly world government, the disarmament of the nations, the destruction of the liquor traffic and the evangelization of all the people? —The Upper Room.

THE USE OF FLOWERS

God might have made the earth bring forth
Enough for great and small,
The oak-tree and the cedar-tree
Without a flower at all.
We might have had enough, enough
For every want of ours,
For luxury, medicine and toil
And yet have had no flowers.
Then wherefore, wherefore were they made
All dyed with rainbow light,
All fashioned with supremest grace
Upspringing day and night?
Our outward life requires them not
Then, wherefore had they birth?
To minister delight to man,
To beautify the earth.
To comfort man, to whisper hope
Whene'er his hope is dim;
For Whoso careth for the flowers
Will much more care for him.
—Mary Howitt

FLOWER MISSION DAY—JUNE 9

"Say it with flowers" is the motto of the Flower Mission department in its beautiful work begun fifty-four years ago by Jennie Casseday of Louisville, Kentucky, when she was laid aside from active service by an accident. We honor her memory by observing her birthday, June 9, with special emphasis, though the work is carried on the year around. Miss Casseday's rule for making bouquets was: "something white, something bright and something sweet" and in the summer days ahead we may all be able to follow this rule.

"Then give to me a rosebud
A rosebud white or red,
I'd rather have just one today
Than a thousand when I'm dead."

THANKS TO YOU, MR. ARMSTRONG

At the annual meeting of the North Dakota Consolidated Drys held in Valley City April 2, Rev. C. A. Armstrong in giving his report, made the following comment:

"The chairman of the Educational Committee would like to express appreciation for the educational program conducted by the North Dakota W. C. T. U. This organization has been changing its program to meet changing needs. The contact of this organization with the colleges, high schools and young people's assemblies in making an educational approach is certainly to be commended and deserves our very great appreciation."

At the above meeting, Rev. G. O. Parish, Valley City, was elected president; Rev. Thos. Nugent, Valley City, vice president; Mrs. A. L. Lane, Valley City, secretary and Rev. Geo. Thomas, Jamestown, treasurer. Since the meeting at Valley City regional meetings have been held, at Minot and Bismarck.

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NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

For the National Membership Campaign which closed May 1st we report as follows:

WORLD CITIZEN—

Mrs. C. A. Landgren, Jamestown
AMBASSADORS—

Mrs. Fred M. Wanner, Jamestown
Mrs. A. V. Sheppard, Grand Forks
Scandinavian

ENVOYS—

Mrs. C. F. Truax, Minot
Mrs. Jessie Thomas, Larimore
Mrs. Barbara H. Wylie, Fargo
COURIERS

ALAMO—

Mrs. H. W. Stockman

APPAM—

Mrs. P. J. Foss

BENEDICT—

Mrs. W. M. Herrington
Mrs. J. J. Larsen
Mrs. Geo. Munson

CROSBY—

Mrs. C. E. Erickson
Mrs. Myrtle Skabo
Mrs. J. H. Phelps
Mrs. William Nott

DRISCOLL—

Mrs. P. D. Wood
Miss Evelyn Wood

DRAYTON—

Mrs. E. M. Ruthruff

ELLENDALE—

Mrs. E. E. Clarke
Mrs. Aaron Edgerly

EPPING—

Mrs. E. L. Ellingson

FAIRDALE—

Mrs. O. H. Jeglum

FARGO SCANDINAVIAN—

Mrs. August Hanson
Mrs. V. E. Pehrsson
Mrs. O. S. Hadeland
Mrs. Anna M. Forsberg
Mrs. E. H. Steffarud
Mrs. P. M. Fluvog

FARGO—

Mrs. R. B. Reed
Mrs. Kate S. Wilder
Mrs. G. E. Norris
Mrs. C. E. Webster
Mrs. Victor Landquist
Mrs. Arthur Schneider

GRAND FORKS—

Mrs. Bessie M. Darling

GRAND FORKS SCANDINAVIAN—

Mrs. R. O. Bruening
Mrs. Martin Christiansen
Mrs. O. G. Glassrud
Mrs. H. Mynster

HATTON—

Mrs. Carl Aaker
Mrs. Gus Skjoiten
Mrs. Oscar Staupen

JAMESTOWN—

Mrs. E. S. Bordwell

LARIMORE—

Mrs. Herman Lindt

MAYVILLE—

Mrs. C. H. Roholt

MINNEWAUKAN—

Mrs. O. H. Elstad

MCKENZIE—

Mrs. W. H. Stark

MINOT—

Mrs. John Bradley
Mrs. John Underdahl

NAPOLEON—

Mrs. E. C. Banister

MRS. WANNER'S WORK

April 18, in company with Mrs. C. A. Landgren of Jamestown, Mrs. Fred M. Wanner, state president, drove to Mandan and spoke in the Methodist church Sunday evening. Next day a local union of ten members was organized with Mrs. C. W. Carlson president. Mrs. Wanner spoke in schools at Mandan, Bismarck and McKenzie and at public meetings at Driscoll and Steele. Meanwhile Mrs. Landgren was working for new members and 22 were secured.

April 26 our travelers went to New Rockford, Sheyenne, Oberon and Minnewaukan, organizing a union of 8 members at Sheyenne with Mrs. L. L. Colby, president, Mrs. T. B. Garnas, secretary and Mrs. Margaret Gerdin, treasurer. The same program was carried out at each place, Mrs. Landgren soliciting members while Mrs. Wanner spoke in schools when opportunity afforded and to groups of women.

District Conventions

May 4 the Ransom-LaMoure district met in the Presbyterian church, Edgeley, Mrs. J. A. Youngman, district president presiding. Mrs. Wanner was guest of honor, giving an address and helping in various ways. A business session in the morning was followed by an institute in the afternoon and evening. Music was provided by the church choir and Mrs. McKenna; also by a quartet from Dickey composed of Misses Ferris and Riebe and Messrs. H. Rosene and Paul Whipple. Lunch and supper were served by the women of the hostess church. All officers were reelected.

On Mother's Day, May 9, Mrs. Wanner was at Reeder where she spoke at a largely attended community meeting sponsored annually by the Reeder W. C. T. U. Schools were visited next morning and here as elsewhere, Mrs. Wanner showed her demonstration kit and explained her chart, showing what Alcohol is and what it does. May 10 Hettinger entertained the district convention, Miss Effie Walch, president, presiding. Mrs. Wanner spoke on "What Next?" The L. T. L. was revived with a doubled membership.

Next morning, after speaking in schools, Mrs. Wanner spent a half day in Mott visiting the Congregational church conference. The Bismarck district meeting at McKenzie came next, May 13, with the district president, Mrs. Pearl G. Wood in the chair. Mrs. Henry Larson welcomed the delegates and Mrs. Egner Swanson responded. Opening the afternoon session, Mrs. P. Dalenberg led devotions and spoke on Christian Citizenship. Mrs. Ella C. Boise, Bismarck, explained the program of the Flower Mission and Relief department. Medal Contests was the subject discussed by Mrs. R. L. Phelps of Steele. Mrs. Charles Liessman, Bismarck, spoke on children's work and Mrs. Wanner on Alcohol Education.

At the evening session, Rev. T. C.

NEW ROCKFORD—

Mrs. E. E. Soderholm
Mrs. F. A. Patterson

PROSPER—

Mrs. C. J. Bowman

STADY—

Mrs. Clarence W. Lee

REEDER—

Miss Effie Walch
Mrs. E. M. Hofflund

UNDERWOOD—

Mrs. F. W. Gress
Mrs. India Rasmusson
Mrs. C. B. Umumb
Mrs. G. K. Temanson
Mrs. Otto Olson

VALLEY CITY—

Mrs. Lulu Wylie Zimmerman

WYNDMERE—

Mrs. Katherine Gardner

ZAHL—

Mrs. H. S. Robinson

Torgerson led devotions. Bismarck union furnished special music. Mrs. Wanner's address was heard with much interest. Rev. Herbert Brown, Steele, offered the closing prayer. All officers were re-elected except the corresponding secretary who had removed and was succeeded by Mrs. G. I. Matthews of Steele.

May 14 was spent at Napoleon with Mrs. E. C. Banister where three addresses were given and a generous offering made for the Temperance Education Fund. It was voted to place \$5.00 worth of temperance books in the school library.

Fargo District

Mayville entertained the Fargo district May 18—the 49th annual convention. In the absence of the district president Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, Mrs. J. H. Potter, Fargo, presided, and the vice president, Mrs. C. E. Leslie, Hillsboro, conducted the worship service. After the business session, Mrs. C. H. Roholt spoke on Alcohol Education and Mrs. W. K. Sherwin, Sharon, conducted the memorial service, closing with the noontide prayer. Luncheon and supper were served by the ladies of the church.

At the afternoon session, the Temperance Education Fund was discussed by Mrs. Gust Skjoiten, Hatton, and Mrs. V. E. Pehrsson, Fargo. Mrs. W. E. Black, Fargo, spoke on Temperance Literature and official papers, Mrs. Wanner on state work and local problems were discussed by delegates. An excellent paper on Spiritual Education was read by Mrs. F. A. Landblom, Fargo. A song service opened the evening meeting and Rev. O. J. Flagstad offered prayer. Music was furnished by a trio of high school girls and by the Junior church choir, directed by Mrs. I. Hegge. The convention was welcomed by Dr. C. C. Swain, president State Teachers College, in an able address; by Mrs. C. O. Mehuse for the Women's Clubs and by Mrs. C. H. Roholt for the local union. Mrs. C. E. Leslie made appropriate reply.

After Mrs. Wanner's impressive address, Mrs. Victor E. Pehrsson asked for the offering. Resolutions adopted urged deeper consecration on the part of our members, intercessory prayer for ourselves and others and even for those engaged in the liquor traffic; declared alcohol education and total abstinence the only solution for the present condition; deplored increasing tendency in our nation to gambling, lottery and lowering of standards, the increasing use of cigarettes and the enactment of the hard liquor law, and called on all Christian men and women to help bring North Dakota back. Officers elected were: president, Mrs. J. H. Potter, Fargo; vice president, Mrs. C. E. Leslie, Hillsboro; Cor. Sec. Mrs. Andrew Matson, Fargo; Rec. Sec. Mrs. P. O. Sathre, Bismarck; treasurer, Miss Serine Forde, Hillsboro.

Northeast District

The 48th annual convention of the Northeast District W. C. T. U. was held at Pembina May 19, with delegates in attendance from Drayton, Edinburg, Fairdale, Hannah, Nekoma and Pembina. The Convention was held in the Episcopal church; and the Pembina union, under the leadership of Mrs. Emily S. Booker gave splendid hospitality.

Opening devotions were led by Miss Wagner, pastor of the M. E. church at St. Vincent, Minn. Reports showed the work going on with regularity, in spite of many difficulties. Poster and declamation contests have been held, children and young people are instructed through the Loyal Temperance Legion and the Youth's Temperance Council, and public school teachers have been interested in Alcohol Education. Rainbow ribbons were given for certain accomplishments, and a banner to be held for a year,

to the union with most colors. Fairdale won over Hannah by one point. A recitation by Joan Quigley, music by the Pembina high school sextet and the St. Vincent Glee Club, a piano solo by Dorothy Wold and vocal numbers by Doris Kerns and Mrs. Frank Quigley added much to the enjoyment of the meetings. Addresses by the State President, Mrs. Fred M. Wanner of Jamestown, were filled with information and inspiration. Resolutions pledging continued efforts for temperance education, and expressing the thanks of the delegates to the Pembina group, were adopted. At the Memorial Hour, names of promoted comrades included Mrs. Moen and Mrs. Laitwhaite of Edinburg, Mrs. Dixon of Drayton, Mrs. Jacobson, formerly of Nekoma, Melvin Sholey and Ruth Mundahl of Fairdale, and Col. W. C. Treumann of Grafton.

An invitation to visit the Pembina library, with its historical museum was extended by the librarian, Mrs. Brennan, and was accepted with pleasure after adjournment. Mrs. Brennan gave a short talk, recalling things accomplished by the "Y's", as the young women's branch of the W. C. T. U. was called at the time she mentioned, thirty-five or more years ago. A supper served by the local union at the M. E. Parsonage was greatly enjoyed.

Officers elected included Mrs. Frank Beasley, Fairdale, president; Mrs. Bessie M. Ordahl, Edinburg, vice-president at large; Miss Marjorie Lillico, Nekoma, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Annie F. Catherwood, Park River, recording secretary, Mrs. D. M. Upham, Grafton, treasurer. Vice-presidents for the three counties in the district are Mrs. Alex Reid, Hannah, for Cavalier Co., Miss Hulda Carlson, Grafton, for Walsh Co., and Mrs. Elmer Russell, Pembina, for Pembina Co.

Grand Forks District

At Gilby May 21 the Grand Forks district met for its 27th annual convention, the district president Mrs. Bessie M. Darling presiding. Mrs. Wanner was again convention guest. Delegates were present from the two unions at Grand Forks, from Northwood, Larimore, and Gilby. Excellent reports were given by all. Mrs. Alf Christenson led opening devotions and Mrs. J. P. Reiton conducted the memorial service. A discussion on Membership was carried on by Mrs. A. V. Sheppard, Mrs. R. A. Sprague and Mrs. O. J. Oswald.

Mrs. J. A. McCrea and Mrs. Ralph Thoreson discussed How to Interest Other Organizations in Alcohol Education. Mrs. Wanner spoke of legislative work. Music was led by Mrs. John Klootwyk, a Ladies Quartet, the High School Glee Club, a High School sextet and violin and piano duet by Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Swen, all of Gilby.

At the banquet Rev. David Samson brought a welcome from the churches, Principal Rex Muir from the schools, Mr. A. A. Holmquist from the Commercial Club and Mrs. Geo. S. Muir from the local union. Mrs. E. C. Haga of Northwood made a suitable response. Seven young people participated in a gold medal contest, Hilda Christianson of Grand Forks winning first place. Speaking on "What Next?" Mrs. Wanner called on all loyal citizens to help bring North Dakota back to its former high standard of prohibition of the liquor traffic. All officers were reelected except the vice president, Mrs. Ralph Thoreson, Northwood, being chosen for that place.

Mrs. Necia E. Buck, president, Oregon W. C. T. U., passed through Fargo after a visit to her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Mc Larty and family, Cando, enroute to New York to visit her youngest daughter Louise, before going on to Washington to the World's convention.

TREASURER'S REPORT

April 15 to May 15, 1937

DUES—Reeder 19; Jamestown 8; Stanley 7; Grand Forks Scan. 19; Hillsboro 10; Dickey 4; Steele 18; Oakes 4; Hatton 7; Edinburg 2; Sheyenne 10; Ray 8; New Rockford 12; Minnewaukan 2; Grenora 10; Larimore 10; Stady-Zahl 2; Mandan 6; Crosby 1; Fargo Scan. 76; Devils Lake 6; Fargo 9; Sharon 1; Mayville 1; Prosper 25; Wyndmere 1; Benedict 10; Northwood 11; Park River 6; Bismarck 9; Nekoma 10; Plaza 2.

WILLARD MEMBERS—Mrs. Martin Reinholdt, Van Hook; Mrs. Fred Bickerdike, Fairmount; Mrs. F. A. Ward, Montpelier.

L. T. L. DUES—Ryder 39; Underwood 7; Larimore 25; Northwood 51. BUDGET—Stanley \$12.00; Grand Forks Scan. \$18.00; Edgeley \$5.00; Ray \$7.00; Edinburg \$6.00; Devils Lake \$6.00; Fargo \$15.00; Mayville complete \$8.00; Bismarck \$10.00.

NATIONAL TEMPERANCE EDUCATION FUND—Jamestown \$18; Stanley \$2.70; Northwood \$54.00; Edgeley \$20.00; Crosby \$9.50; New Rockford District \$5.00; New Rockford \$3.50; Dickey \$9.00; Fargo \$26.20; Ray \$10.00; Underwood \$8.00; Abercrombie \$9.50; Fairmount \$26.00; Sharon \$2.50; Grand Forks Scan. \$57.00; Hillsboro \$11.00; Plaza \$3.10.

STATE REPORTS—Grand Forks Scandinavian 3; Edinburg 2.

Crosby gave a fine exhibit of the Five-point program which FRUITFUL UNIONS—Fairmount, Jamestown, Larimore, Linton, Minnewaukan, New Rockford, Prosper, Reeder, Wyndmere.

GOLD STAR UNIONS—Bismarck, Cooperstown, Larimore, Northwood, Steele, Grand Forks Scandinavian.

NATIONAL TEMPERANCE EDUCATION FUND HONOR ROLL—Bismarck, Bottineau, Christine, Crosby, Dickey, Edinburg, Epping, Fairdale, Fairmount, Fargo, Gilby, Hatton, Hillsboro, Jamestown, Minnewaukan, New Rockford, Oberon, Parshall, Sheldon, Wyndmere.

You will note by state convention dates that the treasurer's books must close September 9th this year. A word to the wise is sufficient.

Mrs. R. B. Reed, Treasurer,
1341 11th Ave. No., Fargo, N. D.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE NEWSPAPERS

A recent questionnaire to our unions asked, "Does your newspaper advertise hard liquor? Will the editor print temperance news?" Answering the first question in the negative and the second in the affirmative, we have the following:

- The Casselton Reporter, Casselton
- The Red River Valley Leader, Drayton
- The Mayville Tribune, Mayville
- Hillsboro Banner, Hillsboro
- Hatton Free Press, Hatton
- The Plainsman, Parshall
- Walsh County Press, Park River
- Edgeley Mail, Edgeley
- Northwood Gleaner, Northwood
- Divide County Journal, Crosby
- Ozone and Kidder Co. Farmers' Press, Steele
- Larimore Pioneer, Larimore
- The Sharon Reporter, Sharon
- New Rockford Transcript, New Rockford

- Powers Lake Herald, Powers Lake
- Dickey County Leader, Ellendale
- Grenora Newsman, Grenora
- Calvin Times, Calvin
- Jamestown Sun, Jamestown
- Stanley Star, Stanley
- Ward County Independent, Minot
- LaMoure Chronicle, LaMoure
- Sykeston News, Sykeston
- Van Hook Reporter, Van Hook
- Western Call and Times, Reeder

No doubt there are others who have not reported. We shall be glad to hear from them.

MRS. DARLING'S DATES

Our state vice president's first date was at Rugby May 11 where she met Mrs. C. A. Landgren of Jamestown and together they succeeded in securing 14 pledged active members and three honoraries. Mrs. Darling spoke in the schools, illustrating her talk with chart and demonstration kit. We hope for an organization at Rugby later.

Proceeding to Landa, Westhope and Lansford 25 Willard members were gaude and six honorary members. Schools were also visited. At some of these places, an organization may be effected later.

Minot District

At Minot, May 14, the convention for this district was held, Mrs. C. F. Truax, district president, presiding and Mrs. Darling being guest of honor. In her address on "Our Goal" Mrs. Darling showed that the aim of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union is a state free from the liquor traffic.

In the absence of Mrs. E. O. Lerberg, Parshall, district director, a gold medal contest was in charge of Mrs. F. T. Brooks, local director, six contestants appearing. The judges awarded the medal to Mary Allen of the Training school, State Teachers College. Others competing were Avis Thompson, Makoti, Jack Benest, Gerry Molsberry, Lester Jensen and Elaine Gilmore of Minot. Special music included a soprano solo by Mrs. J. H. Mackley, a duet which she sang with Mrs. A. F. McLane and an organ solo by Miss Elizabeth Person.

Sessions were held in the fireplace room of the First Presbyterian church with delegates present from Benedict, Makoti, Parshall and Plaza in addition to Minot. Resolutions adopted condemned moderate drinking, opposed advertising of beverage alcohol, the increasing use of the cigarette and pledged support of the organization's program.

All officers were re-elected.

Sunday, May 16, Mrs. Darling spoke at the morning service in Stanley and in the evening at Powers Lake to a crowded house. Monday morning she addressed the school and in the afternoon spoke to teachers and scholars in Wildrose. Proceeding to Crosby, she attended the Northwest District Convention.

Northwest District Convention

One of the worst dust storms of the season failed to keep delegates away nor to lessen their enthusiasm. Meeting in the Concordia Lutheran Church May 17, 18, all unions were represented and the district president, Mrs. Clarence W. Lee, presided. Delegates were welcomed for the city by Mayor Ingwolson; for the churches by the pastor, Rev. S. D. Sorgen; for the schools by Supt. W. E. Michaelsohn and for the local union by its president, Mrs. C. E. Erickson. Mrs. R. E. Taylor, Stady-Zahl, responded.

A men's quartet from Grenora and a trio from Alamo sang. Nine ministers were present and assisted in the program. Mrs. C. E. Erickson was presented by the local union with a beautiful white ribbon pin in appreciation of her five years of faithful service as president. Four white ribbon recruits were dedicated by Mrs. Darling—Lowell and Leland Skabo, Barbara Heide and Mary Jane Heberlien. Epping is an honor union in payment of the Temperance Education was accompanied by short talks.

In this her first appearance as convention speaker, Mrs. Darling was very well received and her address on "Our Goal" was highly commended. Mrs. Geo. Stockman, Alamo, won first place in the Matron's contest, others competing being Mrs. Wallace Stockman, Alamo; Mrs. Andrew Hay, Mrs. C. L. Andrist and Mrs. Geo. Homnes, Crosby. In the Gold medal contest, Martha Soine of Ray, who read, "High Tops" was winner and others entering

were Norman Rude, Stady; Lucille Johnson and Wayne Sanders, Ray.

The Zahl L. T. L. put on a one-act play, sang and gave their pledge and slogan, while members of the Zahl Y. T. C. appeared in a dialogue and gave a vocal musical selection. Mrs. Archie McClellan, Grenora and Mrs. O. O. Hogan, Crosby, members of the W. C. T. U. for 45 and 47 years respectively, were honored by the convention. In the poster contest, Betty Nelson and Dorothy Emanuel won first and second places. All officers were re-elected.

Monday, May 24, Mrs. Darling drove from Fargo with Mrs. J. F. McGinn to visit schools at Christine and Abercrombie and to meet with the women. Next morning she went to Cooperstown to address the convention of the James-Valley district and to assist in the program. A splendid convention is reported and the following officers elected: President, Mrs. Lulu Wylie Zimmerman, Valley City; Vice President, Mrs. C. A. Landgren, Jamestown; Recording secretary, Mrs. G. A. Shelby, Valley City and Treasurer, Mrs. G. W. Dyson, Cooperstown.

Sykeston was next on her list and after that she met Mrs. Landgren at Carrington where a new union was organized with the following officers: President, Mrs. Paul Seibel; vice president, Mrs. Daisy Krepis; secretary, Mrs. F. J. Bohnet and treasurer, Mrs. M. K. Lee. Nineteen members were enrolled.

At New Rockford May 28th the convention for that district will be held with Mrs. Darling as guest speaker. Devils Lake district will meet early in June and the Ellendale district at a later date.

THE CIGARETTE-ADVERTISING POLITICIAN

Any United States senator or congressman who wants to be taken seriously as a man and a leader blunders without excuse when he sells his name to a cigarette or a whisky advertiser.

We do not now raise the moral question, though it is certainly there. We merely say that a man who sells what he calls his judgment to boost the sales of this or that brand of cigarettes is advertising much more than the cigarettes which at the moment he favors for a fee.

He is announcing that his judgment, in things that don't seem to matter very much, is for sale. And that tells more about him than he realizes. Some day he may find his judgment questioned in things that do matter; and he will have no good answer ready.

He is also saying that one cigarette is always superior to another at the same price. If he believes that, he is too simple to be sent to Washington. If he doesn't believe it, his presence there is too risky for his constituents.

Our readers are at liberty to clip this item and send it to whom it may concern with whatever marginal comment may seem good in their eyes!—Northwestern Christian Advocate

WELCOME, MISS YOUNG!

North Dakota gladly welcomes back home our Miss Dora H. Young who gave us such splendid service in our summer schools last year. Miss Young will be with us June 14-July 13 and will visit all our state summer schools as well as the summer assemblies of our young people's church groups.

Rev. and Mrs. James Anderson who have spent the past six months in Florida are expected to return to Fargo and later to their summer cottage at Shoreham early in June, while Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Wilder and daughter Elizabeth will return later.

THE COST OF LIQUOR

It is probable that three fourths, possibly more, of the consumption of drink is directly due to the efforts of the liquor trade to increase dividends. Few people realize the enormous size of the liquor industry, says Deets Pickett. The liquor consumed by the American people in the present year will cost them at retail not less than two billion, five hundred million dollars and the opportunities for profits are tremendous. Whisky can be made, aged, insured, and distributed for less than one dollar a gallon. It sells by the drink for perhaps thirty times as much and of this retail cost the Federal Government, states, and municipalities get in revenue hardly more than one dollar in six.

The newspapers which fill their pages with liquor advertising and with editorials against prohibition get scores of millions of "velvet" money from the trade. It is safe to say that if we could take from the traffic, legal and illegal, all of the profits it is deriving from promotion of the liquor appetite and its satisfaction, we would remove a very great part of the problem but the accomplishment of this involves peculiar difficulties because of the character of the commodity itself.

The liquor consumed annually in the United States costs approximately two billion, five hundred dollars at retail in actual money pushed across the bar or the counter of the liquor store. All of this is lost; the transaction registers neither the creation nor the exchange of values.

It is a loss to the grocery store, the dry goods store, to the purveyor of legitimate recreation who sends his customers home better fitted to endure the strains and toils of life. It is just as much loss as any other money expended vicariously; lost as the money which the highwayman exacts from his victim is lost. It represents loss of raw material, loss of labor, but the direct loss is not the only one. The consequential cost is certainly as great as the direct one, if not greater. This consequential loss is represented by the loss of time and efficiency, the loss of human life, the loss of health, deterioration of character, disruption of family units, insanity, poverty, crime.—Forward.

A SOCIOLOGIST SPEAKS TO YOUTH

Because I want to live as richly, keenly and fully as possible, I am a total abstainer from alcoholic drinks. The joy of life depends, for me, vitally upon being in full command of myself. Alcohol deprives those who use it of the possession of themselves. It dulls the keen edge of intellectual power. Personally, I feel the need of the utmost abilities I can possess in order to achieve the final five or ten per cent of quality in my work which so often makes the difference between failure and success. Keenness of living depends in a large measure upon health. Alcohol is an enemy of health. Much of richness of experience depends upon looking back to vividly joyful memories. I find that the recollections which people seem to retain of alcoholic sprints are muggy and repulsive to them. The love of my family is one of the most precious of my possessions. Sociological studies show that drinking is a prime cause of grief, of conflict and of disaster in family life.

Many drinkers defend alcohol as a means of obtaining thrilling excitement. But I shall find my thrills by keeping my mind keen, my body vigorous, my memories delightful, my friendships sound, and myself free from enslavement to habit-forming drugs like alcohol.—Professor Hornell Hart, Hartford Theological Seminary.

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"A GLORIOUS VICTORY IS AHEAD"

By Ella A. Boole

President of the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union

(An address presented on the National Voice radio program over approximately 80 stations from coast-to-coast.)

To the women of America I bring greetings from the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Founded by Frances E. Willard in 1883, the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union will hold its sixteenth Triennial Convention in Constitution Hall, Washington, D. C., June 3-8. An International Worship Service in Calvary Baptist Church on June 2nd will precede the opening of the convention. The women of thirty-five countries will sing and pray together led by Mrs. Brattstrom of Sweden and Mrs. Mary Harris Armor of the United States. The formal opening of the convention will be on Thursday morning.

The platform will tell part of the story. The World's Officers and Members of the World's Advisory Committee will be there. Among them are representatives of England, Scotland, Canada, Japan, South Africa, South America and the United States. Three World's Missionaries will respond to the roll call; Miss Flora Strout, Brazil; Mrs. Mary Egbert, Central America; and Mrs. Edith M. Rivera, the West Indies.

The program in which every country represented will share will tell of the various kinds of social service carried on by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in more than fifty countries.

England is sending a large delegation led by Miss Agnes E. Slack, one of the World's Secretaries, and by Mrs. Storey Barker, President. Among the delegates will be The Lady Aurea Howard and her husband, Major Macleod. She is the daughter of the Countess of Carlisle and he, a famous aviator during the World War.

Mrs. Gauntlett, President of the Woman's Pan-Pacific Conference and also Vice-President of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Japan, will tell of the wonderful work being done among the children in her country and the financial success attending the experience of communities which have established saki-less towns and using the money that would have been spent for saki, their fermented drink, to build school houses.

From South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, India, Estonia, Germany, Latvia, France, Austria, Ulster Ireland, Canada and even Pitcairn Island they will tell how women everywhere are working for total abstinence, purity and peace.

It will be a surprise to some to know the many kinds of social service carried on around the world and the efforts to protect the women from every form of evil.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of the United States, under the leadership of Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith, National President, will tell of the splendid program of education and the plan for the raising and spending of the National Temperance Education Fund, all to be a part of the celebration of the Centennial of the birth of Frances E. Willard in 1939.

The effect of the repeal of prohibition in the United States was like the shot heard round the world and the temperance forces were stunned at first by the blow. They rallied, however, and the convention will not only show how White Ribboners are carrying on, but a pageant on the closing night will be a prophesy of the future success of their efforts against alcohol, impurity and war. We sur-

LOOKING BACKWARDS

It was said that the churches would have to get out of this fight. They did. That is how Repeal got in.

They said more liquor was sold under Prohibition. Then why refer to the years under the 18th Amendment as the "dry era?" The truth is the 18th Amendment closed 177,775 saloons, 1,247 breweries and 507 distilleries. On the other hand, the present administration, in the first seven months of repeal issued 407,734 licenses.

The day after the election of 1932, Brewer's Journal came out with the statement that "Not one-tenth of one per cent of American youths know the taste of real beer. We must educate them."

They said Prohibition interfered with "personal liberty." So do all "stop and go" signs. So does every law interfere with some one's personal liberty. Personal liberty put 94,885 drunken men and women on the streets of Massachusetts in 1934.

They said voluntary temperance was coming fast before Prohibition muzzed (?) things up. Be that as it may the brewers always insisted they sold more liquor in "Dry" territory. But in their year book for 1911 their own figures show that beer per capita decreased as dry territory increased. Here are their figures:

Per capita consumption in "wet" states, 25.23 gallons; per capita consumption in partially "wet" states, 4.37 gallons; per capita consumption in "dry" states 1.35 gallons.

—Rose Upton Bascom.

(Mrs. Bascom, formerly of N. Dak. now lives in Framingham, Mass. and uses her forceful pen in the temperance cause.—Ed.)

"Typical American Mother" Condemns Drinking

Drinking, smoking and night clubs were all placed under the ban by Mrs. Carl Gray of Omaha, the 1937 choice of the Golden Rule Foundation as the typical "American Mother of 1937." The wife of the president of the Union Pacific Railroad, and much in the public eye, Mrs. Gray's frankly expressed aversion to both liquor and tobacco have not interfered with her popularity for, according to press reports, the family is "jolly, popular, and has a very good time without either liquor or tobacco." The money thus saved goes for gasoline for the family's boat in Maine and on many other good times shared with friends.

Mrs. Gray's ideals for parents and children in this modern world are taken from the Scriptures. "The most wonderful thing in the world," she told the reporters who interviewed her in New York, "is to make a home." Among her many activities is the weekly teaching of a Sunday school class of 300 members, while once a month she goes to Kansas City where she gives a morning Bible class over the radio and teaches Bible classes from 1:30 to 9:30 p. m., to more than 3,500 students.—Union Signal.

vey the future with resolute confidence and God-inspired assurance that the social service work of the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union showing the effects of alcohol, impurity and war is just and righteous and that a glorious triumphant victory is ahead, "a victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

White Ribboners all over the world are turning their faces toward Washington for the Sixteenth Triennial Convention of the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union, June 3-8. We ask your prayers that with trust in God and firmness in the right we may continue to go forward.

LIQUOR BUSINESS UNDER FIRE

Congressman Demands Investigation

"The whisky trust is rapidly becoming a national scandal," asserted Representative Claude A. Fuller, of Arkansas, as he introduced a resolution in the House of Representatives on March 30, as reported in the press.

The resolution asks "that a committee of five be appointed with authority to determine whether or not the distillers and their associates have a monopoly upon the liquor business and are violating the anti-trust laws, and as to whether they are receiving special favors and are being aided and the law evaded by Government officials under their control and domination."

"There is no doubt of the existence of a whisky trust," declared Mr. Fuller. He stated, substantially, as follows:

These powerful monopolies are not only violating the anti-trust law but are dictating to the Treasury Department rules and regulations governing the manufacture, sale and distribution of liquors.

The whisky trust is one of the biggest monopolies ever known in this country. It maintains a powerful lobby with millions for expenses and employs at unreasonable and shocking salaries influential executives with strong political connections.

The Distilled Spirits Institute is owned and dominated by distillers who constitute the whisky trust, chief among them being National Distillers, Schenley and Seagrains.

The Institute has recently appointed as director Dr. James M. Doran, at a salary of \$50,000 a year. Dr. Doran was thirty years in the Treasury Department. He administered the law during prohibition, built up the personnel of the Alcohol Unit, drew up the rules and regulations for the NRA alcohol control . . . and no ruling has been made without his approval.

The late President of the Institute was formerly the treasurer of the Democratic National Committee, and was appointed President at a reported salary of \$100,000 a year, guaranteed by the distillers for five years. This official was W. Forbes Morgan who died suddenly a few days ago. The Distilled Spirits Institute now has over \$400,000 in its treasury and pays such enormous salaries to those capable of administering political pressure.

The above assertions of Representative Fuller, in connection with his resolution offered in the House March 30, should be given wide publicity by persons to the extension of the traffic in beverage alcohol.—Educational Press Bureau.

MORE MEDAL CONTESTS

Hilda Christenson won the silver medal in a contest sponsored by the Scandinavian union of Grand Forks recently. Others taking part were Charles Sheppard, Carolyn Lunseth, Vernon Thompson, Esther Bartull, Helen Sjolund. Musical numbers were given by Alpha and Lillian Hanson, Lee Cook, Lydia Rawie and Ordean Ness. An address by Mrs. Darling completed the program.

In a silver medal contest sponsored by Mrs. August Hanson of Fargo Scandinavian W. C. T. U. Delores Flagg won the medal and others competing, who were presented with subscriptions to The Young Crusader, were Donald Matson, Robert Stanley, Gloria Asker and Delores Swartz. Mrs. R. E. Skonnord trained the young people and the contest was held in Luther Hall. Mrs. A. F. Holmer sang two solos and a piano duet was given by Frances Westby and Alice Peterson.

YOUTH

Youth is not a time of life—it is a state of mind. It is not a matter of ripe cheeks, red lips and supple knees; it is a temper of the will, a quality of the imagination, a vigor of the emotions; it is a freshness of the deep springs of life.

Youth means a temperamental predominance of courage over timidity, of the appetite of adventure over love of ease. This often exists in a man of fifty more than in a boy of twenty.

Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years; people grow old only by deserting their ideas. Years wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul. Worry, doubt, self-distrust, fear and despair—these are the long, long years that bow the head and turn the growing spirit back to dust.

Whether seventy or sixteen, there is in every being's heart the love of wonder, the sweet amazement at the stars and the starlike things and thoughts, the undaunted challenge of events, the unflinching childlike appetite for what next, and the joy and the game of life.

You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubt; as young as your self confidence, as old as your fear; as young as your hope, as old as your despair.

In the central place of your heart there is a wireless station; so long as it receives messages of beauty, hope, cheer, courage, grandeur and power from the earth, from men and from the Infinite, so long are you young.

When the wires are all down and all the central place of your heart is covered with the snows of pessimism and the ice of cynicism, then are you grown old indeed and may God have mercy on your soul.—Bindery Talk.

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