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THE LITTLE THINGS

It wasn't much—a kindly word
 A firm and friendly hand
 Outstretched, that meant a lot of
 things,
 I'm sure you understand;
 Somehow it cheered and lifted me,
 As I went on my way,
 And left new courage in my heart
 To gladden all the day.

Such little things—the friendly voice
 The kindly deed and smile,
 The outstretched hand and sunny
 word

That came, that dreary while;
 Somebody merely passed and smiled
 And hailed me with good cheer,
 And all the day it made me glad
 Just as I'm telling here.

—James W. Foley, 1874-1939.
 (Mr. Foley was North Dakota's
 well-loved poet-laureate and "Philoso-
 pher of the Plains," formerly of Bis-
 marck but later of Pasadena, Calif.,
 from which city he passed on May 18.
 —Editor.)

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Comrades:

These have been anxious days and we have been praying that the Municipal Liquor Store bill may not be brought up at special election or at any other time. If it does come up, I still have faith that our people will vote it down. The lure of respectability through state ownership and operation, would only add to the attendant evils of making available narcotic and alcoholic beverages. Presumably to promote social progress and to lighten the tax load through state liquor profits, it is proposed to raise funds for the old age pension. Every citizen who pays taxes would become a shareholder in the public liquor sales. It would retard, pervert and even prevent genuine temperance education. The desire for perpetuation in office would tend to make every official an advocate, defender and supporter of the plan. There would be constant temptation to use liquor patronage and liquor profits for political advantage. It would have all the evils found in other liquor systems and create new ones. Government or state sales will not change the nature of alcoholic beverages.

We fully agree with the National Temperance and Prohibition Council in their findings—"There is only one solution to the beverage liquor problem. The solution is found in total abstinence from the use of any and all alcoholic beverages, on the part of the individual, and the prohibition of the manufacture, distribution and sale of any and all alcoholic beverages on the part of the state or government." It would perpetuate its sale and would practically place a bar against our ever hoping to regain an even better prohibition law.

Many of our district conventions will be over in May and we hope that from each has come new courage,

WILD ROSE COURAGEOUS

Undaunted by pitiless
 scourging,

Deprived of the life-
 giving rain,

Emerging from grim
 desolation,

The wild rose will
 bloom again.

Like souls who display rare, fine
 courage

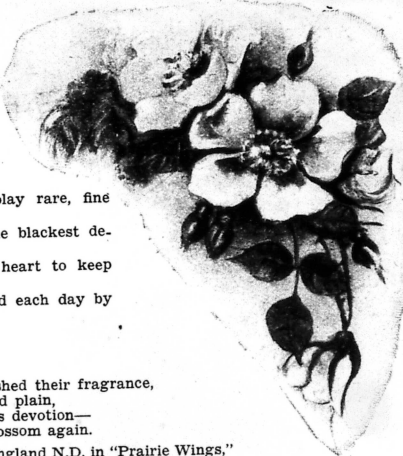
Through years of the blackest de-
 spair

Who still have the heart to keep
 hoping,

And are strengthened each day by
 a prayer.

The roses will soon shed their fragrance,
 Over city, village and plain,
 Symbolic of deathless devotion—
 The wild rose will blossom again.

—Lyda Page, New England N.D. in "Prairie Wings,"



SWEDISH SYSTEM OPPOSED

The Methodist Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals makes the following statement: "The advocates of government liquor monopoly, including the manufacture as well as the sale of liquor, are constantly reminding Americans of the great success of the Swedish system. The exalted claims for this system, however, are not borne out by the cold facts. It is significant also, in this connection, that alcohol, whether secured through government monopoly, a licensed liquor establishment, or a bootlegger, is a great menace to public safety. The Swedish government now seems to be aroused to the fact that beverage alcohol, even in spite of more than a half century of various types of government control, is a major social problem. This is significant when it is kept in mind that if the liquor monopoly system could succeed in any country of the world it ought to succeed in Sweden."
 —O. W. F. in Christian Advocate.

FLOWER MISSION DAY

June 9

I'd rather have one little rose
 From the garden of my friend
 Than to have the choicest flowers
 When my stay on earth must end.
 I'd rather have the kindest words
 Which may now be said of me
 Than to have the choicest flowers
 When life has ceased to be.
 I'd rather have a loving smile
 From the friends I know are true
 Than tears shed 'round my casket
 When I bid this world adieu.
 Bring me all your flowers today,
 Whether pink, or white, or red;
 I'd rather have one blossom now
 Than a truck load when I'm dead."

The Brewers Own Handbook for 1911, while North Dakota was enjoying the benefits of prohibition, gave the amounts of liquor used that year by each state in the union. While some of the states under license used as much as 25.25 gallons per capita, they said North Dakota under prohibition used only 1.52 gallons per capita. Compare this with last year for instance when we spent for liquor, \$10,500,000 and possibly as much as that again for bootlegging.

"If you want a thing bad enough—
 To go out and fight for it,
 Work day and night for it—
 If you'll simply go after that thing
 that you want
 With all your capacity,
 Strength and sagacity,
 Faith, hope and confidence, stern per-
 tinacity—
 If dogged and grim you besiege and
 beset it,
 YOU'LL GET IT!"

—Epworth Herald.

North Dakota's state flower, the fragrant wild rose, blossoms profusely in fields and along roadsides.

faith and impetus to our work; a greater determination on the part of each one to gain at least one new member; to reach our Golden Jubilee goals for unions, Y. T. C.'s and L. T. L.'s. I have heard several say they mean to get at least one of Mrs. Anderson's souvenir spoons. We are anxious to see who will receive the different national awards, especially how many will wear the seven rainbow colors of a Willard Patriot, getting their names in The Union Signal.

Mother's Day month was a good time to secure new members while mothers' hearts are especially tender and should be aroused to the very real need for the protection of our young people and children against this awful liquor traffic. Before the warm weather comes we do want to get all our budgets paid and through personal requests to friends interested especially in educational work, secure our balance for the Temperance Education Fund. No, it is NOT impossible. If you think so, stand across from our Movie House entrances and see how much money goes into them. It is the Lord's money and we can get it for His work if we pray, have faith and work. Place exhibits, books, statue, plaque, map, picture, etc., of Frances Willard in some conspicuous window, in observance of this Centenary year.

We are nearing the close of this Five-Year Five-Point program—Spiritual education, Alcohol education, Citizenship education, Character education and Peace education, and I never realized quite so fully the great need for each star point. If we each have the first—spiritual education—it seems to me that the others will follow. In vacation time may we not let down but rather build up our

work. Especially should more time be found for our Loyal Temperance Leagues. We could easily double our membership if we could find L. T. L. leaders. Try to interest teachers or older girls to assist during the summer. They will be glad, if properly enthused, for such constructive work.

We had a fine convention in Bismarck and expect a good delegation and a worthwhile convention in Reeder May 17. I am here in Reeder to speak at a mass meeting in the town hall to-night in observance of Mother's Day.

I hope you have kept letters going to Senators Frazier and Nye in regard to radio advertising and have carefully observed Dr. Izora Scott's reports and requests in The Union Signal. We must be about the Lord's work and learn to put first things first.

Summer is the time for picnics and institutes, at which we may discuss and plan our department work, thereby instilling new interest in each member. There is no better way for us to honor our mothers who have gone or those who remain than by observing the "Do Everything" policy of our beloved Frances Willard, thereby securing some constructive work somewhere for every individual. God help us to find that work and give us the strength and wisdom to do it!

Yours with love,
 Mrs. Fred M. Wanner.
 Reeder, N. D., May 14, 1939.

Ho, brother, it's the handclasp and the good world and the smile, that does the most, and helps the most, to make the world worth while.—W. D. Nesbit.

Mrs. Fred M. Wanner
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Barbara H. Wylie
Managing Editor

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NOONTIDE HOUR OF PRAYER

"It is always noontide somewhere
And across the awakening continents
From shore to shore, somewhere
Our prayers are rising evermore."

MRS. C. E. ERICKSON, STATE DIRECTOR EVANGELISTIC DEPT., WRITES

This month we seek to emphasize the value of tract and gospel distribution. Make it a rule to keep a supply of carefully selected tracts on hand to enclose in your letters, whether private or business. Watch for opportunities to hand a tract to a neighbor, friend or stranger who may call. Carry tracts with you when you go shopping or traveling. Pray for courage and wisdom and for God's blessing on His word to those who read. By so doing you will experience daily the joy of the Lord and have the double assurance that "Your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

These interesting tracts are well worth your careful reading and consideration. "Sowing and Reaping" is valuable not only for its suggestions but also because on the back cover appear the words and music of chorus—"Lead me to some soul to-day." Send 10 cents for sample of tracts to Christian Laymen's Tract League, 2511 North Drake Ave., Chicago, Ill.

From the Great Commission Prayer League, 808 La Salle St., Chicago, you may secure the leaflet—"Suppose"—which has reached a circulation of several million copies and has been used "to stimulate many thousands of Christians to intercessory prayer and soul-winning." Two booklets of testimonies—"14 Prominent Collegians Look at Life" and "14 Prominent Businessmen Look at Life" are exceedingly attractive and are appropriate to give to those who might scorn a simple tract. They sell at \$1.00 for 40 copies. The Gospel of John entitled "His Triumph" is another splendid publication at the same price. These may be had from Scripture Distribution Society, Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill.

The Influence Of One Tract

"A young Frenchman who had been wounded at the siege of Saint Quentin was languishing on a pallet in the hospital when a tract that lay on the coverlet caught his eye. He read it and was converted by it. The monument of that man may be seen before the Church of the Consistory in Paris, standing with a bible in his hand—Admiral Coligny, the leader of the Reformation in France. But the tract had not yet finished its work. It was read by Coligny's nurse, a Sister of Mercy, who penitently placed it in the hands of the Lady Abbess, and she, too, was converted by it. She fled from France to the Palatinate, where she met a young Hollander and became his wife. The influence which she had upon that man reacted upon the whole continent of Europe, for he was William of Orange, who gave religious liberty to the Netherlands."

—Christian Faith and Life,
January, 1939.

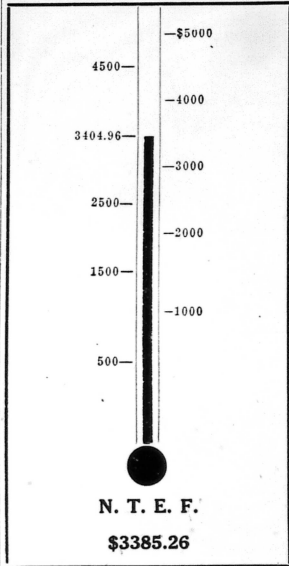
For The Honor Of North Dakota

Let Us Finish Our Quota of the National Temperance Education Fund by August 1, 1939!

"Give as you would if an angel Awaited your gift at the door; Give as you would if to-morrow Found you where giving is o'er; Give as you would to the Master If you met His searching look; Give as you would of your substance If His Hand your offering took!"

SEMINAR MEMBERS EXPRESS APPRECIATION

To the members of the 10,000 local



units who have had a share in raising the National Temperance Edu-

INTERESTING INSTITUTES

Mrs. Kate S. Wilder
National and State Director

This department endeavors to promote every part of W. C. T. U. work. Some institutes I have attended seemed to slight department work. Mrs. Munns, our national treasurer, writes that department work is not "outmoded." All institute women agree with her and believe that local, district and even state work will retrograde rather than progress, if we fail to stress department work. Not reports but plans for forwarding the work should be presented. Let us "Tell the world" about our 21 great departments and correct the impression that we have only one.

June 9 is the birthday of Jennie Cassidy, founder of Flower Mission work, and a fitting time to have an out-door institute, calling attention to the mission of flowers. The department of Religious Education has fine literature for Daily Vacation Bible schools—now is the time to present it in institutes. In summer, that terrible weed, marihuana, grows everywhere—long ago the Medical Temperance department informed us about its awful effects. New citizens are coming into our nation at this time of year. Two splendid pamphlets for use in institutes have recently been sent out by the department of Christian Citizenship—"I Know my Rights" published by the National Council of Women and the other—"Our Taxes and What They Buy" by the Public Affairs Committee.

This is the best time of year to demonstrate Non-Alcoholic Fruit pro-

duction Fund, the members of the Seminar in the Frances Willard Centenary Year of 1939 give greetings:—

We would express to you our gratitude. We know that it is only through your efforts and sacrifices, and, in some instances, perhaps, "the widow's mite," that we have had this opportunity for study of and research in the nation-wide program in Alcohol Education.

For three months we have been within the shadow of Rest Cottage, where Frances Willard worked and gave her love and devotion to the uplift of humanity; in the National Headquarters Building, with its offices of our National President, Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith, and her co-workers, and its atmosphere of purposeful activity, where Noontide Prayer is observed daily—no sound of voice, no hurrying feet, every typewriter stilled for one minute; in the classroom where we have learned "What Alcohol Is and What It Does" and have been enriched in mind and spirit through the knowledge and Christian grace of our instructor, Bertha Rachel Palmer.

And while each of you 10,000 groups continues in your effort to reach the million-dollar goal, we will be your ambassadors and in Christian faith go out to work and teach, striving with you to have a part in bringing closer that time when, through universal comprehension of what alcohol is and does, the whole world will be free from the social custom which promotes its use and from the commercial traffic therein.

Signed—Members of the 1939 Seminar, April, 1939.

(Reprinted from Union Signal. National Temperance Education Funds made this Seminar possible. Have you helped?—B. H. W.)

We in North Dakota are fortunate in securing Miss Hortense O'Dougherty, one of these trained seminar members; for a month's work in our schools, beginning September 18, 1939.

PROMOTED COMRADES

"As a cloud of the sunset slow melting in heaven,
As a star that is lost when the daylight is given;
As a glad dream of slumber, which wakens in bliss—
They have passed to the world of the holy from this."

"I will come again and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."—John 14:3.

During the past month some of our best beloved members have entered into the "Company of the ever-living."

MRS. FRANK R. SCOTT of the Fargo union, early in the morning of Mother's Day Sunday, went to make Heaven more home-like for those who will follow. Devoted to her home, her church and all community welfare, her consistent Christian life made a

ducts. Serve a fruit drink and tell about it at your institute. Write for samples of literature to help in preparing your program—buy a generous supply to sell or give away at the institute. It hasn't been possible to mention every department but all are important. I know you will not forget International Relations. Have a Willard exhibit at this grand institute you are going to have—write and tell me all about it. So may we make this summer's institutes interesting, informative and encouraging. May the Institutes add many active, alert members to the organization!

Have you Paid Your Dues?

THE COR. SEC.'S CORNER

Comrades, dear:

We need more new members to help celebrate our Golden Jubilee. Not only that we may reach our goals but we need to enlist young mothers to spread the gospel of temperance in their homes and to their children. We need honorary members to recommend total abstinence in their business contacts. We need more Y. T. C.'s and L. T. L.'s. Won't you make an extra effort to get them before this campaign closes August 1st.

We want more Willard-Anderson members to honor these two great leaders. A survey shows that only 13 unions out of 78 have reported gaining new members. We have no July Bulletin to remind you again but please make the summer months count for our work. With our state convention earlier this year than usual, we shall have to be alert and active.

Our National Papers

After an encouraging gain in both The Union Signal and Young Crusader subscriptions in April, we greatly regret to see that we lost 13 on The Signal and one on The Crusader in May. Can we not reverse this report in June that our circulation achievements may be given recognition at the Rochester Convention in September? See "Book of States" in May Bulletin.

Willard Patriot

We are happy to announce Mrs. Philip Stolberg, Flasher, who has gained 10 new members, as our first Willard Patriot. Mrs. Roy A. Holand, with her 9 paid Y. T. C. members at Northwood, is almost there. Our two Willard Educators—Mmes. A. V. Sheppard and C. A. Landgren—still stand alone. Who will join them?

New Builders reported since last month: From Larimore—Mrs. T. B. Lindsay, Mrs. Fred Gebhart. From Northwood: Mmes. O. J. Oswald, R. L. Thoreson, Leonard Bilden, Alvin Haga and Miss Edith Simonsen. From Prosper—Mrs. A. W. Johnson, Mrs. Geo. Rust.

From Jamestown: Mrs. Fred M. Wanner, Mrs. P. R. Sorenson and Major Clara Sletten. From Stanley: Mrs. B. H. Thorlakson, Mrs. T. M. Wold. From Columbus: Mrs. Virgil A. Reed, Columbus, associate L. T. L. Secretary.

In the August Bulletin we hope to give a complete list of all who have helped in any way in our membership campaign. Will your name be there?
Hopefully yours,
Barbara H. Wylie.

strong impression on all who knew her.

MRS. J. G. MOORE, wife of the former city superintendent of schools of Fargo, passed away at Monmouth, Illinois, where she recently made her home. Active in every good work, like her Master, she "went about doing good."

MRS. A. M. WILEY, wife of the Rev. A. M. Wiley of Hannah, well known and loved in Methodist circles, whose sudden call found her ready to "enter into the joy of her Lord."

MRS. H. A. TEWELL, once of Drayton and Ray but more recently of Santa Monica, California, was called to her heavenly Home May 2. Her Christian graces endeared her to a large circle of friends.

MRS. GEO. BURDICK, a faithful member of the Oberon union, mother of Mrs. Milo Mathews, district treasurer and sister-in-law of Hon. Usher L. Burdick, entered Life eternal May 11.

MRS. ERLING S. MONNES, well known in Powers Lake, Minot and other places where she served with her husband, Rev. E. S. Monnes, was called from her Californian home to the Land of "never-fading flowers."

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TREASURER'S REPORT

April 15 to May 15, 1939

DUES—Stanley 1; Edmore 1; Bismarck 4; Oakes 4; Steele 7; Flasher 1; Sheyenne 6; Rock Lake 3; Benedict 3; Bowesmont 15; Rugby 3; Grand Forks 4; Epping 8; Grenora 6; New Rockford 1; Northwood 13; Northwood Y. T. C. 9; Grand Forks Scan. 11; Jamestown 4; Minnewaukan 7; Dickey 1; Hatton 10; Plaza 7; Hannah 1; Hettinger 1; Devils Lake 2; Columbus 3.

L. T. L. DUES—Valley City 10; Bismarck 12; Underwood 5; Washburn 45.

BUDGET—Bismarck \$5.00; Sharon comp. \$4.00; Grafton comp. \$25.00; Benedict \$5.00; Sheldon \$2.00; Epping comp. \$8.00; Rock Lake comp. \$13.00; Northwood comp. \$10.00; Minot \$10.00; Ryder \$5.00; Steele \$11.00; Jamestown \$15.00; Sheyenne \$10.00; Devils Lake \$7.25; Plaza \$1.50; New Rockford comp. \$21.00; Hannah \$5.00; Hettinger \$5.50.

N. T. E. F.—Westfield Neighbors' Club \$1.00; Flasher \$1.05; Sawyer \$10.00; Dickey \$5.00; Jamestown 70 cents; Mrs. Fred M. Wanner memory Kennedy S. Wanner \$10.00.

DISTRICT PLEDGE — Bismarck Dist. \$5.00; Hettinger Dist. \$10.00; Minot. Dist. \$5.00; Grand Forks Dist. \$10.00; New Rockford Dist. \$5.00.

Dear Treasurers:—

When sending postage stamps will you please 3c stamps, or 2c stamps, or 1c stamps?

I want to thank those who have sent in budget and dues so promptly, and I hope to hear from all the others quite soon. Please do not delay.

I will remind you again that the State Treasurer's books will close on August 24th.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. R. B. Reed,

Treasurer.

1341, 11th Ave. No.,
Fargo, North Dakota.

IF I WERE PRESIDENT

I would ask one of the most interesting, informed and experienced members to be program chairman and the most popular music lover to be music chairman—these two to cooperate in making the program, of course pleasing to the president, and to be on the job as hostesses for those on the program, at every meeting.

I would insist that those invited to be on the program should know definitely the exact place and time of the meeting, with instructions as to the minute they are to be introduced and the length of time they are to use. Emphasis on these points is of great help to the president, and certainly is fair to the speaker and audience.

If I Were President

Of a county W. C. T. U. I would invite three presidents of unions at a time, to be my guests, until all had been included, and a few hours on these certain afternoons would be devoted to consideration of the value

PROMOTED—

(Continued from page 20)
With her sweet voice, she sang the gospel into many hearts.

REV. CHRISTIAN W. FINWALL, a brother beloved and greatly appreciated in the temperance cause, whose "works of faith and labors of love" in North Dakota will long be remembered was called several weeks ago from his late home in San Fernando, California, to his rich reward in the Home above, preceding his daughter, Mrs. Monnes, by a very short time.

To the relatives and friends of these dear comrades our sincere sympathy is hereby expressed.

of greater emphasis being made on the deepening of the spiritual life of the membership. In the early years the W. C. T. U. met weekly, and a prayer and praise service occupied at least the first half-hour's time.

If I Were President

Either county or local, I would know parliamentary law, even if I joined a class for study. I would open the meeting exactly on time, if there wasn't anyone present but myself, and I would read the scripture and pray and sing. If the secretary was late, and others had come in the meantime, I would appoint a secretary pro tem, and proceed with the meeting.

If I Were President

And there was a guest speaker, I would defer or eliminate matters of small consequence, and have the speaker presented exactly at the time he was asked to speak. When busy people come to our meetings by invitation, to be on our programs, we must not allow them to be detained and bored by inconsequential details. We should think too much of our W. C. T. U. to allow such condition to prevail.

—The Indiana Message.

LOYAL TEMPERANCE LEGION

Dear L. T. L. friends:
Children need the W. C. T. U.
The W. C. T. U. needs the children

Why does the Woman's Christian Temperance Union include group work for children in its program of organization?

Because the W. C. T. U. is conscious of the great necessity of helping boys and girls learn the value of personal total abstinence from alcoholic drinks.

Because in helping guide children to knowledge about the physiological and psychological effects of alcohol and giving them an incentive to right living we are promoting a definite program of juvenile protection.

Because boys and girls given proper information about the use of alcoholic drinks in connection with general living receive an incentive for forming habits which lead to individual sobriety.

Because the Loyal Temperance Legion is the elementary school for the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

Because helping a child to build a Christian Character with a major attribute of personal total abstinence from alcoholic drinks is superior to reforming an adult.

Each local union has the opportunity for promoting a Loyal Temperance Legion; each local member of helping children by assisting in financing a Legion.

A local W. C. T. U. sponsoring an L. T. L. has the joy of knowing they are helping to build for:

Total abstinence for the individual;
Sobriety for the nation;
Better civic and social conditions;
Christian Citizenship.

Summer days bring a challenge to the L. T. L. secretaries for vacation activities.

L. T. L. CAMPS: Are you planning a picnic for your Legion or the Legions in a district? If so, why not make it a one day camp. Boys and girls like camps. The one day camp does not require any more time, effort and expense for preparation and for the day than a picnic. The camp serves a dual purpose, the jolly good time of a picnic is combined with the experience of a camp day.

Where one day camps have been held the boys and girls keenly entered into the assembly sessions, activities and sports. Your state L. T. L. secretary, or my office, (upon request) will supply you with suggested plans

Have You Paid Your Budget?

for a one or two day L. T. L. camp.

VACATION L. T. L.: What is a Vacation L. T. L.? An L. T. L. group meeting for one to two hours, ten days or two weeks during the summer months. The L. T. L. plans for the current year are used for the basis of the program for teaching, activities and recreation. An organization set-up is formed the first day. Officers are elected to carry through to the vacation meetings of the next year. Dues are collected. During the winter a rally or winter picnic (with program) should be promoted for all L. T. L. members. The vacation L. T. L. plan has met with fine results in communities where lack of leadership has barred the way for having the month by month L. T. L. meetings.

PARADES: Attractive floats featuring the L. T. L. may be prepared at a minimum cost. When your town is sponsoring a parade, plan for an L. T. L. float.

THE YEAR CLOSES: Sponsors of Legions that rest during the vacation months should keep in mind the date for the dues-gifts and reports. If a Legion only holds its meetings for the months of the school year, the leader should see to the collection of the dues gift, check the "Legion Standard" and other reports by the time of the last meeting. Following this plan will assure reports and dues reaching the proper persons on time. For information about dues payment, see L. T. L. Manual p. 23. The general report of the Legion activities is sent to the state L. T. L. secretary.

The Loyal Temperance Legion is a worth while investment.

Lenadell Wiggins,

National General Secretary, L. T. L.
(We are much indebted to Miss Wiggins for this excellent article.—Ed.)

YOUTH'S TEMPERANCE COUNCIL

AN APPEAL TO YOUTH

A FRESH ATTACK must be made against the liquor traffic and that by YOUTH. In our state we have only one Y.T.C. secretary and three associates. These cannot personally contact many young people. So through the columns of our White Ribbon Bulletin I appeal to any interested person or group of persons over fifteen years to send for information on organizing Y.T.C.'s and become active members. Show your community your stand for temperance. You receive our state paper, The White Ribbon Bulletin, when you pay your dues which are 50 cents a year. Earn money by food sales, basket socials or programs. Will someone answer this call?

When Fortuna organized last fall, Miss Gertrude Norwalk was chosen Councilor, Miss Burnice Meyer president, Morris Storh, ig, secretary and Wanda Fredine, treasurer. They have met regularly once a month.

"Sow a thought, reap an act;

Sow an act, reap a habit;

Sow a habit, reap a character;

Sow a character, reap a destiny."

Mrs. Ellen C. Berg,

Associate Sec'y.

Zahl, N. D.

Mrs. Elizabeth Wilder Holand, associate Y.T.C. secretary, was recently invited by the Rev. T. B. Lindsay of Larimore to meet with a group of his young people at Emerald. Twenty-five fine young folks were present and much interested. They will invite Northwood YTC for a joint meeting in the near future. Mr. Lindsay will be Councilor.

Ralph Perry of Calvin is arranging for a rally May 29 when Mrs. Holand hopes to attend. "Y.T.C.'s are wanted and needed in rural areas and smaller places" writes Mrs. Holand.

JOHN BARLEYCORN GIVES PEOPLE THRILLS (?)

(Tune: "They say that our Teacher She Ain't Got No Style")

They say that John Barleycorn gives people thrills,
He gives people chills and big doctor's bills

He can't drive a car straight; he gives people spills
He gives people spills, chills and big doctor's bills.

They say that John Barleycorn gives people "pep."

He saps people's "pep"; he makes them break step

With health and good sense, till they makes a misstep

He taps all their "pep" — then they make a misstep!

They say that John Barleycorn gives folk good times.

He steal's people's dimes; he stealthily climbs

To the mind. Without sense people lose their good times.

He steals one's good dimes and a lot of good times.

They say that John Barleycorn makes people happy.

He makes people "sappy," he makes people "scrappy"

He makes people sickly, and leaves them unhappy.

I want to be happy, not "scrappy" and "sappy."

They say that John Barleycorn's honest and true

A good friend to you; but they're fooling you

I have too much sense to believe that it's true.

I know it's not true since I've seen what he'll do.

—Florence E. Marshall.

(Used by permission)

IS AMERICA GUILTY

We are supplying Japan with the raw material for her weapons, manufacturing her bombs, shells and shrapnel, selling her 23,000,000 barrels of her total supply of 34,000,000 barrels of oil which supply the motive power for the instruments of death without which she could not continue her ruthless invasion against China. Japan is not fighting this war alone. We are Japan's partner in crime.

When a child is stolen we look for the kidnaper and his accomplices. When Lincoln was assassinated we hunt the woman who sheltered the assassin. An accessory to a crime is as guilty in law as the one who commits the crime. America is an accessory before and after the fact. The hands of Uncle Sam run red with the blood of China.

The next step will be a credit loan to Japan for the continued purchasing of war supplies to keep up the slaughter. It is said on good authority that a Japanese commission is already in the United States, seeking arrangements for such a credit loan. Japan cannot win this war, which is costing \$5,000,000 a day, unless it receives credits and supplies.

Edgar Shaw, author of the stirring story, Red Star Over China, points out in a subsequent magazine article that China, fighting in defense of her life, can ultimately defeat Japan, fighting as the invader, despoiler and assassin of China, but China cannot defeat Japan and America, one supplying raw materials and money and the other the men behind bombs and guns.—Clinton N. Howard.

FOR 1939

"Forget the slander you have heard,
Forget the hasty, unkind word,
Forget the quarrel and the cause,
Forget the whole affair, because
Forgetting is the only way.
Forget the storms of yesterday,
Forget the one whose sour face
Forgets to smile in any place,
Forget to ever have the blues,
But don't forget to pay your dues."

—Motor.

Have You Paid Your Dues?

NATIONAL GAINS

Evanston, Ill.—More than 3,000 new members are joining the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union every month, Anna Marden DeYo secretary, announced here today at National W. C. T. U. headquarters.

"When we consider that these new members joined us without any spectacular contests, the steady month-by-month growth in membership is all the more significant," Mrs. DeYo declared.

"It indicates most forcibly the widespread rising resentment against the sale and use of alcohol. These new members do not come from just one or two key states, but the gains are general throughout the entire nation.

"Especially gratifying to us is the fact that our far from complete report shows that hundreds of brand new units have been organized, including Loyal Temperance Legions, Youth's Temperance Councils and Iota Sigma Unions, all predominantly youth groups. In a number of counties the National W. C. T. U. units were organized for the first time in history.

"One of the most striking developments is that in many states the largest number of members were obtained by members who not so very long ago were recruits themselves. This is another important trend in the cause of temperance. Never before have the youth of the land been so active and interested in temperance."

This tremendous increase of 3,000 new members a month follows the enrollment of 34,000 recruits last year Mrs. DeYo said, adding that a steady membership gain has been reported by the National W. C. T. U. every year since repeal.

"There are a number of outstanding factors which account for the added interest in the goals to which the National W. C. T. U. has dedicated itself since repeal," Mrs. DeYo asserted.

"National interest is centering on the battle against drink, dope and disease—a battle in which the National W. C. T. U. took the lead and is pushing more vigorously than ever. Our organization was the first of its kind to have the unadorned facts regarding alcohol and dope compiled by disinterested scientific research. A leader for scientific alcohol education in the schools, youth has become interested in both the social and scientific aspects of this pressing problem.

"The drinking driver, the ravages of liquor when women drink, the utter lack of any control over the number of places selling liquor and flaunting of all restrictive regulation have all contributed to a united front against drink, dope and disease."

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

GRAND FORKS—"The best convention we ever had" was the general verdict of those attending the 29th annual convention of the Grand Forks district at Larimore, May 4, Mrs. Bessie M. Darling presiding. Outstanding features were the large and enthusiastic attendance; the inspirational address by Mrs. Frank Beasley, guest speaker; the Gold Medal contest; the address on Young People's work by Mrs. Elizabeth Wilder Holland, associate state secretary; the presence of Y. T. C. members from Northwood with their pep songs; the review of legislative temperance measures by Senator Oliver Bilden and the gracious hospitality of the Larimore union.

Four ministers assisted on the program—Rev. H. F. Morrison and Dr. S. F. Halford of the Methodist church; Rev. T. B. Lindsay, Presbyterian; Rev. H. A. Lintz, Nazarene and Rev. Mr. Dordahl, Lutheran. Music by Mmes. Mund, James Lamour,

T. B. Lindsay, Misses Helen Sletten and Consuello Benson and the Girls' Glee Club directed by Miss Jepsen, added much to the program. A skit—"Weighed in the Balance"—was presented by Mmes. Darling, A. V. Sheppard, Otto Knapp and O. J. Swanson.

In the Gold Medal contest in which seven competed, Robert Herzberg of Grand Forks was awarded first place with the selection: "American Youth Faces the Challenge." A genial toastmistress was Mrs. Beasley who presided at the banquet. A welcome from the church was extended by Rev. H. F. Morrison; for the city by Dr. Halford; for the local union by Mrs. Jessie Thomas. Mrs. S. H. Njaa, president Northwood union, made appropriate response. A witty address by Mrs. J. W. Scott, Gilby, district treasurer, was enjoyed. This district has a substantial increase in membership. All officers were re-elected.

JAMES VALLEY—Valley City entertained the thirtieth annual convention of this district May 5 with the president, Mrs. Lulu W. Zimmerman presiding. Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, Fargo, national director institutes, as guest speaker, gave a forceful address on "Building the Wall." The state president, Mrs. Fred M. Wanner revived interesting memories of the past thirty years. The young people's work was discussed by Mrs. Nellie Baker, Jamestown. Mrs. E. R. Fritch, president Valley City union, conducted a memorial service. Mrs. F. H. Swanson showed the relation of Temperance and Missions.

Mrs. C. A. Landgren, president Jamestown union, brought helpful suggestions for increasing our membership. Rev. and Mrs. C. Maxwell Brown sang a duet. Other musical numbers were a trio by Mmes. Atherton and Bery and Miss Claspill and a duet by Mmes. Meyer and Nyhus. Others appearing on the program were Mrs. A. L. Lane and Rev. Thos. E. Nugent, Valley City. An anniversary luncheon was served at noon. All officers were re-elected.

DEVILS LAKE—Mrs. Elias Porter, district president, presided over this convention which was held at Edmore May 9 with Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, state vice president as convention guest. A dust storm interfered with the attendance but those present were much interested and a good program was carried out. The local president, Mrs. Harvey Zellar, gave valuable assistance. The newly elected district president is Mrs. Archie C. Olson of Calvin who has maintained an L. T. L. there so successfully. Other officers were re-elected. Rock Lake invited the next convention.

NEW ROCKFORD—A well-arranged program was successfully carried out in the Congregational church, Oberon, when the New Rockford district met for its 45th annual session, May 11, Mrs. E. F. Roach presiding. Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, state vice president, was convention guest. Her address on "The Way Out" showed convincingly there is no way but by total abstinence for the individual and prohibition for the state. Mrs. Darling also spoke of the many worthwhile accomplishments of the National Temperance Education Fund. Mrs. C. W. Baumann and Rev. Mr. Braufud led in helpful devotions. Rev. C. W. Baumann showed Alcohol as a public hazard, quoting eminent authorities along many lines. Speaking on the children's work Mrs. Arthur Lass of Minnewaukan emphasized the need of The Young Crusader for their reading.

Conducting the memorial service, Mrs. Alice Rager paid tender tributes, placing flowers for promoted comrades while "Crossing the Bar" was being sung. Music was generously furnished by a brass quartet comprising Duane

Kragrud, Harold Garneas, Stephen Mathews and Joan Flowers; vocal solos by Miss Flohr and Mrs. F. Bolkan, accompanied by Miss Rodney; and a saxophone trio: Freeman Bolkan, Nina Hanson and James Kragrud. Mrs. A. E. Soderholm was song leader and Mrs. H. G. Hudson, organist. All officers were re-elected. Mrs. Darling spoke in schools at Edmore, Oberon and Sheyenne.

BISMARCK—In the Trinity Lutheran church, Bismarck, this district met May 12, Mrs. P. D. Wood, district president presiding. An inspiring worship service was conducted by Rev. O. S. Rindahl, pastor of the church. The local president, Mrs. P. O. Sathre, welcomed the delegates and Mrs. V. Mercer responded. Mrs. Fred M. Wanner as guest of honor, brought greetings and spoke of the many accomplishments made possible through the National Temperance Education Fund. The memorial hour was fittingly observed, Mrs. O. E. Erickson leading. Mrs. R. L. Phelps presented the claims of The Union Signal.

Following a luncheon, the afternoon session opened with devotions led by Mrs. Peter Dalenberg of Steele. Mrs. Elmer Cart outlined Temperance Legislation in the last Session. Mrs. Jack Vantine, state Y. T. C. secretary, showed the importance of work among young people urging more activity. Mrs. T. O. Brandenburg spoke on the work of Allied Youth. Sketches from the life of Miss Willard were given by Mrs. R. Boyd. Work in the Church School with demonstration was presented by Mrs. Margaret Grover. For the evening session, Rev. Sue M. Herrington led devotions, special music was rendered and Mrs. Wanner was the interesting speaker. All officers were re-elected.

HETTINGER—At Reeder, May 17, with Mrs. Wanner again the welcome guest speaker, this district met with Miss Effie Walch, district president, presiding. A detailed report has not reached us at this writing but we hear it was a very good and enthusiastic meeting at which four new active members and two white ribbon recruits were secured. On Mother's Day Mrs. Wanner spoke to an attentive and appreciative audience in the Town Hall at Reeder. Schools were visited in many towns and new interest created in temperance teaching, many ordering supplies. On her way home, Mrs. Wanner stopped over in Dickinson, meeting with the local women and speaking in schools.

FARGO—Prosper was hostess May 23, celebrating its silver anniversary in connection with the district convention. Elaborate arrangements were made for the event by the enterprising members of the local union, who had contacted all charter and former members, many of whom sent greetings. Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, a former district president, was guest of honor. Mrs. J. H. Potter presided. The local pastor, Rev. Milton Gunberg, welcomed the delegates for the church and Mrs. H. J. Langseth for the local union. Mrs. E. R. Pomeroy, Fargo, responded. At the memorial service, conducted by Mrs. F. A. Landbloom, Fargo, Mrs. H. P. Halvorson sang an appropriate selection. Mrs. O. J. Flagstad, Hillsboro, spoke on "Deepening our Spiritual Life" while "Our Responsibility to the Children and Young People" was stressed in an address by Mrs. Clare Linn Larson of Finley. Members of the union put on a playlet and the L. T. L. a Young Crusader demonstration. Mrs. Wilder showed why we oppose state-owned liquor stores and Mrs. Wylie spoke on our Jubilee Goals. At the evening meeting the church choir furnished choice music. Mrs. A. Waa read a history of the

Prosper union which has made such a proud record these 25 years. Mrs. Wilder, as speaker of the evening, took as her subject, "Building the Wall" urged making a strong defence against the inroads of the liquor traffic. Lunch and dinner were served by the hospitable Prosper union.

OTHER CONVENTIONS—In Grafton, June 2, the Northwest district will meet with Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, convention speaker.

At Monago, June 6, the Ellendale district will be entertained with Mrs. Wanner as honor guest and speaker.

At Wyndmere we hope to make arrangements for the Richland district June 9 with Mrs. Wanner again the speaker.

Bottineau district meets at Bottineau June 6 to re-organize, with Mrs. Bessie Darling as leader.

Minot District is scheduled for Benedict June 13, with Mrs. Darling as guest and Northwest district at Grenora, June 15, 16. Mrs. Darling will visit several other points, in Minot district.

Ransom-LaMoure district is to be entertained at West Fairview June 21 when the Golden Jubilee anniversary of this splendid union will be celebrated and Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, who organized the union fifty years ago is expected to be present as honored guest.

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