

# A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU!



“NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH”

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## NEW YEAR'S DAY

I will start anew this morning with a higher, fairer creed;  
 I will cease to stand complaining of my ruthless neighbor's greed;  
 I will cease to sit repining while my duty's call is clear;  
 I will waste no moment whining, and my heart shall know no fear.  
 I will look sometimes about me for the things that merit praise;  
 I will search for hidden beauties that elude the grumbler's gaze;  
 I will try to find contentment in the paths that I must tread;  
 I will cease to have resentment when another moves ahead.  
 I will not be swayed by envy when my rival's strength is shown;  
 I will not deny his merit, but I'll strive to prove my own;  
 I will try to see the beauty spread before me, rain or shine—  
 I will cease to preach your duty and be more concerned with mine.  
 —S. E. Kiser.



MRS. ALBERTA W. LUNDHAGEN  
Our New Corresponding Secretary

## THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Co-workers:

A Happy and Prosperous New Year to all! 1940 is past and we stand at the threshold of the new 1941. There will be new opportunities for service, new tasks to perform—365 days to work unceasingly for God and Home and Every Land. Let us look forward not backward, upward not downward; facing every task courageously, grasping each opportunity as it comes. Let us resolve to cleanse our hearts from all bitterness and pettiness and fill our lives with the joy of Christian service.

When this reaches you our state legislature will be in session. Watch carefully the activities of this law-making body and let your senators and representatives know what you expect of them. When bills are introduced that will improve conditions in our state write at once and urge the passage of such legislation and in like manner urge the defeat of unfavorable bills. Let us pray that God will grant to these men and women who represent the people of our state, wisdom and courage to stand firmly for the right, strength to withstand temptation. Praise them when praise is due, censor only when you are positive they are in the wrong.

Let us cooperate to the fullest with the program of the Consolidated Drys to secure dry legislation. When you are asked to write letters, do so at once.

How many wrote the President and our senators and congressmen in regard to prohibiting the sale and gift of alcoholic beverages to men in training camps or the various units of the Army, the Navy and the Marines? Surely all the mothers in our state would rise and demand that

when they give their sons in defense of our nation, these boys should not be ruined by beverage alcohol—that enemy that destroys health, skill, and mental acumen. This is ALL IMPORTANT. On a separate page of this issue you will find a letter from the Adjutant General of the U. S. Army which is an answer to the telegram sent to President Roosevelt by your president urging his cooperation to “defend our defenders.”

Let us strive to double the number of Holdfast unions this year. Some very encouraging reports have come on the observance of the November enrollment. There is still time to collect dues from all old members and pay to state treasurer before Mar. 1.

I am sure you are all pleased with the new State Report. Let us study it and strive to reach the goals for banner unions and banner districts. Please remember to send state treasurer 25 cents for each copy of State Minutes that your union received. District presidents should encourage their unions to be banner unions. To reach a goal denotes achievement and achievement denotes success.

Thank you for the very interesting letters and reports that come to me from time to time from local unions. Your activities give me inspiration and encouragement. Each local union is a part of our state organization and a letter, a personal visit or a telephone call is like hearing from some one in the immediate family.

Now that the rush of the holiday season is past, let us put forth special effort to strengthen our forces with new members. Every mother should be invited to enlist for the cause of temperance. Leaflets on membership plan can be secured from the

membership chairman, Mrs. Kate S. Wilder.

Districts and local unions should plan for institutes to be held during the next three months. That would be a splendid way to familiarize your new members with the work of our organization. Unions in the larger cities should find no difficulty in arranging for one as transportation there is always available. Your district and state officers are always ready to assist in any way.

Your state treasurer reports that we need \$804 to complete our NTEF. Beloved workers, you did splendidly last year, raising almost \$600.00. I wish EVERY local union would pledge itself to raise its Honor Bright Dollars. Let us make it a subject of prayer, then follow it up with earnest endeavor to complete it this year. It is a moral obligation that rests with the entire membership of our state and one that your president longs to fulfill. Every member can raise ONE DOLLAR and help complete the task. WILL YOU DO IT?

In closing may I express my deep appreciation for the loving greetings sent to me and my loved ones at the blessed Yule-tide. May the New Year bring joy and happiness into the lives of each one; comfort, strength and guidance to those who are heavy laden; Peace and good will to the troubled world. May it truly be a year in the Lord's service.

Another year is dawning,  
 Dear Master, let it be,  
 In working or in waiting,  
 Another year with Thee.

Another year of progress,  
 Another year of praise,  
 Another year of proving  
 Thy presence all the days.

Another year of service,  
 Of witness for Thy Love;  
 Another year of training  
 For holier work above.  
 —Frances R. Havergal.

Yours in Service,  
 BESSIE M. DARLING.

## EMILY POST ON LIQUOR

Ethical questions, combined as they are with good manners, cause Emily Post to be “prayerful” over her replies. She believes that if she is “narrow” she may lose some of her influence, but there are some things which she “never will condone.” She enumerates her dislikes: drinking, petting—which she compares to making goods shopworn—moral laxness in conversation and in books.

With considerable satisfaction she stated that in Society—with a capital S—drinking liquor has become unfashionable, out-moded, not smart. She named well-known young host-

## GOD BLESS AMERICA

While the storm clouds gather  
 Far across the sea,  
 Let us swear allegiance  
 To a land that's free;  
 Let us all be grateful  
 For a land so fair,  
 As we raise our voices  
 In a solemn prayer.

God bless America,  
 Land that I love,  
 Stand beside her and guide her  
 Thru the night with a light  
 from above;  
 From the mountains, to the  
 prairies,  
 To the ocean white with foam,  
 God bless America  
 My home, sweet home.  
 —Irving Berlin.

## AMERICA FIRST

Not merely in science, inventions, motors, and skyscrapers, but also in ideals, principles, character.

Not merely in the calm assertion of rights, but in the glad assumption of duties.

Not flaunting her strength as a giant, but bending in helplessness over a sick and wounded world like a Good Samaritan.

Not in splendid isolation, but in courageous cooperation.

Not in pride, arrogance, and disdain of other races and peoples, but in sympathy, love, and understanding.

Not in treading again the old worn, bloody pathway which ends inevitably in chaos and disaster, but in blazing a new trail, along which, please God, other nations will follow, into the new Jerusalem where war shall be no more.

Some day some nation must take that path—unless we are to lapse once again into utter barbarism—and that honor I covet for my beloved America.

And so, in that spirit and with these hopes, I say with all my heart and soul, “AMERICA FIRST.”  
 —Bishop G. A. Oldham.

esses who have supplanted bars in their homes with tea tables, referred to a recent southern ball where the milk bar was thronged and the liquor bar neglected, and said that in the great hall of a fashionable club near New York City she had recently seen nearly the entire company with hot drinks, just three people with cocktail glasses in their hands. The three she pointed out, were middle-aged.

“I neither drink nor smoke,” says May Robson. “I don't have liquor in the house and I don't serve it to my friends. But that doesn't mean I have a dull time.”

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### DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT

Remember the noontide hour of prayer!

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

### THE SECRET OF HIS PRESENCE

By Ellen Lakshmi Gorch  
A Native of India

In the secret of His Presence  
How my soul delights to hide!  
O how precious are the lessons  
Which I learn at Jesus' side!  
Earthly cares can never vex me  
Neither trials lay me low;  
For when Satan comes to tempt me  
To the secret place I go.

When my soul is faint and thirsty,  
'Neath the shadow of His Wing  
There's a cool and pleasant shelter  
And a fresh and crystal spring;  
And my Saviour rests beside me  
As we hold communion sweet;  
If I tried I could not utter  
What He says when thus we meet.

Only this I know: I tell Him  
All my doubts and griefs and fears;  
O how patiently He listens  
And my drooping soul He cheers.  
Do you think He ne'er reproves me?  
What a false friend He would be  
If He never, never told me  
Of the sins which He must see.

Would you like to know the sweetness  
Of the secret of the Lord?  
Go and hide beneath His Shadow  
This shall then be your reward.  
And whenever you leave the silence  
Of that happy meeting-place,  
You must mind and bear the image  
Of the Master in your face.

### PEACE—NOT WAR

Think Peace—not War:  
Seek quiet; not all disturbance free  
Thy inmost thought from dire calamity,  
For Peace must first begin with Thee.

See Peace—not War:  
And visualize the world at rest from pain,  
The homes rebuilt, the families met again;  
See Justice—hindered not—on reign.

Speak Peace—not War:  
Speak but of peace, resolve each morn,  
From thought of Peace you'll not be torn,  
First in YOUR heart must Peace be born.

—Violette M. Verry

To sell rum for a living is bad enough, but for a whole community to share the responsibility and guilt of such a traffic seems a worse bargain than that of Eve or Judas.

—Horace Greeley.

## JUST BETWEEN OURSELVES

Dear Comrades:

We are all pleased when members of our families are called upon for any service and acquit themselves well. No less is this true of our unofficial family of the W. C. T. U. Following a visit of our state president to our sister state of Minnesota, we were happy to receive the following letter which we share with our readers:

Thief River Falls, Minn.  
November 27, 1940.

To the Officers of the  
North Dakota W. C. T. U.

Dear Friends:

On November 15, 1940, the local union of Thief River Falls had the rare privilege of having your president, Mrs. Bessie Darling, at our institute. She spent the day with us and was not only our CHIEF speaker but practically our ONLY speaker. It was a one-woman institute.

We gained much from that day. We gained facts and methods—things we could jot down in our notebooks and use later in our departments and meetings. But more than such matters was the inspiration we received from Mrs. Darling herself. We shall not soon forget Mrs. Darling.

A life is made up of days. Mrs. Darling gave us a day of her life. She gave it without material recompense, to a group of women from a neighboring state. We want to express our heartfelt thanks to Mrs. Darling and to the other officers for what she did for us.

Sincerely,

MINNIE S. LEAVITT,  
President Local Union.

As I think of you dear comrades, scattered far and wide over our big state, and recall our delightful friendships of the years, I would like to send a personal greeting at this Christmas time to each one. But this cannot be, so please accept my grateful thanks for many favors and my very best wishes for you and yours during the year ahead.

Faithfully yours,

BARBARA H. WYLIE.

### FORGET IT, FRIEND!

Forget it, friend—the crooked path, the heartaches, the misplaced faith; even the very pain which seems to draw the life—blood from the heart. Up in God's Heaven the stars still shine—down on God's earth there's still some work to do.

The rose bush which yesterday was so full of flowers has now been touched with frost and chill and now looks brown and dead. Is that a sign that roses will not bloom again another year? Life answers "Nay." One day the lightning flashed, the thunder rolled; a perfect tempest raged. And then, the sun burst forth and all the world seemed fresher for the rain.

And so life goes. It is God's plan to bring your life and mine into fruition. We reach our clumsy hands and mar the pattern. We pray—"God guide!" and then complain when something, not our own choosing, turns our step into a shadowed path where, for a space, no flowers are blooming, forgetting that our part is just to tread the tiny space of NOW where life has placed us. God's law, O heart, stands fast. It's back of sun and shower.

Through valley or on mountain top it lights the way. Only walk close to Life and let her trace its reading on your soul.

Forget it—and forgive it—this thing that hurts today. Tomorrow it may mean a clearer vision and a bigger life than you have dreamed of.

L. D. STEARNS.

## AN SOS TO ALL MEMBERS

Dear Comrades:

Yes, it is time for the annual Membership Campaign again; in fact the campaign should have started Nov. 1st and it will close July 15th; but we won't wait until the first of June to get busy about it, will we? You and I belong to many organizations, all worthy ones, I'm sure, and sometimes we wonder if the women are not over-organized. Maybe some folks are! We do believe with all our hearts that the one organization, the W. C. T. U., that majors in temperance ought not to be neglected for any other. Which one do you think would carry on our special work if we were to calmly quit? Not one would. Instead of failing to collect all dues and thus losing members, we are going to make an unusual effort to collect from all who paid last year and to look up former members who may not have paid for several years and invite them to come back and count as new members in this campaign. We want to make the North Dakota W. C. T. U. so strong in our state that our wishes and our efforts for good legislation and real law enforcement will be recognized and acted upon. The way to do it is to add many new members to our ranks. There are numerous women in every community who believe in our purpose and who could be of inestimable help if we would interest them to the point of joining our ranks. This year "LET'S GO GET THEM!"

The National Plan for this campaign centers around Home and Children. Those who win one new member are to be known as "Home Keepers." Those who win five are called "Home Sentinels" and those who win ten are "Home Guards." Names of those winning new members will be printed in the White Ribbon Bulletin and should be sent to me. I will send the ribbon awards to the winners. When a member has won as many as five new members her name will be sent to the Union Signal and will appear there. If any one in our state wins more than 20 she may be in line to be our Home Statesman, for the one who wins the most (and it must be at least 20) is to be so designated and will receive a beautiful flag pin.

Special attention is given this year to the organization of Loyal Temperance Legions in this campaign. If a woman shall organize and conduct a Home L. T. L. of not less than 5 dues paid members she shall be known as a Home Herald and will receive a certificate signed by the National Corresponding Secretary and the General Secretary of the L. T. L. A "Service Herald" is a woman who shall organize a Legion of at least 10 dues paid members; and she will receive a lovely small silk flag with a spear and base.

No part of our organization is more important than the L. T. L.; can we not have a number of Home Heralds and Service Heralds in North Dakota?

I have on hand leaflets that will be of help to you in winning new members, write to me for those you may want. They are titled as follows: 1. Home Protection; 2. What Does the Woman's Christian Temperance Union Offer the Christian Woman; 3. Continuing Need for the W. C. T. U.; 4. For the Woman Who Thinks; and 4. My Mother's Son. The last is a fine one to present to prospective Honorary members and we have been negligent in securing men members in our state. Men must sign the pledge and pay \$1 a year in order to become Honorary members. Their dues remain in the local treasury. Why not secure a number of Honoraries?

My address is Apt. 1, 1003 Ninth Ave. So., Fargo. I'll be glad to answer any questions and I hope to hear good news from you soon.

## MESSAGE FROM OUR PUBLICITY DIRECTOR

Dear Friends:

By the time you read this the work of preparing for winter and the holiday season will be over and I hope we can find time for some intensive publicity work.

As yet I have not received the plan of work for the coming year but understand, from plans adopted at the National convention, that it will be much like last year's plan; placing emphasis on contacts with editors and furnishing them with factual material regarding the liquor situation. Let us not be discouraged if our items are not published the first time but let us keep on sending them. It is not always possible for an editor to accept what is sent at that particular time.

Our World's President, Dr. Ella A. Boole, said in a publicity message: "It is the duty of the Press Department to interpret the work of the W. C. T. U. to the public. Too often this same public is ignorant of the temperance reform and of the activities of the W. C. T. U., etc. The Director of the Press Department holds a pivotal position—the best possible for the work."

Last year I sent national news releases to a number of women who sent in a request for them. I will be glad to do the same this year and think I shall be able to send more of them as they are coming in faster.

Reports from many states testify to an increasing attention paid to our organization's program by the press, and describe many incidents of special interest and importance.

I hope that each union has chosen a press director and that we may cooperate with every editor in the state by furnishing him material that is timely and reliable.

Sincerely yours,

NELLIE M. CROSS.  
Park River, N. D.

### CIGARETTE FIRES

A roaring fire at the War Department Munitions Building in Washington, D. C., destroyed a newly built fourth-floor addition, one night recently, and burned a mass of records, some of them secret, according to an Associated Press dispatch.

Secretary of the Navy Knox, whose department is a War Department neighbor, is quoted as saying that Secretary of War Stimson had expressed the belief that the fire, "unquestionably" was caused by a short circuit or a cigarette.

In the same dispatch Gen. George C. Marshall is quoted as saying that there have been a number of minor fires at the Department in recent months, most of them have been caused by cigarettes dropped on awnings.

This fire was so serious that General Marshall, Army Chief of Staff, took charge. About 200 machine gun troops were summoned from Fort Myer and some 400 infantrymen from the Arlington cantonment were rushed to the scene.

Cigarette makers boast how much in taxes they pay to the government, but they don't tell us how much the public suffers financially by fires caused by those same cigarettes.

At this date I have only the report from Fargo, as follows: Fargo Scandinavian "Home Keepers" Mrs. H. P. Halvorson, Mrs. Oscar Westlund, Mrs. Iver Fossum, Mrs. August Hanson. Fargo union's "Home Keepers": Mrs. G. E. Norris, Mrs. Alberta Lundhagen; Mrs. Frank Peters, Mrs. R. B. Reed, Mrs. Kate S. Wilder.

Loyally yours,

(MRS.) KATE S. WILDER,  
Chairman Membership Campaign.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

November 15 to December 15, 1940

DUES—Park River 16; Flasher 9; Wilton 1; Grand Forks 7; Hannah 9; Fargo Scan 8; Northwood 12; Bowsmont 15; Steele 7; Stanley 13; Underwood 18; Valley City 16; Larimore 4; Ellendale 11; Hettinger 6; Bismarck 2; Edinburg 10; Parshall 9; Dickey 6; Fargo 19.

BUDGET IN FULL — Larimore; Dickey; Fargo.

BUDGET IN PART — Park River; \$3.50; Flasher \$7.00; Grand Forks \$10.00; Valley City \$5.00; Bismarck \$10.00; Parshall \$13.00; Bucyrus \$13.00.

STATE REPORTS—Grand Forks Scan. 3; Dickey 2.

Mrs. Robert B. Reed, Treasurer, 1341 11th Ave N., Fargo, N. D.

## PERSONAL MENTION

EDGELEY met for the November Roll Call meeting at the home of the new president, Mrs. Belva Dunsden. Rev. Frank A. Rumer was the interesting speaker. All members paid dues. This union holds a prayer meeting each week.

ROCK LAKE had its Roll Call meeting at the home of Mrs. E. W. Spencer, the president, Mrs. C. A. Jahake, presiding. Devotions were led by Mrs. Walter Larson. A novel Bible guessing game was used. The scripture lesson was II Samuel, chapter 2 and Mrs. Larson led in prayer. The lesson for the day contained practical suggestions for a 100 per cent Roll Call and was given by Mrs. Chas. Langley. All members but two were present and all paid dues. The budget has been paid in full. Signers were secured for a letter to Will Hays, asking elimination of drinking scenes from moving pictures.

GRAND FORKS union held its December meeting at the home of state president, Mrs. Darling. Mrs. Geo. S. Muir, the new district president, was the speaker. Jane Hage, University student, gave a reading. Mrs. E. R. Fritch, president Valley City union, was an out of town guest. Grafton union invited Mrs. Darling to attend their Christmas party Friday evening, December 20.

OUR CONGRESSMAN, HON. USHER L. BURDICK, writes in answer to our inquiry: "I was present in the House when Mr. Guyer made his speech on the bill to prohibit alcoholic beverages at Army posts and I supported him." We thank Mr. Burdick.

ROGER BABSON'S total vote as presidential candidate of Prohibition Party, was in N. Dakota 325 votes, says the Secretary of State. Of these Ward county gave 25 votes, Cass, 17; McKenzie, 14; McLean and Walsh, each 13; Morton, 12; Mountrail and Burke, 11; Williams, Richland and Dickey, each 10; Grand Forks, 9 and Pembina county, 8. A vote cast for principle is never lost.

## KEEP YOUR MEMBERS AWAKE!

In other words, don't read a W. C. T. U. leaflet aloud at your union meeting, unless you are what we used to call an "elocutionist" and can make it so thrilling that people sit on the edge of their chairs to listen with their mouths open! Instead, study the leaflet in advance, be sure you understand it, tell it to yourself, at home, several times, then hide the leaflet and TELL IT to your union, as vivaciously as you can. Finally, to be sure you have kept your audience awake, ask some questions about what you have said.

## REPLY TO MRS. DARLING'S TELEGRAM

WAR DEPARTMENT  
The Adjutant General's Office  
Washington

November 29, 1940

Bessie M. Darling, President  
Woman's Christian  
Temperance Union  
Fargo, North Dakota

Dear Madam:

Your telegram of recent date, addressed to the President, has been referred to this office for acknowledgment and consideration of the request of your organization that the sale or gift of intoxicating liquors to men in the armed forces be prohibited.

War Department regulations and instructions have, for many years, prohibited the sale of or dealing in intoxicating liquors on any premises used for military purposes. Beverage containing one-half of one per cent or more of alcohol by volume, and not more than 3.2 per cent of alcohol by weight is not deemed intoxicating and the sale of such beverage is authorized by post exchanges located on military reservations, in any State or Territory whose laws permit such sales within its borders. The sale of such beverage is prohibited on reservations located within any State or Territory whose laws do not permit such sale within its borders.

It is beyond the scope of the War Department to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors outside of military areas and in connection with your request that legislation be enacted prohibiting the sale or gift thereof to men in uniform, it may be stated that in order to avoid embarrassment it is the policy of the Department to refrain from making recommendations regarding proposed legislation except to a committee of Congress, upon request therefor.

Possession of liquor by any person whether on or off a military reservation is governed, with the sanction of Federal law (U. S. C. 18-468), by the laws of the State, Territory or District in which the person lives or in which he may be temporarily located, subject, insofar as military reservations are concerned, to such post regulations as may be issued from time to time by local post commanders.

It is believed unwise to deny a soldier, during his few hours of leisure time, the privileges which are enjoyed by other citizens. Experience has proven that permitting the sale of beverages as indicated above has accomplished excellent results. It has encouraged military personnel to remain on the reservation (their home) and enjoy refreshments under conditions far better than exist and are available to them off the reservation.

It would be harmful to the men in the service to direct a prohibition against them that did not apply to other citizens. To do so would inevitably lead to intemperance. As the matter now stands, members of the Army not on military reservations are subject to the same laws, both Federal and State, that govern the conduct of other citizens. They are also subject to the ever present restriction that they must at no time do anything that will reflect discredit upon the service.

In recent years considerable success has been attained in the matter of control of the use of intoxicating liquors by military personnel through the whole-hearted cooperation of responsible citizens in the vicinity of military activities. This is not only true in the vicinity of permanent posts and stations but in the vicinity of maneuver areas and other points of concentration as well. This manner of control has been found to be far more effective than strict prohibition which furnishes a fertile field for

## MRS. FRISBIE'S LTL LETTER

A good New Years resolution would be one to organize an L. T. L. in your town. It would be good for the boys and girls, good for their parents, good for the community and last but not least it would be good for the local L. T. L. Leader. Yes, it would take some patience, some looking up information, and some time, but doesn't anything worth while take all three of these things? We just guarantee L. T. L. works to bear good, lasting dividends.

The Wise Bunnies is the name of a good L. T. L. play that may be had for ten cents—really can be used for two plays since the "Temperance" Mother Goose characters are included with the Bunnies. I can imagine we see some of our North Dakota boys wrinkling up their noses to imitate Racer, the funny boy Bunny and some little girl as she "fluffs out her fur" to represent Daisy, the girl rabbit. Alcohol in Court is a play for Intermediates and Grammar grades and can be used in connection with both Science and Hygiene.

Songs for Boys and Girls—Revised (The book is revised, not the boys and girls) has up-to-date songs that may be used in many places. The leaflet, The Words of My Mouth, is very fine. Object Lessons for the Teaching of Temperance (2 for 5 cents) had materials and pictures for good illustrations.

Let us all work together for a sober people, and make it a Happy New Year for the children!

MRS. ELNETTA FRISBIE.  
State L. T. L. Sec.

## FOR YOUR GIFT LIST

"The Just In The Middle Girl" is a new booklet for children introducing Anna A. Gordon, the girl who was "just in the middle" of her family and of many other things. Instead of sending cards to boys and girls of L. T. L. age at Easter or on their birthday, or next Christmas, why not give them these storybooks? (They cost only ten cents each).

If you have another dime, send it for the mother of the L. T. L. child or for any other woman friend—and send her Blanch Pennington's new booklet of milk recipes, "Thirst-Quenching—the Milky Way." Your friend will enjoy being the first one in her neighborhood to serve "Malted Quake" or "Maple Mall-O" or "Junk It" or "Simple Simon" or "Witches' Brew."

(If your State Headquarters does not have these booklets you can order them from National W. C. T. U. Publishing House, Evanston, Illinois).

## CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP

Dear Comrades:

This letter is inspired by an article in The Union Signal of Dec. 14, featuring The Lillian Stevens Legislative fund and presenting attractive pictures of our Nation's Capitol. Hence it would seem that the January meeting would logically feature the topic of Christian Citizenship. For additional topical material you will have received the department literature. Also in Union Signal of Sept. 7 you will find an excellent article—

bootleg operations.

Please be assured that the interest of the Women's Christian Temperance Union in the welfare of our armed forces is appreciated.

Very truly yours,  
Adams  
Major General  
The Adjutant General  
By HWM

(Editor's Note: While we cannot endorse all the statements in above letter, we pass it on to our readers that they may see the opinion of those in military command.)

## YOUTH'S TEMPERANCE COUNCIL

Congratulations to Northwood Y.T.C.

Mrs. Roy A. Holand, Associate Secretary Y. T. C., writes:

For the first time, in a long, long while, has the Youth's Temperance Council of North Dakota received the glad news it has recently. We have just been congratulated by Miss Cooper who says: "You are to be congratulated on being one of the FIVE Hold Fast states in the nation, according to the reports of the Youth's Temperance Council this year. This achievement means work and it is something we hope you will repeat indefinitely!"

In a second letter she writes: "It is a pleasure to announce that North Dakota is one of the states reporting a gain in both young men and young women members in Youth's Temperance Council for 1939-1940. We are greatly encouraged by this and hope it means continued growth."

Mrs. Holand continues: "Naturally all of us in Y. T. C. work want YTC in North Dakota to GROW and GROW. There are others too. We hope they will write us, boost us and lend a hand. With this distinction of having a Hold Fast Council, we salute that model Y. T. C. at Northwood. May we repeat it—and spread your influence, Northwood YTC! Please accept my congratulations and thank you for making the bulletin subscriptions awards possible. Six people in our state will receive and use them."

Congratulations from all of us, says the editor. We don't wonder Mrs. Holand is happy over this success by Northwood YTC. She organized them. And Mrs. O. J. Oswald, who helps them to carry on, writes of much enthusiasm, about 30 members now and fine officers. They are planning to pay their dues, will sell pop corn balls for Christmas and their next meeting was to be a Christmas party.

Would that other young people over the state may catch their spirit!

"Christian Citizenship at Its Best" We have been advised to have a brief current events discussion at every meeting. This feature could be expanded at the January meeting.

There is much more I would say, did space permit, without infringing on others, but I would like to pass on the thought advanced by Miss Harkness in Union Signal Dec. 7, in which she says: "As a pacifist I have frequently been disturbed by the implication that pacifism means passivism—a do-nothing policy. In this respect we could well discover that under the guise of tolerance, we have become the recipients of every evil under the sun. It is of significance that our government could have accepted the trade of \$26,000,000 worth of whiskey from Great Britain in exchange for our military airplanes. More recently the Canadian government has ordered an embargo on the "pulp" (trash) magazines, cigars and other non-essentials coming in from the United States. Perhaps the editorial comment of our National president, Mrs. Smith, in Dec. 14 Signal has some explanatory bearing on this situation—"No Hope If Women Fail the Country."

Cordially,  
Mrs. Geo. Campbell  
Minot, N. Dak.

You are more likely to fail in your career from acquiring the habit of drinking liquor than from any of the other temptations likely to assail you. I have known of but few exceptions to the rule.

—Andrew Carnegie.

## KEEP AMERICA'S DEFENSE EFFORT SOBER

To achieve its full defensive strength, the United States should chase liquor out of the army and navy. National Woman's Christian Temperance Union declared in a formal statement.

Replying to nation-wide requests that W. C. T. U. assume the leadership of efforts to keep America's defense effort sober, the annual meeting of the executive officers called "upon the citizens of our country to defend the young men now called to the defense of the nation from alcohol—an enemy which will undermine their health, their physical and mental facilities, their efficiency, and thus unfit them for the task for which they are called and which they gladly assume."

"Alcohol in smallest quantities affects the brain, hence skill and mental acumen are impaired. These qualities are more highly important today in a defense program than ever before. The man who pilots the plane, the man who operates an anti-aircraft gun, the man who gives the orders, must be mentally alert with a brain not dulled by alcohol.

"The fall of the French Republic is the present warning to us. The official report of the Council of Ministers of the Vichy government ascribed its fall to the use of liquor in the army during the inactive months of the past winter. The Council reported that, in one hospital alone during the month of January, 1940, there were 1814 cases of delirium tremens.

"On the other hand, Germany declares that to conquer the world their army must abstain from alcohol.

"The fine legislation which protected the American army in 1917 and 1918 has been repealed. The distillers, brewers and the vintners now have a free field.

"For the protection of our country, the defense of our institutions . . . is to protect the men in uniform from the use of alcoholic liquors.

"We call upon all patriots who earnestly wish to see the United States protect its citizenry, to unite in an effort to secure legislation and the issuance of regulations to secure the accomplishment of the purpose for which our men have been called to service—defense of this country from foreign aggression."

—From National W. C. T. U., Evanston, Ill.

## THE WORLD WIDE FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

The present unspeakable situation in our world today calls for united prayer on the part of all those who believe in prayer. "Prayer changes things and it changes us. What would happen if millions really prayed?"

If they would really pray, a stronger bond of fellowship among Christians around the world would result. The flood gates of spiritual power would be opened and surprising changes would take place. If there was ever a time when all Christians everywhere should girdle the globe with prayer, that time is now.

Each one who enrolls in the World-Wide Fellowship of Prayer is asked to pray daily, including a petition for the three things indicated:

My own life and work that both may be acceptable to God.

A word-wide revival of Christianity, beginning in my own country.

The ending of war and the establishment of a righteous peace.

Over 15,000 in America have enrolled in this prayer fellowship already. In Great Britain a Fellowship of Prayer has been going on for some time. Over two million have enrolled to pray daily for definite things. This

## DRUNK DRIVERS FACE LOSS OF INSURANCE

By Nellie M. Cross in Drayton Leader

### Survey Shows Companies Are Bar-tering Them As Toll Increases

The above headlines topping an article in the Chicago Daily News of November 2, by Frank L. Bowen, insurance editor, are further evidence of the drain imposed on insurance companies by the drinker, which was discussed in the November 2 Union Signal.

In the article Mr. Bowen says in part:

"Insurance companies are adopting sterner methods of dealing with the tragic problem of drunken automobile drivers. They are now declaring that such persons shall not be allowed to buy insurance.

This will mean that soon the drinking driver may get drunk, or just comfortably 'soused' in barroom parlance, but he will no longer be a drunken driver, or even a drinking driver, because under our financial responsibility automobile law, he will not be permitted to drive a car unless he has public liability and property damage insurance.

"Such an ultimatum is confronting many of the good fellows who are in the habit of carousing in taverns or night clubs half or three quarters of the night and then driving home early in the morning—the period in which most of the terrible traffic smashups and killings take place.

"A large part of the appalling traffic accident toll, in which about 30,000 are killed and 300,000 are maimed or badly injured each year, occur largely in the small hours of the morning. Nearly all of these are due to impairment of the drivers' faculties by intoxicants.

"Many of these drivers are not drunk, but they are not in a condition to operate a huge deadly weapon, such as the automobile becomes in the hands of a man or woman whose mental state and physical condition are not geared to their best pitch.

"Insurance companies have been meeting with rapidly increasing costs as a result of accidents due to drinking drivers."

### Food That Goes Into Beer Won't Feed Cattle

When Robert Hudson, British Minister of Agriculture, was addressing farmers and asking them to produce a maximum from the land in the coming year and warning that "we shall have to do things no one contemplated in the last war," he was reminded by a farmer delegate, says the Ontario (Canada) Temperance Advocate, that if Britain would cut her alcoholic consumption in half, it would save 400,000 tons of food stuff for cattle.

## NOT A "NICE" WORD

When you were little, you were warned not to use certain words because they weren't "nice", and you were told that you might use other words instead. Similarly, in the promotion of W. C. T. U. literature we avoid a certain word, not because it is a naughty word in itself, but because it does not always say what it means, and that isn't the fault of the word, but of the people who use it carelessly. The word is distribute." Whenever you are tempted to say that you "distribute" W. C. T. U. literature, check yourself, and use one of these substitutes, whichever is correct, "sell" or give away." Then your listeners will have accurate understanding of what you are doing.

is a concerted effort to interest and enlist the total membership of the Church. It is a mobilization of spiritual forces around the world.

## PROHIBITION IS COMING BACK

by Ethel Hubler

With a clean-cut issue before them the people of Oklahoma at the general election proved that they were not asleep. They called upon God for help. Then they organized their forces. They worked individually as if the whole burden of the state-wide campaign was upon their shoulders. And the result is the retention of their state prohibition law. The result is a victory by a majority of over 84,000 votes. God bless these leaders and the Christian patriot of the great state of Oklahoma.

This victory will add unmeasured impetus to the nation-wide battle ahead. As we think of the battle put forth by the Oklahomans these past weeks we feel like singing, "Praise God from Whom all Blessing Flow." This is more evidence of the fact that PROHIBITION IS COMING BACK.

Not only are we rejoicing over Oklahoma's turning her back on the repealists, and by such a large majority, but we are also remembering that South Carolina at primaries did the same thing. This Southern state, by a majority of nearly 52,000 gave a mandate to the Legislature of 1941 to do something with the traffic in South Carolina. The legislature, elected by "the folks back home" cannot brush aside this majority against the liquor traffic. They must act.

Happy we were a week ago to record that Kentucky had listed another county in the dry column. This makes fifty counties, now, out of 120 counties in this Southern state, the greatest whisky producing state in the nation that have voted to ban booze.

Persons County, North Carolina, has voted against state liquor stores.

The United States Treasury in a report tells us that beer sales decreased in July 533,000 barrels. This is 16,523,000 gallons of "suds" that the American people didn't drink during the month of July, 1940. Another thing, eight breweries closed their doors on July.

Calhoun County, W. Va., voted out liquor stores recently by a two to one majority.

A proposal by the wets of Juneau, Alaska, that the territory take over the control of liquor stores was defeated by a large majority. There were 2282 votes cast in favor and 5839 against the proposal.

Brooks County, Ga., which went wet two years ago is now in the dry column by a three to one vote.

The tide is turning, and there is much for encouragement at this time. Awake, oh thou that sleepest, for prohibition is coming back.

Tuscaloosa and Monroe counties, in Alabama are two of the latest to turn down the repealists and this now makes 44 dry counties in Alabama with only 23 wet ones.

It was Congressman Edward Rees of Kansas who said, "Let me suggest again that it is a scar upon the character of our country that we resort to the collection of taxes upon this product. We ought to outlaw it."

We are outlawing it  
Los Angeles, California.

## WHAT DOES AMERICA HAVE TO DEFEND?

A spiritual heritage, the most precious gift from our forefathers.

A people's government, conceived by a heroic men determined to be free.

A great people, over 132,000,000 souls of many races and creeds.

A vast wealth, found in our natural resources from sea to sea.

A hopeful future, to leave to our children and to generations unborn.  
—Journal of International Education Association.

## A COMRADE PROMOTED

Mrs. Fred C. Thomas, beloved and faithful member of the Edgeley union, was called to her heavenly home Oct. 29 from Greeley, Colorado where she had gone to spend the winter. Mrs. Thomas had lived at different times in Valley City and Mandan as well as Edgeley and had warm friends wherever she was. She was a choice Christian character and her correspondence was a delight to the writer. "They are not dead who live in hearts they leave behind. In those whom they have blessed They live a life again, And shall live through the years Eternal life, and grow each day More beautiful, as time declares their good Forgets the rest and proves Their immortality."

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