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LIBERTY BELL

Ring out once more across the world
Of harsh and futile strife;
Ring out and fill our hearts with
dreams
That are the breath of life;
Ring out and make us see again
The brightly gleaming star
That we have lost amid the gloom
As we have wandered far,
From ways wherein our fathers fared
To find their shining goals,
For we are groping through the dark
With anguish in our souls.
Ring out across the hills and plains;
Ring out across the seas;
Ring out and make us know again
The old simplicities,
That gave our sturdy fathers strength
To make their dreams come true,
As they shaped in the wilderness
A nation nobly new.
Ring out, and lead our stumbling feet
From ways where gray ghosts
nod,
To paths our fathers humbly walked
With faith in man and God.
—Edgar Daniel Kramer.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Happy New Year Greetings to all. May it be a Happy New Year of service in our great cause. Our hearts are saddened by our nation's entrance into the present world conflict. We pledge anew our allegiance, loyalty and cooperation to our country in this crisis and we pray God's blessing and divine leadership upon those in authority that they may guide the destiny of our country. It is a time for steadfast faith and courage. It is a time to stand by our leaders. Let us also pray that these leaders may see the danger to our country in the legalized liquor traffic. Beverage alcohol is always a foe of men, in war or in peace. At this time more than ever we need clear minds, steady hands, strong bodies and mental alertness. If the Christian people of our nation can be awakened to their responsibilities, and do their duty as citizens, much can be done to safeguard our country and its defenders from the evil effects of beverage alcohol, in this critical time. It is the major task of our organization and of every one of us as individual members, to help awaken the Christian people. How shall it be done?
A great opportunity presents itself in our membership drive. Let every church woman be invited to join and help in the fight for sobriety and decency. At our National convention it was suggested that every W.C.T.U. member find a young woman who has become of age since 1929, win her as a member. Not only secure her membership (pledge and dues) but acquaint her with the principles and ideals of our organization and give her something to do. That would insure a future for our organization. One local president wrote me recently that several daughters of active mem-

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The year is closed, the record made,
The last deed done, the last word said.
The memory alone remains
Of all its joys, its griefs, its gains.
And now with purpose full and clear
We turn to meet another year.
The story of the past is told;
The future may be writ in gold.

—Adapted from Browning.

bers had joined their local union at the November Roll Call meeting. What a splendid start for a new year. Come one, come all, let us follow the leader.

If we are proud of North Dakota as a state, what about our state star stories? Our national corresponding secretary, Mrs. DeYo has fittingly called our membership drive, "Stars in Old Glory" and has asked members to write a story about their own state star in the blue field. North Dakota was the 39th state admitted to the union. Will you search for information in regard to the early history of our state then write a story of not more than 1000 words or less than 500? Read a detailed plan elsewhere in this issue. Stories must be in the hands of local judges by March 15th (Local judges should preferably consist of a lawyer, minister and a WCTU woman) after which the winning story is to be mailed to the district. The winning district story must reach the state by May 1st, the winning state story must reach National by May 15th. Let us get behind this project and tell the nation how proud we are of our own beloved state of North Dakota. In the meantime let us go out and win new members for our own great cause. Let us be stars of HOPE, FAITH and LOYALTY.

We have another great opportunity in meeting our financial obligations so that our educational work may go on unhampered. I have been sadly disappointed in the response to the "Second Mile" project. At the rate we are going, we can not make up the deficit and thus our work will be curtailed. If we are tempted to think this part of work is burdensome let us remember that it makes possible the promotion of our educational work that will safeguard the little feet that are following us along life's pathway. In that way we are building health and character—the two objectives of the present age. A strong and healthy nation of fine noble citizens will help to build a better world for tomorrow.

We have a great opportunity in observing all Red Letter days with ap-

propriate and interesting programs. Invite all church women to these meetings thus acquainting them with the different phases of our work. There is a place for every woman in our work. Observe every Temperance Sunday in the Sunday Schools of your community. Remember the children of today will be the voters of tomorrow. Cooperate also with the teachers in our public schools, supplying them with Miss Palmer's latest edition of Syllabus in Alcohol Education and with other literature on the subject. Let us see that our children get the right instruction on "What Alcohol Is and What It Does."

The holding of medal contests is another educational work that should be done in every community. These may well furnish the evening meeting of your local institute. Work should be started immediately for local contests.

See the number of schools in our state that have used our Motion Pictures for educational work in the schools. You will find it in another column in this issue.

As we face this crucial time in our nation's history, let us do our part in civilian defense work. I would especially emphasize that each union appoint a Red Cross chairman and that each member assist in the work. Cooperate with the U. S. O. in helping our boys who are in the army, navy, marines. Each union should keep closely in touch with the boys from their own communities.

So with God's help we take up the work in this new year of 1942 and with His help we WILL succeed "some glad day."

Frances Ridley Havergal says:
Standing at the portals of the opening year,
Words of comfort meet us, hushing every fear;
Spoken through the silence by our Father's voice,
Tender, strong, and faithful, making us rejoice.

"I, the Lord, am with thee; be thou not afraid!
I will keep and strengthen; be thou

The Power And The Glory

Though flood and fire sweep the old earth's sod
And raging wars and evils wreck its calm,
Still through the awful tumult there is God,
Our glorious world within His up-raised palm.
Among the journeying stars, the moon, the sun,
That have not failed because of that great night,
With other pilgrim planets we are one
Held in His hand, kept in His steadfast sight.
Why should our hearts be clutched with fear today?
No force at all can pluck us from God's hand.
Year after year we take our destined way
Along the paths Omnipotence has planned;
Nothing can stay us, war nor flood nor gale.
Above the clamor like a trumpet blown
There sounds a golden voice; "Ye can not fail,
High in my lifted hand I hold my own."
—Grace Noll Crowell.

MOTION PICTURES

Motion Picture Bureau reports that the following have ordered these pictures for use in their schools. Dates they are to be used are also given:
Minot Senior High School—A Family Affair—Oct. 13-15, 1941
Wahpeton Schools—A Family Affair—Nov. 11, 1941
Wahpeton Schools—Pay-Off—Dec. 2, 1941
Abercrombie Schools—Pay-Off—Jan. 16, 1942
Rugby Schools—A Family Affair—Jan. 16, 1942
Abercrombie Schools—A Family Affair—Jan. 16, 1942
Abercrombie Schools—Beneficent Reprobate—Jan. 23, 1942
Tioga Schools—Pay-Off—Jan. 22, 1942
Fargo Agassiz Junior High School—Pay-Off—Jan. 22, 1942
York City Schools—A Family Affair—Jan. 27, 1942
York City Schools—Pay-Off—Jan. 27, 1942

not dismayed!
Yea, I will uphold thee with mine own right hand,
Thou art called and chosen in my sight to stand!"
He will never fail us; He will not forsake,
His eternal covenant He will never break,
Resting on His promise, what have we to fear?
God is all-sufficient for the coming year.
Faithfully and sincerely yours,
BESSIE M. DARLING.

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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."

PRAYER

O praying one, who long has prayed,
And yet no answer heard,
Hast thou been sometimes half afraid
God might not keep His word?
Seems prayer to fall on deafened ears?
Does heaven seem blind and dumb?

Is hope deferred? Believe—believe—
The answer-time will come!

God heard thee—He hath not forgot;
Faith shall at length prevail!
Yea—know it! Not one smallest jot
Of all His Word can fail.

For if thou truly has believed,
Not vain hath been thy prayer!
As God is true, thy hope shall come—
Sometime, some way, somewhere.
—Margaret Collett
in Free Methodist.

A THOUGHT FOR THE NEW YEAR

While at the Lander convention we visited "The Sinks" south of town, where the waters from a living, rushing creek disappear in the base of a mountain . . . and also the grave of Sacajawea, "The Bird Woman," whose living spirit goes marching down the avenues of time as deathless as the empire she helped to create. A living stream disappearing forever and a dead woman living forever . . . Sacajawea lived, led, left her imprint upon the lives and hearts of millions of Americans. What of you in the year that lies before us . . . will you be as the living stream, filled with power, vibrant with the breath of God, content to let your days sink into an unknown void, or will your spirit march forth, leading little children into paths of usefulness and righteousness, shaping the destiny of untold numbers of lives in your community? March forth, deathless, undaunted, refusing to heed fatigue or discouragement, patiently bearing your lot, doing your part, helping to bring to earth that empire—no more visionary today than was the Northwest Empire when Sacajawea guided Lewis and Clark . . . that empire of which the Babe of Bethlehem shall be the King and Lord. Shall not we, intelligent, enlightened Christians, be found as faithful as that unlettered, timorous Shoshone girl so long ago . . . ? Be ye steadfast.

—Wyoming W. C. T. U. Bulletin.

NOTES FROM THE UNIONS

MRS. C. F. PLUMMER writes that the Minnewaukan union sends a box of toys to the Children's ward at the San Haven Sanatorium each year in December.

IN SPITE OF BAD ROADS, early snow and cold weather, as many as possible of the widely scattered membership of the Stady-Zahl union met in November at the home of the president, Mrs. P. J. Foss. Refusing to

yield to discouragement, they expect to be a Holdfast union, and hope for an increased membership.

THE EDGELEY AND DICKEY UNIONS held a joint meeting in October at the Methodist parsonage home of the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Pat Durbin. Mrs. N. O. Larson led the devotions, Mr. Durbin gave two vocal solos, and Mrs. E. A. Scea offered prayer. The main feature of the meeting was the excellent report of the state convention given by the district president, Mrs. J. A. Youngman. The Edgeley union observed the November Roll Call, holding the meeting at the home of the local president, Mrs. Belva Dunsdon.

FLASHER UNION has purchased posters to be displayed where school children will see them, changing the posters at intervals. They have also given a W. C. T. U. calendar to each school in that vicinity.

CALVIN UNION has purchased a film slide, "To Drink or Not to Drink" to be shown in the schools there by using the projector which the state W. C. T. U. bought last year.

WE ARE DELIGHTED to report the organization of a new Loyal Temperance Legion at Bowesmont through the efforts of Mrs. Barbara H. Wylie. Speaking to the primary and intermediate grades of the public school, she told them of Frances Willard, and made her story so interesting that a number of the boys and girls have come to her home asking to see the large picture of Miss Willard of which she told them. Leaders of the L. T. L. are Mrs. Thelma Allen and Miss Dorothy Brosseau, teachers of the grades.

AT A RECENT MEETING of the Northwest union it was decided to send boxes to the soldier boys, and to entertain lonely people at the hospital and the Old People's Home.

THE NORTHWOOD L. T. L. was reorganized with a fine Christmas party, and the 51 paid members plan to meet twice a month to catch up on the things they wish to do. Besides their regular lessons, they work the Humane, Flower Mission and Publicity departments, and they have a newspaper of their own, called "The Echo." Miss Ida Thingstad is the leader.

MRS. R. E. TAYLOR, president of the Northwest district, wonders how many unions are keeping step with Fortuna. Under date of November 23 she writes: "Here is the standing of the Fortuna union, of which Mrs. S. A. Garber is president. Their budget is paid in full as reported in the November WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN; dues have been paid for 114 members, (a gain of three over last year) which makes Fortuna a Holdfast and a Fruitful union. Also 96 points toward becoming a Banner union are now earned, and when present plans are carried out, that title will also be theirs." Who is keeping up with this pace?

MRS. P. O. LAURHAMMER of Edinburg, reporting their dues-paying meeting held lately at the home of Mrs. Halverson, sends the following helpful quotation: "Only in God is there hope and strength today. He gives His children the skill necessary to walk the straight and narrow, a path of righteousness with a conscience undefiled."

ATTENTION! State Directors

Have you read the STANDARD OF EFFICIENCY on page 4 of the State Report? What about those letters for the WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN, you who have not sent them in?

PERSONAL MENTION

LETTERS FROM MRS. P. J. FOSS of the Stady-Zahl union and Mrs. S. A. Garber of Fortuna tell of heavy snows and blizzard weather about Thanksgiving time, which interfered with scheduled meetings.

MRS. BESSIE M. DARLING, state president, made visits to Finley and Hatton the last week of November, in the interests of the work. Women from Sharon attended the meeting in Finley.

MRS. ELIZABETH PRESTON ANDERSON writes that her grandson "Jimmie," only surviving child of the late Cuyler Anderson, was seriously injured November 25 when the auto in which he was riding was crowded off the road by two trucks which were racing. The young man will be confined to his bed for several weeks, as he suffered a broken pelvis. He is in a hospital at Santa Barbara, Calif., where he has been working on a newspaper. Many of our women will hear this with regret, remembering that as a lad of ten years he served as page for the state convention held in Valley City. In the same church where thirteen years before his young soldier father had sung "Lest We Forget" for the convention of 1917, young Jimmie carried our messages. We all hope that he will make a complete recovery as promptly as possible.

QUIZ ON THE STATE REPORT

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3. What was the balance in the state treasury when the books closed Sept. 10, 1941? p. 29.
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 36. Who is state L. T. L. Secretary? p. 2.
- (You can think of more questions to add; let us learn what is in our book.)

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S CORNER

TOPICAL PROGRAMS FOR 1942 are now ready for you and a supply is on hand at Headquarters awaiting word as to how many your Union needs. Each member of a Union should have one of these.

The program committee of your W.C.T.U. (as I have said several times before) would do well to have the TOPICAL PROGRAM PACKET—leaflets and helps in preparing the programs. There are some of these packets at Headquarters—60c a packet and well worth it.

ALBERTA W. LUNDHAGEN,
Corresponding Secretary.

IN MEMORIAM

"'Tis hard to take the burden up
Where these have laid it down;
They brightened all the joys of life,
They softened every frown;
But oh, 'tis good to think of them
When we are troubled sore;
Thanks be to God that such have been
Though they are here no more."

EARL R. POMEROY, husband of the State Director of Flower Mission and Relief, was called Home Sunday November 30. Though he had not been well for years, his death from bronchial pneumonia was unexpected. He will be greatly missed by his devoted wife and family.

MINNEWAUKAN UNION mourns the loss of one of its pioneer members, Mrs. William Humphrey, who passed away Sunday morning November 16. Mrs. Humphrey had been active in local work until her recent illness, and was District director of Social Morality for a number of years. She also had been Juvenile Officer of Benson County under Judge Buttz for fifteen years.

MRS. KRISTI HAMMERSTAD, mother of Mrs. John Evenson of the Edinburg union, was called to higher service recently. Mrs. Hammerstad was one of the pioneers of Tiber township, Walsh county, and was an active worker in her church from its beginning.

MRS. MARGARET SHAND of Cray is bereaved by the passing of her husband John R. Shand, a few weeks ago. Mrs. Shand, Life Member of the N. D. W. C. T. U. since 1918, was an active worker in the old First District.

The deepest sympathy is extended to all relatives of these friends.

"A good thing to remember
And a better thing to do,
Is work with the construction gang
And not the wrecking crew."

TREASURER'S REPORT

November 15-December 15

STATE DUES—Bucyrus 13, Valley City 10, Grand Forks 13, Northwood 18, Flasher 11, Minot 16, Park River 10, Ellendale 9, Stanley 11, Parshall 11, Makoti 1, Alamo 10, Larimore 13, Rocklake 8, Fargo Scandinavian 31, Crosby 3, Sawyer 16, Underwood 13, Bismarck 11, Williston 8, Northwood 7, Mott 6, Powers Lake 5, Fargo 13, Mencken 6, Grafton 20.

BUDGET—Flasher \$7.50, Minot \$16, Park River \$10.00, Parshall \$11.00, Larimore \$32.00, Fargo Scandinavian \$25.00, Prosper \$22.00, Williston \$13.00, Drayton \$6.36, Northwood \$33.00, Fargo \$20, Wild Rose \$5.00, Ellendale \$12.00, Grafton \$25.00.

Through an oversight, the Grand Forks Union failed to receive credit for a ten dollar contribution to the budget which should have been reported in the November issue, and which makes a total of \$25.00 to the budget from Grand Forks Union. Again the treasurer asks for your patience until the work becomes a bit more familiar.

SECOND MILE PROJECT—Valley City \$5.00, Minot \$3.00, Stanley \$3.00, Larimore \$5.00, Sawyer \$3.00, Bismarck \$3.00, Drayton \$6.00, Williston \$6.50, Northwood \$3.00, Powers Lake \$3.00, Mencken \$2.50, Grafton \$3.00, Gilby \$3.00.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO UNION SIGNAL, Northwood 2.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO YOUNG CRUSADER, Northwood 2.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN 3.

STATE REPORTS—\$2.25.

DISTRICT PLEDGE—Northwest District 5.00.

It is encouraging to find such a large number of unions observing November as Roll Call month. There has also been a fine response to the appeal for the "Second Mile Fund." We presume that all of you know that money sent for this purpose replaces a loan made on our savings account to bring us out of the red last year. Other unions will want a share in this during the year.

Next month an Honor Roll will be printed of all unions having completed their budget in full. How about it, local treasurers, can you get your union on the list? "A word to the wise is sufficient."

MRS. IVER FOSSUM,
Treasurer.

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

The following names have been sent to your state membership chairman as having gained one or more new members. Other new members have been added, but have not been reported. If you have won a new member please see that your name is sent to Mrs. Iver Fossum, so that all unions may be represented in the membership campaign.

Stars of Hope—Those bringing in one to five new members:

Bucyrus—Mrs. Clifford Ordway
Ellendale—Mrs. E. E. Clarke 2
Fargo—Mrs. C. E. Webster 2
Fargo—Mrs. Jessie Potter 2
Fargo—Mrs. Frank Peters
Fargo Scan.—Mrs. Ila Brudevold
Fargo Scan.—Mrs. Iver Fossum
Fargo Scan.—Mrs. August Hanson
Fargo Scan.—Mrs. J. O. Westlund
Fargo Scan.—Mrs. Oscar Westlund
Flasher—Mrs. Phillip Stolter
Larimore—Mrs. Parnell Bates
Larimore—Mrs. Henry Dean
Minot—Mrs. C. F. Truax
Minot—Mrs. E. N. Ellithorpe
Northwood—Mrs. S. H. Njaa
Sawyer—Mrs. Martin Reinholdt 2
Grafton—Mrs. A. M. Herbison 2

Has the "Story of the Star" contest been presented in your union? If not ask your treasurer about it. Complete instructions appeared in your White Ribbon Bulletin last

month. The dates when your story should be in are as follows: To the judges in your local union, March 15th; to the judges in the District April 15th; to the judges in the state, May 1st. The winning story will be sent to National Headquarters May 15th. Who will have the distinction of having her story in the national contest?

With all good wishes for success,
MRS. IVER FOSSUM,
Membership Chairman.

SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE INSTRUCTION

Jamestown, N. D., Dec. 9, 1941
Dear Co-workers:

I have waited to receive the State Report with its addresses for this year before sending out my helps and Plan of Work. I am sure that you have gone ahead with work in public schools, Sunday schools and L. T. L.'s, as I hope you have kept in your files as I suggested, your Plans of Work by our National Director, Bertha R. Palmer. If you have them, read again the March Messages of 1939, 1940 and 1941, and try by every means possible, to interest the church people, club members and other adults in a talk on "The Need of the Hour," copy of which I am mailing you. Commence talking now about our coming March Message.

This year we are urging unions to give books as prizes for Essay and Poster Contests, asking the winners to present the books, later, to their school libraries, in their own names. The winners of essay prizes should be given the honor of reading their compositions at P. T. A. or other public gatherings. When cash prizes are given, the student is apt to work for the money, not for a desire to learn facts; and as only one or two can receive prizes, all others are disappointed. A book is something all can share. We urge as this year's project, that unions aid schools in securing books for a Temperance shelf—biographies, books on Alcohol Education and Temperance stories.

Again I ask each S. T. I. director or president of union to send for the latest catalogue of the National W. C. T. U. Publishing House, Evanston, Ill. We have splendid literature, some free and all reasonably priced, which should be in circulation to bring inspiration and information to yourselves and others. This is a busy time, but right after the holidays is a good time to make a fresh start.

During these troubled days, always keep in mind that our children and young people are our greatest asset, and that by example and precept we must do all that we can to keep them "pure and undefiled." I send you my belated "Thank You" for the many kindly greetings sent me from district conventions. May our Father's richest blessings be yours, and may we be continually in prayer for Peace, and for protection for our boys in army camps and in battles. Let us pray for the boys of all nations.

I cannot say "Merry Christmas," but we have much to be thankful for, and we must bravely carry on, in His strength.

With much love,
MRS. FRED M. WANNER,
Director.

LOYAL TEMPERANCE LEGION

The Best Defense Is Total Abstinence.

If we truly believe that Total Abstinence is the Best Defense we will do our best to teach the boys and girls the harmful effects of drinking alcohol and smoking. The other day a boy asked "Is there really alcohol in beer?" My mother wants to know. She said if there is alcohol in beer we can't have any more at our house." There are sincere parents who have

not thought and who have not realized that a large number of drunkards started with drinking beer and wine. The L. T. L. studies and stories bring out the place where alcohol is found and the harmful effects. The stories tell of live, present-day children and the problems they may meet in their school and social life.

We wish to welcome a new L. T. L. organized at Bowsmont. Two of the public school teachers will be the adult Leaders. Leaders' pins have been sent to them and pins for each child have been ordered by Mrs. Wylie. We are so glad for this fine group.

May the New Year bring Peace and Good Will.

MRS. J. W. FRISBIE,
Secretary.

JUST BETWEEN OURSELVES

I want to thank all of you who have helped me with contributions for the paper, and with encouragement. I regret that the December issue was delayed. Have you noticed that material should reach me by the 18th of the month? Now Christmas is in the air, and children are practicing for school and church programs; stores are gaily decorated and business seems brisk. Yet the grim fact of war has dimmed the brightness of the season; we all feel the tension, and though we have not had the black-out here, every community knows anxiety or grief for those who are in the armed forces. God keep our boys!

In this issue of the paper, considerable emphasis is placed upon the Membership Campaign now in progress, and the plans that go with it. They are worth your study. You are not asking a favor of anyone when you invite her to join; you are giving her an opportunity to help in a splendid cause. It is a good thing for a woman to find some helpful work aside from her daily duties, while she is young. In our diverse program, everyone can find a congenial task. Ask the young women to join.

The New Year comes, less cheerful than the last, but hope is still ours. Most of us can face hardship for ourselves better than for our loved ones; but what a blessed thing it is to know that there can be no shortage of the love of God. As the years go by, some of us feel the weight of their in lessened strength. Austin Dobson puts it tersely thus:

"Time goes, you say? Ah no!

"Alas, time stays, we go."

Yet we must never allow ourselves to think that because of this we can no longer help with the work and should drop out; there is always something we can do. Mrs. Barbara H. Wylie is an example to us all; in spite of handicaps she carries the torch and has just helped start a new L. T. L. Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson used to say, "I wish we had a thousand women in North Dakota who would pay their dues, wear the white ribbon and pray for our work. If they were not able to do another thing, that would help immeasurably." If you are one whose ability to work is curtailed by advancing years, remember that your prayers may be the greatest help that you have ever given. The late Mrs. R. M. Pollock once said that she could never understand how anyone having once pinned on the white ribbon could ever be willing to take it off, and that is my own feeling. If the day should come to me, as it has to better women, when I am no longer able to pay my dues, I hope someone will love me enough to pay them for me. Then I can say, "The line shall not break where I stand," as long as I have any mind left. Youth has no monopoly upon spiritual gifts; ask the young women to join, but ask the older ones too!

Years ago a fine woman said to me, "I suppose I am too old for this work." After assuring her that no one was too old, I wrote the following verses, which once appeared in this paper. Perhaps some may like them again.

THE NEW MEMBER

"I am too old," she said.
"My eyes are growing dim, my step is slow;
And often when you meet, I could not go.
I could not help the work at all" she said.

"No, I'm too old to take,
But oh, if this had been when I was young,
How willingly my hands, my feet, my tongue
I would have used to help you for His sake!"

"No, not too old," I said,
And pinned the small white bow upon her breast:

"Your prayers can help us more than all the rest."

"Yes, I will pray—oh, I will pray," she said.

—Elizabeth C. Beasley.

ANNIVERSARY

When January 16th arrives, our temperance people will recall the loss sustained this year in the passing of Senator Morris Sheppard. It would be a good time to write our senators again about S.860, the bill to protect soldiers from liquor and vice, which Senator Sheppard introduced some time before his death. The following tribute is from the Southern California White Ribbon:

SENATOR MORRIS SHEPPARD

Like Abraham, Senator Sheppard was "the friend of God," and so the champion of every righteous cause. National prohibition has lost its most valiant defender, its greatest champion in the United States. The W. C. T. U. has lost an able and faithful friend.

As Senator Sheppard, year after year, spoke eloquently and earnestly on January 16th, the anniversary of the adoption of the 18th amendment, for the prohibition cause, he was not doing so because it was politically popular nor because he thought it would make votes "back home;" but from the deep conviction of his soul.

He was the dean of the United States Senate, having served in Congress 38 years and was universally honored and beloved.

THE SIGNAL LIGHTS

By Edgar A. Guest

"It was well you stopped when the red light flashed," she said as we drove along.

"For an officer stood on the corner there, in charge of the traffic throng."

And I smiled, and said to my daughter fair as we waited on the spot,

"I always stop when the red light shows, be an officer there or not."

Then she sat in thought as we drove along, and suddenly she said,

"There ought to be lights for us all through life—the amber, the green and the red."

"What a help 't would be if a red light flashed when danger and shame were near,

"And we all might wait until the green light came to show that the road was clear."

"My dear," said I, "we have tried to light life's road for your feet to fare,
"And we pray you'll stop when the red light glows, though none of us may be there.

"We have tried to teach you the signs of wrong and the way to a life serene.

"So stop when your conscience post shows red, and go when it flashes green."

"I KNOW MY ONIONS"

For thirty years North Dakota was my home. During that period the larger portion of our prairies was broken and brought under cultivation. It took strong, heavy steel plows and plenty of horse power to cut the roots and fibers of just grass and turn over the sod.

And it will take a strong unbending will and oceans of power to cut the roots and fibers of the liquor traffic with which it has taken possession of our American life through only nine years of repeal. How come?

From 1920, when the 18th Amendment became an assured fact, to 1932, when repeal carried, our land was thoroughly seeded down—as we would say in North Dakota—by the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment (A. A. P. A.), a company of 250 millionaires and multimillionaires. The object was explained by Irene duPont in a hearing in Congress—"A tax on beer would save my company \$10,000,000 a year," so "Beer will pay your taxes"—the slogan that brought repeal. According to Repeal Associates, repeal cost them \$4,120,000. How much more the brewers and distillers of Europe and Canada contributed I have no way of knowing.

These seedlings showed above ground just 34 days after the presidential inauguration of 1933, and Jack and the bean stalk has nothing on the traffic from that day on.

At a convention of the Distilled Spirits Rectifiers in Chicago when repeal was very young, these suggestions were adopted as to how to make repeal a success. "Make America liquor conscious. Teach American women to drink. Invite them to your bars and tap rooms. Make youth liquor conscious. Cultivate the public. Develop and cement cooperation with the local newspaper. Remember the local paper is your key to sales, because it goes direct into the home."

Have they succeeded? As evidence of their success: We are manufacturing rum in the Virgin Islands. Liquor is sold in our noble Capitol. Its roots are deep in Congress. "If you have a pleasing personality you can probably get a drink in about one-half of the law makers' offices on the Hill." (Harlan Miller in The Boston Traveler.)

Further evidence. In 1901, the Anti-Canteen Act barred liquor from camps, officers' clubs or any place on military reservations. In 1917, the War Act specified: "It shall be unlawful to sell any intoxicating liquors, including beer, ale or wine, to any officer or member of the military force in uniform."

In 1933, Congress exonerated beer as non-intoxicating.

In 1939, the traffic had the assurance and influence to introduce and slip through the House a bill permitting it to send samples of liquors through the United States mail.

Now in 1941, the House defeated the proposal to insert an anti-liquor provision in the Selective Service Camps and made no provision for the protection of the boys in camp from commercialized vice.

These are some of the roots that must be cut. It is easy to see we have a tough sod to break, but don't let that scare anybody. Patches of the traffic's upturned sod here and there are proof that some plow has done effective breaking (also a North Dakota term). Of the 11,000 elections since repeal, two-thirds have been won by the dries in the 36 states which permit local option elections.

Massachusetts, an unbroken paradise for the brewer and distiller with the coming of repeal now has 82 communities where the fruits of righteousness—no saloons, no drunks, no arrests, no crowded jails and fewer police, are ample proof that the traffic's sod can be broken and turned.

These letters are my plough, and having put my hands to the plough I have no intention of turning back. I know my onions and I know this sod can be broken and yield comforts instead of crimes.

Think of it! \$4,500,000,000 spent for drink in 1940 and more in 1941, we learn. Where is your plough? Under cover or "breaking?"

MRS. ROSE UPTON BASCOM,
Formerly of Fargo, N. D.

"YE SHALL KNOW THEM BY THEIR FRUITS"

(The following notes, clipped from the daily papers in November and December, 1941, show the manner in which repeal is working out in this state).

At Devils Lake, one man was sentenced to a term in the penitentiary for stealing eight cases of beer from a warehouse, and after the party that he staged, five men and five women pleaded guilty to drunkenness and were sentenced to 15 days in the Fort Totten jail. All were Indians.

At Wahpeton, a visitor from Minnesota landed in the Richland county jail. He took another man's car from where it was parked in the street at Fairmount, drove it west of Hankinson and wrecked it. He signed a statement admitting that he got the wrong car because he was so drunk he did not know that it was not his own.

At Lisbon, a case will come up for trial in district court, in which two Englevale men figure. The one is charged with biting off the other's ear, as the sequel of a beer-tavern brawl.

In Fargo, a hotel was quarantined for venereal disease and policemen were placed on guard at front and rear entrances to prevent anyone either entering or leaving the place. Officials said it was a blow at organized prostitution, and Attorney General Alvin C. Strutz asked that the building be padlocked. Four women were arrested on immorality charges. (Statistics show that cases of venereal disease increase as the consumption of liquor increases).

In Grand Forks an unfortunate girl abandoned her eleven-day-old baby, hoping it would receive good care. Confessing later, she told them her story of betrayal while under the influence of liquor, and all the wretched consequences. The baby has been adopted by a childless couple.

In Jamestown, a man was jailed for drunken driving, after his car had collided with another at Kensal; in the crash a thirteen-year-old girl suffered a crushed jaw and other injuries. It was his second offense.

At Bismarck, a highway patrolman reported that a Richardton man had pleaded guilty to drunken driving, during which his car ran into a Greyhound bus. Some passengers were injured but fortunately no one was killed.

In Dunsenith, a man is waiting trial on a charge of first degree murder in connection with the death of a respected woman resident of that community. Authorities said he was intoxicated the night of the crime, and admitted having entered the home of the victim.

In Grand Forks, a man and his two young children were suffocated and burned in a fire in the house in which they lived, after the man and his wife had spent a night making the rounds of saloons, having left the children at home alone.

"Do men gather grapes of thorns or figs of thistles?"

NOW IS OUR CHANCE!

California people are so eager to tell of the glories of their state that it has become almost a standing joke; it is said that Native Sons never lose a chance to tell the world about California. Now we have a fine opportunity to write about North Dakota and its place in the field of stars. Let it never be said that any union cares so little about boosting our own state that no one bothered to write anything. ANYONE can write 500 words—just a list of the worth-while places to see in North Dakota, such as state parks and historic sites—with their locations—takes about 200 words! Every library—school or public—has some information, and books can be borrowed from the state library at Bismarck; every Old Timer can tell tales of "The Early Days." Put them down on paper! Remember not less than 500 nor more than 1000 words; stories must be in for the local union by March 15, for the district by April 15, for the state by May 1.

Local and district presidents, get your judges lined up—North Dakota women are going to BRAG!

National's instructions follow:

Local Union Procedure

At an early meeting of the local union following your state convention, present this 1942 State Membership Campaign Plan, or call a special meeting for this purpose.

Discuss it thoroughly until every member understands that she is expected to write "The Story of the Star" (in other words, a story of how her state star came to be placed on Old Glory).

Consult your librarian about the books which will furnish information on the early history of your state. Remember that you do not need histories alone; many books of fiction contain valuable history. Your librarian may be glad to set aside a shelf of the books which will be helpful to the ones who are interested in writing these stories. You will enjoy haunting the libraries for this material.

Cultivate any octogenarians in your community and elicit from them any stories which they can give.

Do not overlook the beginnings of the W.C.T.U.; but do not use this to the exclusion of other interesting data.

Appoint a committee (one woman is sufficient) to whom the articles shall be sent. Name a date which shall be the deadline for receiving them. Appoint a committee of three who shall judge the stories. Let this committee be made up of representative citizens in whose ability the people have confidence. A minister, a business man, and a W.C.T.U. woman might make a suitable committee. Instruct them to select the best story and also a second choice for honorable mention.

Special Instructions—Each story should be sent to the local committee unsigned, but should carry some distinguishing mark for recognition. Accompanying it should be a sealed envelope containing the writer's name and address, and a copy of the distinguishing mark.

The maximum length of the story should be 1,000 words; the minimum length, 500 words.

The winning story in each local union shall be sent on to enter the county (or district) competition. The county's (or district's) most meritorious story shall go to the state contest, and the state's to the National.

The winning story in the state must reach the National office by May 15. Cultivate the press during this undertaking. It is a civic project and, whether your papers be wet or dry, they are newspapers and this project, if undertaken seriously, has new value. Your paper will not only welcome the opportunity to print the winning story, but it will want a picture of the writer. If given the chance,

it will seize the opportunity of using several articles relative to the progress of your campaign. The plan lends itself to many interesting developments.

Invite the members of the Youth's Temperance Council to take part in this "Story of the Star" project. How proud you would be to have one of them write the winning story! Make them feel that you want them to share in the project.

PUBLICITY

The year 1940-1941 showed a great increase in effective press publicity. With national, state and local conditions as they are now; with the growing menace of the liquor traffic; with the advertising propaganda of the liquor industry entering our homes as it does today, we must bring into every community the knowledge of alcohol.

We are being told that the conservation of food is a defense measure. Do all the people realize that millions of bushels of grain are being made into a mash for liquor? Is this not one of the greatest wastes in our whole national economy?

Let us then, by every aid of publicity we can command, acquaint the people of our country with the scientific and economic truths about beverage alcohol. The groundwork for this was well laid last year, let us see to it that we make good use of this foundation.

I wish all members who are acting as publicity or press women would send me a card with name and address. From time to time I receive news releases and I would be glad to send copies to those desiring them.

Let us try to make this year a banner one in the line of publicizing our organization, the findings of its research department and the work we are trying to do.

Sincerely yours,

NELLIE M. CROSS.

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