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IT NEVER YET HAS FAILED

The sap will rise again, I know, when Spring
Lifts up the lid that Winter has clamped down;
Leaves will be tethered where the tendrils cling
And fruit and grain will grow for Summer's crown.
I cannot see the sap nor hear it flow,
But Winter never has its course de-railed
Nor held it down when its time came to go;
Spring may come late, but never yet has failed.

Peace will come back again to bless the land;
New grass will grow to hide each war-torn mark
And heartbreaks will be mended by the Hand
That starts the living sap up through the dark.
I cannot see sweet Peace nor feel her glow;
She to this troubled world is deeply veiled.
But God still lives, immutable, I know,
And Right will win; it never yet has failed.

—Ruby Dell Baugher
in Christian Herald.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Co-workers:

It is hard to believe we are well into the month of February and our winter will soon be over. This is the sixth issue of our Bulletin since state convention. Six more precious months lie before us in this fiscal year and much of our work is yet undone. Just a few more months to secure and train new members; less than one month to write State Star Stories. I am sadly disappointed in the lack of interest in this feature of our membership drive. If you do not know the history of your state, it is a fine way to acquaint yourself with the facts. Enter into this contest with a desire to know our state, for it is a glorious one, and tell it in story to the nation.

Six more months to raise your local budget and collect all unpaid dues. Look for the roll of Honor Unions (unions with budget paid in full) and Holdfast Unions (unions that have paid dues for as many members as they had last year) in this issue. Is your union listed there? If not, why not?

Six more months to observe Red Letter Days with appropriate and interesting programs; secure subscriptions to Union Signal and Young Crusader. Can we hold the number of subscriptions we had last year? If so new ones must be secured, for every year there is someone who fails to renew his or her subscription. Six more months to form new organizations, local unions, Y.T.C.'s and L.T.

HONOR ROLL

Holdfast Unions

- Alamo
- Bismarck
- Bucyrus
- Crosby
- Dickey
- Edgeley
- Flasher
- Fortuna
- McKenzie
- Nekoma
- New Rockford
- Oberon
- Parshall
- Powers Lake
- Underwood
- Wild Rose
- Williston

Budget Paid In Full

- Bucyrus
- Crosby
- Fargo Escand.
- Flasher
- Fortuna
- Gilby
- Jamestown
- Larimore
- Northwood
- Nekoma
- Oberon
- Parshall
- Stady-Zahl
- Reeder
- Wild Rose
- Williston

L's. The ground work must be done by local members so that when a state or national field worker comes, the organization can be completed. The new union at Mott, N. D., can put many elder unions to shame. They organized in November with six new members and now have 16 and still growing. Our hats off to Mott! Six more months to raise at least three dollars for the "Second Mile" project to make up the deficit in our state treasury. All these tasks can be accomplished if every member will do her part but time is limited and the time to do it is NOW.

Since my last message to you through the Bulletin, each union has received a personal message from me and an outline of plans for civilian defense work as submitted by national officers. We are all patriotic Christian citizens interested in the welfare of our nation and all its citizens, therefore we offer our services to our country in this hour of need. I earnestly request that every local president present these plans to her local union and put them into operation as soon as possible. We will all want a part in raising funds for the "Red Cross Mobile Blood Bank Unit." You will note detailed explanation of it in the plans. Let each union devise some way by which these funds can be raised, give the citizens of your community an opportunity to help in this very worthy cause. Send sum no matter how small to our own state treasurer, Mrs. Iver Fossum, Fargo, N. D., Box 1336 and she will forward the same to the national treasurer. The time is NOW.

Let us respond to the splendid appeal for cooperation made by our new director of Soldiers and Sailors in the last issue of the WRB. Mother love can do much but Organized Mother Love can do even more; let us keep in touch with "Our Boys." My own union sent a big box of cookies to the "Cookie Jar" at Fort Warren, Wyo., and received a very prompt acknowledgement and a BIG THANK YOU. The name and address of lady in charge was given in my last letter. Every local union should appoint a local director for Soldiers and Sailors department. Let us remember these boys in our daily prayers, they are making great sacri-

fices for their country and are exposed hourly to dangers and temptations. Let us pray also that the men in authority in our government and in the army and navy may see the great need for total abstinence before it is too late.

Let us be loyal and faithful, doing our part in civilian defense work but at no time must we slacken our work for total abstinence. We must declare TOTAL WAR against BEVERAGE ALCOHOL and its associated evils, not for duration, but for all time. We know the truth about alcohol, what it is and what it does and we must arouse America to that danger.

What was true in the World War of 1917-1918 is true today and this is what General Pershing said at that time, "Banish the entire liquor industry from the United States; close every saloon, every brewery; suppress drinking by severe punishment to the drinker, and if necessary, death to the seller, or maker or both, as traitors; and the nation will suddenly find itself amazed at its efficiency and startled at the increase in its labor supply. I shall not go slow on prohibition for I know what is the greatest foe to my men, greater even than the enemy."

To that end, we shall work and pray. Let us be strong and of good courage for ultimately RIGHT will prevail.

Faithfully yours,
BESSIE M. DARLING.

IT'S POISON

A bottle of whiskey, advertised with lavish adjectives, carried also the line—"30 per cent Alcohol." Which means, 30 per cent rank, narcotic poison!

If a can of soup carried the label, "30 per cent Poison" would you buy it for your table?

A wine bottle, prettily shaped and alluringly colored, bore the line—"20 per cent Pure Alcohol." Yes, alcohol is poison.

If a jug of molasses bore a skull and crossbones, with the label—"Beware! 20 per cent Poison!" would you try it for your buckwheat cakes?

A beer can, gilt within, embellished gaudily without, also has the line—

SUBZERO DAWN

No slightest sound across the snow . . .
No breath of wind appears to blow . . .
The icy touch of winter . . . ancient foe!

One to an eastern window hies,
Where rose the frost-bit air belies
And streaming shards of color band the skies!

Sky-writing, from broad chimneys flung,
Against the red and gold is hung . . .
While once again a glad aubade is sung!

Gay morning sounds across the snow.
Stray flakes begin to sift and blow,
Till winter seems more friend than bitter foe!

—Amy Langley, (Mrs. E. J.)
Rock Lake,
in The Farmer.

A PRAYER FOR THE YOUTH OF THE WORLD

By Mrs. Ella A. Boole
President World's W.C.T.U.
Almighty God, Father of us all,
breath upon us Thy Holy Spirit that we may know Thy redeeming love.
Grant, Lord, that we may not for one moment admit willingly into our souls any thought contrary to Thy love.

Give us the vision of the whole world in need of Thee. May Thy blessing especially rest upon young people of every race and color that, led by Thee, they may resolve to "Touch not, taste not, handle not" alcoholic beverages in any form, so that with clear brains and clean lives they may serve Thee.

Further all our lawful undertakings with Thy blessing. In our labors direct us; in our perils defend us; in our troubles comfort us; and supply all our needs according to the riches of Thy grace in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen!

"6 per cent Alcohol by Weight." Alcohol is a Narcotic Poison! It Kills!
If milk bottles bore the warning, "Contents 6 per cent Poison" would you buy the milk?

Americans insist on food free from poison. Government compels labeling of poisons with their remedial antidotes.

The liquor business is a peddler of poison, rank, deadly, unlabeled.

How long will the Americans tolerate the evil? The Antidote for Alcohol is Prohibition.

—Illinois Watch Tower.

The height of the pinnacle is determined by the breadth of the base.
—Emerson.

It is a great misfortune, neither to have enough wit to talk well nor enough judgment to be silent.

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W.C.T.U. PSALM OF PRAISE

Ruth Dunford

With trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before the Lord. O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in Thee.

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

All the earth shall worship Thee and sing unto Thee.

Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory.

Serve the Lord with gladness: come before His presence with singing.

Concerning Thy testimonies, I have known of old that Thou hast founded them forever.

How practical also are Thy thoughts unto me, O God.

Remember, O Lord, Thy tender mercies and Thy loving kindnesses.

In God is my salvation and my glory. Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts.

Truly my soul waiteth upon God: from Him cometh my salvation.

I will praise the name of God with a song and will magnify Him with thanksgiving.

A father of the fatherless and a judge of the widows is God in His holy habitation.

North and South Thou hast created them.

The Lord on high is mightier than the noise of many waters.

Evening and morning, and at noon, will I pray and cry aloud.

My voice shall Thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto Thee.

Praise ye the Lord. O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; and His mercy endureth forever.

Exalt ye the Lord our God, and worship at His footstool, for He is holy.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy merciful spirit.

All Thy works shall praise Thee, O Nations whom Thou hast made shall come and worship before Thee, O Lord.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise.

Unto Thee, O my strength, will I sing; for God is my defense and the God of my mercy.

No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.

I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live.

O God, Thou are my God: early will I seek Thee.

Now also when I am old and gray-headed, O God, forsake me not until I have showed Thy strength unto this generation, and Thy power to everyone that is to come.

—In Union Signal.

Noontide Hour of Prayer

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

NOTES FROM THE UNIONS

MRS. E. T. LANGLEY, secretary of the Rocklake Union writes that they have gained three new members, and have studied the new state report. At a recent meeting of the union Mrs. Walter Larson, wife of a local pastor presented some fine views of an accompanying lecture, which was read by Mrs. Chas. Langley. It is called "Alcohol in the New Age," by Deets Pickett, and is put out by the Board of Temperance of the Methodist Church. Mrs. Larson had previously given it twice, once at her home and once for the high school and eighth grade students of the public school.

MRS. GRACE OLSON, president of Parshall Union, writes interestingly of the method used there to raise money. For several years they have sold Christmas cards, in the last season netting the union nearly \$75. She states that the townspeople expect them, and patronize them willingly, which fine spirit helps them greatly. In December they sent a box of clothing to the Crittenton Home, and boxes of cookies to soldier boys in camp.

FARGO UNION had a quiz on the state report at a recent meeting, like an old fashioned spell-down. They numbered, Odds competing against Evens, while Mattie Norris Stinson asked the questions and Mrs. M. T. Steidl acted as teller. Being well informed, the score was tied, each side answering the same number of questions correctly. At this meeting they planned for an institute to be held early in March with the Fargo Scandinavian union.

NEW ROCKFORD UNION met in January at the home of Mrs. C. W. Baumann, district president, and welcomed three new members. Devotions were led by Mrs. Stowell, and a vocal solo by Mrs. Agnes Swanson, who is their youngest member and leader of their new L.T.L. was greatly enjoyed. The nineteen youngsters who have paid dues and are receiving the L.T.L. instruction from Miss Swanson, whose mother assists her, are to be congratulated as well as the union which helped them get started. Mrs. H. G. Hudson is local president.

MRS. F. T. BROOKS writes that Minot has had a number of very interesting meetings in the past few months. In November Mrs. Davis led a symposium on Uncounted Blessings. Mrs. Armstrong emphasized the wearing of the badge and presented white ribbons to those who were not displaying them. Mrs. L. M. Ellithorpe was hostess for the Christmas meeting, at which Mrs. Truax led devotions and members took part in the scripture reading. Mrs. Mackley sang "Sing a Song of Bethlehem," and Miss Eldora Heen, who was accompanied by Carol Hanson, sang "Passing By" and "Gesu Bambino." War had just been declared, and during the discussion many uplifting thoughts were expressed about present conditions, and the hope for peace when faith brings man back to God. In January we met in the Fire-place Room at the Presbyterian church, and Mrs. George Campbell spoke of "Our Present Obligations of Christian Citizenship." Mrs. A. S. Dwelle spoke on the Stevens Legislative Fund; Mrs. George C. Saunderson led devotions.

ON THURSDAY EVENING, JANUARY 15, members of the Sawyer W.C.T.U. entertained their husbands and the teachers of the Sawyer school at a seven o'clock dinner with a temperance program following, at the Joe Struper home. America was sung as the opening number of the program, after which the Rev. E. E. Klein led devotions. The local president, Mrs. Martin Reinholdt who was in charge, gave a talk on the need of work as patriotic Americans, to help "Defend Our Defenders." Mrs. M. Daniels, the vice president, read "The Department of Legislation" as given by Miss Elizabeth A. Smart of Washington, D. C., who is rational director of that department as our Washington correspondent in the Union Signal. Papers on their departments were then given by four local directors; representing the departments of Christian Citizenship, Social Morality, Child Welfare and Alcohol Education. Fine musical numbers were two piano solos by Miss Mangus, and two vocal duets by Miss Mangus and Miss Johnson, both of the school faculty. Mrs. Struper was their accompanist. At the close of a stirring talk on Alcohol Education, Mrs. Reinholdt presented the teachers with temperance material suitable for each grade and high school, which they used on Temperance Day, Jan. 16th. A silver offering was received, and the Rev. A. T. Long gave the benediction. This dinner is an annual event; this active union lost four members who moved away last year, but by January had gained three new ones to take their places, and hope for the fourth one. They have also organized a Y.T.C., of which we hope to hear much more later.

MRS. DARLING, the state president was guest speaker at a public meeting held the afternoon of Jan. 16 at Edinburg. The meeting which was held in the Community Hall, was arranged by the superintendent of the high school, John H. Sunderland, in cooperation with the local union. Opening with the singing of the Star Spangled Banner and the salute to the flag led by Duane Hauge, vice president of the L.T.L., the program continued with an enjoyable group of songs by the 25 Legioners, who marched in carrying flags. Mrs. Darling spoke on "What Alcohol Is and What It Does," illustrating her talk with a demonstration kit; she also urged support of \$860. All the high school students and many older ones were present. The W.C.T.U. served lunch after the meeting realizing enough to pay Mrs. Darling's expenses and have some left to help pay their budget. Mrs. Bessie M. Ordahl is president of the union, and Mrs. P. O. Laurhammer secretary-treasurer.

NEKOMA UNION has been handicapped by the illness of several members this winter, three of whom were hospital patients at the same time. They have paid dues and budget in full, however, and contributed for "The Second Mile." They sent cards and letters to the sick in the community, and nine boys of the country's defenders were sent 'valentines' of candy. They are cooperating with other local agencies in Red Cross work.

THE EDINBURG L.T.L. gave a patriotic program in Trinity Church early in February, in memory of Frances E. Willard. Directed by their leader, Mrs. Bessie M. Ordahl, the children sang a number of patriotic songs and gave readings. Eunice Hauge and Donley Eyoifson rendered piano solos, and Mrs. E. Hennem and Mrs. Glen Laithwaite, members of the W.C.T.U., gave readings about the

life of Miss Willard. Mrs. Ordahl discussed the Sheppard Bill, and refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

JAMESTOWN UNION is to be congratulated upon the cooperation they receive from local men who are good speakers. Gambling was the topic dis-

cussed at a recent meeting, at which the president, Mrs. Myrtle Bordwell presided, Mrs. F. G. Norris led community singing and Mrs. Watt Meyer conducted devotions. Dean A. C. Burr of Jamestown College then led a discussion on the prevalence of gambling, what it is, how, when and why people gamble, and its effects. Following the Dean's opening of the subject, Dr. F. P. Buller of the college spoke on the psychological aspect; the Rev. F. G. Norris on the moral aspect and Mr. Robert Moffett of the public school faculty, on the social aspect. The speakers brought out the fact that gambling promotes gain without work, and gain through another's loss; that it demoralizes character, unsettles the mind for the ordinary duties of life, and leads to other crimes and sometimes suicide. Social gambling has its effect upon local business, is a short step to dishonesty and is a degradation to all good sport. Methods of gambling mentioned included lotteries, raffles, punch cards, slot machines, all games of chance and racing. The Bingo game is one of the most common forms. After the meeting Mrs. Nellie Barber and her committee served refreshments.

THE TWO UNIONS AT GRAND FORKS held a fine meeting at the YWCA in observance of Frances Willard Memorial Day. Mrs. Darling, the state president presided, and there was a good attendance from both unions. Mrs. F. I. Schmidt, wife of the pastor of the United Lutheran Church led devotions, and Mrs. Knut Soreng gave an excellent paper on "The Helping Hand of the W.C.T.U.," explaining the work of the Willard Memorial Fund in a very fine manner. Mrs. Kate S. Wilder spoke well on "Our Part in Civilian Defense," and good music was provided by Miss Frances Towne and Mrs. Sellar. Hostesses were Mrs. C. Bernhardson and Mrs. O. Paulsen of Grand Forks Scandinavian Union, and Miss Margaret Hyslop and Mrs. Oscar Swanson of the Grand Forks Union.

MISS MAE HALCROW, as president of the Bowesmont WCTU, entertained the union at her home Feb. 17th. After singing favorite hymns with Mrs. A. T. Everson at the piano, Mrs. John Halcrow led devotions. Attention was called to the new department of Soldiers and Sailors and plans made for helping. Mrs. Newell Patterson read "The Helping Hand" written by the National Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Anna Marden DeYo. An offering was taken for the "Second Mile" and for the Willard Memorial Fund.

The president presented the membership essay contest plan and read an essay written about "The Star in My State," urging others to write. Mrs. Barbara H. Wylie gave a memorial sketch of Miss Willard and her great work. The hostess was assisted in serving by Mrs. Halcrow and Miss Winnifred Halcrow.

When Babe Ruth was asked to pose for a picture with a bottle of beer in his hand, he replied, "I have autographed too many baseballs for the boys of America to think of helping advertise the sale of beer. Many of these boys regard me as a hero, and I'll not do anything to lessen their esteem of me."

TREASURER'S REPORT January 15-February 15

DUES—Makoti 1, Sawyer 3, Park River 8, Bismarck 7, Mott 7, Reeder 6, Valley City 2, Dickey 2, Oberon 2, Crosby 2, Fargo 7, Fargo Scand., 16, New Rockford 3, Larimore 3, Ellendale 4, Minnewaukan 8, Underwood 5.

BUDGET—Crosby \$7.00, Sawyer \$8.00, Park River \$30, Bismarck \$30.00, Fargo \$10.00, McKenzie \$4.00, Reede: \$3.00, Bottineau \$7.00.

WILLARD MEMBERS—Lisbon 3, Crystal 1, Lecond 2, Finley 2.

L.T.L. DUES—New Rockford 18.
SECOND MILE—Ellendale \$3.00, Parshall \$4.25, New Rockford \$2.00, Glover \$3.00, Fargo Scand. \$5.00, Grand Forks Dist., \$6.00, Nekoma \$3.00.

EDUCATIONAL FUND—Makoti \$1.50.

WILLARD MEMORIAL—Larimore \$2.00.

DISTRICT PLEDGE—Grand Forks Dist., \$15.00.

STATE REPORTS—Valley City \$7.75, Glover \$5.00, Parshall \$7.75, Fargo Scand., \$7.75, Fertuna \$7.75, Bottineau \$5.00, Nekoma \$5.00, New Rockford \$5.00, Sawyer \$5.00, Park River \$5.00, Stanley \$5.00.

RECEIVED FROM CORRESPONDING SECRETARY FOR LITERATURE—\$8.41.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The purpose of this department is not to set up separate schools nor to promote a general standard for Religious Education, but to cooperate with church schools already organized. These present a splendid opportunity for stressing the importance of total abstinence in the home and everywhere. Since the particular theme for the year's work is "Total Abstinence in the Bible," we should have the support of the Sunday-school and Church as a whole.

Mrs. Harold Sloan, the national director of this department has a fine leaflet on this theme, quoting and explaining many passages from the Bible for our enlightenment. This, too, is material which may be helpful for the first Quarterly Temperance Lesson March 8. The Union Signal of January 24 also has a number of helpful articles on this subject, which you should find useful in different grades in Sunday school.

A questionnaire has been sent out to all the state directors of this department, asking for such information as this: Does your state permit Religious Education in schools? Is Bible reading permissible in schools? Is it required or voluntary?

As our state does permit it, let us live up to our privileges. In these troubled days, those who know God carry a tremendous responsibility, for in that knowledge is the solution of all our problems. Let us not neglect the spiritual life.

MRS. R. J. STINSON, Director.

IN MEMORIAM

"Servant of God, well done!
Rest from thy loved employ;
The battle's fought, the victory won—
Ere: thy Master's joy."

Mrs. G. A. Carpenter, member of Fargo Union for many years, was called home recently at the age of 73.

Mrs. Lillian Jacobson of Benedict is bereaved in the passing of her oldest son.

Henry Studebaker of Edgeley, who lost his life in a sad accident in January, was the son-in-law of Mrs. E. M. Farnsworth, treasurer of that union. His nine year old daughter,

Helen Studebaker, is secretary of the L.T.L. there.

The sympathy of all our members goes out to all the sorrowing relatives who remain.

UNION SIGNAL

Dear White-Ribboners:

Announcing the Union Signal Subscription Campaign for 1942: "The original purpose (of the publication) was to develop an instrument adapted to the variety of interests and culture of all interested in temperance work. January 1940 introduced change in format, featuring the first week in each month a 24-page issue of interest to the public; the other weekly 12-page numbers devoted mainly to organization material. Today the Union Signal in contents is a real digest of temperance news and views as well as associated reforms, and carries the sub-title, "A Journal of Social Welfare."

Union Signal Saves Time and Funds. "All the arguments you read or hear about the advantages of the digest form of magazine apply equally to the Union Signal, except in size. It saves your time, your funds, your strength, your eyes—by bringing in condensed fashion, the best of all you might have to search through. And at the end of the year, the Union Signal sums up its own articles and items under subject-matter titles and presents them for your reference as an annual index."

Union Signal Educational, Not Sensational. "As long as alcohol is permitted to invade society, so long must there be organized teaching of what alcohol is and what it does." Much of this teaching is done through the Union Signal, and in addition special issues are devoted to other subjects of general interest.

The purpose of the Circulation Department, is to reach more W.C.T.U. members and non-members with truth about the liquor traffic and allied social problems, and with suggestions for effectively meeting them. The Union Signal, our best asset for carrying on the work of the organization, is offered at a price lower than any comparable publication; it should be in the hands of every Christian man and woman.

A second purpose of the Circulation Department is to train a new generation of Christian leaders and citizens through the inspirational, educational and entertaining Young Crusader. This publication, designed to develop Christian principles in boys and girls, is without a rival in its class and should be promoted with The Union Signal.

"Good circulation" of these papers means to the work exactly what good circulation of the blood means to the human body—life, health, activity. For best results, the work is organized and carried on under the direction of state, district and local promoters, by whom the subject is presented on every suitable occasion. March is our annual subscription campaign month. Special awards are offered, special material is available and a special day is set for talking about, thinking about and working for The Union Signal.

Today when numerous worthy claims for money, time and work press upon all of us, we must remember that the war-time need for The Union Signal is greater than ever. Organization activities, benevolent projects, last minute legislative news and other vital information will be covered from a distinctive angle found in no other publication. New members should certainly have it, and of course old members cannot get along without it. During this campaign, when you are renewing for the 'Steady Subscriber' and receiving new ones, why not donate a

subscription to a camp library, a chaplain or a soldier in training? Such a gift may be greatly appreciated.

When you are campaigning, remember to emphasize the fact that although other magazines are increasing their prices (The Ladies' Home Journal is supposed to have gone up 50 per cent) National still offers our papers at their old prices. We do not know, however, how long this can continue, under present conditions. May I remind you, promoters, to order your Plan of Work and free samples of both papers, for distribution at once, from Circulation Dept., National W.C.T.U., Evanston, Ill., if you have not already done so.

As the dark war clouds hang heavy over our land, we pray that the American Home may remain steadfast. "What therefore God hath joined together let no man put asunder." Matt. 19:6. The home is the center of the nation; as is the home, so is America. May the truth and inspiration of our papers help to keep our homes worthy of the entrance of the Master as a guest.

MRS. A. V. SHEPPARD,
Promoter.

JUST BETWEEN OURSELVES

You furnished me a fine lot of stories of your activities for this issue, for which I thank you again. I feel about this something like the minister's very small son, who came home from a meeting of a children's group at the church, announcing "We had a good meeting today." His father asked why he thought so, and the lad replied, "Why, I took part." I am sure you all agree that our paper is better when we ourselves "take part." Keep the news coming in.

Perhaps it would save you some disappointment if it were explained more fully why your contributions need to reach me by the 18th of the month. It has been the agreement with the printer for some years, I believe that material for the paper is to be mailed to him the 20th. When Mrs. Wylie was at Fargo, her mail reached Casselton, on the same railroad, in just a few hours. I live on a farm ten miles from Fairdale, my postoffice, and get my mail on the rural route. One mail train goes East and one West every day except Sunday, when no trains run; and the mail that reaches the postoffice one day does not come out on the route till the following day. What gets there Saturday comes out Monday, and we receive our Sunday paper Tuesday. When the mail goes out from Fairdale, it must change trains two or possibly three times before it reaches Casselton, so you see it must go promptly if you are to receive your paper promptly. I have failed you twice already, when there was more other work than I could manage and do this too. After your letter reaches me, I still have to fit it into its proper place in the paper before I can send it off, so please mail things early!

Have you written that "Story of the Star" yet? I know some of you want to—never spoil a good impulse by waiting till you lose it!

In accordance with action taken at a mid-year meeting three years ago, when the weather was such that even train travel was impossible for many, it has been decided to have a General Officers' meeting again this year instead of trying to get the whole Executive Committee together. The date is not settled at this writing, but it probably will be Tuesday or Wednesday of the second week in March. Will you pray for us then, particularly, asking God's guidance for these officers who must make plans for the next six months of

work—asking that we may be given wisdom, good judgment and courage for the task?

Your comrade in service,
ELIZABETH C. BEASLEY.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S CORNER (Mrs. Lundhagen sends these items of news for her corner.) —Editor.)

The slide films were sent to Bottineau for use at a silver tea they planned for February 17th. Calvin used them before that.

Mrs. Violet Carlson, who is a new member of the Edgeley union, is now the leader of the L.T.L. there.

Here is another way of getting temperance facts before the public. Mrs. R. E. Cameron of Ayr wrote for material for a temperance program February 1st, which was sent her. In replying, she said:

"All winter the young people of surrounding churches of any denomination have been holding one rally each month. Ayr invited the churches from Buffalo, Page, Erie, Hunter, Hope and Colgate for our meeting. Each hostess church chooses the theme and type of worship program used.

"We had a full church—at least 125, all high school age excepting a few adults who drove or came with the young people because of their special interest, and we considered our meeting a very successful attempt to teach leadership as well as to drive home the theme of temperance and right living.

"We used some of the songs you sent in group singing (Y.T.C. songs). Short talks were presented by Colgate, Hope, Buffalo and Page representatives, special music from Page and Erie, Cigarette playlet (A Good Name) was given by Erie group and temperance playlet (Experience is a Dear Teacher) by Ayr."

I loaned her several small and two large posters for use on the day of the meeting.

ALBERTA W. LUNDHAGEN.

PERSONALS

FOR THE FIRST TIME in fifteen years, Mrs. Barbara H. Wylie was unable to spend Christmas at the home of her son in Minneapolis. Recently he came to Bismarck for a three day visit with her, which was a great satisfaction to them both.

MRS. BESSIE M. DARLING, state president, in the past two weeks has made speaking trips to Edinburg, Northwood and Hatton.

WE REGRET TO LEARN that the Rev. and Mrs. M. A. Braaten of Edmore are leaving the state, as he has been called to serve a congregation at Ruthton, Minn. Both have been helpers in the temperance work during their five years in North Dakota; Mrs. Braaten was president of the union at Edmore for a time.

MEMBERS OF THE FARGO UNION affectionately sang "Happy Birthday" for Mrs. Elizabeth Hill at their January meeting, this active member having passed her 83rd milestone the previous Sunday.

MRS. LILLIAN JACOBSON of Benedict is spending the winter at Garrison, and continues her work for temperance. She has circulated a petition for the passage of S.860, securing many signatures there, and plans to organize a union there. More power to her!

"Nations can stand the pinch of economic ills, but they cannot stand the loss of moral fiber."—Herbert Hoover.

THE VOICE OF THE BREWER AGAIN

The White Ribbon Bulletin, as we all know, is a paper published especially for the members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in North Dakota. It is therefore of interest to them that its articles are read by the editors of such publications as the Brewer's Digest.

The August number of the White Ribbon Bulletin carried a paragraph from The Union Signal under the caption of "The Voice of the Brewers" in which some excerpts were quoted from an editorial in the Brewer's Digest of May 1941. Speaking of the fact that beer is made available at army camps, it said: "Here is a chance for brewers to cultivate a taste for beer in millions of young men who will eventually constitute the largest beer consuming section of our population."

Evidently sensing that they had stirred up the parents of the "millions of young men," they have another editorial in the September number of their magazine, in which they charge that the excerpt, torn from its context, gives a misleading interpretation. They have mailed a copy of this editorial to the White Ribbon Bulletin and also have written a letter asking that the "thoughts and factual information contained in this editorial should receive sincere consideration." They give the context of the excerpt quoted above, and after reading it we feel that the brewing industry should have been grateful that it was not published. It indicates either an inexcusable lack of knowledge as to what beer is, which scientific tests have made available to everyone, or else a deliberate attempt to deceive the public.

It was pointed out that "the army command recognize beer to be a temperance beverage that is completely harmless as far as alcoholic content is concerned."

Beer is drunk for the alcohol it contains, and alcohol is the same whether found in wine, beer, whiskey or brandy. The difference is, one must drink more beer to get the same effect. A pint of beer contains the same amount of alcohol as two ounces of whiskey.

The late Harvey W. Wylie, one of the best known chemists of his time, said under oath: "Beer, containing 2.75 per cent of alcohol by weight, has a sufficient amount of alcohol to intoxicate the average person, in quantities often consumed."

The German ministry of War distributed the following instructions to troops during the first World War: "Many do not suspect what a destructive poison they are taking into themselves. What devastations this poison (alcohol) has caused among the German people, and still causes! There is no justification in calling beer 'liquid bread'; it is mostly beer which causes so much mischief. This is not the harmless drink which many suppose it to be."

Dr. Gustav Von Bunge, noted scientist physician, and professor of physiology in the University of Basel, Switzerland, said in his well known treatise, "The Alcohol Question," "Beer is the most harmful of alcoholic drinks." A similar statement was made by Dr. Sir William Osler, formerly of the University of Pennsylvania and Johns Hopkins, and later of Oxford, England in a speech at Working Man's College.

Count Von Haessler, one time commander of the German sixteenth army corps said: "The soldier who abstains altogether is the best man. He can accomplish more, can march better, and is a better soldier than the man who drinks even moderately. Mentally and physically, he is better. Brandy is the worst poison of all.

Next comes beer. Each limits the capacity and lowers the body, mind and soul. Strong drink tires, and only increases thirst."

The editorial also stated that "beer produces the highly desirable effects of relaxation in men who have been subjected to hard work and long hours of drilling." The Council of Vichy declared that one cause of the fall of France was the indulgence in alcoholic drinks by the soldiers. Too much relaxation!

We are now in a highly mechanized war, where men need to be keen, alert and in full control of every power of body, mind and spirit. The results of intoxicated driving on our highways, appalling as they are, may be small compared with the great disasters that may come to us from soldiers in the ranks and especially from those in command, whose senses are dulled and reactions slowed by alcohol, in beer or in any other form. We need a sober army to win victory, and a sober citizenry to plan for a lasting world peace.

Common sense points out the wisdom of the passage of the Sheppard bill—to defend our defenders. Must thousands more of our boys be sacrificed before the lesson is learned?

Elizabeth Preston Anderson.

L. T. L. MESSAGE

When the United States was in the midst of the Civil War devastation was great until after Lincoln gave forth the wonderful Emancipation Proclamation—then things began to clear; and a victory was sighted. Is there a possibility that we, in our day, can take a national stand against the slavery of the alcohol habit? As a worker with children and young people we believe we should do this and we can surely claim the Father's blessing on us if we will do our part.

By this time next month we hope to have another new L.T.L. to report. We have had a fine hint that a new one is being organized. We wish there could be an organization "where ever our children are found." We have asked for some new literature and when it comes we will send it to each organization—and we hope we have the correct mailing list. Best wishes to the Child in our Midst.

Sincerely yours,
MRS. J. W. FRISBIE,
State L.T.L. Secretary.

RADIO

Dear Comrades:

Again I wish to call your attention to the Department of Radio. It is the newest, the swiftest, the most popular means of communication for a democratic nation and a free people. The radio has a great influence on the mass of people. The American public has never been so alive to news, so conscious of world situations, as since the advent of the news flashes over the air. The Woman's Christian Temperance Union has developed an educational program of such importance that it should be broadcast wherever possible. I have mailed to each union the Radio Plan of Work as well as two leaflets: study them carefully and if possible, (if you have access to a broadcasting station), appoint a director and please send me her name. If you should need or wish for any material, write me. I have plenty of very fine material sent me by Mrs. Green, National Director of Radio, which I shall be glad to send any one wishing it; it is ready to be given over the air. Should there be any questions you wish to ask, I shall be glad to answer you.

We can watch the Air for Excellence and in these dark days let us all pray for a demonstration of the

love of Christ upon discord and antagonism. Prayer does alter things; the Lord Jesus can change a hopeless situation into a world where love reigns, but we must help. This is our comfort.

Sincerely,
MRS. C. F. TRUAX,
Director of Radio.

MOSES BACKS DRUNK DRIVING MORATORIUM

(Members of the W.C.T.U. will endorse the sentiments of Gov. Moses and Highway Patrol Superintendent John D. Jeffery, as given in the article quoted below, which appeared in the Grand Forks Herald of Feb. 1, 1942.)

CHICAGO—North Dakota motorists who persist in mixing gasoline with alcohol during 1942 may expect harsh treatment from police and the courts.

Both Governor Moses and Highway Patrol Superintendent John D. Jeffery have given their indorsement and backing to the nationwide year's moratorium against drunken drivers. The suggestion for a year's moratorium against drunken driving in the United States has been urged by the American Business Men's Research foundation as a major step in bringing a reduction in automobile accidents. The foundation offices have received statements for the suggestion from governors, state and local traffic authorities and others high in public life. The foundation made a similar proposal for the three day July 4 holiday period, which was given nationwide acceptance and was an important factor in reducing the number of holiday deaths by 100 less than in 1940.

In indorsing the idea, Governor Moses said "I am wholeheartedly in accord with the proposed program of continuing an all-out campaign on drunken driving. As far as I am concerned I favor the North Dakota patrol continuing that campaign regardless of what other states may do."

WANTED—100,000 BOYS

(To replace the hundred thousand drunkards that will die this year)

Wanted, some boys who have minds bright and clear,
To stand at my counter as drinkers of beer.

To fill up the ranks without further delay,
Of the army of drunkards, passing away.

A hundred thousand a year, this will only supply

The loss of the trade from the drunkards that die.

Send those who can toil, or have wealth to bestow,
For profits are small on old drunkards, you know.

Let them come from the shop, the school, or the home,
We will welcome them all; care not if they roam.

If fathers and mothers keep running the mill

They must furnish boys or the wheel will stand still.

—Author Unknown.

The Keeley Cure Institute of Dwight, Ill., has established an Alcoholic Research Department to work on what it claims is "absolutely the first attempt in history to determine the economic loss to industry caused by alcoholism."

This study has already gotten under way in Chicago, and advance reports are already disclosing that alcohol is the cause of 48 per cent more absences from work among common workers than among skilled workmen. John Barleycorn is a slacker in the defense program.—Business Week.

THE PRESS REFUSES ADVERTISEMENTS

The W.C.T.U. has always been appreciative of newspapers which refuse liquor advertising.

The editor of the Wash county Press, published at Park River, in a recent editorial states that he has refused contracts for advertising hard liquor. Declaring that he does not oppose the 'moderate' use of liquor, he goes on to say:

"Before Pearl Harbor we might have used the advertising offered to us recently.

"However, we feel this is no time to promote further use of any brand of hard liquor. We are engaged in a very serious war. Probably never before in the history of our country has there been greater need of clear minds, healthy bodies and conservation of resources of every kind. The increased use of whiskey is not likely to help us win the war.

"The Press could use an extra \$50 or \$100, but we do not feel too badly about not getting it. So far as we are concerned advertising paid for by distillers is out for the duration."

We congratulate this editor upon his changed attitude, and hope that in time he may come to feel that even 'moderate' drinking is not likely to help win any of Life's battles.

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List prospects, members first, and then non-members, who should be interested in our publications. (Ministers, educators, city officials, parents, professional men and women, club members, and homemakers).

Appoint two members as a team for each five or ten prospects. Divide the names into groups, and give each team a definite number to call upon. Provide the teams with sample copies of The Union Signal and The Young Crusader, and subscription blanks, as well as leaflets that will appeal to the member and non-member. These may be obtained free of charge from Circulation Department, National WCTU, Evanston, Illinois.

To arouse interest and gain the subscription, call attention to some special article or picture, suggesting different ways in which the material will be found useful: preparing papers, making speeches, planning programs, participating in WCTU projects; writing legislators, preparing Sunday School temperance lessons, etc. Gift subscriptions should be suggested, remembering especially chaplains and boys in the service.

If the prospective subscriber is interested, but not prepared to pay, ask her when you may call again. Each team should accept the responsibility of following a first call that was promising, but did not result in a subscription.

Hold a meeting within a week of visitation, perhaps a luncheon or dinner, where accounts of experiences and results may be exchanged, and further plans made for publicizing The Union Signal. Union Signal Day would be especially appropriate for this occasion.

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