



"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH"

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APRIL

In April Rome was founded; Shakes-  
peare died;  
The shot whose sound rang out  
from Concord town  
And brought an avalanche of echoes  
down  
Shaking all thrones of tyranny and  
pride  
Was fired in April; Sumpter far and  
wide  
Lifted a voice the years will never  
drown;  
'Twas April when they laid the  
Martyr's crown  
On Lincoln's brow, with tears that  
scarce have dried.

O flowers that bloom in April; little  
wings  
And voices that like happy sun-  
beams dart  
Around us; budding trees and bub-  
bling spring—  
Ye all are beautiful; such is your  
part  
In God's great world. And yet 'tis  
human things  
Most stir the soul and move the  
thoughtful heart.  
—Samuel Valentine Cole.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Co-Workers:

When this reaches you, the General Officers' meeting that was held in Fargo March 11, will be past. It was a great joy to meet again and we were very happy to have every officer present. The meeting was held at the home of our new state treasurer. Mr. and Mrs. Fossum, with the assistance of our state corresponding secretary, Mrs. Alberta Lundhagen, entertained the official family for dinner Wednesday evening. Our hearts go out in sincere appreciation of the many courtesies and fine hospitality extended to us by these two officers and members of Fargo unions.

The meeting was devoted to making plans for our work for the balance of the year. The cordial invitation from Grafton union to hold the 1942 state convention in their city was accepted with thanks and a tentative date was set for October 20, 21 and 22. This late date was deemed advisable so that the National plans might be available. Miss Roena Shanner, national organizer, will be in our state May 7 to 31 and a tentative itinerary was arranged. At her own request, we will place her in only a few districts that her work may be more effective. Let us pray for the success of her work in our state and that some new organizations may be formed while she is in our midst. When this reaches you, all district presidents will have the plans for the "New Organizations" contest suggested by Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson. I hope every president will enter the contest and strive to win the award. What a harvest it will

HONOR ROLL

Holdfast Unions

Alamo  
Bismarck  
Bucyrus  
Crosby  
Dickey  
Edgeley  
Flasher  
Fortuna  
McKenzie  
Gilby  
Calvin

Nekoma  
New Rockford  
Oberon  
Parshall  
Powers Lake  
Underwood  
Wild Rose  
Williston  
Bowesmont  
Park River

Budget Paid In Full

Bucyrus  
Crosby  
Dickey  
Fargo Scand.  
Flasher  
Fortuna  
Gilby  
Jamestown  
Larimore  
Prosper  
Bottineau

Northwood  
Nekoma  
Oberon  
Parshall  
Stady-Zahl  
Reeder  
Wild Rose  
Williston  
Bismarck  
Grafton

SECOND MILE PROJECT  
March 14, 1942

(Unions contributing to deficit fund of the treasury)

New Rockford  
Dickey  
Edgeley  
Grand Forks  
Valley City  
Minot  
Stanley  
Larimore  
Sawyer  
Bismarck

Ellendale  
Glover  
Nekoma  
Bowesmont  
Pembina  
Drayton  
Williston  
Northwood  
Powers Lake  
Menoken

Grafton  
Grand Forks Scand.  
Fargo Scandinavian  
Oberon  
Parshall  
Grand Forks Dist.  
Flasher  
Hannah  
Jamestown

be if we can have new organizations in every district. Remember that a new LTL, a YTC, an Iota Sigma or a WCTU will count.

As I am writing this we are all looking forward to that greatest of all church days, Easter. "Christ is Risen" and "all power is His in heaven and in earth." With this holiest of days comes renewed hope of immortal and eternal life; with it comes also a reminder that Jesus commanded His people to, "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel." Our world today is a world of turmoil and chaos; has this condition come about because we failed to obey our Master? Let us rededicate our lives to His cause and carry on in His service. Whatever the task let us do it with a will.

With renewed hope and with the knowledge that God's love remains unchanged, let us do our part to make the world more homelike." Let us reach out the hand of fellowship to the strangers in our midst; the hand of assistance to those who need our aid. Let us seek to present our organization, its aims and purposes, to all church women, enlisting their help in our fight for sobriety and decency. Can we reach our goal of 250 new members by the close of the membership drive? We can if every member will do her part, I am counting on each member.

Have you written your Senators recently about \$860? Just as long as that bill remains in the Senate without any action to make it a law, just so long we must continue to work and pray for its passage. Write also to your Congressmen and urge

them to draw up a similar bill that some action may be aroused to "Defend our Defenders." Do it now, today, this very hour and let it not be said of any mother in our state that she neglected to do her part to protect the boys in the armed forces. Why was the ban placed on all liquor sales in Honolulu and surrounding territory after the attack on Pearl Harbor? If it was necessary in that theater of war, why not prohibition for our nation, at least for the duration of the war?

We are asked to conserve food, clothing, paper, gasoline, rubber, and many other things for the defense of our nation; and as loyal, patriotic citizens, we willingly comply with all requests. But the question arises, "Why give priority to liquor?" Why waste grain, fruit, sugar, all needed for health and strength, in the manufacture of alcohol that will destroy efficiency, mental alertness, and physical fitness, which our armed forces on land, the high seas, or in the air, and our civilians as well, all need in the defense of our nation. AMERICA—let us do away with this farce—let us do away with the whole liquor business—the greatest WASTE within our borders.

I hope each union will take notice of HONOR ROLL UNIONS and SECOND MILE UNIONS, listed on front page of this issue. Every union has a duty to perform that our state work may not be curtailed.

Money for the WCTU Mobile Blood Bank Unit is beginning to come in and when this reaches you, each union will have its packet of small envelopes, sent out by the state

EASTER SONG

Once, on a bygone day  
Far in the years withdrawn,  
I can recall I came  
To Nazareth at dawn.

Over the flower-strewn plain  
Rich with its old renown,  
Dazzling white in the sun  
Lifted the roofs of the town.

Silvered the olive boughs  
In the morning's gentle breath;  
There was a sense of peace—  
Peace with Nazareth.

Deep in my heart I know  
As the years of God increase,  
There will come to a burdened world  
The gift of Nazareth—peace!

—Clinton Scollard.

A GOOD BEGINNING

"What total abstainer ever amounted to anything?" asked the sneering wet.

Oh, just Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Edison, Admiral Perry, John D. Rockefeller, Robert E. Lee, Stonewall Jackson, Henry Ford, Whittier, Bryant, Bernardo, Booth, Nansen, Bernard Shaw, Wilfred Grenfell, Ghandi, Lindbergh. Of course, this isn't the entire list, but then this paper is not a cyclopedia.—Exchange.

treasurer. The plan is to have every member take one and solicit small sums from interested friends. Place these sums in envelopes, and each union return all to the state treasurer. This money must not be taken from local treasuries but raised separately. One union reports that they have placed milk bottles in various business places to solicit money for this project. Properly labeled, it will make an appeal to the public and I am sure that union will be rewarded with a generous sum. Give the general public an opportunity to help.

If plans for Mother's Day is to be carried out according to National plans, work must begin at once. I hope every union will try to carry it out.

Edwin Markham says:  
"To every man is given a day and the work for the day.

And once and no more he is given to travel this way;  
And woe if he flies from the task whatever the odds;

For the task is appointed to him on the scroll of the gods;  
There is waiting a work only your hands can avail;

And so, if you falter, a chord in the music will fail.

Yes, the task that is given to each man, no other can do;  
So—your task is waiting; it has waited through ages for you."

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."

### THE NAZARENE

"So the Nazarene is dead,"  
Caiphas the High Priest said.  
"His wonder-working deeds are o'er,  
He will trouble us no more.  
May blasphemers such as He  
Perish on the shameful tree,  
And our holy Temple's law  
Be kept free from ev'ry flaw,  
For the Temple must have sway  
Till heaven and earth shall pass away.  
So the Nazarene is dead,"  
Caiphas the High Priest said.

"So the Nazarene is dead,"  
In his palace Pilate said.  
"Good His words and just His life.  
But the priests, who stirred up strife,  
Said His followers would be  
From imperial Rome set free.  
Vain their plotting and their care—  
All the yoke of Rome must bear,  
Rome that will forever stand  
Mighty lord of every land.  
So the Nazarene is dead,"  
In his palace Pilate said.

The Temple now has passed away,  
Ended Rome's imperial day,  
But the Nazarene still lives;  
Peace to myriad souls He gives,  
Lives in gentle words and deeds  
In all that meets the spirit's needs.  
And the cross on which He died  
By His death is sanctified.  
Hosts in many lands acclaim  
The Crucified One by His name;  
In their faithful hearts is seen  
The ever-living Nazarene.  
Priest and Pilate both have said  
That the Nazarene is dead.  
False their wisdom—false their lore—  
He lives now and evermore.

—Wm. E. A. Axon  
in Union Signal.

HE LIVES NOW  
AND  
EVERMORE!!

### A PRAYER—

Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred, and strayed from thy way like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended too much against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

"The greatest sport on earth is fighting for the RIGHT."—Theodore Roosevelt.

## NOTES FROM THE UNIONS

WE ARE HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE the organization of a new union at Mott, with the assistance in starting given by Mrs. J. W. Frisbie, state L.T.L. secretary. Their president is Mrs. H. L. Phillips, and the secretary is Mrs. W. A. Ebertz. This union started with six members, grew to sixteen and wrote asking for more pledge cards. That is the spirit we need!

GRAFTON UNION backed the Parent-Teachers Association financially in their anti-smoking campaign among school children.

JAMESTOWN UNION, after completing their budget, has purchased three slide films for the city school: "Dollars and Sense," "Tower of Strength" and "To Drink or Not To Drink."

THE SAWYER L.T.L. observed the first quarterly Temperance Sunday March 8th with a program and quiz conducted in the Baptist church by Mildred King and in the Nazarene church by Mrs. Martha Reinholdt. The L.T.L. members of each Sunday School recited the pledge, salute, rally cries and National slogan, with other information, after which Mrs. Reinholdt gave a chart talk showing the harmful effects of tobacco upon the body.

NORTHWOOD UNION had a very interesting meeting the evening of February 17 in the United Chapel, commemorating the heavenly birthday of Frances Willard. The state president, Mrs. Bessie M. Darling spoke on Miss Willard's life and on our need to help 'Defend Our Defenders.' Each member of the union invited a guest, the teachers of the school were present, and the Y.T.C. girls gave songs and a Frances Willard skit as part of the program. A luncheon was given to 75 members and guests, for which the Y.T.C. waited on the tables. The following Thursday afternoon, Mrs. Darling, accompanied by Mrs. O. J. Oswald and Mrs. S. O. Nelson, drove to Hatton, where she spoke to the United Ladies Aid. A large crowd listened to her stirring address, in which she stressed the need of our work at this critical time, and urged the sending of letters and petitions to Washington, D. C., urging the passage of S. 860. February 24th Mrs. Gust Skjoten was hostess to the Hatton women, and five members of the Northwood union were present and assisted in the reorganization. Mrs. G. L. Thompson was elected president, and we are confident the Hatton union will carry on in their usual able manner.

Northwood union sent boxes of homemade cookies, candy, cards and stationery to their boys in service, and received appreciative replies. At their March meeting, reading the Union Signal and Scientific Temperance Instruction were stressed: "Read On Read the Union Signal" was sung, and plans for poster, essay and medal contests were made.

MRS. DONALD DIKE, publicity chairman for the Grafton union, reports that February 21st, Mrs. Lynn Williams entertained the local union at her home in memory of her mother, Mrs. Kibbee, who was a pioneer member. A Frances Willard Memorial program was held, directed by Mrs. Percy Carlson. Mrs. A. Tverberg reviewed the life of Frances Willard; articles about "The Home Protection Army" were given by Mesdames Omlie, Strand and Kieley, and the discussion was "Brought Down to Date" by Hulda Carlson.

Miss Carlson also read two poems on Frances Willard, which were written by Mrs. Hattie Norris Stinson and Mrs. Beasley. The program closed with a memorial service made impressive by costuming and music. As Margaret Dike sang "The Lord Is My Shepherd" accompanied by Mrs. Luther Williamson, Mrs. Percy Carlson entered wearing an old fashioned gown and carrying a lighted white candle. Placing this on the table, she opened and looked through an old album, reviewing in verse the story of a life and its accomplishments. Miss Dike then sang "The Lord's Prayer" by Malotte, and Mrs. Williamson played softly "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" as the reader retired from the room. Patriotic decorations added a festive note to the fine lunch served by the hostess.

THE BOWESMONT UNION has taken up the project of collecting books for the soldier boys. Mrs. Barbara H. Wylie is chairman of the committee, and assisted by Miss Halcrow, has received such good cooperation that 50 books had been collected at the last report. These were to be delivered to the Rev. A. E. Place, who is in charge of this work for Pembina, Walsh and Cavalier counties.

MINOT UNION had a fine Willard Memorial meeting Feb. 13, in the fireplace room of the First Presbyterian church. Mrs. George Mounce led the devotions, speaking in comforting words upon Courage. Mrs. C. B. Davis gave a talk on the subject "What would Frances Willard's position have been on defense and narcotics?" Mrs. A. S. Dwelle presented W.C.T.U. defense plans, and musical numbers were given by Margaret Monagin and Catherine Truax, with Maxine Moudau at the piano. Mrs. C. F. Truax presided, and hostesses were Mrs. N. O. Nelson and Mrs. Dan Wanner.

MEMBERS OF THE JAMESTOWN UNION presented a pageant at their Willard Memorial meeting. The history of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union from the crusade on was depicted when the local unit met at the Methodist parlors, with Mrs. Myrtle Bordwell, president, presiding. Community singing opened the program. Those who took part and the characters they portrayed follow: Mrs. Bordwell, the role of Mrs. Eliza J. T. Thompson, crusade leader; Mrs. John Schmitt, Ann Wittenmeyer, first national president; Mrs. R. R. Wolfer, Frances Willard; Mrs. Lydia Wanner, Lady Somers of England; Mrs. G. N. Knight, Anna Gordon; Mrs. Fred G. Kneeland, Ella Boole, world president; Mrs. L. E. Grattan, Ida E. Wise Smith, national president; and Mrs. Nellie Barber, Elizabeth Preston Anderson, president of the North Dakota WCTU for many years. A number of those attending came in costume.

"Faith of Our Fathers" was sung by Mmes. Grattan, M. Hart and Clyde Crandall, and Mrs. Grattan played a piano solo.

Mrs. D. L. Draper spoke on the noontide prayer, explaining that each member of the WCTU is requested to offer special prayers at noon. Mrs. Mary King's topic was the white ribbon worn by members, and Mrs. Burr, who was program chairman, spoke on the Union Signal.

The program closed with sentence prayer and the repeating of the benediction.

Hostesses were Mrs. S. F. Sechler, Misses Anna Lindgren and Helen Allen.

THE MEMBERS OF THE SAWYER WCTU met at the Dan King home Wednesday Feb. 25th, when

services in commemoration of Frances Willard's death Feb. 17th, were held. One of Miss Willard's favorite passages of Scripture, Prov. 20, was read by Mrs. Emil Zimbleman, with sentence prayers by the members. Mrs. Martin Reinholdt, president of the union, who presided, gave a poem, "Some One Had Prayed," by Grace Noll Crowell. Mrs. Peter Reinholdt and Mrs. Maud Larkin, secretary and treasurer, gave their reports. Mrs. Larkin read "The Helping Hand of the W.C.T.U." Roll call was responded to by comments on the life of Frances Willard.

The president presented the material on "The Story of Our State" and one of the members consented to write it. This story is to be sent to the district headquarters by April 1. Mrs. M. Daniels, Mrs. S. Briar and Mrs. E. E. Kellin read very interesting articles from the Union Signal. Mrs. C. Lerette gave a paper entitled, "Why I Abstain from Drinking." A reading, "While We May," written by Frances Willard in honor of her mother, was given by Mrs. A. T. Long.

The union's motto was used in dismissing. A memorial fund was raised.

The Sawyer union has now attained its goal of 20 members, thus enabling it to again be a Hold Fast Union. Three new members were gained replacing the three members who were lost when they moved away.

### CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S CORNER

Perhaps if I tell from month to month just what is contained in the Monthly Budget of Literature as it comes to me, more of the Unions would find that it would be helpful. This month the contents were: a Manual of the L.T.L.; a Y.T.C. leaflet, No. 4 of the "Pops" series, "My Money Goes—Where;" a playlet for Y.T.C. (or others), "No Date For Tommy;" and two small membership leaflets, "Growing Up in the W.C.T.U." and "The Stars Against Sissera."

I wonder how many tried the quiz on the state report. I rather expected to be kept quite busy filling orders for these reports after it was learned how much valuable information was contained in them.

In the future the price of the W.C.T.U. pins with safety clasp will have to be 35c for one, a bit less on a quantity, due to raised prices and the Federal Defense tax on jewelry.

ALBERTA W. LUNDHAGEN.

### LET ME KEEP LENT

(Lent will be nearly over before this issue is in your hands, but the following poem, sent in by Mrs. Barbara H. Wylie, contains such fine thoughts for after-Easter living that we hope you will like its re-appearance in our paper.—Editor)

Let me keep Lent,  
Let me not kneel and pray,  
Forego some trifle every day,  
Fast—and take Sacrament—  
And then  
Lend tongue to slander, hold ancient grudge, deny  
The very Lord, whom I would glorify.

Let me keep Lent,  
Let my heart grow in grace,  
Let Thy light shine till my illumined face

Will be a testament  
Read by all men  
That hate is buried, self-crucified—  
new born  
The spirit that shall rise on Easter morn.

—Elizabeth Bradley Read.

"When The World Is At Its Worst,  
Christians Must Be At Their Best."  
—Dr. Stanley E. Jones.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

February 15 - March 15

**DUES**—Bowesmont 7, Calvin 10, Fargo 9, Fargo Scandinavian 3, Hettinger 1, Jamestown 16, Larimore 5, Minot 5, Minnewaukan 8, McKenzie 1, Northwood 3, Parshall 2, Park River 2, Reeder 4, Stanley 1, Sheldon 5, Sawyer 1, Pembina 4, Gibby 2, Ellendale 3.

**WILLARD MEMBERS**—Hillsboro 1, Sharon 2, Wyndmere 1.

**L.T.L. DUES**—31.

**WILLARD MEMORIAL**—Bowesmont \$2.00, Edgeley \$2.00, Parshall \$2.00.

**LILLIAN STEVENS**—\$1.00.

**BUDGET**—Minot \$3.00, Bottineau \$8.00, Bismarck \$10.00, Calvin \$10.00, Ellendale \$3.00, Grafton \$7.00, Fargo \$8.50, McKenzie \$4.00, Pembina \$6.00, Park River \$3.00, Stanley \$13.00.

**SECOND MILE**—Flasher \$3.00, Bowesmont \$3.00, Hannah \$3.00, Pembina \$3.00, Jamestown \$2.00.

**LITERATURE**—\$1.87.

**STATE REPORTS**—Minot 75c, Grafton 75c, Rocklake 25c, Crosby 60c.

**MOBILE BLOOD BANK UNIT**—Calvin \$5.00, Bismarck \$10.00, McKenzie \$3.50, Mrs. Clara G. Steele, Raleigh \$1.00.

Bismarck Union has the distinction of being the first Light Line Union in the state this year.

There is a balance of \$71.00 needed to clear up the deficit from last year. There has been a splendid response from many of the unions, a total of \$99.00 having been contributed. We hope more of them will be able to aid in this project.

**MRS. IVER FOSSUM**, Treasurer, Bor: 1366, Fargo, N. D.

## WINNERS OF NEW MEMBERS

### STATE OF FAITH

Mrs. Oscar Westlund, Fargo Scandinavian, 5

### STARS OF HOPE

Mrs. Elmer Cart, Bismarck, 2  
Mrs. O. Bierne, Bismarck, 1  
Mrs. J. J. Rue, Bismarck, 1  
Mrs. Gust Sjoblom, Bismarck, 1  
Mrs. J. L. Hughes, Bismarck, 1  
Mrs. Clifford Ordway, Bucyrus, 1  
Mrs. Barbara Wylie, Bowesmont, 1  
Faye Prueett, Edgeley, 1  
Mrs. E. E. Clarke, Ellendale, 3  
Mrs. E. C. Webster, Fargo, 2  
Mrs. Jessie Potter, Fargo, 2  
Mrs. Frank Peters, Fargo, 1  
Mrs. Peter Fluvog, Fargo Scand. 1  
Mrs. August Hanson, Fargo Scand. 1  
Mrs. Mae Brudevold, Fargo Scand. 1  
Mrs. L. P. Janney, Fargo Scand. 1  
Mrs. Ida Melin, Fargo Scand. 1  
Mrs. J. O. Westlund, Fargo Scand. 1  
Mrs. Iver Fossum, Fargo Scand. 1  
Mrs. Roy Holand, Grand Forks, 2  
Mrs. John Sanbeck, Grand Forks Scandinavian, 3  
Mrs. Knute Soreng, Grand Forks Scandinavian, 1  
Mrs. A. M. Heribson, Grafton, 2  
Grafton Union, 3  
Mrs. Parnell Bates, Larimore, 1  
Mrs. Henry Dean, Larimore, 1  
Mrs. Martin Johnson, Larimore, 1  
Mrs. C. F. Truax, Minot, 1  
Mrs. L. N. Ellithorpe, Minot, 1  
Mrs. S. H. Njaa, Northwood, 1  
Mrs. Frank Beasley, Fairdale, 1  
Mrs. N. W. Stoa, Parshall, 1  
Mrs. R. J. Stinson, Fargo, 1  
Parshall Union, 2  
Plaza Willard Members, 1  
Mrs. W. A. Armstrong, Minot, 1  
Mrs. I. Rasmusson, Underwood, 1  
Mrs. Otto Nelson, 1  
Mrs. John Hassler, Underwood, 1  
Mrs. Alice Soiseth, Alamo, 3  
Mrs. Geo. Knight, Jamestown, 3  
Mrs. C. A. Landgren, Jamestown, 1  
Mrs. Fred M. Wanner, Jamestown, 1  
Mrs. Nellie Barber, Jamestown, 1  
Rocklake Union, 1  
Mrs. H. Tossal, Stanley, 1  
New Rockford Union, 2

## DISTRICT INSTITUTES

Fargo District held an institute at Fargo, Thursday March 12th, in the YWCA clubrooms. Unions represented were Fargo, Fargo Scandinavian and Prosper. About 60 women were in attendance. All the state officers were present and spoke. Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, our National Director of Institutes and state vice president presided. She also gave a historical review of WCTU work and accomplishments. Mrs. Darling talked on "Safety in Sobriety, Defeat in Drunkenness" and told something of the work of the Soldiers and Sailors Dept. Mrs. Beasley told us of the history and significances of the United States Flag and we learned how it was to be displayed on different occasions. Mrs. Lundhagen told of the new literature and had samples on display. Mrs. Possum spoke on the state of the finances and the membership campaign.

Dr. Ward F. Boyd, pastor of the Fargo Presbyterian Church led the devotional service at the morning session. At the afternoon session a group of girls from the Prosper union presented the allegory, "In Times Like These."

Talks were given on how various departments would "Defend Our Defenders" by Mrs. E. R. Pomeroy, Mrs. M. T. Stsidl, Mrs. Oscar Kjolrie, and Mrs. Walter Millar, all of Fargo. Mrs. Millar also sang for us. Mrs. Florence Reed Owens explained the Iota Sigma WCTU. Brief statements of the value of the Union Signal and Young Crusader were given by those present who were readers of these magazines. Dr. C. E. Eloffson of Fargo read a paper on "Narcotics" and answered many questions about various habit forming drugs.

It was decided to send a message to our senators asking that the bill S.860 be brought up for an "Aye" and "Nay" vote.

Greetings were sent to former state officers, Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, Mrs. Wanner and Mrs. Wylie, also to Mrs. Jessie A. Potter, district president who was ill and unable to attend.

## WHY GET NEW MEMBERS FOR THE W.C.T.U.?

Because the W.C.T.U. gives every woman in America a chance to help in the work of making our country "a land of happy homes."

Because the W.C.T.U. standards are those taught by Jesus Christ.

Because the W.C.T.U. unites women of all creeds in the social welfare work which is the common concern of all.

Because the W. C. T. U. works through many lines to combat the harm done by beverage alcohol.

Because the W.C.T.U. promotes alcohol education so that all people may know what alcohol is and what it does.

Because the W.C.T.U. is helping to fight all traffic in narcotics.

Because the W.C.T.U. gives to its members a wider outlook upon the problems of the community, the nation, and the world.

Because the W.C.T.U. has always stood as a bulwark against corruption and incompetence in government, both local and national.

Because the W.C.T.U. supports only upright public officials and legislative measures which make for public welfare.

Because the W.C.T.U. helped tremendously in securing the ballot for the women of America.

Because the W.C.T.U. helps to safeguard the physical and moral health of young people through the Youth's Temperance Council.

Because the W.C.T.U. gives boys and girls wholesome recreation and

training for citizenship through the Loyal Temperance Legion.

Because the W.C.T.U. is working to promote "peace on earth, goodwill among men."

—Illinois Watch Tower.

## SPEECH CONTESTS

In this time of stress and turmoil, the fevered preparation for war and the getting ready for something—we do not know what—it seems more important than ever to do something to divert the minds of children, young people and even adults away from all this. No better way could be found than getting them to memorize the beautiful passages of scripture suggested in our Bible Contest leaflets. Anyone listening to one of these contests could not help being uplifted and inspired by the beauty, truth and comfort found in God's word.

The Speech Department also has wonderful material in their approved selections. If you attended the state convention in Minot last September and heard those young contestants, I am sure you are convinced that this is true. Won't you do something now toward having one or more contests in your union and community? The Aims and Objectives of this department are, to discover latent talent, and to develop effective vocal expression, artistic interpretive reading and an appreciation of truths couched in the form of good literature; to encourage the preparation and reading of selections presenting the alcohol problem in phraseology and content within the mental and emotional grasp of the speaker.

The Points for Emphasis in 1942, are 1. Bible Contests among adults as well as children. (Use selections indicated in leaflet, "Selections from the Bible for Use in Speech Contests"—try to interest women who attend bible classes). 2. School Contests, especially in junior high schools. After conferring with principals and teachers of English and Science, have elimination contests in classes and home rooms, with no medal awarded. Then let from five to seven winners compete in the speech contest in assembly. (Choose material from "Approved Selections," Nos. 2, 5, 8, 11, and 14 for Juniors; Nos. 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, and 13 for youths and adults). 3. Repeat Speech Contests, in other schools and churches in neighboring communities, with at least six speakers and a new set of judges each time. 4. Observe May 17 as National Speech Contest Day. Let us go over the top in Speech Contests this year; name a chairman in your union who is alert, active and loves young people.

Don't wait, act now!

Yours in His name,

**MRS. WALLACE VINCENT**,  
Director.

## IN MEMORIAM

Oh, these parting scenes will end  
Some sweet day, by-and-by;  
We shall gather friend with friend,  
Some sweet day, by-and-by;  
There, before our Father's throne,  
When the mists and clouds have  
flown,  
We shall know as we are known,  
Some sweet day, by-and-by.  
—F. J. Crosby.

Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson has been called upon to part with her brother Wilbur, who passed to his eternal home February 27, after a long illness. Mr. Preston was 85, and had been a resident of the Tower City, N. D., vicinity since territorial days.

Grafton Union is bereaved in the recent death of Mrs. Honsvold, nee Inga Hellerud.

## JUST BETWEEN OURSELVES

I wish it were possible for me to write personally to all of you whose contributions and kindly letters are helping me to get out our paper, but that takes more time than I have. So I say my thanks again in this column, hoping that you all read it in spite of how little it says.

March is living up to its reputation, with storms of various kinds; the snow is falling as I write, and reminds me of a song written years ago by a friend of mine. It was called "We'll Make the Map All White," referring to the fact that then dry states were shown in white on a huge map used at the National convention. I feel that if we ever attain that happy state for our country again, it will have to be in the same way that is being shown by the snowflakes today—patient, persistent, ceaseless work, by many whose accomplishments do not show much. Yet with all the others doing the same things, together the snowflakes whiten the black earth, and together, we too, can accomplish more than we dream.

So let us 'keep on keeping on'—Spring is just around the corner for a meadow lark is singing in spite of the storm, and Easter will soon be here. May its message of hope come close to every heart, this sad year!

Yours gratefully,

**ELIZABETH C. BEASLEY.**

## "I HATE IT"

"I bear no malice toward those engaged in the liquor business, but I hate the traffic."

"I hate it every phase."

"I hate it for its intolerance."

"I hate it for its utter disregard of law."

"I hate it for the human wrecks it has caused."

"I hate it for the almshouses it peoples; for the prisons it fills; for the insanity it begets; for its countless graves in potter's fields."

"I hate it for the crimes it commits; for the homes it destroys; for the hearts it breaks."

"I hate it for the grief it causes womanhood—the scalding tears, the hopes deferred, its burden of want and care."

"I hate it as virtue hates vice, as truth hates error, as righteousness hates sin, as justice hates wrong, as liberty hates tyranny, as freedom hates oppression."

"I hate it as Abraham Lincoln hated slavery, and as he sometimes saw in prophetic vision the end of slavery, and the coming of the time when the sun should shine and the rain should fall upon no slave in the Republic, so I sometimes seem to see the end of this unholy traffic, the coming of the time when, if it does not wholly cease to be, it shall find no safe habitation anywhere beneath Old Glory's stainless stars."

These words of the eloquent orator, the late J. Frank Hanley, former Governor of Indiana, were used by Ohio's W.C.T.U. state president, Miss Mary B. Ervin, in her address before their annual convention.

It is not fanaticism to say that the immediate economic problems of the United States would be solved if the people would cease to spend their money for liquor and gambling.

—The Voice.

The liquor traffic would destroy the Church if it could;  
The Church could destroy the liquor traffic if it would.

—Georgia Bulletin.

The sympathy of the white ribbon sisterhood goes out to all surviving friends of these promoted ones.

## PUSSYWILLOW TRAIL

If I could tiptoe once again  
 Along a trail I know—  
 A little blue and silver trail  
 That bursts through banks of snow,  
 I'd follow to a purple hill  
 Where high upon the crest,  
 A line of slim brown branches lean  
 Against the sky to rest.  
 Oh, I would like to go once more  
 Through trails of melting snow,  
 And feel the sun upon my face  
 While spring winds softly blow.  
 I'd tiptoe to my trysting place  
 And take a furtive peep  
 To catch the pussycat buds  
 Awakening from sleep . . .  
 If I could only find again  
 That blue and silver trail  
 With mists of orchid drifting down,  
 I know I would not fail  
 To feel again that sweet content  
 I knew so long ago—  
 The happiness that God has meant  
 All human hearts to know!  
 —Cora May Preble  
 in The Country Bard.

## PEARL HARBOR

Papers and magazines come to my office from every state in the Union. Among these is The Alabama Baptist, a denominational paper. In the current number is an eyewitness account of what happened at Pearl Harbor, which was first printed in The Religious Herald. Dr. Charles E. Madry, Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, is the man who writes the article. He was in Honolulu at the time. Here's what he says:

"At exactly 7:55 Sunday morning the treacherous and murderous attack began. My room in the hotel looked out toward Pearl Harbor, where I saw up amid the clouds, a parachute, and above it, to the left, an airplane, enveloped in smoke was rolling and surging like a dark angry cloud. All around the parachute, the shells and streaks of fire were breaking in cross-fire. The Japanese pilot had bailed out, but whether or not he reached the ground alive, I never heard.

"The attack began with wave after wave of Japanese bombers, diving out of clouds upon Pearl Harbor, Hickam Flying Field, Wheeler Field, Schofield Barracks, and Ford Island, where many of the families of naval officers lived.

"Just three minutes after the attack was begun, the first American gun was fired by a young recruit. Acting on his own responsibility he manned a machine gun and it was reported that his firing had deadly effect.

"For nearly two hours it was a veritable hell of noise, fire, smoke and death. In a few minutes the radio was blaring out the commands of the military authorities.

"At first many thought a terrible thunder storm was raging. Then we realized that the guns of the whole area were blazing out their answer to the unexpected attack. Over the radio came the announcement that the islands were under enemy attack. Then, in a few minutes, came the word that an attacking plane had been shot down and on the wing tips was the emblem of the 'Rising Sun.' Then we knew for certain we were in for the real thing. In a few minutes there came over the radio commands, often repeated, for everybody to get off the streets and get under cover. Everyone was ordered to get his car off the streets, to run it into a ditch or on a lawn.

"Then began the pleas for ambulances and trucks to take the wounded to hospitals. The names of at least forty doctors of the city were called repeatedly and they were instructed to go to the several hospitals. Throughout that day and days follow-

ing there was an urgent plea for blood donors.

"In the meantime the guns continued to roar and the bombs were falling on all parts of the city. Fires were raging all about and there was the continuous clanging of firetrucks, trying to answer calls coming from widely scattered areas.

"The enemy bombers came over in successive waves nearly all day and into the night. The first attack, which came at 7:55 a.m., lasted for nearly an hour. The second wave came at 9:15; the third at 11:39, and the fourth at 11:49. There was a lull for awhile, then another attack came at 7:15 p.m., and the last at 9:15 that night.

"I was looking out at the awesome fires rolling from the burning battleship, Arizona, whose magazine had exploded. Secretary Knox has described this awful tragedy of sailors swimming through burning oil. My lips were sealed by the navy officials, and I must not tell of naval or military affairs I saw and heard that day and during the days following.

"Sunday was a dreadful night spent in total darkness. We greatly feared there would be other attacks that night, and the days following. We feared also that fifth columnists and saboteurs would burn the city that night. Out of a total population of 450,000, there are 137,000 Japanese on the islands.

"It is now known that the Japanese aviators who wrought such havoc in Honolulu were educated in the high school and the University of Honolulu. They knew everything about the islands—the defenses and vital areas. They knew, for instance, where the officers and top sergeants slept in the barracks. They knew where every ship was berthed and where every power plant was located. They knew how many ships were in the harbor for the week end, their names and where they were anchored. At least two submarines followed the last warship through the mine fields on Saturday night.

"There is ample evidence that those Japanese bombers were 'suicide squads.' They were bent on doing all the damage they possibly could, and for them the loss of life was incidental and even welcome.

"As the government has announced, the destruction was fearful. The loss of life among sailors and soldiers was appalling. There were mass funerals from Monday on through the week until Saturday noon. Four hundred were buried in Wheeler Field at one time. The heartbreak and sorrow of it all will follow me as long as I live.

"By ten o'clock on Sunday the refugees from all the air fields and naval and military areas had begun their tragic flight into the city. The public school buildings, hotels, churches and private homes were soon crowded. Many mothers had fled with their little children without even a change of clothing. I had read of the horror of seeing refugees fleeing from burning homes and murderous war. Now I have witnessed it all.

"God grant that America shall never experience what I saw, and may He forgive America for her senseless and greedy policy of continuing, for four years, to sell oil, gasoline, scrap iron and airplane engines to Japan for the destruction of helpless China and the death of untold millions of innocent men, women and children. It has come back to us in fearful judgment. One of our missionaries saw the small metal tablet taken off a burned Japanese bomber. On that bit of metal was the inscription: ' . . . Corporation, New Jersey, U. S. A.' The wings of the plane were made of tin but it was powered by an American engine, driven by American aviation gasoline, and its bombs

of destruction were made of American scrap iron.

"The tragedy of Sunday, December 7, 1941, will go down in history as the most humiliating, shameful and unnecessary tragedy that has ever befallen us as a nation. It is not my business to assess blame. The court of inquiry appointed by the President will do that. I only hope that the guilty 'higher-ups' and the 'brass hats' who by their criminal neglect allowed this shameful tragedy to come upon this nation, will be punished as they deserve. Twenty-seven hundred heroic sailors and soldiers, the vast majority of them, under twenty-one years of age, were suddenly hurled into eternity, without a moment's warning. Eight hundred others were wounded, some of them horribly mangled. The long lists of civilians who perished—many of them little children—crowded the columns of the daily papers, until one was sick at heart over it all."

There is the picture, my friends, of what actually happened at Pearl Harbor, by an eye-witness, Dr. Charles Madry, Secretary Foreign Mission Board of the Baptist church. God grant that it may not come the way of America.

One hour after the Japs started their bombings, the 428 saloons were closed. America knows this. It has been widely publicized, but America, although preparing for whatever may happen, still allows her liquor places to continue to debauch her manhood and womanhood, and her soldiers. We hear much about rationing priorities, but the liquor trade is not touched. It goes on unhampered. Repeated pleas are made to our officials at Washington, to prevent the use of grain by the distillers, and we are waiting, waiting, for something to be done about it.

—From The National Voice.

## HIS GIFT

When snows have vanished and the larks returned  
 Hope's emblem comes, as prairie hearts have learned.  
 For sin-worn souls and winter-weary eyes,  
 God gives pasque flowers, under April skies.

—Elizabeth Wilcox Beasley,  
 in Prairie Wings.

## CAN THE BLIND LEAD THE BLIND?

With only a few minutes to present the Department of Literature at a WCTU convention, Mrs. Gates of Southern California prepared this demonstration:

Two Directors of Literature were blindfolded; then one led the other across the platform, where a table and a chair had been placed. Of course the two directors knew about these obstacles, and exaggerated the difficulty of feeling their way around them. The audience, previously asked to guess the name of the "act," began shouting it almost at once.

Then other directors of Literature came on, carrying placards with slogans of the Department. Mrs. Gates asked the audience, "If a WCTU member or a union does not want to lead the blind blindly, but wishes to reach the community and 'fight liquor'—with literature!"—what must be done?" Each director in turn held up her placard and let the audience read it aloud.

Slogans used were such as these: We fight liquor—with literature. Find more readers for your WCTU literature.

Give more WCTU literature more chance to be more useful. Use more methods to help more WCTU literature help more people. Teachers need alcohol-education

material; the WCTU has it: so what? Stretch WCTU dollars by selling WCTU literature.

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## PERSONALS

Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, state vice president, is about again after a siege of flu. Mrs. Darling filled a speaking engagement for her at Northwood, while she was ill.

Mrs. Fred M. Wanner writes with just pride, that the secretary of the new union at Mott, Mrs. W. A. Ebertz, whose husband is the Congregational pastor there, is a former Jamestown College girl, and while there was a member of Mrs. Wanner's class in Sunday school.

Mrs. Wallace Vincent, State Director of Speech Contests, has spent the winter months at Cleveland, Ohio, but has kept her department in mind.

Although her sight is dim, Mrs. Barbara H. Wylie writes that she is far from helpless. One February morning when it was four below zero, she took her cane and walked over to the postoffice for the mail.

We are glad to know that Mrs. C. F. Truax of Minot is at home and improving rapidly after a minor operation.

Mrs. F. O. Laurhammer, secretary of the Edinburg union, as a result of a fall, suffered an injury to her knee that required an operation and quite a lengthy stay in the Grafton hospital.

Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson writes of enjoying walks along the shore of the ocean at La Jolla, where is said to be some of the most beautiful scenery to be found in California.

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