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## FOR DECORATION DAY

By Margaret E. Sangster

They are not dead, the ones so calmly lying,  
Where we leave flowers and swift, wistful tears;  
The outer part of them, alone, knew dying,  
Their spirits travel, still, along the years!  
They are not dead—the brightness of them lingers  
In sweet, remembered smiles, and words once said,  
They touch our souls with fragrant, vanished fingers—  
They are not here—but, oh, they are not dead!

They who have given us the gifts of laughter,  
Of deep affection, and of vivid mirth,  
Lean toward us, on this hour, from the Hereafter,  
Bound gently, by their love of us, to earth,  
And though our eyes are dim, and though we miss them,  
We know that they are just a step away,  
And that our blossoms are the lips that kiss them,  
Our pledge of faith, on Decoration Day!

## THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

**Dear Co-Workers:**  
When this reaches you, I will be in the field, and district conventions will be the order of the day. I am looking forward to meeting many of you again.

Miss Roena Shaner, National Organizer, will arrive in our state May 16th and we hope that she can start her work in New Rockford May 17th. May we all pray for the success of her work.

I urgently request that a part of the local meetings in May be given to a special prayer service—for the success of our work in the state. Will you pray for our guidance for these officers who are laboring in the field—attending district conventions and helping in every way? Will you pray specially for our national guest, Miss Shaner, asking that she be given wisdom, strength and courage for her work and that it may bear fruit in a shower of new organizations? Let us also pray for our sin sick, worn torn world and for our boys in service and that the Christian women of our state will see the need for total abstinence in times like these and enlist in this battle for sobriety and decency.

You no doubt have read in your daily papers about the petitions that the wets are circulating to initiate a bill to make the sale of beer legal on the Sabbath day, in our state. It was first thought that this bill would come up in the June primary election,



MISS ROENA SHANER

but the latest word from Mr. Geo. Parish, president of the N. D. Consolidated Drys, states that the petitions have not been filed yet and the dead line was April 1st. The wets have evidently decided to postpone it until the November election. If this bill comes up at that time it will be just another instance of the selfishness and greediness of this sordid business. In these critical days of our nation's history, when legitimate business is being curtailed for the best interests of our defense program, the liquor industry is seeking to enlarge its business. Why this priority for booze? We will watch with interest for further developments.

We salute the 21 "Holdfast Unions" and the 29 "Second Mile" unions. My heart was filled to overflowing as I read the names listed on the front page of the April Bulletin. I can not fully express my deep appreciation of your splendid loyalty to our cause but the thought comes to me . . . "Where there is a will there is always a way." Let others go and do likewise.

I was proud and happy to have so many fine stories on our State Star. They are now in the hands of our state judges and the winning story will go to National Headquarters before May 15th. We hope to publish these stories from time to time in the Bulletin; they contain some very valuable information and should be read by every one who is interested in the history of North Dakota. The membership campaign is still in progress and there is ample opportunity to win that new member. Let every member extend an invitation to her fellow church members who are not already enlisted in this great battle for God and Home and Every Land.

Soon after I had written my letter for the April Bulletin, word came from National that the Red Cross had sufficient Mobile Blood Bank Units for immediate use but they needed standard type ambulances. The price

of an ambulance is \$1300. I sent a special notice to our publisher in hopes it would appear in that same issue of our Bulletin but it failed to reach him in time for printing. I am sure that you will be just as eager to help with this humanitarian work. All monies for this very worthy work must be raised by a money-raising project or personal gifts from members and friends and not taken from local treasury. May I repeat and PLEASE TAKE HEED. All money for defense work should be sent through regular channels,—to local treasurer—to state treasurer. We can only be credited with money that reaches our state treasurer, she will forward it to National. Remember ambulances, not Mobile Blood Bank Units, for the present.

Our honorary president, Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, has distinguished herself again by writing a very fine new leaflet, "The Stars against Sisera." This is a very splendid leaflet to use in our membership drive. Your North Dakota comrades salute you, Mrs. Anderson, for another fine contribution to the temperance movement; we are very proud to call you "OUR OWN."

Congressman Ed. H. Rees of Kansas has introduced a bill (HR 3371) which is an exact re-enactment of 1917 legislation including the prohibition of sale of alcoholic beverages to men in uniform, according to Miss Elizabeth Smart, our national legislative director. This bill is now before the House Committee on Military Affairs. See the list of Representatives on that committee in Union Signal. Write also to our own Congressman asking for passage of this bill.

At Community Mother's Day Observance is a fitting time to awaken the men and women of every community of this state, to the menace of liquor and prostitution in and around our army camps. Circulate petitions, write individual letters or wire our Senators and Representatives in Congress, for such legislation as will give our armed forces protection from these two evils. There is no better way to safeguard the physical and moral welfare of our boys and promote the national defense.

"Many persons have a wrong idea of what constitutes TRUE happiness. It is NOT attained thru SELF-GRATIFICATION, but thru FIDELITY to a WORTHY PURPOSE."—Helen Kellar.

Yours in loving service,  
BESSIE M. DARLING.

## MY MOTHER

My mother is the measuring rod  
Put in my hands by hands of God  
For me to measure all things by.  
If for this or that is not as high  
As mother—then I pass it by.  
My mother is the measuring rod  
Put in my faltering hands by God.  
—Mary Carolyn Davies

## MOTHER'S HANDS

Mother's hands when they were young,  
Were soft as lullabies she sung;  
Fragrant as the rose in bloom  
Among the flowers in my room;  
Cool as linen that she turned  
About me when the fevers burned;  
White wings at the close of day  
Nestling mine in hers to pray.

Mother's hands reach out to me  
Across the years of memory  
Ghosts of what they were when young,  
Far echoes of the songs she sung;  
Ashes of the rose in bloom,  
A haunting fragrance in my room.  
Mother's hands are everywhere,  
Still clasping mine in silent prayer.  
—Mabel Natalie Ericksen,  
In The Farmer.

## HONOR ROLL Holdfast Unions

Alamo	McKenzie
Bismarck	Nekoma
Bowesmont	New Rockford
Bucyrus	Oberon
Calvin	Park River
Crosby	Parshall
Dickey	Powers Lake
Edgeley	Sawyer
Flasher	Stanley
Fortuna	Underwood
Gilby	Wild Rose
Hettinger	Williston

## Budget Paid In Full

Bismarck	Larimore
Bottineau	Minot
Bucyrus	Nekoma
Calvin	Northwood
Crosby	Oberon
Dickey	Parshall
Fargo Scand.	Prosper
Flasher	Reeder
Fortuna	Rocklake
Gilby	Stady-Zahl
Grafton	Stanley
Hettinger:	Williston
Jamestown	Wild Rose

## AMERICANS FOR AMERICA

"Americans for America" is the slogan that needs to be sounded now. The greatness of a nation is not in mere acreage of territory or in the strength of its battleships, but in the strength of its loyalty, in the purity of its ideals, in the intensity of its devotion to these principles which make for justice and liberty throughout the world. In vain do we build airplanes, fortify our coasts and man our guns, if we do not bring into every rampart and turret the standards of character and citizenship that make the men behind the guns. America is for Americans; now let Americans be for America.—Joseph W. Folk, Former Governor of Missouri.

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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."

### WHEN HATE IS SURGING THROUGH THE WORLD

When hate is surging through the world,

And famine walks with bitterness—  
When echoes sound from every side  
Of fear and horror and distress,  
When death is lurking on the sea,  
And death is sweeping from the air—  
Then it is time for all of us  
To bow our heads and hearts in prayer.

Oh we must learn to pray again  
As simply as we prayed when we  
Were children, resting quietly  
Against a gentle mother's knee.  
We must give thanks for faith and hope.

For tender moments snatched from strife,

For health and mirth and happiness,  
For all the little things of life.

And as we count the blessings that  
Are such a part of every day,  
We, too, must count the toll of tears  
Shed by our brothers, far away.  
And we must ask that they will know  
In years to come, a glad release  
From sorrow and the weight of war—  
That they will share with us God's peace.

While hate is surging through the world,

While armies rise and armies fall,  
While soldiers heed the call to arms,  
Then—we must heed another call!

While death is sailing on the sea,  
And death comes swooping from the air,

We must unite—yes, all of us—  
And bow our heads and hearts in prayer.

—Margaret Sangster.

### A PRAYER

Dear Lord, be kind to lonely folk today—

To those who wistful wait by empty hearths

And walk with loneliness when old bells chime.

Bend down in pity, Lord, above the ones

Who have lost all that made life gay and dear,

And lest this day destroy their hard-won strength

Could you—at this time—be very near?

—New York Times.

(Sent in by Mrs. T. O. Brandenburg, Bismarck.)

### NOTES FROM THE UNIONS

THE EDINBURG UNION held the April meeting at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. F. O. Laurhammer, so that the latter could be present. Mrs. Laurhammer has improved so that she is able to sit up but cannot leave her home yet, following the operation for her injured knee. The union invited the Northeast District conven-

tion to meet in Edinburg this year.

GRAND FORKS SCANDINAVIAN UNION met on Union Signal Day in March at the home of Mrs. O. T. Ness, and the reporter states that "as usual when we meet there, the house was full to capacity with members and friends—about 90 in all." The Rev. Theo. E. Dorpat of Lmanuel Lutheran Church gave an inspiring talk on Christian Citizenship, the Union Signal Promoter spoke briefly on our publications, renewed subscriptions and received a goodly number of new ones. Mrs. Knute Soreng, who is in charge of the Red Cross section, distributed garments to be sewed. Mrs. Ingman Gilseth, local director of Soldiers and Sailors, reported cookies and candy sent to boys in training camps, and a number of letters of thanks received.

Under the direction of Mrs. Thelma Allen and Miss Dorothy Brosseau, teachers in Intermediate and Primary grades respectively, the Boardmont L.T.L. presented a fine program April 17th, the president, Lynn Brosseau presiding. The vice president is Jimmy McKay and the secretary, Dickey Lyle. Miss Brosseau is treasurer. Forty seven had signed the pledge and dues were paid for that number. The following is the program:

April Prayer—Donna Jean Lyle; An Easter Message—Iris Ostott; The Lesson Story—Yvonne Stevens; Song by five primary pupils; Reading, Frances E. Willard—Floyd Gontzke; Quotations on Prohibition—Intermediate grade; Salute to the Flag, followed by singing "I Am An American." Remarks by Mrs. Wylie, who showed a picture of Miss Anna Gordon, and stressed five counts against cigarettes, stating that figures from the tax commission show that our state had wasted on cigarettes last year \$3,820,911.30. Closing song—Children's Prayer and benediction. Mrs. Allen was accompanist at the piano.

MRS. PHILIP STOLBERG reports that the Flasher union, though it is out in the country and has but 16 members, is doing sewing and knitting for the Red Cross, and arousing the interest of the mothers of small children in every way possible.

"If we work upon marble, it will perish; if we work upon brass, time will efface it; if we rear temples, they will crumble into dust; but if we work upon immortal souls, we engrave upon these tablets something which will brighten all eternity." —Daniel Webster.

Believing the truth of the above quotation, the theme of the Grand Forks Scandinavian union's public meeting of April 10 was Alcohol Education. The Rev. S. Carlson, pastor of Covenant Mission church where the meeting was held, kindly welcomed the audience, read scripture and offered prayer. The Junior choir of the church sang America, the Beautiful and the Conquest Song; Beverly Hagelle and Louise Lunde played a patriotic medley as a flute duet. Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, the state vice president, was the speaker of the evening, and stressed the importance of early training and right influence upon children. Bessie M. Darling, the state president, urged greater interest in S.860. Mrs. A. W. Sheppard, past president of the union, provided petitions asking the passage of this bill and many signatures were secured that evening. Beverly Knapp and Genevieve Simonson sold candy which brought in \$5.00, and a special committee composed of Mrs. Sheppard, Mrs. Otto Knapp, Mrs. E. Simonson and Mrs. Espeland served lunch; about \$15.00 was received in all. An important feature of the meeting was

the announcement of the winners of the Temperance Essay contest, sponsored by this union among grade children of the rural schools of Grand Forks county. The children who won places of honor, and their teachers are as follows:

First—Genevieve Gunderson, Agnes Dist. No. 26—Eleanor Schmidt, Niagara; Second—Howard Peterson, Avon Dist. No. 100—Agnes Hanson, Kempton; Third—Carnell Swanson, Maurice Dist. No. 76—Mrs. Selma Eastland, Niagara; Honorable mention—Eula Mae Swersson, Pleasant View No. 50—Gladys Brusegaard, Northwood; Honorable mention—Donald Hemington, Niagara Dist. No. 74—Corra Moen, McCanna; Honorable mention—Phyllis Brenna, Brenna Dist. No. 13—Ione Swendseid, Route No. 1, Grand Forks; Honorable mention—Raymond Eider, Chester No. 7—Mrs. Gertrude Valgren, Emorado.

The prizes given to these seven were little figurines made of North Dakota clay, illustrating Mother Goose rhymes; these will be kept on exhibition in the schools to which the winners brought credit. The judges who kindly made the selections were Miss Katherine Whitely of the Belmont school, Miss Nora Cerbo of the Junior High school, and Miss Beatrice Johnstone, veteran teacher and county superintendent, who is now director of the Correspondence Division of the U. of N. D. Much of the credit for the success of this project is due to the cheerful cooperation of Miss Hulda Christianson, county superintendent of schools in Grand Forks county. The many fine essays received proved that temperance instruction has been given as the state law requires. The union hopes to make the contest an annual event.

### PERSONALS

MRS. WALLACE VINCENT, Director of Speech Contests, returned from a visit of several months with her sister and other relatives at Cleveland, O., just in time for the March blizzard.

MRS. LULU WYLIE ZIMMERMAN, former state director and president of James Valley District, discussed "The Family Medicine Chest" at an institute held in Seattle in March, by the union to which she belongs. In the copy of the West Washington White Ribbon Bulletin which Mrs. Zimmerman sent to the editor, Mrs. W. B. Simcox of Chehalis is listed among the Stars of Hope. The account of their state convention last fall stated that Mrs. Simcox led the singing there, as she did here while musical director for North Dakota. Her Park River friends will be glad to see that she is continuing in the work.

MRS. JOHN SANDBEEK, president of the Grand Forks Scandinavian union lately returned from Chicago, where she spent a month at the home of her son Joseph and had the happiness of welcoming a new baby granddaughter. Congratulations!

MRS. V. G. McLEOD of Christine kindly sent in names of promoted Life Members, and expressed the hope that the five faithful Willard members there may yet see a union doing active work in that community again. May her wish come true!

MRS. SOPHIE SWARSTAD of the Grand Forks Scandinavian union has lately returned from her usual winter vacation in California. While there she attended the funeral of Mrs. John Bridston.

It is not so much the greatness of our trouble as the littleness of our spirit which makes us complain.

### IN MEMORIAM

"Passing out of the shadow into a purer light;  
Slipping behind the curtain, getting a cleaner light.  
Laying aside a burden, this weary mortal coil;  
Done with the world's vexation, done with its tears and toil.  
Tired of all earth's playthings, heart-sick and ready to sleep—  
Ready to bid our friends farewell, wondering why they weep.  
Passing out of the shadow into eternal day—  
Why do we call this dying, this sweet going away?"

MRS. MAYBELLE MOCRE, who had been a Life Member of North Dakota W.C.T.U. for forty years or more, passed away some months ago. She had lived at Crary before moving to Battle Creek, Mich., where she had made her home for a long time. Mrs. Mocre was a sister of R. M. Calderwood of Charbonneau, N. D., and W. G. Calderwood of Minneapolis, Minn., who compiles the valuable handbook, "Temperance Facts."

MRS. SARAH E. BIGGS of Fairmount, a Life Member and once president of the Richland County district W.C.T.U., passed on to higher service from a Minneapolis hospital March 8th, after several years of failing health.

FRANKLYN B. STORK of Chicago, a brother of Mrs. Wallace Vincent, State Director of Speech Contests, was called to his reward early in the winter.

MRS. JOHN BRIDSTON, another Life Member, passed away at her home in California February 19th. The Scandinavian union of Grand Forks, her former home, held a service in her memory at their March meeting, during which Mrs. M. E. Sutcliffe sang "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" in the Norwegian language. Mrs. H. O. Hermanson read the following tribute to Mrs. Bridston:

"As a result of a temperance lecture held at the Zion Lutheran church in 1898 by an Icelandic girl, the Grand Forks Scandinavian W.C.T.U. was organized about one week later in the home of John Bridston, 508 Chestnut Street. Among other officers, Mrs. John Bridston was elected vice president. It seems the flower mission was of special interest to her because she loved to visit the sick. She not only brought flowers but read God's word and prayed for them.

At a meeting held at the home of Mrs. Bridston, an article written by the hostess was read. Later this was translated into English and read at a district convention at Inkster. She continued to hold offices throughout the years. From reports we understand the Scandinavian W.C.T.U. met very frequently at the Briston home. While here she was very active in this work, and since leaving Grand Forks she continued to remember the work in sincere prayer.

In 1928 the Bridstons left to make their home in California.

In former years when her health was not good she said this work gave her added interest and helped her both spiritually and physically.

She became a life member while here, and had her certificate hanging on the wall in her bedroom in California.

Mrs. Bridston was born July 4, 1851 and died February 19, 1942. Had she lived till July 4th of this year she would have been 91 years old. She was very well up to the last, and her prayer that she might go quickly was granted.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

March 15-April 15, 1942

### DUES—

Bismarck 1, Glover 13, Grand Forks 3, Grand Forks Scandinavian 14, Oakes 4, Minot 4, Minnewaukan 1, Hettinger 3, Sheldon 2, Rocklake 2, Wild Rose 1.

### BUDGET—

Sheldon \$1.00, Rocklake \$9.00, Grand Forks \$4.00, Edgeley \$8.00, Grand Forks Scandinavian \$24.00, Glover \$6.50, Minot \$14.40, Underwood \$8.00.

### L.T.L. DUES—

Edgeley 10, Laimore 18, Edinburg 24, Stady-Zahl 1.

### Y.T.C. DUES—

Stady-Zahl 2.

### WILLARD MEMORIAL FUND—

Mott \$2.00, Gilby \$2.00.

### LILLIAN STEVENS FUND—

Grand Forks Scandinavian \$1.00.

### WILLARD MEMBERS—

Christine 5, Sharon 4.

### LITERATURE—\$1.47.

### STATE REPORTS—\$.25.

### WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN—

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### NORTH DAKOTA W.C.T.U.

### AMBULANCE FUND—

Alamo \$1.75, Gilby \$10.00, Dickey \$2.00, Women's Society of Christian Service, Leonard \$10.00, Mrs. Clara Steele, Raleigh, N. D., \$1.00, Mrs. N. R. Heinze, Plaza, N. D., \$1.00, Mrs. H. F. Nutting, Erie, N. D., \$1.00, Mrs. C. J. Kuehl, Wilt, N. D., \$1.00, Mrs. Wilber Hanson, Lisbon \$1.00.

Contributions to the Ambulance fund are being received every day. Your gift, large or small, will be welcomed.

**CORRECTION**—Through an oversight Gilby Union was not listed as a contributor of the Second Mile Project, in April issue of White Ribbon Bulletin. Their contribution to this fund was received by the treasurer in December. Our apologies to Gilby.

MRS. IVER FOSSUM, Treas.,  
Box 1336, Fargo, N. D.

## A MILLION DRUNKS

Americans like facts and here are two which should be of importance to every one who ever took a drink.

There are at least 200,000 chronic alcoholics in the United States today, plus one million or more persons who are in danger of becoming chronic alcoholics, according to Dr. Lawrence Kolb, assistant surgeon general of the United States Public Health Service.

Of 10 persons who drink, even "socially," three will become drunkards and the seven will show the "effects" in their bodies some time, according to the late, famed Dr. Charles Mayo.

Surest, foolproof test to determine whether you are an alcoholic, according to the Keeley Institute, is to ask yourself: "Can you take it or leave it alone?" The catch is that you not only have to be honest in your answer but then you have to prove it by "leaving it alone." The drinker who says he never gets drunk, who says "I could quit tomorrow if I wanted to" but whose nerves go to pieces when not anesthetized by alcohol, is an alcoholic and a medical case.

Alcoholism, growing by leaps and bounds since repeal according to the nation's mental hospitals, is just one of the effects of beer, wine and spirits which cause the W.C.T.U. and other religious and temperance groups to say: "Stop these effects by turning off the faucet of the liquor supply."

Relegalization has made liquor easily accessible to all Americans with every form of high-pressure merchandising being used to increase consumption—in other words to make more non-drinkers into drinkers.

The reverse could also be true, social workers say, and all the human

and economic costs of liquor be reduced by making it more difficult to secure.

## SOCIAL MORALITY AND MOTION PICTURES

(Mrs. Philis) Stolberg, state director of these departments, wishes all women to share letters received from her National directors, extracts from which are given below. She hopes that women who attend the moving pictures which she cannot do because of her distance from them, will analyze them, using the Guide to Evaluation which may be obtained for one cent each. Commendation protests should be sent to the producer of the picture in question; the name and addresses of those producers are given in another column.—Editor)

The Aim of the Social Morality program, is to make the community fit for youth to achieve successful living. In many of our communities we have boys in service. This situation has added problems. These boys are seeking amusement and recreation. May we in every way possible assist in making these amusements clean and wholesome as well as enjoyable.

The venereal disease problem is increased by prostitution which has increased in many places where our boys are camped. In most states (see Plan of Work) there is a red-light injunction and abatement act which makes it unlawful for houses of prostitution to operate. Will you not become familiar with this law in your state and use every possible means to interest citizens in demanding its enforcement? You will need to co-operate with your Health Department, Council of Churches, and other influential groups.

We face the problem of young girls on the streets. Let us use our efforts to bring negligent parents to a realization of their responsibility toward their children for their own sake and as American citizens.

Will you work with other organizations to pass a curfew law, if you do not have one? Earlier hours for recreation of Youth requiring them to be at home early would take many young girls off the streets. Recently a doctor from a city health department made the statement that clean and wholesome instruction and interest at home as well as high standards of conduct by parents, would lessen the number of young girls on the street endangering their own health and happiness and would lessen the number of young men seeking law environment.

We have prepared the plan of work and leaflets to assist you in placing before youth and parents, clean and wholesome instruction. Will you not make every effort to place the following Leaflets where they will reach those needing help?

"Every Child's Right to Moral Training in the Home."

"Parents' Pattern" (I am delighted that so many of you have ordered this new one). Order more.

"Good Americans." Will you put copies of this leaflet in the S. S. and other organizations?

"Looking Toward the Future." Reminding Youth that the future is being shaped now. Let us remember to have on hand,

"Boys' Standard of Conduct," and "Girls' Standard of Conduct" and at every available opportunity give them to boys and girls.

Cordially,  
GRACE H. BUDDE,  
National Director Social Morality

Mrs. Augusta W. Urquhart, National director of Motion Pictures, writes as follows:

Frances Willard once said, "The

best poets are those who revise their poems the most, and life is a poem that needs constant revision." America at war means we must revise our lives to fit into our country's needs.

As we pursue our work in the various departments of the W.C.T.U. every one feels the added responsibility of not only fitting her work but her individual talents into the Defense Program, so vital and necessary to Win the War—and Win the Peace. No matter where we may be called upon to serve, we must remember our pledged purpose is to work for the abolition of the liquor traffic and the cultivation of the total abstinence habit. Public opinion is becoming more and more incensed at the havoc wreaked on the men in training by the easy access to beer in the camps, and the time seems propitious to get action. Renewed efforts in behalf of S.860 is One thing we all can do to help Win the War.

It seems we must revise our thinking and try to understand the place Movies occupy in war time. Recreation and relaxation are essential to the morale and health of our men in training and in the service. During the past few weeks, attendance at film theatres has taken a tremendous leap. It is estimated that more than 90,000,000 people are attending pictures each week in the United States at present. Figures for 1941 released by the Hayes office show during the year an average of 85,000,000 people attended. This increased attendance can be attributed to the desire for release from the tension of world affairs; to eagerness to see and hear war news; to desire to learn the technique of war production, and to be entertained and amused. The government is making some good educational films; and a note of levity has crept into many otherwise dull comedies. To meet the cry for entertainments and relaxation more comics are being produced. Most of them have some risqué episodes and some buffoonery, but the light entertainment is what the "boys" are supposed to enjoy. We approve of clean jokes and fun but disapprove of the suggestive, coarse and low.

Since the Movies are enjoying such increased popularity and being publicized as a vital contribution to the Defense Program, we of the more sober mind must increase our vigilance to detect the unsavory and harmful episodes. Be vigilant with your Protests to Producers. Use the "Guide to Evaluation" and include commendation of good parts of the film along with your protest of the questionable things."

The following names of producers are taken from the Film Year Book: H. M. Warner, President, Warner Brothers Pictures, Burbank, Calif.

Louis B. Mayer, President Executive Board, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios, Culver City.

Y. Frank Freeman, Vice President in charge of Production, Paramount Studios, Marathon Street, Hollywood, California.

Harry Edington, Vice President in charge of Production, R K O Studios, Gower Street, Hollywood, California.

Harry Cohn, Vice President in charge of Production, Columbia Studios, Gower Street, Hollywood, Calif.

Hal E. Roach, President, Hal Roach Studios, Culver City, Calif.

Darryl F. Zanuck, Vice President in charge of Production, 20th Century-Fox Studios, Fox Hills, Los Angeles, California.

Samuel Goldwyn, President, Samuel Goldwyn Productions, United Artists Studios, Hollywood, California.

Walter Wanger, President Walter Wanger Productions, United Artists Studios, Hollywood, California.

Sol Lesser, Principal Artists Syndicate, United Artists Studios, Hollywood, California.

David O. Selznick, President, Selznick Productions, United Artists Studios, Hollywood, California.

A suggested list of good pictures to see and analyze:

Remember The Day—Outstanding Citizen Kane—Orson Welles.

A Letter From Home—Miniature masterpiece—English story.

Babes on Broadway—Mickey Rooney and Judy Garland

It Started With Eve—Deanna Durbin.

Pacific Blackout—Exciting melodrama and some comedy.

Wings of Victory—Russian Setting. Look Who's Laughing—Entertaining comedy.

## BOYS AND BEERS

Parents generally are very sound thinkers where their children's welfare is concerned, but many parents have been misled by the salesmen for the so-called "moderate" alcoholic drinks.

Cautioning parents that "These two, boys and beers, do not belong together," Angelo Patri wrote recently in the Chicago Daily News: "... Beer is not a drink for boys and anybody grown to adult size knows it. Beer is an alcoholic drink. Call it mild if you wish, it is still an alcoholic beverage, and is no drink for a boy. If it were not for its power to intoxicate, men would not use it. How then can it possibly be a mild drink for boys?"

"... Boys love speed... To use one of these machines a boy needs all he has of clear brain, steady hand and clear eye. If he has one drink of beer he has lost so much self-control that he would better go to bed instead of sitting in the driver's seat."

"... An intelligent driver does not drink on duty. An intelligent boy will not drink at any time because he looks forward to the day when he will... (be)... the trusted representative of his family, his community, or his country."

"... Any business or anybody using beer to lure boys into serving their selfish interests, reveals an idea that is abhorrent to decent people."

## CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S CORNER

Two corrections must be made this month. In the report of the institute held by Fargo District which was printed in the April White Ribbon Bulletin no mention was made of the dedication of little Naomi Reed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Reed of Fargo as a White Ribbon Recruit. Mrs. Bessie M. Darling conducted the service and while it is always an inspiration it was, perhaps, more so on this occasion, for as her mother told us, it was as important to Naomi as to those who witnessed it.

The second correction: A rather serious error crept into the list of supplies at Headquarters as published in the February White Ribbon Bulletin, and was not detected (as I have been using my own copy for reference and not the printed one) until the question of supplies for District conventions came up for discussion. State Reports were given as 2 for 5c when it should have read:

State Reports, 25c each

Topical Programs, 2 for 5c

Please note this correction. Even at the price listed the State Reports remained on the shelf at the office here! They are really worth the 25c we ask for them.

Northeast District, Minot District and Fargo District have sent in essays for the contest and word comes from Ellendale and Northwest Districts that their essays will be coming in soon.

ALBERTA W. LUNDHAGEN.

## LET US MAKE A GARDEN

Let us make a garden  
You and I;  
Hollyhocks and larkspur,  
Stately, high.

Tulips and wallflowers  
Velvet brown;  
One tall lily  
In a white gown.

Placid pansies,  
Daisies shy,  
Marigolds that  
Face the sky.

God walks in their gardens,  
Other men say.  
Let us make a garden.  
Perhaps He may!  
—Mary Carolyn Davies.

## LIQUOR AND WAR

From the American Business Men's Research Foundation

War, throughout history, has ever proved the acid test of personal and national stamina.

Facts show that nations and peoples have risen to eminence and flourished in direct proportion to their physical and mental vitality.

In all the study of these seemingly unending struggles since time began, it is startling to find that beverage alcohol has played an amazing part in undermining and ultimately bringing about the defeat and collapse of practically every nation that has lost the crucial decision on the field of battle or in conflict with other peoples.

Liquor has defeated more men, more armies, more nations than any other cause. It does seem that the lessons that history records should serve as ample warning against this the greatest of all enemies.

**Holy Writ records that:**

(a) David defeated the Amalekites (1 Sam. 30: 16, 17) after they were found drunk following a temporary victory;

(b) Ahab surprised and defeated Benhadad, King of Syria (1 Kings 20: 16-21), when he found him with thirty-two kings "drinking themselves drunk in their pavilions;"

(c) Ninevah was destroyed by the Medes (606 B.C.) when they came upon it in a night of sensual feasting and dissipation (Nahum 1: 10; 2: 6,7), and

(d) Cyrus conquered Babylon, "Belshazzar, and a thousand of his lords" in a night when they were gathered in a riotous drinking feast (Dan. 5: 1-4, 30, 31).

Philip and Alexander, the greatest leaders of ancient Greek history, won their way to world conquest in abstaining years but lost it completely when dissipation conquered them.

Alexander the Great bewailed the fact that there were "no more worlds to conquer." During all his mighty triumphs, his abstinence from liquor was so marked as to attract attention. But apparently, his vast triumphs finally turned his head. Alexander's end came in a carousal in which he took part at the invitation of Medius. "There," said Plutarch, "he drank all the night and the next day, till at last he found a fever upon him." Alexander conquered the world but Alcohol conquered him. He died drunk at the age of thirty-three.

The Romans, in their early years strictly abstemious, undermined and destroyed their great civilization through a period of 300 years of progressive dissipation.

The Normans won the Battle of Hastings, September 28, 1066, during which, as the historian, William of Malmesbury, tells it, "they passed the night in fasting and prayer," while "the Anglo-Saxons devoted the same period to drunkenness and de-

bauch." In the battle that took place next day, Harold and his drinking Saxons were routed and William won the throne of England.

On Christmas Eve, 1776, the American troops crossed the Delaware River and won the Battle of Trenton when they surprised the Hessian soldiers celebrating the season with drinking and feasting.

In the War of 1812, the U.S.S. Argus fell an easy prey to the British brig, Pelican, because the American soldiers, the night before the battle, had been allowed to drink wine. Few of their shots hit the British vessel.

The Battle of Waterloo, fought near Brussels in June, 1815, proved the decisive defeat for Napoleon, because, as an authentic historian notes, Marshal Ney, retiring to his headquarters on the eve of battle, "fell into a deep and prolonged sleep" after imbibing his favorite Burgundy too freely, and "when he awoke . . . he found himself apparently unable to give orders or to reach any decision."

In March, 1918, when the German forces were advancing on Paris, "the spearhead of the advance suddenly broke. No one could tell why . . ." What transpired, as was afterwards officially reported by Prof. Hans Schmidt of Helle, a commanding officer of the Western Front, was that "the French had left a great supply of alcoholic drink as the surest way of retarding the German advance. Two whole divisions were found drunk, ready to be cut down by the Allied troops . . . the wine-drenched Germans were simply mowed down by the enemy machine guns." The Crown Prince, acknowledging the receipt of Prof. Schmidt's report said, "If we had not found alcohol, we should have advanced farther than the March offensive. You are right in laying your finger on this painful wound."

Reports in the press during recent months reveal the verdict of the French government in August 1940, that "alcoholism was the chief cause of the French armies' moral collapse and the worst of France's four greatest problems."

During the early months of the present World War the German Armies were under the strictest discipline against the use of alcohol, but dispatches from the Russian front in November, 1941, brought word that in order to make progress toward the capture of Moscow with other Russian points, despite the terrific Winter storms that assailed them, the German troops were found in many cases to have been doped with alcohol with the apparent purpose of giving them temporary energy and courage to overcome the obstacles which faced them. The result, as shown in the weeks immediately following, has been a startlingly disastrous series of defeats amounting almost to a rout along a large part of the fighting line.

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—In N. Y. Woman's Temperance Work.

## MEDICAL TEMPERANCE

(Mrs. O. H. Kjolrie, director of this department, sends the following article taken from the Journal of the American Medical Association.)

### ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFIC A JAP WEAPON

Illicit commerce in drugs is an important part of the aggressive policy of the Japanese government. Paragraph 15 of a booklet of regulations for Japanese soldiers reads as follows:

"The use of narcotics is unworthy of a superior race like the Japanese. Only inferior races, races that are decadent, like the Chinese, Europeans and East Indians, are addicted to the use of narcotics. This is why they are destined to become our servants and eventually disappear."

The role played by the "superior" race in the enslavement of the other races through the use of narcotics is revealed in a statement by the secretary of the treasury, Mr. Morgenthau. Commissioner of Narcotics Harry J. Anslinger reported to the secretary that he had abundant proof that Japan had defied international commitments by promoting the opium trade. The Japanese officials had three objectives in their traffic: to gain revenue, to corrupt western nations and to weaken and enslave the peoples of lands already invaded or marked for invasion.

Wherever the Japanese army goes, the drug traffic follows. The extent of this traffic and the conditions engendered by it are truly appalling. According to our narcotic chief 90 per cent of all the illicit "white" drugs of the world are of Japanese origin, manufactured in the Japanese concession of Tsientsin, in Dairen or in other cities of Manchuria, Jehol and occupied China, and this always by Japanese or under Japanese supervision.

The report states that the Japanese concession in Tsientsin has become the heroin center of China proper and of the world, and it is from here that not only the Chinese race but all other countries of the world are being weakened and debauched. The Japanese consulate at Chengchow in Honan acts as a center for the distribution of drugs.

The report further states that since the invasion of North China by the Japanese all legal control of the narcotic trade has ceased to exist.

The entire situation was aptly summed up in the statement of Lieutenant Commander Fletcher in the house of commons Dec. 22, 1938. "Pestilence and war are historically associated with each other, but it has been left to the Japanese to find a way of making a pestilence pay for war." This presumably is the "order and peace" and the "benefits of friendly collaboration" that the Japanese military are bringing to the people of China.

We are directly concerned in the matter because of an alarming amount of smuggling of the "white" drugs into the United States. The statement reveals that by one gang of traffickers alone enough heroin was smuggled into the United States to supply 10,000 addicts for one year. One shipment seized in Seattle from four Japanese totaled 1,000,000 shots of morphine.

To combat this illicit traffic, a law was enacted by the United States in 1935 imposing heavy fines on the master or owner of any vessel visiting our ports on which unmanifested heroin, morphine or cocaine is found.

## BOARD OF CONTROL VIEWPOINT

There was a time when I thought that church people were narrow on the subject, but having been a member of the Board of Parole for seven years, I have had an opportunity to see the extent to which crime is directly attributable to liquor. I have seen literally hundreds of fine young men convicted of felony for no other reason than that they were under the influence of liquor at the time of the crime.—Wilbur LaRoe, Committee on Civic Affairs, Washington (D. C.) Federation of Churches.

## JUST BETWEEN OURSELVES

For the past two days a high wind has been whirling the dust into the house, in spite of the fact that the fields in this neighborhood are still too wet from the late spring snow to permit seeding to begin. There are ponds of water everywhere, but still the dust from the roads fills the air, and the heart of the housewife yearns for it to cease, so that she can clean with some satisfaction. What shaking and airing, what washing of curtains and scrubbing of all corners soon will be taking place! House cleaning will occupy the minds of all, and no one will begrudge the efforts put forth, when all is in order again, for the satisfaction will be great.

I am wondering if any dust has gathered in the corners of our minds and hearts, and if we are keeping any worthless rubbish there. We clean out the accumulations of papers and magazines to aid defense; should we clean out some hoarded gossip, some bits of discord, some scraps of jealousy or resentment? If any of these are taking space that should be filled with happy cooperation, let's sweep them out with the new broom of willing service, and scrub the places well with love and friendship! Then with our spring cleaning all done, it is time to make things grow. Let us plant some seeds of thought in our neighbor's minds—that new leaflet Mrs. Anderson has just given us, "The Stars Against Sisser," is fine for that purpose. Study the list of Headquarters literature again, and see if there are not some that your Sunday school, your church women, your local school, might find helpful. Maybe your own minds might sprout a few more green leaves! I am going so send for some—are you?

But don't forget to send me news from your unions.

ELIZABETH C. BEASLEY.

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