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THIS HERITAGE

My son, the flag that waves above
your head
Is ours because our fathers willed
it so;
They dreamed, they planned and built,
they fought and bled,
Made possible the way of life we
know.
The stripes denote a mighty tra-
vail where
Democracy was born; the starry
field
United States. Let tyranny beware
This bond whose potent force the
free may wield.

Today this gracious heritage is ours,
And everything it means we shall
defend;

With blood and brawn—a myriad of
powers—

We now safeguard our way unto the
end.

Saluting you, America, we stand
With pride before the flag of our
hometown!

—Belle Kellough Standerfer,
Oklahoma, in Prairie Wings.

FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Grand Forks, N. D.,
May 18th, 1942.

Dear Fellow W.C.T.U.ers:
I almost wrote "Dear Fellow
WORKERS," but stopped, for sud-
denly the thought struck me that I
am not a most tireless W.C.T.U.
worker and then I wondered if the
rest of you were! Are we ardent,
tireless, courageous W.C.T.U. work-
ers? Are we?

This letter comes from me because
our tireless, ardent, courageous, state
president, Mrs. Bessie Darling, is out
in the state, meeting you in conven-
tions and public meetings. She will
inspire all with whom she comes in
contact and we all unite in asking
God's blessing on her and her work.
It is not easy to leave one's home at
this busy time of the year, even
when we love the work of the W. C.
T. U., and each individual worker.
Mrs. Darling has written many let-
ters in planning for this trip. Do
you answer her letters to your union?
You would save her much time and
labor if you would reply very soon
after receiving her letters. We all
answer our telephones promptly, why
not our letters? Both are communi-
cations, and often the letter is much
more important. Our congratula-
tions to Mrs. Darling for organizing
a fine union at LaMoure and to the
LaMoure W.C.T.U. We are most hap-
py to welcome you.

Miss Roena Shaner, national or-
ganizer, is visiting several of our Dis-
tricts this month. She has been our
guest worker before and we were
glad to have her with us again. She
has always impressed us with her
zeal, her knowledge and her Chris-

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

tian devotion, and has left us with
renewed desire to increase our efforts
in this work for "God and Home and
Native Land."

We feel that even now when our
country is at war, the W.C.T.U. can
best serve by steadfastly carrying on
our work just as we have for years;
realizing that we must be ready and
willing to change our plans to con-
form to any service that our country
may ask of us. Surely no one of us
has forgotten to pray for our nation's
leaders. In the Washington Letter,
Union Signal of May 9th, Miss Smart
says, "I have assumed that—at the
hour of noon daily, each one of us
was sending up an earnest prayer to
God that those who are charged with
the responsibility of guiding our Ship
of State in these perilous days, the
President and the members of both
Houses of Congress, the commanders
or our armed forces and those who
are dealing with the conversion of
civilian economy to war use, might
be guided to see aright the dread
traffic in a narcotic drug, alcohol,
which menaces the success of our
war time program—the brain power
on which successful conduct of all
our affairs depends and the physical
power that can effectively implement
those plans."

Do you have a Nine O'clock Prayer
Circle in your union? Those shut-
in members can serve the country
and our cause by prayer and all who
will agree to pray at 9:00 a. m. each
day should be members of the Prayer
Circle and their names sent to our
State Director of Evangelistic and
Sabbath Observance, Mrs. C. E.
Erickson, Crosby.

The W.C.T.U. is often referred to
as "the never give up" women. To
continue to deserve that title we
should send in more and yet more
letters and petitions to Congress for
the passage of S.860. No need to
remind you to send cookies and
friendly letters to the men in our
armed forces. I'm sure you will not
forget to be most tender and friendly
to the mother whose boy is serving
his country; she needs her friends

now more than ever. If we become
too saddened or depressed let us not
become dismayed; we will remember:
"Nevertheless the foundation of God
standeth sure." II Timothy 2:19.

Are you going to be ready to help
defeat the "Fritz Nelson" bill to le-
galize the Sunday sale of beer, if it
comes up, as seems likely, at the
November election? Plan to spend
some time explaining the bill to
those who may not understand it and
ask them to vote against it. Then,
too, you will be wise to plan to spend
some time securing signers to peti-
tions to initiate a measure that the
Consolidated Drys intend to have in-
troduced. Details will be announced
later.

May I suggest that a profitable and
very pleasant day may be spent this
summer having an out-door all day
Institute? Bring a picnic lunch, start
the Institute about 10:00 a. m., carry
out a real program, at noon join in
the Noon-tide Prayer, enjoy your pic-
nic and then continue the Institute
program, adjourning in time for those
living at a distance to reach their
homes in time for the evening meal
with their families. Of course, you
may invite the families to the picnic
and the entire program, and do not
forget to invite prospective members.
Have on hand plenty of the fine new
literature to sell or to give away and
don't forget pledge cards.

Have you been diligent in reporting
outstanding events of your Union to
Mrs. Beasley, editor of the White
Ribbon Bulletin? She can't "tell the
world" if you fail to tell her, so don't
"hide your light under a bushel."

I hope to see many of you at our
State Convention in Grafton this fall.
It isn't too early to begin to make
plans to send your president and
several delegates.

I'm sure you have missed Mrs.
Darling's informative letter this
month and will look forward to it in
the next issue of the paper; I have
enjoyed visiting with you this time.

Loyally yours,

KATE S. WILDER,
Vice president.

NOTE FROM STATE PRESIDENT

Dear Co-Workers:

Greetings to all! Just a few lines
to express my deep appreciation for
the many courtesies and kind hospi-
tality extended to me while in the
field the past two weeks. It was a
great joy to meet so many of our
co-workers again. In spite of rain,
muddy roads, and tire rationing, six
very successful district conventions
were held.

We extend a warm welcome to the
new union at LaMoure headed by
Mrs. S. N. Engelstad, former presi-
dent of Bucyrus union and Hettinger
district. May it grow in number and
strength and be a contributing factor
in the church and civic life of that
community.

New presidents were elected in all
six districts. Mrs. Alex Burr of
Jamestown was elected president of
James-Valley district; she had proved
her worth when she served as acting
president for the remainder of Mrs.
Lulu Zimmerman's unexpired term.
Mrs. Mae Hanson (Paul) of West
Fairview union was elected president
of Ransom-LaMoure district to take
the place of Mrs. J. A. Youngman
who has served that district so faith-
fully over a long period of years. In
Ellendale district, Mrs. C. Maack was
elected president when Mrs. E. E.
Clarke, acting president, declined
election due to poor health. Mrs.
Ruth Stolberg, Flasher, will replace
Mrs. O. E. Erickson in Bismarck dis-
trict. Mrs. H. Walch, Reeder, was
elected the new president of Hettinger
District. Mrs. Wallace Vincent,
Fortuna, was appointed acting presi-
dent of Northwest district when the
newly elected president declined to
serve. To all these new officers we
extend a warm welcome on behalf of
the state official family. May the
spirit of love, Christian fellowship and
cooperation be ever present as we la-
bor together for a sober and decent
state, nation and world. To the re-
tiring officers we can only say we
regret that you must give up for a
time your splendid leadership, but
it has been a great joy and privilege
to work with you and we know that
you will maintain and retain your loy-
alty and love for our common cause
and that you will contribute in ser-
vice and in gifts whenever possible.
As we face the busy summer months,
let us plan to carry on by meeting
regularly. In these critical days we
must not "in service lag" and let it
not be said of us that we failed to do
that which was immediately before us.

Faithfully and sincerely yours,
BESSIE M. DARLING.

"Alcohol is a poison; so is ar-
senic; so is opium; it ranks with
these agents. Health is always in
some way or other injured by it;
benefited by it—never."

—Sir Andrew Clark, M.D.

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Noontide Hour of Prayer

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

PRAYER

Prayer is a universal act of humanity. We pray in spite of ourselves. Scarce a man is there who does not find a feeling of thanksgiving rising now and then in his heart. Whoever looks at the beauty of the night skies and feels a sense of dependence, is praying even though he frames no speech. The husband and wife who look into the face of their little child, and vow a better kind of living and example for their infant's feet have said a prayer. The young man or woman away from home, who in moments of trial or temptation, turns in kindly remembrance to the old home and its security, by that very thought is praying.

We have too long thought of prayer as something that is done at church, in the suggestive surrounding of worship. We have thought of prayer as a pleading with Almighty God for something we want, but may not really need. Many think of prayer as a form of thought that comes to us when we find ourselves in a "tight spot," and need help. All these forms of prayer are real and necessary, but the truest prayers we utter are often in moments of relaxation, or in little catch moments of the day or night, when the Presence of God seems very near.

—Dr. J. W. Holland
In "The Farmer."

LISTENER

I hearkened to the breeze today
And I am grown most wondrous wise,
For understanding filled my heart
As wonder leaped into my eyes.
I hearkened to the grass today
And I have learned to laugh at woes,
For I am glimpsing loveliness
Upon the paths whereon I go.
I hearkened to the trees today
And I am singing, as I plod,
For, altho I am trembling flesh,
Lo, I have heard the voice of God!
—Edgar Daniel Kramer
In Successful Farming.

NOTES FROM THE UNIONS

THE NORTHWOOD UNION held a silver medal contest Sunday evening April 26 at the Lutheran Free church, the judges for which were Mrs. C. M. Pace and Mrs. E. Johnson of Northwood and Mrs. Carl Meldahl, Jr., of Larimore. The medal was awarded to DeLores Grina, sixth grade student. The Essay and Poster Contests having been completed in the schools, the prizes were awarded to the winners by Mrs. O. J. Oswald with ap-

propriate remarks about the importance of keeping our work before the public. Four groups were awarded prizes: Junior-Senior, Freshman-Sophomore; Seventh and Eighth grades wrote essays. The Fourth, Fifth and Sixth grades made posters, which were exhibited at the church and studied by a fine number of members and friends. The choir of the United Lutheran church rendered two selections, the High School Boys' quartette gave one selection, the Misses Eleanor Boe and Marlys Lien sang a duet and David Hobbs played a clarinet solo. The collection amounted to \$17.37. Mrs. S. H. Njaa, president of the union, was in charge of the meeting.

May 6th, the Northwood union held its regular meeting at the A. E. Skordahl home, with Mrs. R. H. Bakken helping Mrs. Skordahl serve. Delegates to the Grand Forks district convention to be held at Gilby later were elected. Mrs. Ralph Bakken gave a report of Child Welfare work; the president, Mrs. S. H. Njaa gave a talk on "Mother," and two poems were read by Mrs. George Nordahl. Letters were read from some of the boys in service, expressing appreciation of cookies, candy and other articles sent them. Contributions to the W.C.T.U. Amulance Fund were received. The union voted to place flowers in the churches on Mother's Day. We are indebted to Mrs. S. O. Nelson for these interesting facts.

MRS. K. SCRENG, Red Cross chairman for the Grand Forks Scandinavian union, reports 12 garments completed before the middle of May and the members are now working on quilts for that organization. An omission was made in the story of their essay contest in the May Bulletin; in addition to the small figurines which were given from the county superintendent's office, the union gave cash prizes, \$1.50, \$1.00, and 50c respectively, for the first, second and third place winners.

MRS. ERNEST MILLER reports that the Underwood union sponsored a Mother's Day program the afternoon of May 10. A large crowd gathered at the city hall to hear the following program: The high school band rendered a selection, the audience sang America and Rev. Wiley gave the invocation. The high school chorus sang, and Rev. Wiley gave an address. Jean Ellis gave an instrumental solo, Elaine Knutson read a prayer poem, and the Rev. Father Wigger gave an address. The men's quartette sang, and the program closed with son "God Be With Them" and the benediction by Rev. Wiley. An offering was taken for the W.C.T.U. Amulance Fund, which amounted to \$41.15.

MRS. IRVINE was program leader for the May meeting of the Park River union, which was held in the church, nicely decorated for the occasion. Honoring all mothers, the program was planned as a memorial to the late Mrs. John Kohnen, mother of nine, and worker in the Park River and district union for many years. Tribute was also paid to Mrs. W. J. Phair, president of the union for nearly a quarter of a century, now an invalid. Mrs. Shaw gave two readings, Ethel Hevland sang "Rest For the Weary," and a quartette of little girls, one of whom, Yvonne Chapman, was Mrs. Kohner's granddaughter, sang "Silver Threads Among the Gold." Mrs. Irvine had secured the help of the county nurse, Miss Ferguson, who gave a fine talk on Child Welfare; she began with pre-natal care, and spoke of the needs of the child at different ages, and warned of the menace of syphilis. It was a valuable address for all, es-

pecially for the young mothers present.

THE NEW UNION AT HATTON has grown from 11 to 20 members, and they are working to organize an L.T.L. there. Success to them! No work they can do is more worth while.

JUDGE GRIMSON'S OPINION BEARS FRUIT

In line with the opinion given by Judge Grimson last fall, that the proprietor is responsible for the act of his clerk when selling liquor, States Attorney Wallace E. Warner of Walsh county recently secured the conviction of a Park River man for selling liquor to minors. Mr. Warner was assisted in presenting his evidence to the city council of Park River, by A. J. Gerlach, a special representative of the Attorney General's office. The proprietor was fined \$100 and his place of business placed on probation till July 1, to determine if he will then be re-issued a license to operate, although he sold some of the liquor to minors personally.

According to the Walsh County Record, in commenting on the case, States Attorney Warner said: "There is entirely too much beer and liquor being sold to minors in Walsh county, and this is just the beginning of my campaign to clean it up. We are at war, and the citizens of today are going forth to fight for the democratic way of life. We who are still at home will have to safeguard the generations of tomorrow. Let me also state that anyone over 21 years of age who buys liquor for a minor will face full prosecution for contributing to the delinquency of a minor. I ask the cooperation of all citizens and peace officers so that the laws will be enforced in Walsh county."

We hope all other states attorneys in North Dakota will take the same stand.

PERSONALS

While attending the James-Valley district convention, Mrs. Darling was the guest of Mrs. Fred M. Wanner. The latter expects to leave for New York early in June to attend the graduation exercises for a grandson and granddaughter there. A third grandchild, Margaret Wanner, will receive her diploma from Jamestown College June 1st, and will join the ranks of teachers this fall.

Mrs. Barbara H. Wylie expects to spend part of the summer at the home of her son in Minneapolis. We congratulate her upon her winning state star story.

The Casselton Reporter recently carried an item of interest to many of our older members who are friends of Mrs. Necia Buck. The item told of the success as a playwright of Mrs. Dallas Walters, who had recently been called to New York City to assist in the production of a new play just completed. Mrs. Walters is the daughter of Mrs. Buck, and writes under the name of Ann Buck Walters. Her husband, the Rev. Dallas Walters, is a former Casselton boy.

MILK, BREAD AND BEER

The tire rationing board at Sacramento, Cal., decided that it was more important to deliver beer to the stores than to deliver milk to the homes. At least that is the only interpretation that can be put on their action in refusing rubber for milk trucks and granting it to beer trucks. One board member said: "That's the way the Federal Government wants it done."

According to the rulings of the Government, a vehicle that delivers goods to a retailer is classified as a wholesaler's truck and is entitled to tires. But a milk wagon or a bakery wagon that delivers milk and bread to homes and hospitals is a "retailer's delivery wagon," and on the theory that people can carry their own purchases from the grocery, such vehicles are denied tires.

Those who are close to the scene in Washington know that a powerful lobby there represents the brewing industry and that this lobby long ago sold the Government on the idea that "beer is food." On the basis that it is nonintoxicating and has food value (they assure us it is not fattening), the brewers have been granted prior rights again and again. They obtain supplies when sugar is rationed to homes. Beer is sold from Government counters in Army camps. Beer trucks get tires and bakery wagons cannot.

How long will the Christian people of America submit to this sort of treatment at the hands of their Government? How long will it be possible for the brewing interests to occupy this preferred position at the expense of the public? When will the Church find its voice and speak out so that it can be heard where a hearing counts?

—The Christian Advocate.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S CORNER

The Story of the Star— of North Dakota

Stories about the star—North Dakota—were sent in from six districts in the state, Northeast, Grand Forks, Ellendale, Hettinger, Minot Fargo. The judges had a difficult time selecting the best one as they were all excellent. First place was given to "My State—North Dakota" written by Mrs. Barbara H. Wylie of Bowsmont, Northeast district; second went to "The Story of the Star," written by Mrs. Andrew Kolstad of Glover, Ellendale District; third place to another "The Story of the Star," written by Mrs. Philip Stolberg, Flasher in Hettinger District. Congratulations are in order to Mrs. Wylie for writing the best story in the state and her many friends in the state will rejoice with her and hope she will win the national honor, too.

While on her tour of the district conventions this month, Mrs. Darling had the pleasure of organizing a new union at LaMoure, with fourteen members pledged, eight of whom paid dues. The new officers are: president, Mrs. S. N. Engelstad (formerly of Bucyrus where she was president of Hettinger District); Rec. Secretary, Mrs. J. W. Shute, and treasurer, Mrs. J. L. Gyldevand. We are very glad to welcome this new union to our organization.

ALBERTA W. LUNDHAGEN,
Corresponding Secretary.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?
By Mrs. Henry Feabody

At a very beautiful tea, where I felt less at home than at a missionary meeting, I was approached by a charming woman who greeted me cordially and said, "I have been so interested in your prohibition work." I said, with some surprise, "You do not look like a reformer." She was the picture of a leader in social life. "Oh," she said, "I have been the wife of an army officer. I have seen what this thing does to young men."

Then she said, "I was converted to prohibition as a girl, here in the south. I came in one day from the plantation to the county seat. In front of the little store I saw a family in an old wagon with mule team. The woman wore a sunbonnet,

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TREASURER'S REPORT

April 15 - May 18

DUES—Larimore 1, Ellendale 1, Northwood 6, Underwood 5, Hattontown 20, Rugby 3, Edinburg 1, Jamestown 2, Manango 7, Hannah 1, Bottineau 2, Grand Forks Scandinavian 8, Minot 1, Epping 9, LaMoure 8, Fargo 10, Fargo Scandinavian 25, New Rockford 2, Hettinger 1.

BUDGET—Ellendale \$4.00, Edinburg \$9.00, Grand Forks Scandinavian \$12.00, Epping \$8.00, Fargo \$10.00.

WILLARD MEMBER—1

L.T.L.—Edinburg 24, Stady-Zahl 1, Ellendale 7, Bowsmont 47, Jamestown 10, Bucyrus 13.

Y.T.C.—Stady-Zahl 2.

DISTRICT PLEDGES—Ransom-LaMoure \$10.00, Hettinger \$5.00 (bal. of pledge), Northwest \$5.00.

COLLECTIONS FOR DISTRICT CONVENTIONS—Ellendale \$5.00, LaMoure \$3.00, Hettinger \$5.86, James-Valley District Second Mile \$5.00, Educational Fund \$5.00.

LITERATURE—\$6.67

AMBULANCE FUND—Previously reported \$18.75, Gilby \$10.00, Larimore \$10.00, Hattontown \$3.21, Minot \$15.20, Hettinger \$25.00, Bottineau \$5.50, Stanley \$1.25, Stady-Zahl \$4.80, Crosby \$3.00, New Rockford \$1.10, Fargo Scandinavian \$5.90, Underwood \$41.05, Bantry \$2.10.

We have one more union added to the honor roll, Grand Forks Scandinavian having paid budget in full.

MRS. IVER FOSSUM, Treasurer.

Dear friends:

This is the last month for our membership campaign. Our unions have done well in gaining new members this year. A complete list will be published in the next issue of our White Ribbon Bulletin. If you have not reported your new members, please do so during the month of June.

If you do not receive your White Ribbon Bulletin, will you not see your local postmaster about it. With so many of the complaints regarding this, we find the name is on the circulation list, so the trouble does not seem to be with the publisher. We want all of our members to receive the Bulletin and are trying our best to aid in this.

Thanks.

MRS. IVER FOSSUM.

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

ELLEDALE DISTRICT

The Ellendale District of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union met in their annual convention on May 7th, at Monango. The attendance was not large but the convention was inspirational and helpful. Addresses were given by Rev. Clifford Young, pastor of the Ellendale Baptist Church, and by our state president. Music was furnished by four young ladies from Monango high school.

The following officers were elected: president, Mrs. Carl Mack, Ellendale; vice president, Mrs. O. P. Olson, Glover; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. R. G. Newton, Monango; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Viva Taplin, Ellendale; Treasurer, Mrs. E. L. Emith, Ellendale.

MRS. VIVA TAPLIN,
Recording Secretary.

JAMES-VALLEY DISTRICT

The 33rd convention of the James Valley District W.C.T.U. was held at Jamestown, May 5th in the Methodist church. Mrs. A. G. Burr, vice president presided. Mmes. Bessie M. Darling, Grand Forks, state president, and F. M. Wanner, Jamestown, past state president, were the convention guests.

Mrs. Elizabeth Worlie was in

charge of the opening devotions. Appointment of committees and reports of officers and local unions followed. Mrs. C. E. Stowell, Valley City, spoke on the work of the Soldiers and Sailors Department.

An impressive service was the dedication of White Ribbon Recruits. They were: Gerald and Hugh Stohler, Patsy Burr, David Myers, Carroll Myers, John and Joan Hjellum, Noel McCoy, Karen and Jacklyn Seibold. Mothers of the recruits received flowers.

Mrs. Wanner conducted the memorial service and the nontide prayer.

At the noon lunch served by the local W.C.T.U. a broadcast was given by the L.T.L. with Little Misses Marilyn Sorvik and Carol Ellis as the performers. Arlene Iverson gave a reading.

Rev. E. P. Fosmark, pastor of the Baptist church, conducted the devotional service in the afternoon, his theme, "Is it Nothing to You, Ye that Pass By?" Rev. C. M. Brown, Valley City, spoke on "Youth in Times Like These." Mrs. Darling gave her address, "Forward March." A symposium on gambling was conducted by Dean A. C. Burr, City Attorney H. E. Rittgers and Rev. H. W. Morrow.

Resolutions were passed placing the district organization on record as being opposed to gambling of any form, also to strive to eliminate liquor advertising, including advertising of beer over the radio.

Musical numbers were a violin solo by Joyce Bordwell, Martha Dittus accompanist; and selections by the W.C.T.U. trio, Mmes. L. E. Grattan, Clyde Crandall and Myron Hart. Rev. F. G. Norris gave the closing prayer.

Officers elected for the coming year are: president, Mrs. A. C. Burr, Jamestown; vice president, Mrs. E. G. Raunum, Valley City; secretary, Mrs. G. A. Sheiby, Valley City; treasurer, Mrs. E. R. Fritch, Valley City.

RANSOM-LAMOURE DISTRICT

Ransom-LaMoure District W.C.T.U. convention met at Englevale with West Fairview Union May 6th. Unions present were Edgeley and Dickey, Sheldon not able to attend. Mrs. Paul Hanson of Englevale, vice president, presided in the absence of the president, Mrs. J. A. Youngman of Dickey.

Mrs. Bessie Darling was our guest speaker and an inspiration all through the day. Rev. Pat Dubin of Dickey and Rev. Frank Rumer of Edgeley helped with the program.

Officers elected for the coming year were: president, Mrs. Paul Hanson, Englevale; vice president, Mrs. E. A. Scea, Dickey; rec. secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth Farnsworth, Edgeley; cor. secretary, Mrs. H. D. Mack, Dickey; treasurer, Mrs. Anna Sox, Edgeley.

Directors elected were: L.T.L., Mrs. Pat Dubin, Dickey; Child Welfare Department, Mrs. Violet Carlson, Edgeley; Flower Mission Department, Mrs. A. A. Burgess, Sheldon; Alcohol Education, Mrs. N. O. Larson, Dickey; Soldiers and Sailors Department, Mrs. C. Coit, Englevale.

Dickey and Edgeley report two bands of L.T.L. with 20 members; the unions having 33 members and 4 honorary and one memorial member.

Mrs. Elizabeth Farnsworth,
Recording Secretary.

BISMARCK DISTRICT

Bismarck District met for its thirty-third annual convention in the Presbyterian church at Steele, May 13th, the district president, Mrs. O. E. Erickson presiding. Mrs. Dahlenberg of Steele, led in devotions and gave the welcome address, with Mrs. Cart of Bismarck responding.

Reports were given by the local unions.

Election of officers resulted as follows: president, Mrs. Philip Stolberg, Flasher; vice president, Mrs. Salter, McKenzie; cor. sec., Mrs. Bollinger, Flasher; rec. sec., Mrs. P. C. Ryder, Steele; treasurer, Mrs. Henry Larson, McKenzie.

Mrs. C. G. Boise of Bismarck conducted the memorial service, followed by an appropriate solo sung by Miss Helen Erickson. The morning session closed with the nontide prayer. Lunch was served at the home of Mrs. Phelps.

Rev. McClure of Steele, opened the afternoon session with devotions. A reading was given by Mrs. Marston of Steele; "W.C.T.U. Catechism" by Mrs. Boise, Bismarck; "Why Do People Drink," by Mrs. Salter, McKenzie.

Songs were sung by the Boy's quartet and Girl's duet.

Mrs. Bessie Darling was heard with much interest in her strong and impressive address, "Forward March."

Report of resolutions committee was read by Mrs. Sathre, Bismarck, and adopted.

The meeting closed with the motto and prayer.

MRS. ELMER CART,
Corresponding Secretary.

NORTHWEST DISTRICT

The 29th Annual Convention of the W.C.T.U. of the Northwest District met at the Lutheran Church at Epping, Friday, May 15th, with the president, Mrs. R. E. Taylor of Fortuna presiding.

"Let the Beauty of Jesus be Seen in Me" was chosen as the theme song of the convention. Rev. Hans Nelson, Epping led the morning devotions. The flag salute and American Creed were led by Mrs. Berg of Stady-Zahl union.

Eight unions: Alamo, Crosby, Epping, Fortuna, Stady-Zahl, Stanley, Wildrose and Williston were well represented and gave unusually complete reports showing that a surprising amount of work had been done, among other things the unions are doing a real job in causing the law to be observed by tavern and beer parlor operators, especially in respect to minors, selling on Sunday and closing hours. A great deal of credit is due the district president for the encouragement given to the unions. The nontide prayer was given by Mrs. Wm. Nott, Crosby.

The devotional service for the afternoon session was "A Litany on the Lord's Prayer," led by Mrs. Mary C. Hay, Crosby. An informative talk on "Community Responsibility" was forcefully given by Mrs. Lena Burton, juvenile officer, Williston. Rev. Rundstrom, Williston, gave a very able talk on "Righteousness Exalteth a Nation." An L.T.L. demonstration was given by Mrs. Iverson of Epping. This was followed by a very impressive talk by our state president, Mrs. Bessie M. Darling of Grand Forks.

Talks on "The Meaning of My Department" were given by the following directors: Evangelistic and Sabbath Observance—Mrs. C. E. Erickson, Crosby; Flower Mission—Mrs. C. M. Sonne, Williston; Speech Contests—Mrs. W. P. Vincent, Fortuna; Scientific Temperance Education, Mrs. A. L. Anderson, Stanley.

Mrs. Frida Bue Homnes, Crosby, gave an original Mother's Day poem, "A Nation's Mothers." This poem is very touching and we are proud of our talent in the Northwest District.

White Ribbon Recruits dedicated by Mrs. Darling were: Merle Willard, Tilford, Owen Lowdermilk, Harold Paul Nelson, and Hillis Orlan Moho, all of Epping.

A duet, "The Lord Is My Shepherd," was sung by Mrs. Rex Haug and Mrs. Sever Jodock, Wildrose, at the afternoon session.

The evening session was opened by a prelude followed by a song service led by Mrs. W. P. Vincent of Fortuna. Mrs. Vincent sang a solo, "Heights of Power," later in the evening.

Mrs. H. S. Stensland, high school principal of Ray gave a very instructive talk on, "Youth in Times Like These." Mrs. Bessie Darling gave a very inspirational talk on "Forward March." Benediction was given by Rev. Hans Nelson, Epping.

Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: president, Mrs. W. P. Vincent, Fortuna; vice president, Mrs. C. E. Erickson, Crosby; cor. sec., Mrs. C. M. Sonne, Williston; rec. sec., Myrtle Skabo, Crosby; treasurer, Mrs. Frances Mohler, Wildrose.

The Epping union served delicious meals at noon and evening.

JUST BETWEEN OURSELVES

Again I want to thank those who have helped me with news for the paper. I hope none of you will get out of the habit, and that more of you will acquire it. Do as one dear friend did, who said: "We had such a good meeting that I thought I must write and tell you about it, even if it is too late for this Bulletin." Write while you feel like that—do not put it off; it will go in the next paper and give someone else some good ideas. All you do is of interest to some of us, so make "Tell the Editor" your slogan.

My mind has been occupied with the matter of food almost exclusively this spring, as the providing of that necessity for five men has been my own responsibility. Thinking of what is wholesome, nourishing, and well-balanced, as well as studying ways to prepare it so that they will like to eat it, takes a lot of time. It made me wonder if we give our minds and souls the nourishment they need, when we are so occupied with matters concerning the body. What do we read? What do we think about, while our hands automatically wash dishes or peel potatoes? "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he."

Our capable director of Soldiers and Sailors suggests that I call your attention especially to the wealth of information to be had from the Handbook of the National W.C.T.U. Mrs. Stowell says "Every member ought to have one; I wouldn't take a dollar for mine if I couldn't get another," and I agree with her most heartily. It is about the biggest nickel's worth of information and inspiration that National offers in printed form. If your union will secure one for each member, and ask them to report on some subject at each meeting, it will be worth much to you.

Please note what our treasurer, Mrs. Fossum, says to those who do not receive their copies of the White Ribbon Bulletin; this matter is our greatest worry, for each dues-paid member should receive the paper, and we are most anxious that you shall. If you do not get yours, will you please make sure that the mistake is not in your local post office, or that the paper is not going to your husband's place of business instead of to the house? Some years ago a small paper came to us, and at the same time an acquaintance on the other rural route from our town was a subscriber to a similar-looking paper, published in a foreign language. This man and my husband have the same first name, and it was surprising how many times that little foreign-language paper was left in our mailbox. We put time and effort into making this paper for you; you have paid for it; you ought to have it. But if your name is on the mailing list as it should be, and Mrs.

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ARE YOU FOR ME?

"Are you for me or against me?"
Asked the Flag as it went by.
"We are for you! We are for you!"
Said the people in reply.
"We will follow where you lead us.
We are ready when you need us,
We have pledged our hearts devotion."
Said the people in reply.
"Are you for me or against me?"
Came the question from the Stars.
"By the war-clouds dark above us,
By our old wounds and our scars,
We are for you now and ever,
Bonds of love no foe can sever
Hold us fast and bid us to you,"
Said the people to the Stars.
"Are you for us or against us?"
Called the White Stripes and the Red.
"By the great hearts of our heroes,
By the blood that they have shed,
We are for you, doubt it never:
We are for you, now and ever,
And our gold and strength and service
All are yours," the People said.
L'Envoi
"I shall take your heart's desire,
And your wealth and gold and land;
I shall take your soul's ambition,
And your work of head and hand;
I shall take away your nearest,
Your best-beloved and dearest.
Are you for me or against me?"
Asked the Flag as it went by.
"God be with us, we are for you!"
Said the People in reply.
—Fay Foster.

WHO IS RIGHT?

Several days ago when we were all so thrilled at the splendid address which Senator W. Lee O'Daniel had made on the floor of the United States senate, we were equally disappointed to hear over the radio that Secretary of War Stimson did not agree with the senator from Texas as to the use of alcoholic liquors by our boys in the service. In fact, the secretary was quoted as having said that he believed that wine and beer were good for the boys.
It seems incomprehensible that a man in such a high position and with such close knowledge of the boys in the army as he should have could possibly say such a thing. He must know what even a small amount of alcohol does to a machinist, to a man in the signal corps where every faculty must be alert, to a gunner, to a pilot or even to the least important man in the army. And so I began to think over what some other great leaders of our country have said about alcohol. Some of these leaders are military men and some are not, but they are all acknowledged leaders of their time. Let us call the roll:
George Washington—"Alcoholic liquor is the source of all evil and the ruin of half of the working men in the country."
Abraham Lincoln—"Whether or not the world would be vastly benefited by the total and final banishment from it of all intoxicating drinks, seems to me not now an open question. Three fourths of mankind confess the affirmative with their tongues; and, I believe, all the rest acknowledge it in their hearts."
William McKinley—"The liquor traffic is the most degrading and ruinous of human pursuits. By legalizing this traffic we agree to share with the liquor seller the responsibilities and evils of his business. Every man who votes for license becomes of necessity a partner to the liquor traffic and all its consequences."
Theodore Roosevelt—"It was during the first World war that Theodore Roosevelt wrote: 'My sons, who are now in the army in France, wrote me most strongly (just as General Pershing has expressed his public opinion unstintingly) as to the harm done to the men of the army by permitting the sale of liquor to them, stating that they believed in absolute prohibition for the army in war time—and one of them adding that his experience has made a permanent prohibitionist of him.'"
General Pershing—"It was during the first World war that our General Pershing described liquor as America's deadly enemy in the following words:
"Banish the entire liquor industry from the United States; close every saloon and brewery; suppress drinking by severe punishment to the drinker . . . 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 bullets of the enemy."
Not only in our own country, but in other countries as well, leaders of thought have recognized the danger of drink.
France—"The fate of France is a long shadow over this nation relative to our indifference to the damage being done by the liquor traffic in our country. History now records the part alcohol played in the tragic collapse of France. On Aug 24, 1941, a dispatch from Vichy by the United Press stated:
"A government spokesman said today that alcoholism was the chief cause of the moral collapse of the French army under the German attack. He said drunkenness was rampant in the army during the eight months of inactivity at the start of the war; that a single hospital in the fourth army area had 814 cases of delirium tremens during January, and that the 'disastrous era of intoxication' by the young French soldiers had caused most of the cases of nervous breakdown and shell-shock when they had to face the German dive-bombers and tanks."
Great Britain's prime minister during the first World war was **David Lloyd George**. He said in reference to the drink question:
"We are fighting Germany, Austria and drink; the greatest of these deadly foes is drink."
Our leaders must somehow be made to see the danger to our country in the continued use of alcoholic drinks by our men in the service. If you do not agree with Secretary Stimson, write, yourself, to your senators, get others to write until senate bill 860 is passed and at least that danger is taken away from our land.—E. P. C., New Jersey White Ribbon News.

ADA MOHN-LANDIS CONTEST

Prizes awarded, 1942—
Senior, first prize—Ruth E. Campbell, Chicago, Illinois. Second prize—Ray M. Kennedy, Louisville, Kentucky. Honorable mention—Mrs. May Brown, Earlimart, California; Mrs. Hazel Daniels, Denver, Colorado; Lucille Crites, Spokane, Washington; Miss Pearl Holloway, Fremont, Nebraska; Mrs. May Hines Richards, Sioux City, Iowa.
Junior, first prize—Mr. George C. Alborn, Antigo, Wisconsin; second prize—Miss Pearl Holloway, Fremont, Nebraska; Honorable mention—Mrs. May Hines Richards, Sioux City, Ia.; Mrs. Minnie Tolle, Visalia, California; Mrs. May Brown, Earlimart, California; Mrs. Louie Marie Mason, Cheyenne, Wyoming; Mr. Glenn H. Asquith, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
For the last twelve years the National W.C.T.U. has offered prizes for original manuscripts suitable for use in Speech Contests. Some years the offer has been for orations only, and some years for stories or poems, as

well as orations, on a theme which presented total abstinence in one form or another. The awards for 1942 are given above. Manuscripts were received from thirty-two states. The judges for the Senior division were from Pennsylvania, South Dakota and Arizona; the Junior judges were from New Hampshire, Illinois and California.
This year so many of the manuscripts entered were "dated" by definite reference to conditions of today, that they were not practical for a speech contest book which should be usable for about ten years. For this reason, and because of existing conditions today, it is decided not to hold a Landis Contest in 1943. If conditions permit a 1944 contest, rules will be sent to every person who entered manuscripts this year, or who inquired about the contest.
Any inquiries in regard to the contest should include postage and be addressed to:
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National W.C.T.U.,
Evanston, Illinois.

ON REFUSING A COCKTAIL

By Emily Post

I wish I could print in indelible ink the following advice to all the hosts and hostesses who give cocktail parties:
It is extremely inhospitable to invite people to your house and give a certain number of them not a single swallow of anything that they can drink. In other words, to force people to go thirsty or to drink an alcoholic beverage which they do not want, is just as inconsiderate as to invite them to dine and put nothing on their plates but the one item of food to which they happen to be allergic.
This comes to my mind because of a letter that is too serious to set aside. A reader asks:
"What can one do when there is nothing but alcoholic cocktails—take one and leave it untouched, or refuse it? I have done both and am equally embarrassed because I know how quick I used to be to accuse others, who took nothing, of being critical. I happen to have had a pretty hard time to overcome a habit that had the best of me, and in my particular case, as well as in that of many like me, courtesy to my hostess seems a trivial matter compared to what a return to old tastes would mean to me!"
Having fully answered this in my advice to the hostess, my only additional answer is that there should be no more embarrassment in refusing a cocktail than there is in refusing a cup of tea!—Philadelphia Inquirer.

JUST BETWEEN OURSELVES

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Fossum finds that it is there, neither of us can do much more about it. So please check the possibilities of mistakes at your end of the line. We want you to get it!
The reports of the district conventions have not all come in as yet, they will appear in the August number. There will be no July issue of the paper, according to the arrangement prevailing for some years. May you all have a good summer.
Yours in His service,
ELIZABETH C. BEASLEY.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

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had no shoes, and four little children sat on the wagon floor. They were all radiantly happy. I wondered why, and going into the store for my errand found they had driven in to get money for their tobacco crop, which the man and wife together had cultivated. It was their only income during the year. The man took them into the store and said to the owner, 'You give her what she wants. I'll be back with the money.'

"So the woman chose, and I waited to see their happiness. They wanted everything, shoes and sheets, sugar and flour, all the things to eat and wear that they had done without. The kind storekeeper gave the children some candy and I left them, to go back again later.
"I was delayed, and when I returned the picture had changed. There was tragedy in the woman's voice, but no tears. The children, feeling the changed atmosphere, were crying and as I came in the woman said, pointing to the row of bundles ready for her to take home. "I think you had better put them back; he hasn't come."
"I could not leave, and waited for the end. Later the old team came up with a drunken man on the seat. He stumbled over, cursing, screaming, and fell across the doorsteps of the store, helpless, beastly.
"Again the woman said, helplessly, 'Put them back.' Every cent was gone and she lifted the man, with the help of the storekeeper, and carried him to the wagon, and herself drove home. I never recovered from the shock and the horror of that drama of life. It made me a prohibitionist."
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