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MIDAS MAGIC

August holds a Midas-magic
In her warm and tender hands,
For the hours slip through her fingers
Like a stream of golden sands.
Much too soon the chill of Autumn
Will replace these sunny days
And the lovely face of Summer
Hide behind September's haze.

—Grace Brown Putnam,
New Rockford.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

What a joy to sit down at my desk and pen a few lines to the busy women of our organization that are so bravely carrying on in spite of all obstacles. I am thinking particularly of our farm women today. The shortage of labor of both men and women; the rationing of tires, and sugar; the curtailment in the production of farm implements; all have brought added burdens to these faithful workers. What a challenge is theirs at a time like this when the whole world is looking to the American farmers for food. Many women today are striving to fill the places left vacant by their soldier sons. One wonders how they find time to carry on any outside organized work, but knowing our women as I believe I do, I understand that they are deeply concerned with the spiritual, moral and physical well being of our entire world. So as these women give their own flesh and blood to preserve our Democracy and assume the added burdens at home, they continue to go forward in the fight for sobriety at home and abroad. We of the cities, towns and hamlets are called upon to make sacrifices also. In many cases like my own, the home is broken for the duration of the war. Men who through curtailment of production find themselves without employment, have had to go great distances to take new jobs in defense areas. Our sons are daily inducted into military services and that leaves mothers and daughters to keep the home fires burning. Such are the conditions that we face today, but with heads high and with undying faith, hope, and courage, we will serve and sacrifice to bring forth a world's united brotherhood; a world of tomorrow where love, liberty and justice shall reign forever. Let us earnestly work and pray to that end.

Miss Estelle Bozeman has returned to our state for the third time and at present is teaching a course in Alcohol Education at Valley City Teachers College. From there she will go to Minot State Teachers College for two weeks. We extend to her a warm welcome and rejoice in the fact that she has so successfully taught this course to the summer students of these two colleges that it has become an accredited course in both schools. Our hats off to you, Miss Bozeman.

DWIGHT HILL POTTER

The sudden death in the early morning hours of June 20, of Dwight Hill Potter, editor of the Casselton Reporter and publisher of the White Ribbon Bulletin, came as a shock to his many friends. Though never strong since an illness in 1938, he was working and seemed as well as usual when he retired Friday night.

Mr. Potter, in association with his father, the late Franklin Potter, had been the publisher of our paper for nearly 40 years, beginning when the late Mrs. R. M. Pollock became editor. He always did good work. The present editor owes much to his kindly, helpful suggestions when she began an entirely unfamiliar task.

Mr. Potter was 58 years of age. Our sympathy is with his wife, two sons and a daughter who survive, with his mother and brother. A tribute given at his funeral appears on another page.



—PICTURE COURTESY FARGO FORUM
DWIGHT HILL POTTER

Miss Roena Shaner had two successful weeks in our state as field worker and organizer. Her engagement came to a close in Fargo June 1st where she was a convention guest at the Fargo district convention. Although no new unions were organized, she succeeded in winning many new members and only lack of time prevented the completion of several new organizations. It is hoped that district presidents of the territories that she visited will be able to complete these organizations. It was a joy to have her in our state and the lives of all who touched hers were greatly enriched by her personal consecration and her profound interest in our common cause.

Our fiscal year is rapidly drawing to a close and it is my earnest prayer and hope that this year all our unions will meet all their financial obligations, such as paying dues for as many as last year. Budgets paid in full (One dollar for each member up to a membership of 75) and \$3.00 to the "Second Mile Project." It has been very gratifying to note the fine response from unions in the last named project but because a few have failed to see the need there is still a deficit. The Ambulance Fund is another project that has had splendid response and we hope even more will come in before the books close.

PLEASE NOTE: For various reasons, the state officers with the consent of the hostess union, decided to change the dates of the state convention which had previously been set for Oct 20, 21, 22, to Sept 15, 16, 17. The earlier dates seem more desirable for our state. This change in time will necessitate an earlier closing of state books; the date is given in state treasurer's report. I hope every LOCAL TREASURER WILL TAKE NOTICE OF THE DATE and strive

to get in all dues and complete the payment of budgets in full.

It has been 26 years since state convention was held in Grafton and a special effort should be made by every local union to send a delegate this year. I realize in times like these it will be very difficult to arrange for transportation. Those who plan to drive should endeavor to secure enough passengers from their own districts or neighboring ones to fill the car. That will be right in line with the present program to conserve gas and tires and will cut cost of transportation.

Annual report blanks will soon be in the hands of local presidents. She should immediately call an executive board meeting to assist in filling out the report. Make as complete a report as possible that all work accomplished may be reported to our state corresponding secretary and to our state directors. Please do not waste postage returning a blank report.

July 4, we quietly celebrated "Independence Day." How many raised their voices in thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father for this nation of free people; a nation where an individual has an opportunity to work out his own destiny and be master of himself. How much more do we evaluate the freedom from want, freedom of speech and press, freedom to worship as we please, now that our nation is facing such grave danger? Yet on June 30th when we were privileged to go to the polls and cast our votes for our favorite candidates, our vote for or against important measures, we found that a very small percentage of our voters availed themselves of this great privilege. Today many of our sons are on the battle front sacrificing their ALL that we may continue to enjoy all the privi-

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	Pembina
Fortuna	Prosper
Gilby	Reeder
Grafton	Rocklake
Grand Forks	Sawyer
Grand Forks	Stady-Zahl
Scandinavian	Stanley
Hettinger	Williston
	Wild Rose

CALL FOR STATE CONVENTION

The fifty-third annual convention of the North Dakota Woman's Christian Temperance Union is hereby officially called to meet in the Federated church, Grafton, September 15-17, 1942. The general officers will meet at 2:00 o'clock, and the executive committee at .00 o'clock, on the afternoon of September 15th.

The executive committee is composed of the trustees, district presidents or their alternates, the general secretaries of Youth's Temperance Council and Loyal Temperance Legion, the editor of state paper, department directors, organizers and field workers.

The membership of the state convention includes: the executive committee; district corresponding secretaries and treasurers; chairmen of

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leges of an American citizen. Are we worthy of their sacrifices if we fail to exercise our rights as a citizen? Are we?

"Wait not until you are backed by numbers;
The fewer the voices on the side of truth,
The more distinct and strong must be your own."

—Channing

Yours in loving Service
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."

LIFE

Life is too brief
Between the budding and the falling leaf.

Between the seed time and golden sheaf,

For hate and spite.
We have no time for malice and for greed;

Therefore, with love make beautiful the deed;
Fast speeds the night.

Life is too swift
Between the blossom and the white snow's drift,
Between the silence and the lark's uplift,

For bitter words.
In kindness and in gentleness our speech
Must carry messages of hope, and reach

The sweetest chords.

Life is too great
Between the infant's and the man's estate,

Between the clashing of earth's strife and fate,
For petty things.

Lo! we shall yet who creep with cumbered feet
Walk glorious over heaven's golden street,

Or soar on wings!

—W. M. Vorles in
"The Modern Woodman"

CONVENTION CALL

(Continued from page one)

standing committees; president of local unions or their alternates; one delegate at large from every local union and one for every 30 paid members; one L.T.L. delegate for every \$500 L.T.L. dues paid into state treasury, said delegate to be an L.T.L. superintendent. The Y.T.C. is entitled to the same representation in the convention as the W.C.T.U., but the delegates must be young women.

The By-Laws provide that the state treasurer's books shall close two weeks previous to the annual meeting and the date has been set as August 31st.

Convention Committees

General Arrangements—The executive board, Mmes. Herbison, Kieley, Strand and Miss Carlson.

Entertainment—Mrs. A. G. Strand.

Registration—Mrs. Albert Place.

Reception—Mmes. Upham and Omlie

Music—Marguerite Phelps

Banquet—Mrs. Donald Dike

Decorations—Ruth Nelson

Post Office and Meeting Trains—Vera Carlson, Mrs. A. B. Thompson

Finance—Hulda Carlson

NOTES FROM THE UNIONS

Northwood union had a picnic at the farm home of the Rev. and Mrs. Olaf Olson July 7th, at which the delegates gave reports of the district convention. It was a very enjoyable occasion.

Flasher union is trying the "Foot of Dimes" plan for raising budget this year. We hope it will be successful.

Park River observed Flower Mission Day at their June meeting held at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. David Ford. The local director, Mrs. Spornitz, presented each member with a buttonhole bouquet tied with red, white and blue, and bearing a Flower Mission card with a verse of scripture. The baby of Mrs. Nellie Gillespie Parke of Glasgow, Mont., was made a White Ribbon Recruit. In July the union met in the park, with the district president, Mrs. Frank Beasley in attendance, and heard an excellent talk on Christian Citizenship by Dr. Movius. A delicious picnic lunch was enjoyed by all.

Received too late for the June issue was the account of the Mother's Day Community meeting sponsored by the Sawyer union. The program included a musical prelude by Mrs. Joe Streeper; hymn, "Stand Up For Jesus;" prayer by Rev. Trautner of the German Baptist Church; two numbers by a mixed quartet composed of the Misses Mangum and Johnson and Messrs. Ruud and Pitkin; reading of the prayer poem by Mrs. S. D. Briar while the congregation stood; addresses by the Rev. A. Lang and Mrs. Maude Hinkle; music by members of Calvary Chapel; a solo by Kathryn Reinholdt and a duet by Mrs. Trautner and her daughter, and reading of a "Letter to Service Men" by C. M. LeRette. The meeting closed with song "God Be With Them" and benediction by Rev. Trautner. We are indebted to the local president, Mrs. Martin Reinholdt, who presided, for the account of this fine observance of the day.

Mrs. Axel Olson of Parshall sends us an account of the meeting at Plaza at which a new union was organized. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. N. R. Heinzen July 14, with Mrs. F. T. Brooks and Mrs. A. S. Dwelle of Minot present and helping with the organization. Members of the Parshall union furnished the program, which included the following numbers: America the Beautiful, by the audience; devotions led by Mrs. N. W. Stoa; reading by Mrs. Folsom; piano duet by Mrs. Newman and Mrs. Braa; reading by Ruth Olson; declamation by Mary Katherine Casey; readings by Mrs. Dwell and Mrs. Stoa, and the motto and benediction in union. The officers of the new union are Mrs. N. R. Heinzen, president; Mrs. Oscar Thompson, vice president; Mrs. Syver Quammen, treasurer.

Stady-Zahl and Alamo Unions sponsored a celebration at Appam on the Fourth of July. In the forenoon we had Norwegian services at L. church, with a very good attendance. In the afternoon we put on a program at the town hall which was also well attended. Speakers were Rev. Philip Anderson of Worthing, N. D., Rev. F. Monseth of Zahl, N. D., and the guest speaker was Rev. Brun of Brooklyn, N. Y., a forceful temperance speaker. Posters and literature were used at these meetings.

A stand selling hamburgers, sandwiches, cookies, doughnuts, ice cream, coffee, milk, buttermilk, chocolate and Bulgarian buttermilk netted \$17.00 which will be divided between the two unions.

Games and stunts were planned for after the program but a shower came up that sent most of the folks scurrying home.

It was a lot of work but we are glad we did it and plan on another public meeting in the fall, also an apron sale.

Mrs. P. J. Foss, Appam, N. D., President Stady-Zahl union.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Charlotte Taylor, former president of Northwest District will join the ranks of the teachers of the state this fall.

Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson is spending the summer at her cottage at a Minnesota lake. Her address is Detroit Lakes, Minn., Route 1. Mrs. Barbara H. Wylie recently spent two weeks with her, after which Mrs. Bessie Lathé Scovell of Minnesota was a guest for a time.

Mrs. Fred M. Wanner hurried from the Commencement at Jamestown College, June 1, at which her granddaughter received her diploma, to New York to attend the graduation of two other grandchildren. She is spending some time with her daughter there.

Mrs. E. R. Pomeroy of Fargo, State Flower Mission Director, was called to Illinois in June by the death of the aged mother of her late husband.

Mrs. Bessie M. Ordahl of Edinburg has been handicapped by a broken arm this summer.

Mr. Ralph J. Darling, husband of the state president, after several months of unemployment because the company which he represented was no longer able to secure materials to manufacture stoves, has secured a position in some form of defense work at Grand Island, Nebraska.

Mrs. Grace Brown Putnam, who is president of the N. D. Poetry Society and editor of "Prairie Wings," is also a member of the New Rockford union. She has recently had a book of poems published, which is receiving favorable notice from critics. We are gratified when our women prove their abilities in such fields of endeavor.

Mrs. Alberta Lundhagen, Mrs. Iver Fossum and Mrs. R. J. Stinson, all of Fargo, represented the state W.C.T.U. at the funeral of Dwight H. Potter at Casselton June 23.

Miss Florence Evans of Flasher, pastor of the Nazarene church there and member of the local union, was married June 8 to Mr. Virgil Arndts, also of Flasher. We wish them all happiness.

Mrs. Philip Stolberg, new president of Bismarck District, is endeavoring to enlist the women of missionary societies in her territory to cooperate in temperance teaching. She also mentions sending Union Signals and White Ribbon Bulletins (old copies) "where they might do some good." More of us might do that, with good results.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S CORNER

The time is near at hand when we must look over our year's work and see what has been accomplished. The report blanks for the local unions and local directors of departments have been sent out. May I urge that you look these over carefully and ANSWER EVERY QUESTION. Send the department reports to the state director of that department. Seni

the report of the local union to me. Each blank is plainly marked with the name and address of the person to whom it should be sent.

Count up your points toward a Banner Union and be sure to mark it down! After my report was read at the convention last year several unions told me that they were Banner Unions but their names could not be included in the printed report.

Last year only 65 per cent of the unions sent in reports. Let us make it 100 per cent this year

ALBERTA W. LUNDHAGEN,
Corresponding Secretary.

DWIGHT H. POTTER

(The following tribute to Mr. Potter was given by Supt. A. L. Lantz, superintendent of the Casselton Public Schools.)

Any words from the lips, on an occasion like this are bound to sound hollow and unnecessary. Yet custom and tradition make sincere remarks more or less appropriate.

We are in the presence of death. The most certain of all events has come to pass. The visitor that has never missed a continent, a class or a freestone, is our guest. That he is seldom, if ever, invited does not keep him away. That the day be scheduled for personal or public pleasure; that the table be spread for another; though wedding bells may be ringing and hearts are young and gay, is to our caller a matter of no significance.

He has come for our friend Dwight Potter.

The presence here of so many of his friends makes my feeble words seem distant and futile.

Officials and dignitaries are here to evidence the respect and standing Mr. Potter enjoyed in fraternal and social circles.

Each wreath and spray of flowers brings, from far and near, fragrant words of sympathy and condolence from those who could not be present in person.

I am speaking for those who are not here but who knew Dwight Potter as a friend and public servant. Like his good father before him this man has edited a small town newspaper. The task, no doubt, has been increasingly difficult during the past decade. Yet without public subsidy, quietly and regularly, the paper came out.

For many years Mr. Potter has been clerk of the school board. Here as elsewhere he was always helpful, well informed, accurate.

There is another group in whose behalf I would speak a word. That multitude of friends who watched Dwight Potter's last great fight against the inevitable. Knowing his days were numbered he was not anxious, not fretful, not agitated. The courteous word did not forsake him. Kindness and gentlemanly ways were his constant companions.

His day was never clouded because it might be his last.

May we
"So live that when thy summons comes to join
The innumerable caravan which moves

To that mysterious realm where each shall take

His chamber in the silent halls of death,

Thou go not like the quarry-slave at night,
Scourged to his dungeon, but sustained and soothed.

By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave

Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch

About him and lies down to pleasant dreams."

TREASURER'S REPORT

May 15 - July 15, 1942.

DUES—Fargo 11, Fargo Scandinavian 29, Gilby 1, Grand Forks 3, Grafton 3, Larimore 3, Pembina 2, Prosper 22, Northwood 1, Rocklake 1, Sawyer 1, Underwood 1, Valley City 3, Donnybrook 4; (Members of Minot Union.)

WILLARD MEMBERS—Starkweather 11, Fessenden 7, Plaza 4, Hillsboro 1.

BUDGET—Minnewaukan \$5.00, Park River \$3.00, Valley City \$10.00.

SAWYER—\$13.00 budget in full; Grand Forks, 4.00 budget in full.

PEMBINA—\$7.00 budget in full.

SECOND MILE—Prosper \$3.00, Calvin \$3.00.

STATE REPORTS—Minnewaukan 50c, Pembina 50c, Calvin 75c, Edinburg 50c, Hannah 25c.

AMBULANCE FUND—Previously reported \$146.86; Larimore \$20.35, Wild Rose \$2.00, Parshall \$5.50, Park River \$2.00, Northwood \$12.50, Grand Forks \$5.00, Edgeley \$1.50, Fargo Scandinavian \$5.50, Prosper \$7.05. Fargo District Pledge \$25.00.

MEMORIAL GIFT—Stady-Zahl Union in memory of Mrs. A. J. Robinson, \$1.00

LITERATURE—Via corresponding secretary \$4.13.

L.T.L.—Underwood 26.

RECEIVED FROM DISTRICT CONVENTIONS—Via Miss R. E. Shaner: New Rockford District \$5.00, Devils Lake \$5.00, Total offerings: \$31.19.

Dear friends:

The membership campaign for 1942 is closed and some interesting figures were reported. Thirty-five Unions secured new members, twenty-four were Holdfast Unions, Twenty were fruitful Unions, One hundred twenty-four new members were reported, Stars of Hope 77, 1 to 5 new members, Stars of Faith 6, five or more new members. There were 2 Unions organized, and 6 L.T.L.'s organized. Twenty "State Star" stories were submitted. A big "Thank you" to all who co-operated by first taking part and also reporting. Undoubtedly more work was done that was not reported.

On August 31st the treasurer must close her books for this year; will you kindly assist by sending all money that is to be sent for this year's work by that date? Thanks.

MRS. IVER FOSSUM, Treasurer.

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

MINOT DISTRICT

Mrs. Frank T. Brooks of Minot was welcomed district president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union at the annual district meeting in Sawyer on Wednesday, May 27.

Other officers reelected with her are Mrs. E. O. Lerberg, Parshall, vice president; Mrs. John Bradley, Minot, corresponding secretary; Mrs. A. S. Dwelle, Minot, treasurer; Mrs. N. R. Heinzen, Plaza, recording secretary.

Miss Roena Shaner, national organizer and lecturer, was the speaker. In a gold medal contest held in connection with the Sawyer meeting, Mary Catherine Casey of Parshall was the winner and special mention was made of a selection written and given by Elinor Klinner of Minot.

Mrs. Gordon Tvedt was first place in the district event of the state "star" essay contest and winners in a poster contest were Ada Maurer, Parshall, first, and Marjorie Busch, Sawyer, second, in the sixth grade division.

Delegates at the meeting were from Minot, Parshall, Benedict and Sawyer.

Mrs. C. F. Truax of Minot, president of the local unit, and former

district president, had charge of the memorial hour.

Special music at the convention was provided by a Sawyer quartet, Kathryn Reinholdt and the Rev. Arthur M. Long of Sawyer and Mrs. J. H. Mackley of Minot. Mrs. S. D. Briar of Sawyer conducted devotionals.

The district has turned in \$35 to the state W. C. T. U. toward a Red Cross Ambulance fund, Mrs. Brooks announced. The national W. C. T. U. has already purchased two ambulances for the Red Cross, she said.

Directors of the district departments of work, as announced by Mrs. Brooks, include:

Speech Contests, Mrs. Lerberg, Parshall; Alcohol Education, Mrs. Truax, Minot; Christian Citizenship, Mrs. George Campbell, Minot; Child Welfare and Health, Mrs. Bradley, Minot; Soldiers and Sailors, Mrs. Martin Reinholdt, Sawyer; Social Morality, Mrs. Otto Olson, Underwood; Loyal Temperance Legion, Mrs. Heinzen, Plaza; Youth's Temperance Council, Mrs. George Moyer, Des Lacs.

FARGO DISTRICT

The 51st convention of Fargo District W.C.T.U. was held at Maple-Sheyenne church at Prosper, N. D. June 1st. The president, Mrs. Jessie A. Potter presided at all sessions. The convention guest was Miss Roena Shaner of Jackson, Missouri, national organizer and lecturer. We were very glad to have our state president, Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, present for the morning and afternoon sessions. Reports of district officers were given and reports of the three unions present, Prosper, Fargo Scandinavian and Fargo.

The memorial hour was in charge of Mrs. V. A. Reed of Fargo and flowers were placed for five W.C.T.U. members and for Rev. James Anderson.

Talks were given by Mrs. M. T. Steidl, Fargo, on "Youth in Times Like These," Mrs. Alberta Lundhagen, Fargo, on "The Service of Cold Type; How," Mrs. Albert Waa, Prosper, "Community Responsibility," and Mrs. Iver Fossum, "Adequate Financing."

Miss Shaner spoke briefly in the morning session and in the afternoon session talked on "Constructive Criticism" and gave the address of the evening session.

Three White Ribbon Recruits were dedicated by Mrs. Darling. They were Richard and Bruce Gunberg, sons of the pastor of the church; and Ronald Gansgen.

Music for the convention was furnished by Phyllis Knight, daughter of the president of the Prosper Union, who played on her violin and also accompanied the audience in a hymn; Doris Dahlen and Betty Beckstrom who sang solos.

A group of young women from Prosper presented the allegory, "In Times Like These." Members of the group were Justine Bowman, Betty Pancho, Betty Johnson and Beverly Rust.

Officers for the coming year are: president, Mrs. Jessie A. Potter, Fargo; V. President, Mrs. M. T. Steidl, Fargo; Cor. Secretary, Mrs. Josephine Jones, Fargo; Rec. Secretary, Mrs. A. W. Johnson, Prosper; Treasurer, Mrs. S. Lier, Hillsboro.

The noon and evening meals were served by the Prosper Union and were delicious and much enjoyed by the delegates and visitors.

NEW ROCKFORD DISTRICT

The 48th convention of the New Rockford District was held May 30th, 1942 in the Congregational church at Oberon. The president, Mrs. C. W. Baumann of New Rockford presided. The convention guest was

Miss Roena E. Shaner of Jackson, Missouri, National organizer and lecturer, who has been working in this district a few days.

The opening devotions of the convention were led by Mrs. Grace Graham of Oberon. Reports were given by the district officers. The president stated that she had visited every union, had organized an L.T.L. in New Rockford and had urged the unions to work to become banner unions so that the district could be a banner district.

The unions present and reporting were Minnewaukan, Oberon and New Rockford.

The officers were re-elected for the coming year and a corresponding secretary, Mrs. Ole Mattson of New Rockford, was added to the district staff.

A memorial service for Mrs. Jessie Humphrey of Minnewaukan was held.

Miss Shaner spoke in the afternoon on Departmental Work stressing educational work among children, urging the organization of L.T.L.'s, Home Legions and doing work through the Sunday Schools. In the evening she spoke on "Challenging Conditions of Our Times."

Other speakers were Mrs. C. F. Plummer of Minnewaukan, who spoke on "Child Welfare and the Christian Home in This Crisis;" Rev. Baumann of New Rockford, who spoke on "Disturbing Facts;" Rev. Jones of New Rockford, who spoke on "What is Wrong with the W.C.T.U.?" and Rev. Mowry of New Rockford, who spoke on "Social Morality."

Mrs. Swanson of New Rockford gave two demonstrations of a Flanalgaph which were very interesting. A "Share Your Ideas" period gave opportunity for the unions to gain helpful information and ideas by hearing of the activities of the other unions.

Music for the convention was furnished by Betty Buehler, Oberon; Mrs. George Mowry and Miss Swanson of New Rockford, Mrs. Sheets of Oberon and James Kragrud of Oberon. The convention closed with the audience joining hands in a circle around the room with Miss Shaner and Mrs. Baumann standing beside the picture of Frances E. Willard and all singing, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

MRS. GEO. SCHAFFNER,
Recording Secretary
New Rockford District.

GRAND FORKS DISTRICT

The 32nd annual convention of the Grand Forks District of the W.C.T.U. was held at Gilby, Friday, May 22nd. Unions represented were the two unions at Grand Forks, Larimore, Hatton, Northwood and Gilby.

The convention opened at 10:00 a. m. After the Crusade Hymn was sung and the Crusade Psalm read, Mrs. O. J. Oswald of Northwood led the salute to the flag and Mrs. M. A. Rutherford led the opening worship service.

Committees were appointed and reports from District officers and directors and the presidents of the unions were given. We were very pleased to hear our district now has 222 members.

The Memorial service was impressively conducted by Mrs. Theo. Strandness of Larimore.

A very interesting paper on "Child Nurture" was read by Mrs. Guy Thorson of Hatton. The topic, "Soldiers and Sailors" was presented by Mrs. S. O. Nelson of Northwood, and Mrs. Carl Aaker of Larimore spoke on the Loyal Temperance Legion.

Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, our state president, delivered a very fine address, "W.C.T.U. in Time of War." Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, our state vice

president, spoke on "Youth in Times Like These."

A very fine banquet which was well attended was served in the church dining room. Mrs. Kate S. Wilder very ably presided as toastmistress.

A gold medal contest, with five contestants: Mildred and Delores Grina and Gene Halvorsen of Northwood, Phyllis Aaker of Larimore and Jo Ann Bridston of Grand Forks, was held in the evening. The medal, presented by Mrs. Darling, was awarded to Gene Halvorsen.

Rev. Ira E. Herzberg of Grand Forks delivered a splendid address, which concluded the evening program.

Musical numbers were supplied during the day by Mrs. Madeline Meyer, Miss Merilla Hilstad, Robert Herzberg, Vern Sheppard and a vocal trio.

Elections of officers resulted in the re-election of all officers but the recording secretary: president, Mrs. George S. Muir of Gilby; vice president, Mrs. A. V. Sheppard of Grand Forks; recording secretary, Mrs. O. J. Oswald of Northwood; corresponding secretary Mrs. George Wilcox of Gilby and treasurer, Mrs. J. W. Scott of Gilby.

This was a very fine convention in every way, even the weather was of the best. One factor that pleased us all very much was that the Hatton Union, whose delegates contributed much to the convention, has joined hands with us. We know we will be greatly benefited by their help and cooperation in the future and we heartily welcome them into our district and hope that they will feel at home with us and will enjoy working with us toward victory.

MRS. O. J. OSWALD,
Recording Secretary.

NORTHEAST DISTRICT

Northeast district met in convention at Edinburg June 4, 1942. Members were present from Hannah, Park River, Grafton, Nekoma, besides Edinburg. Reports were received from all unions, and showed the women are faithfully carrying on, often under extreme difficulty.

Opening as usual with the Crusade Hymn, the Crusade Psalm was read by Mrs. E. A. Hennum of Edinburg. After a session of prayer in which several took part, a prayer poem for the defenders of the country was read in unison. The flag salute followed. The memorial service was led by Mrs. P. O. Laurhammer of Edinburg, and Mrs. Darling voiced the noon tide prayer.

Reverend G. L. Halmrast, pastor of the hostess church led devotions in the afternoon and Reverend P. O. Laurhammer in the evening. The Rainbow questionnaire showed improvement by the unions in routine matters, and Grafton carried home the banner with ten points out of a possible thirteen. The model meeting of the L.T.L., over which Dorothy Nelson presided, was well carried out and the lesson given by their leader, Mrs. Ordahl, was interesting to all. A playlet, "As For Me and My House," was given by boys of the L.T.L.

The state president, Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, kindly came instead of Mrs. Kate M. Wilder, who was ill; she spoke twice during the meeting and helped in the discussion of various problems. The Edinburg union spared no effort to make the day successful; the church was beautiful with fragrant flowers, and the meals served there for our convenience were excellent. Good music by a number of young people added to our pleasure. All officers were reelected.

"CAN DO"

Ah Hin was a Chink from over the sea
Round and brown as a Chink
should be.
Of English words he had too few,
But he always managed to say,
"Can Do!"

Ah Hin was busy the whole day long,
Perhaps he belonged to the workers'
toog;
But whether his tasks were old or
new,
His invariable motto was, "Can Do!"

He played and rested, he worked
the while,
Wearing a placid, inscrutable smile
And under skies that were dark or
blue
He cheerfully gave us a bland
"Can Do!"

If he were weary, no one could tell,
Over his face no shadow fell.
To his heathen heart our ways were
new;
But he tackled strange jobs with a
calm, "Can Do!"

There was never a frown on his calm
moon face;
With a quiet contentment he filled
his place.
The light in his oblique eyes shown
true,
And it deepened and glowed when he
said, "Can Do!"

Ah Hin was a heathen, Maybe so.
But he taught me a lesson, this I
know.
And faith and courage I oft renew,
As I think of his eager and brave,
"Can Do!"

—Adeline M. Conner,
In "The Pine Torch."

MY STATE — NORTH DAKOTA

(This essay, written by the former state corresponding secretary, Mrs. Barbara H. Wylie, placed first in the state "Story of the Star" contest, and has been entered in the National contest).

The star of my state was the thirty-ninth to shine in Old Glory. Nov. 2, 1889, President Benjamin Harrison proclaimed its admission into the Union and in the same hour John Miller became the first governor of North Dakota. With a few exceptions all our governors have been honorable men. Outstanding among them was John Burke, who served for three consecutive terms, after which he was appointed Treasurer of the United States, and later returned to our State Supreme Court until his death. Our first legislative session was called Nov. 19, 1889 and lasted 120 days but thereafter all sessions lasted but sixty days.

Early in our history the infamous Louisiana Lottery sought to fasten itself upon our state but thanks to the bravery of our honest legislators, is was overwhelmingly defeated, which defeat sounded its death knell in the United States.

Our pioneers were a thrifty, God-fearing class, many of whom came from Canada and the eastern states to found new homes for their families in the young and promising state. Hospitality abounded in those days and in the small homes there was always room for one more. Before roads were built, a kindly light in the window often guided the belated traveler over the trackless prairies. North Dakota now has cause to be proud of its highways and good roads; of its State Capitol building at Bismarck; of its Federal and other public buildings, its public libraries, schools, churches, and many beautiful homes.

We are proud of our rich soil which

yields abundant crops of wheat, oats, rye, flax, barley, corn, clover and other grasses; of our dairying, stock and sheep raising and of our production of honey, in which North Dakota excels. But especially are we proud of our farmers who are the backbone of the state. Lignite coal is mined extensively and is a valuable asset to the state.

These intelligent pioneers early turned their attention to educational and religious advantages for their children and school houses were built, the State University at Grand Forks, the Agricultural College at Fargo, Normal training schools in half dozen towns were established with various church denominational schools. Churches were built and now almost every religious faith is here represented. The North Dakota Council of Christian Education has done a valuable work in the state.

With the coming of settlement came the saloon. But these far-seeing pioneers soon saw that the saloon tended to nullify all that the church and schools were teaching. Consequently at the Constitutional Convention in 1889, a resolution was introduced by Robert M. Pollock of Fargo, to place in the Constitution a clause prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor. That resolution passed by a majority of 1,159 votes. There were 397 more votes cast on that resolution than on the Constitution itself. North Dakota is proud to have been the first state to come into the Union with prohibition in its constitution and to keep it, in spite of many hard fought battles with the liquor interests, until the passage of the 18th Amendment gave us National Prohibition in 1920. To the honor of the state it should be said that North Dakota never voted for repeal.

Our prohibition law which stood the test of the courts, was drafted by a committee consisting of Chas. M. Pollock, Robt. M. Pollock and Atty-Gen. Geo. P. Goodwin. Chas. M. Pollock, later known as Judge Pollock, took the law to Bismarck and fought for it until it was passed by the legislature and signed by Gov. John Miller. In this work, Judge Pollock was ably assisted by Senator Judson LaMoure of Pembina, who was very influential in those days. The North Dakota Enforcement League for many years did valiant service in assisting officials whose duty it was to enforce the prohibition law. In this respect, Rev. F. L. Watkins is worthy of special mention. North Dakota honors Judge W. J. Kneeshaw of Pembina, not only because he is the oldest district Judge in active service in the Nation, but for his just and fair decisions throughout his long and faithful career.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union was organized in Territorial days, as early as 1885, with headquarters at Yankton. That intrepid temperance worker, Helen M. Barker, carried the work into what was later North Dakota. With the division of the territory, the W.C.T.U. was similarly divided at a meeting at Yankton, Sept. 14, 1889. North Dakota's first W.C.T.U. president was Miss Adelaide M. Kinnear who, four years later was succeeded by Miss Elizabeth Preston, later Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, whose remarkable record of 40 years is worthy of special mention and through whose efforts in the legislature many of our best laws were secured. Mrs. Anderson was succeeded by Mrs. Fred M. Wanner of Jamestown and later by Mrs. Bessie M. Darling of Grand Forks, both of whom have done wonderful work. The W.C.T.U. helped in the campaign for state prohibition and was given much credit for its enactment and for its maintenance during the years. Believing it is the only solution of the liquor problem, members of the W.C.

T. U. stand ready again to work and vote for the return of prohibition when the people of the state have learned their lesson.

North Dakota furnished its full quota of men and money in the first World War and is now doing the same in the present tragedy. Members of the American Legion are still in the front lines, helping with loyal patriotism.

During the first World War, the North Dakota W.C.T.U. sent comfort kits, without cigarettes, to the boys; furnished a field kitchen which was used at the front. Later, in the reconstruction period after the war, raised \$10,000, and, with the Kansas W.C.T.U., bought a player piano for returned soldiers at Fort Sheridan. Again the North Dakota W.C.T.U. may be counted upon to do its share in the present crisis.

"My state! I search in vain for words Its virtues to define;
But this I know, with heart aglow I love this state of mine.

Oh, may her laws be just and right,
Her people strong and fine;
May all her ways be righteous ways—
This lovely state of mine."

JUST BETWEEN OURSELVES

Our paper comes to you again after missing the July issue, as the arrangement has been for some time. This makes some items of news rather late, but we are glad to hear of all your activities even some time afterward. I am personally grateful to all of you who send in news.

I hope all of you do as one correspondent says, and 'read every word of it.' Then you will not miss the change in the time for state convention from October to September, and the fact that the treasurer's books will close August 31. Such a splendid lot of our unions have paid dues and budget early this year, and I hope very much that all of you who have not, will get all that is due in to the treasurer before the 31st.

Many of you will be sorry to hear of Mr. Potter's passing. You will be glad to know that Mrs. Potter, who has worked with him right along, will continue to get out our paper for us.

I hope you are planning to come to the state convention if it is humanly possible. We need you; we need the inspiration that comes from this meeting with 'kindred minds,' and the problems that confront us need your helpful consideration. Meet us in Grafton September 15th!

The struggle with weeds in the gardens and fields is occupying the attention of a large share of the people of our state just at present. We hoe and cultivate and dig, so that the precious plants may yield the things that we and the rest of the world need to sustain life. If we do not get the weeds out, the choked and stunted plants are a sad sight. Are we as much concerned about the weeds of profanity and immorality and vice of all kinds, that crowd in to smother the high principles and clean thoughts of our young folks? We are all concerned with physical health; let us never neglect the moral and spiritual needs which are just as great. Your ballot has work to do, as well as your hoe.

Yours for a cleaner state,
ELIZABETH C. BEASLEY.

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