



"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH"

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SPRING AWAKENING

Through cold winter months I dream,
 Dream and wait for spring —
 With her budding elms and jonquils,
 Glad awakening;
 Keep my thoughts upon her beauty,
 Baby's breath and bleeding heart,
 Green mist on the budding willow
 As the early trilliums start.
 Time flies by on silver wing
 If my mind flies on to Spring!
 —Lydia O. Jackson, Grafton, N. D.

THE PRESIDENTS LETTER

Dear Co-Workers:

When this reaches you, the doors of our state legislative halls will be closed for this year of 1943. At the present time, many interesting bills are in the making, but the fate of all is very uncertain.

An S.O.S. was sent to all local presidents, urging that letters be written to your senators to support HB 112. This bill was introduced by Representatives Williams, Lillehaugen, Halcrow and Langley and would have prohibited all advertising of intoxicating liquors within our state through newspapers or over radio. It was erroneously reported passed in the house but was in reality indefinitely postponed by that body. You were also urged to write your senators to vote against SB66 which would legalize merchandising punch boards. A similar bill was introduced in the 1941 session and it passed both houses but was vetoed by the governor. The present bill provided that all revenue derived from distribution fees and stamp tax would be earmarked for old age assistance fund. I was very pleased to see that the senate defeated this bill. I have no way of knowing how many responded to the S. O. S. call but we do need your cooperation in all matters pertaining to legislation as well as in all other departments of our work. Within the last few days, a very important bill has been introduced in the house, HB 205 which provides places for sale of liquor only within the limits of incorporated cities and villages. That bill was introduced by Bergeson, Fuglestad, Williams, Moe, Lillehaugen, Kolpin and Hogsboom and if passed will do away with roadhouses. I hope that you are reading a daily paper and thus keeping up with the legislative calendar.

The Mid-Year General Officers meeting will soon be held in Grand Forks. The dates are pending but it is hoped that it can be held early in March. Matters of great importance will be decided there. State and district conventions are matters of great concern to your general officers. The gas rationing will curtail traveling to a great degree and ways and means of carrying on our work must be decided.

Even as we accept most graciously

**HONOR ROLL
 Budget Paid In Full**

Rocklake	Flasher	Hannah	Flasher
Makoti	Bismarck	Grafton	Grand Forks
Parshall	Nekoma	Hettinger	Hatton
Stady Zahl	Oberon	Reeder	Larimore
Stanley	Prosper	Bismarck	Dickey

The following Unions honorable mention for having almost completed their budget: Minot, Gilby, Bucyrus, Edinburg.

all restrictions including rationing of food and clothing, are we willing to curtail all our activities and thus make it easier for the liquor industry to expand in times like these? Do we fully realize the many privileges that have been granted this non-essential industry during this period when industries have been curtailed? It is our business to continue our battle for sobriety so let us not think in terms of curtailment but rather expansion. I realize fully how difficult it has been for some of our rural communities to continue holding meetings at this time but dues can be paid, donations made to carry on the work and every member can wear the White Ribbon.

Mrs. Ella A. Boole, world's worthy president has this to say on this same subject, "Even a world war does not absolve women from their responsibility to protect their homes and the youth of the country from forming the alcohol habit. It is possible to carry on your program and still devote a part of the meeting to war service. Unless regular meetings are sustained, interest in the organization will die out and when the war is over the work will have to be built all over again. The local union is the foundation on which the world's and national woman's temperance work rests." Let us take heed and keep alive every local union in our state. Much of the responsibility for regular meetings depend on local officers.

In this issue, you will find an "Honor Roll" of unions with budget paid in full, will you find the name of your union there? Last year every union responded with donations to Blood Bank Units and Ambulances. It is natural that our women want a part in the humanitarian work for our boys in the various branches of the armed services. Earlier in the year I suggested that we support the "Safety School on Wheels," that is operated by Mr. and Mrs. James Killip. These young people and their "Physical Fitness Clinic" have been well received in many USO's all over our nation. This is one of the main wartime activities sponsored by National Woman's Christian Temperance Union but its support depends on all local unions. If you really want to do something for "our boys", send donations large or small, to our state treasurer, Mrs. Iver Fossum, Box 1366, Fargo, and designate what particular war activity you want to support. Unless it is sent through regular channels—to state treasurer and to national treasurer, our state

can claim no credit in our financial report. Money for war activities should be raised by some money making project or by personal solicitation and not taken from local treasury.

Will you please send the names of all sons and daughters that are in the armed services of our country to the state director of Soldiers and Sailors, Mrs. C. E. Stowell, Valley City? Each union can make out a list and in that way no one will be missed. This applies to members only. We hope to have a Service Flag ready for dedication at next state convention.

Make the March meeting a truly "Red Letter" day. With two such interesting subjects as Alcohol Education and Union Signal, a very good program can be prepared. Time should be given to take renewals and new subscriptions to the Signal. Let us keep our subscription list growing. May we continue the good work of securing new members. We find that in these troubled days, many are finding comfort and help in doing more worth while things. Do not forget to invite them to your meetings.

I wish I could share with you the many fine and interesting letters that come to me from co-workers all over our big state. My heart goes out to these tried and true friends who are carrying on so nobly even though their hearts are heavy with anxiety for their loved ones. There is no space to tell all the stories but I would like to mention Plaza, N. D. A small band of women there are carrying on in a most wonderful way. With temporarily appointed officers, they are already a banner union and it can truly be said of them that where there is a will there is a way. Then from Stanley, N. D. comes the good word that the members of the local union in cooperation with the churches and their pastors, appeared before the city council and requested that the licenses of two of their liquor dealers be revoked after they had been found guilty of selling beer and hard liquor to minors. The city council granted the request and those fine citizens won a great victory. Who said that the WCTU is not doing anything?

We are very grateful to Mr. and Mrs. George Black for the splendid gift of twenty five dollars given in memory of Mrs. Black, sr., who recently was called "Home." These kind friends have on many occasions, manifested their interest and faith in the temperance work with similar gifts. Friends like that inspire us to greater

THE MARCH WIND

From high, wide spaces in the air
 Beyond our sight or knowing;
 Through orchard trees that once were fair
 The wild March wind comes blowing.
 It roars about the towns for hours,
 With whirling snow and stinging showers,
 And rings the bells in all the towers,
 And then a-w-a-y- goes blowing!

Wild March, I love to hear you blow
 And shake the roof and rafter,
 And toss the tree tops to and fro—
 Your voice is only laughter.
 When out of clouds peep bits of blue
 I long to run as March haps do,
 And tell the world the winter's through,
 And smiling spring comes after.
 —Author unknown.

activity. I am sure you join with me in saying again, "Thank You, Mr. and Mrs. Black."

Word has just come to me that our dearly beloved corresponding secretary, Alberta Lundhagen, has been bereaved in the passing of her husband. Our hearts go out to her and her daughter in tender sympathy and we pray that God may comfort and sustain them in this hour.

In closing may I bring these few lines from the pen of Calvin Coolidge: "We do not need more material development;

- We need more spiritual development.
 - We do not need more intellectual power;
 - We need more moral power.
 - We do not need more knowledge;
 - We need more character.
 - We do not need more government;
 - We need more culture.
 - We do not need more law;
 - We need more religion.
 - We do not need more of the things that are seen;
 - We need more of the things that are unseen.
- Yours in service,
 BESSIE M. DARLING.

Are You Afraid To Be Counted With The Minority?

During the one hundred and twenty years that Noah spent in building the ark, he was very much in the minority. But he won.

When Joseph was sold into Egypt by his brethren, he was in a decided minority. But he won.

When Moses appeared before Pharaoh and demanded the freedom of the Israelites, he too was very much in the minority. But he won.

When Jesus Christ was crucified by the Roman soldiers, He was in a conspicuous minority. But He won.

When Luther nailed his thesis on the door of the cathedral, he was a lonesome minority. But he won.
 —Baptist Young People.

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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."

Can God Bless America?

One of the most popular songs in America is "God Bless America." It is a beautiful song and ought to be sung with great zeal. But think of God's side of the matter for a minute. How can God bless America under the circumstances which many Americans live? Can God bless America when in other lands children are starving for bread and milk, and 130 million Americans spend seven billion dollars annually in some form of gambling? Can God bless America when even in some churches "bingo," purely a gambling game, is played to raise money to build the Kingdom? Can God bless America when during the last year one and a half billion dollars was wagered on horse races—a sum larger than was spent for national relief? Can God bless America when, during the year 1940, five billion dollars were spent for intoxicating liquors—an average of nearly \$40 per man, woman and child? Can God bless America when more money is spent for candy and cosmetics than for the religious education of youth? Can God bless America when tons upon tons of salacious sex literature pours from our secular presses to inflame the beastly passions of men? It is no more reasonable to expect a genuine blessing of God under these circumstances than to gather figs from thistles. If America expects to be blessed, she must meet the conditions of a righteous God. "Blessed are they who hunger and thirst after righteousness..." "Righteousness exalteth a nation."—Arkansas Methodist.

PRAYER FOR EVERY DAY

Make me too brave to lie or be unkind,
Make me too understanding, too, to mind
The little hurts companions give, and friends
The careless hurts that no one quite intends,
Make me too thoughtful to hurt others so.
Help me to know
The inmost hearts of those for whom I care
Their secret wishes, all the loads they bear,
That I may add my courage to their own.
May I make lonely folks feel less alone,
And happy ones a little happier yet.
May I forget
What ought to be forgotten and recall.
Unfailing, all
That ought to be recalled, each kindly thing,
Forgetting what might sting.
To all upon my way,
Day after day,
Let me be joy, hope; let my life sing.
—Mary Carolyn Davies.

NOTES FROM THE UNIONS

Mrs. C. E. Stowell reports very interesting meetings held in Valley City. The January meeting emphasized the services of Lillian M. N. Stevens, the National president who first secured introduction in Congress of a bill that years later became the 18th Amendment. An offering was taken for the Stevens Legislative Fund. In February the meeting, held at the home of Mrs. N. M. Wilson was a memorial to Frances E. Willard, and a very good program was given. Again the offering taken was devoted to the Willard Memorial Fund. This union hopes to have an educational booth at the Valley City Winter Show—a fine idea.

Mrs. Marie Sjoblom, secretary of the Bismarck union, writes of the fine Willard Memorial meeting held at the First Lutheran church early in February. Rev. G. Adolph Johns led the devotions. "Social Hygiene in Time of War" was the subject of an address given by Miss Esther Teichmann. "Thoughts of Frances Willard" were read by Mrs. Alvin Strutz, and a tribute to the great leader was given by Mrs. P. B. Garberg. About 40 women attended the tea given in the church basement following the program, at which the Mmes. Johns, Gilbert Knudson and Oie S. Rindahl were hostesses. Mrs. Sjoblom reports that three new members were received in January.—Mrs. Garberg, Mrs. H. P. Lenton and Mrs. A. Joslyn.

Mrs. Annie F. Catherwood reports a fine meeting held February 11 by the Park River union at the home of Mrs. Edgar White. Mrs. Irvine was the leader, as the president, Mrs. Nellie M. Cross was snowbound at her home in the country. A Frances Willard program was given, for which Mary Ford sang. Dr. Movius was present and gave an excellent talk on "Alcohol the Saboteur." The union voted to get the slide film "He Went Straight Home" if the County School would permit them to use their projector. Ten Subscriptions were taken for "The Young Crusader."

The report of the work done by the Plaza group since their organization last summer when Miss Shaner visited there, reads like the list of points for banner unions. In spite of many hindrances, they have held 8 meetings with visitors present, even when there was a blizzard. We are thankful for the work being done there, under the leadership of Mrs. N. R. H. Heinzen, who is Acting President. Perhaps one of the reasons for all this, is that they have a Prayer Band operating.

The Hannah union, up by the border, paid their dues and budget, and then several of the members took a winter vacation. They plan to begin again when spring comes.

At Nekoma, Mrs. George Sholy, who is vice president, arranged to have Mrs. Carl Holm give a reading about Frances Willard at the February meeting of the Lutheran Daughters of the Reformation. Mrs. Albert Johnson gave another reading about Miss Willard for the regular program of the Luther League recently. We believe that our young people should know of her and her work, and are glad of such opportunities to present them.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Kate S. Wilder is spending a month in Minneapolis with her niece, while her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Selby, are vacationing in Florida.

Mrs. F. W. Treleven writes from

Vancouver, B. C. that they are enjoying a visit there in spite of an unusual amount of snow. Other Hannah members who are spending the winter elsewhere include Mrs. Alex Reid, who is in Valley City with her daughter; Mrs. Charles McAdam who is in Montana, and Mrs. Charles Porter who has moved to Flasher.

Mrs. Morgan, with whom Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson shared an apartment at Penney Farms, Florida, passed away in January, and our honorary president has moved to another apartment where we hope she is comfortably settled now.

Dr. and Mrs. Irvine of Park River are enjoying a visit with their daughter Frances, who recently returned from Washington. The young lady was saddened by sight of young soldiers of 18-19 year old class, whom she saw with liquor in their possession on the train. There were military police accompanying them.

States Attorney Wallace Warner of Grafton recently gave a talk on Juvenile Delinquency in Walsh County, at a meeting of the Young People's Society in Park River. Are your young people informed too?

Mrs. Fred M. Wanner is better again, since her recent illness. Her son Daniel Wanner has been promoted to County Supervisor of P. S. A. work for Renville county, and is now located at Mohall.

Your editor recently spent three days in Grand Forks, and while there had the pleasure of a brief visit with Mrs. Wilder. She also had the privilege of being a guest in the home of the state president, Mrs. Bessie M. Darling.

In these days of many weddings, it would be surprising if we did not have some that concern our membership. Second Lieutenant Norman Cross, son of our state director of Publicity, was married in October to Mildred Gerbig. They are stationed at Las Vegas, Nevada, where he is serving in the Signal Corps.

Flora, daughter of Mrs. J. F. McKay, who is secretary of the Bowsmont union, was married Jan. 30 to William A. Dunlap of Bismarck. The bridegroom has been in charge of the public health laboratory in the capital city, where they will be at home until he is inducted into the army, which will be soon.

Dr. Bruce Zimmermann, oldest son of our former comrade, Lulu Wylie Zimmermann, was married January 13, to Mary E. Ewers, formerly of Victoria, B. C. but now of Seattle. They will reside there, where the doctor has established a practice.

Our congratulations and best wishes are extended to all these young people.

IN MEMORIAM

Oh aching heart, with sorrow torn,
Thy Lord is near and knows;
He knows it all—the feet wayworn,
The weary cares and woes,
The load of grief in anguish borne—
Thy Lord is near; He knows.
—Emma G. Dietrick.

John Lundhagen, husband of our state corresponding secretary, passed away February 12, after an illness of several years duration. The immediate cause of death was pneumonia following a fall which fractured his hip. Funeral services were held in Fargo February 15 at the Moore Funeral home. Besides Mrs. Lundhagen and their daughter Eleonore, he is survived by his mother, four brothers and two sisters. He was 57 years of age.

Albert M. Herbison, husband of the president of the Grafton union, died Sunday February 7, at his home in

Grafton, at the age of 75. Born at Clinton, Ontario, he came to the U. S. when he was 20, and had lived near Hoopie and Grafton ever since, retiring from farming a few years ago. Besides Mrs. Herbison, whom many of our women learned to know at the state convention last fall, he is survived by two sons and four daughters. Services were held February 9 in the Federated church at Grafton, with Rev. A. E. Place officiating.

The sympathy of all our women goes to our bereaved comrades.

Corresponding Secretary's Note

Our National corresponding secretary sends us this request:

Please urge women who have secured the Accreditation Refresher Study Unit on Organization to complete the course and report as soon as possible to the Corresponding Secretary's Office, 1730 Chicago Avenue, Evanston, Illinois, for their accreditation cards.

ALBERTA W. LUNDHAGEN.

INSTITUTES

Dear Fellow Workers:

The time draws near for Spring Institutes. I hope you are planning for a goodly number of them. We all realize that gas rationing and tire conservation will prohibit much of the traveling. We must plan to have many local union institutes and to hold them in a central place so many of the attendants can walk. Why not try Neighborhood Institutes? Some of the best institutes ever held have been held in private homes; later in the year they could be held on lawns and picnic lunch provided. Another idea I have for saving gas and tires is to hold District or Group Institutes immediately before or after the District Convention and in the same place. It may even be possible for the business, reports, election, etc., of the convention to be all concluded and the convention adjourned by 12:30 P. M. if it has opened by 9:30 A. M. Then the afternoon and evening could be devoted to an institute.

Are you wondering what to serve for the informal luncheon? If you are having a Neighborhood Institute, it is likely that most of the audience would prefer going home for luncheon. However, a fine suggestion has reached me from our gracious World's President, Mrs. Ella A. Boole. It is for "Victory Luncheons" and the idea is to serve only food that isn't rationed. Mrs. Boole had attended such a luncheon given by the National Council of Women at Hotel Washington in New York City. The price charged for the luncheon was 26 cents and the menu consisted of Danish Kale soup, Chili made with soy beans, Cabbage salad with wheat sprouts, Rolls made from enriched white flour, Whole wheat apple scallop, which is similar to Brown-betty, coffee or milk. Mrs. Boole wrote that the luncheon was satisfying and very good. Or couldn't you have a State luncheon and serve food grown within the borders of our own state? I know a group that served a delicious North Dakota dinner and nearly every item came from the cellars of the members, vegetables, canned chicken, fruit, etc.

A courteous thing to do for your institutes would be to specially invite the mothers of the Service Men, and to allow a few minutes for each such mother to tell what her boy is doing and if he has written anything about the drinking or vice condition or about the numbers attending the Chaplain's services on Sundays. Some of the women will bring their knitting and we won't discourage that for it makes them less restless when they feel that they are helping with the War work. Tell what the W. C. T. U.

TREASURER'S REPORT

January 15 - February 15, 1943

DUES—Larimore 3, Northwood 6, Sawyer 11, Stanley 2, Hatton 21, Edinburg 9, Valley City 8, Bismarck 1, Mott 13, Hettinger 2, Ellendale 9, Prosper 21.

WILLARD DUES—3

L.T.L. DUES—Hatton 24, Larimore 50
BUDGET—Sawyer \$10.00, Reeder \$2, Stanley \$13.00, Hatton \$20.00, Edinburg \$9.00, Plaza \$5.00, Grand Forks \$7.00, Fargo \$15.00, Ellendale \$5.00

STATE REPORTS—\$2.50

UNION SIGNAL & CRUSADER SUBSCRIPTIONS—\$1.35

LILLIAN STEVENS LEGISLATIVE FUND—Bismarck \$2.00, Plaza \$2.50 Stanley \$2.00, Reeder \$1.00, Larimore \$1.00, Valley City \$2.00

WILLARD MEMORIAL FUND—Stanley \$2.00, Larimore \$1.00, Bismarck \$2.00.

FOR CHINA RELIEF—

Flasher Union, \$4.00
During the past month a most gracious gift of \$25.00 was received from Mr. and Mrs. George Black in memory of Mr. Black's mother, Mrs. Leslie Black. We are sincerely grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Black for their interest in and appreciation of the work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

MRS. IVER FOSSUM,
State Treasurer.

Nationally and locally has done to aid the war effort and invite a Red Cross Executive to speak for a short time. All this do; but don't neglect the other Departments of the W.C.T.U. and do take time to discuss methods of carrying on our work.

Our Unions are needed now and will be needed when the war is won. We will devote our energies to the things that will help to build a strong and a better nation and our organization is one of the best of these.

Report to me early this year, please. If you wish more information about Institutes, write to me.

The Institute Department Carries On!

KATE S. WILDER, Director.
409½ S. 4th St., Grand Forks.

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

I Won One—

Mrs. A. Olson, Parshall
Mrs. C. E. Aaker, Larimore
Mrs. Beth Swanson, Grand Forks,
Mrs. Martin Johnson, Larimore
Mrs. Theo Strandness, Grand Forks,
Frances Willard

Mrs. F. M. Wanner, Jamestown

Mrs. F. Wolder, Jamestown

Mrs. Berggren, Jamestown

Mrs. C. A. Landgren, Jamestown

Mrs. Myron Hart, Jamestown

Mrs. E. R. Fritch, Valley City

Mrs. Bignal, Valley City

Mrs. H. N. Heinzen, Plaza

Mrs. C. F. Truax, Minot

Mrs. H. C. Knuth, Stanley

Mrs. H. Tosdel, Stanley

Mrs. A. Catherwood, Park River

Mrs. Percy Carlson, Grafton

Mrs. D. M. Upham, Grafton

Mrs. A. G. Tverberg, Grafton

Mrs. A. E. Place, Grafton

Mrs. Elise Anderson, Rugby

I Won Two—

Mrs. E. E. Clarke, Ellendale

Mrs. Arnold Sheridan, Larimore

Mrs. Alex C. Burr, Jamestown

Mrs. Harry Paulson, Jamestown

I Won Four—

Mrs. Elizabeth Farnsworth, Edgeley

Mrs. Kate Wilder, Grand Forks

I Won Five—

Mrs. John E. Anderson, Rugby

The following unions have gained new members; no credit having been given individuals:

McKenzie 2, Rugby 1, Glover 2, Fargo Scandinavian 2, Gilby 1, Grand

Forks Frances Willard 4, Reeder 1, Stady-Zahl 1, Fortuna 1, New Rockford 2, Bismarck 6, Hatton 3.

If those having gained the new members in the above group will send in their names, credit will be given in the next issue of the Bulletin. Some of our unions have made a fine showing; could we not all do as well?

SOLDIERS AND SAILORS

Dear W.C.T.U. Members:

Another year has passed into history and once again we must find time to take inventory of the past year and make plans for the new one. I am sorry to have been delayed in mailing the 1943 plan of work—some of my material has not reached me yet—but as the new plans are much the same and a continuation of last year's we need not wait for them, but carry on where the work has already been started.

Again I ask that you take the time to study these plans well; a great deal of thought and effort has been spent in preparing them for our use, so please read and use them. While we cannot go into army camps, since our state has none, we can still find a lot to do. I am sorry that our government has deemed it necessary to limit the mail sent overseas. I know what those packages from home meant to our boys, and how eagerly they looked for them. They need and deserve all the comfort they can get, so let us hope and pray that conditions may improve so that the ban may be lifted. However we can still write and send letters to them, and I hope no one will neglect to do this.

Now that some of the colleges in our state are to be used to train men for the armed forces, women who live in the cities where these colleges are located have the privilege of doing things for those boys and men. Arrange to have the men entertained in churches and in private homes—two or more service men to a family. Obtain a record of their names, birthdays and home addresses, so you can write them later and perhaps send gifts. Also write to their home folks that you have entertained them—mothers will appreciate that. Show that you are interested in them, not as a duty, but as a privilege. Do not neglect your Red Cross work, and encourage the sale of stamps and bonds.

Quoting from our National W.C.T.U. Hand book: "This department has a duty to perform in serving the men of the Army and Navy and Marine Corps, and also the veterans of all wars, in hospitals and Government homes. Put yourself 100 per cent behind our service men; supply every comfort possible, including kit bags filled in your local community. Work with all military organizations for the comfort and betterment of our fighting forces, who need relaxation after strenuous training. Give them sympathetic understanding. Make the department of Soldiers and Sailors an outstanding organization".

Call to Service—Never before in the history of our country have we needed the members of the W. C. T. U. as now, to carry on the work of this department. We cannot make this or any other department a success without cooperation of all unions, so let us get busy.

MRS. C. E. STOWELL, Director.

L. T. L.

One person asked your State L.T.L. Secretary the following question: "If the L.T.L. is as worthwhile as you claim it is, why don't the larger places and unions with greatest number of members support an L. T. L.?" Your Secretary had to say—"I'm sorry—"

We do welcome Mrs. Ray Newman of Parshall as a new L.T.L. leader

and hope their Legion and the new one in LaMoure will be right at the top in good education for a sober nation.

L.T.L. Pamphlets and a personal note were sent to every W.C.T.U. in the state and we hope the material will help and great good will come to our splendid boys and girls.

Your Secretary,

Elnetta (Mrs. J. W.) Frisbie.

A MESSAGE OF COURAGE AND COMFORT

On the day that news was received of the fall of Bataan the Los Angeles Times published a letter that had been received by Los Angeles relatives from Lt. Henry Lee, a young American officer who had been through the Philippine campaign with MacArthur and later Wainwright. A copy of the letter has been sent to the Reporter and we publish it in the hope it may bring solace to the families of other boys in the service. The letter:

Dear Mother and Dad: This letter may never be delivered. It will go to Corregidor and there wait for transportation. Perhaps I'll be able to cable you before it arrives.

About the war I can say nothing. You back home know more about it than we do. All we see is our own little theatre of operations. All I can say is that we are getting enough to eat and that I am at present reasonably comfortable, moderately happy and disgustingly healthy.

Also I am proud to be a part of the fight that is being made here and would not, even if it were possible, leave here until it is over and we have won, as we inevitably will. By "we" I mean my country in general. Bataan may fall, but the eventual outcome of the war is foreordained. I have seen some horrible things happen and I have had my share of narrow escapes, but I have also seen some very wonderful acts of courage, self-sacrifice and loyalty. At least I have found what I have searched for all my life—a cause and a job in which I can lose myself completely and to which I can give every ounce of my strength and my mind.

And I have mentally and spiritually conquered my fear of death. Pure animal terror. (A protective emotion cannot be entirely subdued by the mentality but it can, and has been controlled.)

My prayer each night is that God will send you, who are suffering so much more than I am, His strength and peace. During the first few days of war I also prayed for personal protection from physical harm but now, that I may be given strength to bear whatever I must bear and do whatever I must do so that those men under me will have every reasonable chance.

Life and my family have been very good to me and have given me every thing I have ever really wanted and should anything happen to me here, it will not be like closing a book in the middle as it would have been had I been killed in the first few days of the war. For in the last two months I have done a lifetime of living and have been a part of one of the most unselfish, cooperative efforts that has ever been made by any group of individuals.

Mistakes may have been made—but that has nothing to do with the manner in which my comrades on Bataan, both Filipino and American—have reacted to their trial by fire. If the same unselfish spirit were devoted to world betterment in time of peace what a good world we would have (and "how dull" I can hear the younger generation mutter.)

The purpose of this letter is to send you my love and my thanks for just being my family. It is written with no so-called premonitions. Re-

ally, all in all my chances are pretty good. Much better than most of the line officers of my grade and age. For, as I told you many times in my letters before the war, my particular job—and it hasn't been changed—is about as safe as a one as any soldier could have in wartime.

So with all my love, I'll start this letter on its way.

Keep 'em flying—WEST! and as the government has announced, No news is good news. Your loving son,
Henry.

P. S. Dad was right. He always said that actually being in a war is not as bad as reading or hearing about one. A man can do what he must do, is another apt phrase of his which I've never forgotten.
Casselton (N. D.) Reporter.

DR. GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER

Dr. George Washington Carver son of negro slaves, world-renowned scientist, who died Jan. 5, 1943, at his home at Tuskegee Institute, Ala., removes from earthly activities one of the richest and sweetest Christian characters as well as one of the greatest scientists that America has produced. He entered eternity while he lived. Harvey J. Hill, in the "Minneapolis Star Journal" truly epitomized his life thus:
"He was a gentle genius of a race Alien and dark. Humbly he worked with God,
To wrest the secret treasures from the face
Of earth, to mix them with rare alchemy
For gifts to benefit his fellow man,
His mind was closed to thoughts of worldly wealth.

He did not cringe when called an African,
Nor lord it over lesser than himself,
Honors that came to him were like the sun
Or rain, dispensed by God's beneficence,
Not something he deservedly had won
By much stern labor and self-sacrifice,
And from his life's ideal he did not swerve—
That all his years were given him to serve."

After years of struggle to get an education he won a master of science degree in agriculture in Iowa State College in 1896 and two years later Booker T. Washington, founder of Tuskegee institute, invited him to direct the work of agriculture at that school.

Dr. Carver's "Whatever helps the southern farmer helps the entire south and what helps the south helps everybody," spurred him to develop from the lowly peanut more than 300 useful products, including paper, ink and oil to be used in the treatment of infantile paralysis, and from the sweet potato more than 100 byproducts.

In Dr. Glenn Clark's booklet, "The Man Who Talks With Flowers," Dr. Carver is quoted: "Those that seek me early shall find me." Prov. 8:17. So I just follow His advice and find Him. All my life I have risen regularly at 4 o'clock and have gone into the woods and talked with God. There He gives me my orders for the day. Alone there with things I love most I gather specimens and study the great lessons nature is so eager to teach us all. When people are still asleep I hear God best and learn my plan. After my morning's talk with God I go into my laboratory and begin to carry out His wishes for the day."

Dr. Carver was also an artist with a painting hanger in the Luxembourg galleries. His paintings came from the "waste products" around him—magnolia blossom cones, Osage
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A SONG FOR YOUR MARCH MEETING UNION SIGNAL

(Tune—Sunlight In My Soul)

1. You're asking what you ought to read
That you may wiser grow;
Your union thrive and also have
The answer to the foe.
Chorus: Union Signal! Just the thing you need!
Union Signal! Take, oh take and read,
Page on page of facts and information too—
Use the Union Signal, printed just for you.
2. Oh, let its message sway your heart
Till you are well inspired;
Its plea for total abstinence be
The zeal with which you're fired.
Chorus:
3. Ideas and plans and latest facts
You'll find within its fold;
The speeches, songs and poems too,
Are worth their weight in gold.
Chorus:
4. Union Signal! will you now subscribe?
Union Signal! Page on page im-bibe!
Only costs a dollar, comes each week to you,
You will be the wiser if you read it through.
—Helen L. Byrnes.

Fuel vs Liquor — '18 and '43

"While legitimate manufacturing concerns and law-abiding individuals in the United States have been met on every side by all sorts of restrictions in regard to coal during the last ten months, and have thereby been subjected to inconvenience, business loss, discomfort and hardship, one obnoxious industry, that of brewing, has been permitted to draw upon the coal mines at the rate of 3,100,000 tons annually. While the Fuel Administration has been issuing edicts prescribing all sorts of limitations for ordinary consumers, because of an alleged shortage of transportation facilities, 200 railroad freight cars have been constantly employed in hauling coal to the breweries. . . . Why this consideration for the brewers?"

The above is an extract from an editorial expression of this newspaper published in July, 1918. Today, 25 years later, the cry is the same, not only from The Christian Science Monitor, but from religious, civic, and other leaders throughout the Nation: "Why this consideration for the brewers?"

The closing of churches, schools, and homes is now reported because of the oil situation, but nowhere, aside from a possible curtailment of nightclub activity, have we found mention of any intention to shut down breweries, liquor stores, taverns, and their affiliated organizations. A brief check of such establishments listed in the classified section of the Boston telephone directory alone disclosed more than 700. The churches, a number of which are open only one day a week, total less than 150.

Some liquor establishments burn coal instead of oil, but here, too, is a need of conservation, for already predictions of coal shortages have appeared in the press.

What kind of reasoning is it that considers religion and education of less importance to the Nation than its liquor?—The Christian Science Monitor.

Big Newspapers Avoid Facts Regarding Prohibition

Chicago.—Walter O. Cromwell, of the Juvenile Protective Association, 816 South Halsted Street, believing that the big newspapers of the

country are deliberately avoiding the facts regarding prohibition, sent the following letter to the city editor of the Chicago Sun:

"The press, including yours, seems to be deliberately avoiding the facts regarding prohibition. There are good arguments in favor of either side of the prohibition question, but since alcoholic beverage problems have become of national concern under the impact of war, the press has yet to present fairly both sides of this question.

"Here are a few arguments for the neglected side:

"Is it reasonable or sound to consider the prohibition law apart from its setting and not as a part of our total legal process? We obtained no better enforcement of this law than we did of many other laws, just as we are getting no better enforcement of present liquor laws than we are of other laws.

"It is a mistake to accept without challenge the statement made frequently today by speakers and in the press that prohibition created gangsters and a wave of crime. We had organized gangs of criminals long before prohibition, we had them during prohibition, and they have continued unabated since the prohibition law was repealed, as the Federal Government's official crime reports clearly reveal.

"The facts make no argument more ridiculous than the one advanced by the 'wets' and the uninformed that prohibition created bootleggers and gangsters. Murders and other crimes against persons and property are illegal, yet they still occur. Shall we repeal these laws? Shall we legalize crime, tax it and say we have no criminals?"

"There is bootlegging of war-rationed goods; shall we remove the rationing restrictions to do away with this practice?"

"When it is argued that the prohibition law did not work, we can reasonably ask what laws do work. Our laws against trusts, kidnaping, robberies, espionage, spies, etc., are being violated; shall we conclude they don't work and repeal them?"

"What laws have ever worked to perfection? Laws are for the law-abiding, not the lawless. The lawless elements who violated the prohibition law continued to violate laws after repeal.

"Today our country's five billion dollar liquor business is being challenged, as are many other businesses which are considered by some as non-essential to winning the war. Industrial alcohol is essential in the manufacturing of certain war materials, but beverage alcohol, whether hard liquor, wine or beer, only hinders our war effort by complicating our economic, social, political and health problems.

"Where is the newspaper that will champion the truth about this eternal problem?"

—National Voice.

To get the facts, take THE UNION SIGNAL.—Editor.

"Liquor is a bad Fifth Columnist and should be suppressed in time of crisis."—The Clarion Call.

Dr. George Washington Carver

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oranges, banana skins, coffee and clay from the Alabama hills.

The "Minneapolis Star Journal" concludes its editorial on "Death of an Ex-Slave" as follows: "Educator, scientist, artist—George Washington Carver was and is proof of the human dignity that rises above and across the lines of color, class and creed. With Dr. Carver, the case of democracy rests."

—The Minnesota White Ribbon.

JUST BETWEEN OURSELVES

The bitter cold that has held our state in its grip for weeks has relaxed! We hope that it is over with for this winter, and that we can resume normal activities with more comfort. As the Lenten season approaches, let us try to give more thought to our work as well as spending more time in prayer for it. Let us really study our state report, and see if we cannot find ways to make it a better one next year. The department reports may have suggestions to offer; what others have done, perhaps you can do, in your union. And remember too, to tell the editor what you have been doing, as an inspiration to others.

Our sympathy goes out to those two of our comrades who have been bereaved recently—Mrs. Lundhagen and Mrs. Herbison. All who have attended the state convention in the past two years have seen the former, and those who were at Grafton last fall know the latter too. May they receive comfort and strength to carry on.

We are pleased to have such a fine list of workers who have won new members this year; if your name is not there this time I hope it will appear later. Remember you are really doing any woman a favor, when you induce her to join the W.C.T.U. It is a splendid and helpful thing for the soul, to become interested in a worthy cause, and the fellowship with those of similar interests becomes precious. A friend once told me that she felt that the district convention was the 'most Christian' meeting she had the privilege of attending. Another wrote recently of hearing from a mutual friend, and added "How much belonging to an organization like the W.C.T.U. widens your acquaintance and your outlook on life, and we are so glad to hear of the little happinesses that come to each other." It is not only a chance to serve that you offer a new member, but a chance to know some of the finest and most consecrated women anywhere. So go after them—we need them and they need the W.C.T.U.

Do you always read the advertisements of the department of literature, when they appear in this paper each month? The National Publishing House has splendid things to offer, but they do no one any good as long as they remain unread on the shelves of their building. Let us make a habit of giving out literature, and let us also use every opportunity we can find to display it, so that others can see what we have. There are fine books and pamphlets! any one of the medal contest reciters contains excellent readings for almost any religious meeting. Teachers should be given an opportunity to examine some of the very fine material available for their use, at very low prices. Send the National W.C.T.U. Publishing House a 3c stamp, and get a catalogue; it is full of helpful suggestions.

March is the month when we are expected to put special emphasis upon the UNION SIGNAL and secure subscriptions for it; this is important. Not only do we need the paper, but unless we support it with our subscriptions, it cannot do the work that it should. Our other newspapers are very likely to ignore the results of the liquor traffic, or to advertise beverage alcohol and so of course be unable to say anything against it; we all need to know the real facts about what is happening. Do not let your subscription to the UNION SIGNAL expire, no matter if you do think you have not time to read. If you have time to eat your meals, you can find time to read it; it takes only half an hour for most of it.

Are you going to follow Mrs. Wilder's advice and have a local institute

this spring? It would be a very fine thing to do, and I hope you will plan for it, before the busy season arrives. Not that we are idle now, but of course I think in terms of seeding time, and I think that more people than usual will have gardens this year. With the rationing plan in force, the common vegetables that we have taken as a matter of course or even considered useless, according to whether we like them or not, assume new importance. "Blessings brighten as they take their flight" is an old but true saying.

I thank all those who have sent me news for this issue; won't more of you do that next time? Remember I need it by the 18th of the month.

Your friend,

ELIZABETH C. BEASLEY.

CORRECTION

We regret that in the last issue, the name of Mrs. T. A. Catherwood was incorrectly given as Mrs. T. A. Cawthorne, in the Memorial. Also in the poem, "The Lincoln Circuit," the second word of the second line of the second stanza should be 'dreaming' instead of 'dressing'. —Editor.

Suggestions For The Local Union Special Subscription Campaign March 1 - March 31.

Plan a definite period for concerted action: to get new members to subscribe for THE UNION SIGNAL, giving each member the name of one or more members to ask personally for a subscription; to get THE UNION SIGNAL into the hands of influential people in the community—clergymen, teachers, professional men, clubwomen, city officials; to place THE UNION SIGNAL in USO centers, training camps, high schools, college and public libraries, beauty and barber shops, physicians' office and other waiting rooms.

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