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### GOD SAVE THE FLAG

Oliver Wendell Holmes

Washed in the blood of the brave  
and the blooming,  
Snatched from the altars of infamous foes,  
Burning with star-fires, but never consuming,  
Flash its broad ribbons of lily and rose.

Vainly the prophets of Baal would rend it,  
Vainly his worshippers pray for its fall;  
Thousands have died for it, millions defend it,  
Emblem of justice and mercy for all.

Justice, that reddens the sky with its terrors,  
Mercy that comes with her white-handed train,  
Soothing all passions, redeeming all errors,  
Sheathing the sabre and breaking the chain.

God bless the flag and its loyal defenders,  
While its bright folds o'er the battle fields wave,  
Till the dim star-wreath rekindle its splendors,  
Washed from its stains in the blood of the brave.

—From Virginia Call.

### THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Co-Workers:

I am writing this while in the field where district conventions are the order of the day. It is a pleasure to meet old and new friends. Words are inadequate to express my appreciation for the fine hospitality extended to me. It is a joy to be a guest in the homes of our co-workers and to learn to know their families. Only through such an association can we fully appreciate the sacrifices made by many of our leaders, in the interest of our work. The cooperation and help given by their loved ones make it possible for them to carry on. About five conventions have been held up to date and Mrs. Wilder has finished her itinerary.

We extend a warm welcome to Miss Roena E. Shaner, national organizer, who recently arrived in our state. In her first week here, she organized a new union at Hunter, N. D. with 27 paid, 8 pledged members and 2 honorary. In another column you will find the names of the new officers. We extend a welcome to this new union may it be a tower of strength in its community and may it grow and flourish, bringing inspiration to all who come in contact with its membership. I know it will be a help to Fargo district of which it is a part. Miss

Shaner also has secured a long list of paid members at Erie, N. D. and we hope it may develop into an organization before she leaves our state. May our voices be lifted in prayer for the continued success of her work here, pray also that she may be abundantly blessed in all her work. Her earnestness, her willingness to serve and her personal consecration have won the hearts of all who have come in contact with her.

I find as I go from place to place that our women are meeting the problems of today with the same undaunted spirit that they have met the problems of other days. The conventions that I have attended so far have been well attended and the interest keen. Someway—somehow, these courageous women have found a way to get to the conventions and the hostess unions have found a way to provide the necessary meals in spite of food rationing. It has been very evident that where there is a will there is a way.

Mrs. C. E. Erickson of Crosby was elected president of Northwest District this year. She had served as acting president, last year, when the elected president resigned. In the Fargo district, Mrs. Lindsay of Prosper union was elected district president to succeed Mrs. Jessie Potter who asked to be relieved of her duties due to ill health. We welcome this new president into our official family; may the spirit of love, Christian fellowship and cooperation be ever present as we labor together for a sober and decent state and nation.

There may be other new officers that have not been reported to me yet as Mrs. Wilder has been the guest at three conventions and there are several yet to be held. May these good wishes be extended to all. To those who have retired we can only say we regret that you must give up for a time your splendid leadership. Your faithfulness, loyalty and loving cooperation has been deeply appreciated and we know you will always be true to our common cause and that you will contribute in service and in material gifts whenever possible.

Now that we are facing a busy season let us not forget that we must try to meet regularly and carry forward the work of our great cause. Let us find time to write a letter to our Congressmen and may I urge that you flood them with requests for H. R. 2082. If you are reading your Signal you will note that it is a popular bill with the rank and file of our nation and letters and petitions that have come to Representatives Bryson are almost 100 per cent for the bill. Hon. Usher Burdick in a reply to my letter states that he is for this bill one hundred per cent. Hon. William Lemke in his reply did not state his own view point but says that he fears the bill has no chance to pass because certain leaders are opposed to it. You can do



Miss Roena E. Shaner, National Organizer, who is doing excellent work in the state.

much to influence his vote if you will write personal letters, send petitions and telegrams. Explain the bill to your church societies, to friends and to the influential people of your communities. Urge all to write to our Congressmen.

The crowded conditions on our trains today, make traveling very difficult and the drinking that is permitted makes it dangerous. Conditions are so deplorable that protests should be made to all railroad companies. In pre-prohibition days drinking was not permitted on trains and we need to go back to that restriction.

Plans for our state convention are in the making and we hope every union will plan to send a delegate. Valley City, the hostess city, is centrally located and can easily be reached by bus or train. We are planning an interesting program and the new national plans will be submitted.

Miss Estelle Bozemann, alcohol education instructor, will arrive in Minot June 12. She plans to be there two weeks and will then go to Valley City for two weeks. The army has taken over the dormitories at our colleges so no free entertainment can be given; therefore we are asking the local unions in these cities to furnish entertainment. We realize that that is not an easy thing to do in these days of food rationing.

In closing may I urge that you pray; pray often and fervently for our nation, our boys and girls in the armed forces, our boys and girls on the home front, our homes and last but by no means least the great cause of temperance. Wear your white ribbon on your breast, the emblem that carries a silent message to

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### THE STARS AND STRIPES

"Thank God we can see, in the glory of morn  
The invincible flag that our fathers defended;  
And our hearts can repeat what the heroes have sworn,  
That war shall not end till the war-lust is ended.  
That the blood-thirsty sword shall no longer be lord  
Of the nations oppressed by the conqueror's horde,  
But the banners of freedom shall peacefully wave  
O'er the world of the free and the lands of the brave."

—Henry Van Dyke.

From the Corresponding Secretary

#### Miss Shaner's Work

Miss Roena E. Shaner, national WCTU organizer and lecturer, is again working in our state. She arrived in Fargo on Saturday, May 16th, getting anything but a "dry" reception, as it was raining hard. The first two weeks were to be spent in Fargo District. She went to Hunter that same afternoon intending to start work at Arthur the next Monday. However, it seemed best to stay at Hunter and there she has organized a new W.C.T.U. May 19, with 35 active members (three of whom live in Arthur) of which 27 are paid, and 2 honorary members. The officers of this new union are: president, Mrs. Bessie McNeilly Sherritt; vice president, Mrs. Clyde Fiske; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Leslie Powlison; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Carl Skue; treasurer, Mrs. E. H. Richter.

The names of the officers of this new union should be entered in the directory at the back of your state reports and department directors should be sure to include them when writing to, or sending literature to the unions. Let us make them welcome to our WCTU family.

Miss Shaner went from Hunter to Erie, N. D. and worked there two days. While no union was organized sixteen active and one honorary members were pledged. Thanks are due to Rev. H. J. Gernhardt, Jr. Methodist pastor in these towns for all the help and assistance he gave Miss Shaner.

At this writing Miss Shaner is working in Cooperstown, in the James Valley District and is meeting with encouragement. She has secured 27 pledged members there. From Cooperstown she will go to the Northeast District beginning work at Neche on Sunday, May 30, and will work in that district the next two weeks.

Alberta W. Lundhagen

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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 IS GREATEST  
SERVICE FLAG**

"Prayer is the greatest service flag known to humanity," recently said the Very Reverend James M. Malloch, the dean of St. James Cathedral, Fresno, California. "Prayer unites us more closely to our fellow men than does any other power or institution on earth."

"Fighting on foreign fields for American democracy and world freedom, our noble sons come to us and we can go to them on the wings of prayer. . . . If the peoples of all nations would sincerely pray 'Thy kingdom come,' that prayer would solve all problems of humanity, today and in the postwar civilization." —Union Signal.

**GAMBLING IN CHURCH**

**From The Milwaukee Journal**  
To The Journal: I have protested to Senator Bernhard Gettelman against the possibility of churches and welfare societies being put under a shadow by bingo being made legal for them.

It seems almost a farce that churches, which stand for the very highest moral ideal, should have a law passed permitting them to do what the law says, under ordinary circumstances, is gambling. And I suppose no one would deny that it is gambling, since the main feature about it involves chance. The supreme court has decreed that bingo is gambling. And now Senator Gettelman is asking that churches be allowed to gamble. Surely if the senator is personally intimate with the spiritual ideals of the church, he does not want to be a factor on Wisconsin statute books a law that will be a reflection upon the churches themselves.

In addition to this, how can we train our children to gamble in the church and expect them to believe us when we tell them they should not gamble elsewhere? There is too much truth in the biblical injunction "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it" to give any support from to a duplex attitude toward gambling.

Train up a child to gamble in the church and when he is away from the church he will keep on gambling. I hope and have faith to believe the legislature will see this proposition in its true light and refuse to put such a law upon the statute books of Wisconsin.—R. Burton Sheppard, Superintendent, Watertown District, Methodist Church, Watertown, Wis.—Wisconsin Motor.

**NOTES FROM THE UNIONS**

Rugby Union held a good meeting at the home of Mrs. Elise Anderson in April, with a good attendance. Devotions were led by the president, Mrs. Washburn. Their union was represented in a recent War Bond Drive. An attempt is being made to get an L. T. L. working in each Sunday school in Rugby. May they be successful.

Sawyer held the Community Mass Meeting in May, as asied by the National W.C.T.U. They report a full house, and the fine sample program submitted shows that four churches and three ministers took part in the service, making a real community affair. Music was furnished by the Baptist, Mennonite, Nazarene and Highland churches, the L. T. L. gave an exercise. Mrs. Gust Faul spoke for the mothers and George Reinholdt for the fathers of servicemen. Rev. Long read scripture, Rev. Gerbrandt led the meditation and prayer for men and women in service and Rev. Klein delivered an address. An offering was received for the work. Sawyer's regular monthly meetings are well attended. We are indebted to Mrs. C. LaRette for the story of this fine meeting.

The April meeting of the Grafton union was held at the home of Mrs. Halvor Klugness, with 14 members present. Miss Ruth Nelson was assistant hostess. Mrs. Fraser led devotions. They have sent petitions to Representative Burdick endorsing H. R. 2082, and received a courteous reply stating that he was for the bill. They made plans for other activities about which we hope to hear more.

Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, vice president of N. D. W. C. T. U. was honored guest at a dinner given by the Edgeley W.C.T.U. Friday, May 14, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cofell. Later in the evening a public meeting was held in the Methodist church, Mrs. Pruet presiding, at which Mrs. Wilder spoke.

Mrs. S. N. Engelstad, president of the LaMoure union, reports that they also observed Mother's Day with a community meeting sponsored by the union. They followed the outline given in the UNION SIGNAL, with the names of all local men and women in service on the back of the printed programs. Several numbers of vocal and instrumental music were given, and the speakers were Superintendent Harold Wakefield, Atty. Roy Holand and Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, vice president of N. D. W.C.T.U. This active union was organized a year ago with eight members and now has twenty; this was the fourth public meeting they have held within the year. They are grateful for the loyal support of the ministers of the town.

The Wildrose union sent four members to the district convention at Williston May 14. They were Mrs. Laura Melcher, Mrs. R. Haug, Mrs. J. P. Leeland and Mrs. Sever Jodock. Mrs. Melcher is acting president of the union.

Jamestown Union has had some fine meetings during the spring months. The one April 27 was held in the parlors of the Presbyterian church, when the members were guests of the missionary society of that church. Mrs. Myron Hart presided, Mrs. N. E. McCoy led the singing with Mrs. Hannah Lockwood at the piano. Devotions were led by Mrs. Grace Thompson. The topic for

the program was "The Place of Youth in Today's Living." Mrs. Fred M. Wanner was chairman, Mrs. R. J. Holmes spoke on "Safeguarding Our Children In Times of Stress and Turmoil," and Mrs. John Knauf's subject was "Know Your Town in Relation to Youth," while District Judge R. G. McFarland spoke on "Problems of Youth Today." Wesley Hart sang "The Theme of My Song" with Mrs. Hart as accompanist, and the missionary society members served refreshments. This union has had a fine poster contest, in the public schools, conducted by Mrs. F. G. Kneeland.

The Nekoma union has resumed meetings, with Mrs. George Sholy as acting president and Mrs. Frank Beasley acting treasurer. At their April meeting it was decided to do some special work in distributing literature. The May meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Beasley with a number of children, their mothers and other guests present. For the program, honoring mothers and children, Bonnie Lou Deitz, a five-year-old White Ribbon Recruit sang "Jesus Loves the Little Children" and Betsey and Dorothy Kvaa sang "Headaches, Heartaches, That's What They Are Selling To You." Little Marvel Faith Harris was dedicated as a White Ribbon Recruit.

Park River Union gave a tea party May 13, to which the mothers of local service men and women were invited; about 60 were present. The parlors of the Federated Church were nicely decorated for the occasion, and patriotic colors adorned the name cards worn by all. These, with several other accessories, were the gift of this union's member who lives in Fargo, Miss Violette Verry. A good program was followed by games and contests; Mrs. Edgar White and Mrs. O. J. Pederson poured. Some mothers present have three sons in service: Mrs. Pederson and Mrs. David Ford among them. Rev. and Mrs. John Rockne, who have lately come to the Lutheran church of Park River were among those present.

The Frances Willard Union of Grand Forks held a public meeting in the Bethel Lutheran church the evening of April 16. The essay contest sponsored by this union in the rural schools of Grand Forks county, under the direction of Miss Hilda Christianson, the county superintendent, was the feature of the evening. Mrs. K. Soreng presided, and the pastor of the church, Rev. Adolph Pederson opened the meeting with scripture reading and prayer. Kathryn Johnson rendered two vocal numbers, Genevieve Simonson played a piano solo, and the state president, Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, gave a talk. The essays which placed first, second and third in the contest were read, and Mrs. John Sandbek, the president gave closing remarks. The winners were Valborg Korsmo, Northwood, First; Teacher, Esther Berge. Donald John Hemmingsen, Niagara, Second; Teacher, Helen Peterson. Virginia Bakke, Avon District, Third; Teacher, Agnes Moen. The judges, who were Mrs. Isaacson, Mrs. Kate S. Wilder and Laurence Hanson, also gave Honorable Mention to Geneva Thorsell, Elm Grove District; Teacher, Mrs. James Knowles; Andrew Homme, Walle District. Teacher, Luella York; and Edna Rustad, Loretta District, Teacher, Olga Hanson. They rightfully give credit to the county superintendent and her teachers, as well as to the children who wrote the essays.

**PERSONALS**

Mrs. Hazel Kneeshaw Pate, president of Pembina Union, returned not long ago from spending the winter in a warmer climate.

Friends of Mrs. Robert B. Reed, former state treasurer will be glad to know that she is convalescing from a major operation. We wish her a speedy return to excellent health. Her son's wife, Mrs. Clarence Reed, a registered nurse, is with her.

The 82nd birthday of Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, Honorary President, was celebrated April 27 at Penny Farms, Florida, where she spent the winter. A reading club to which she belongs finished a book on archaeology, "The Bible Comes Alive" in the morning at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. A. Lincoln Shute a wonderful exhibit of things brought from Palestine and India were shown. She had a birthday dinner with the Newcombs, who used to live in Bismarck and in the afternoon the W.C.T.U. held a reception for her at the Shepard apartment. The rooms were beautifully decorated with roses and honeysuckle; candles on the table were in holders from Africa, made of ivory. It was a most pleasant occasion. Mrs. Anderson said she had not expected to celebrate again till she is ninety, but we are glad others felt differently.

Mrs. E. T. Gestie, of "Tea Cup Inn" fame in Fargo for several years, is now living with her daughter, Miss Bernice Gestie, in their comfortable new home at 15 Melbourne Ave. S. E. Minneapolis. Mrs. Gestie formerly belonged to the Fargo union. Her daughter is editor of the Minnesota School Journal.

Mrs. A. O. DeFrate and her daughter Miss Elizabeth, for several years members of the Minot union, have removed to Bozeman, Mont., where Elizabeth will complete her college course at Montana State College.

Mrs. Jessamine Slaughter Burgum of Arthur, writer, artist and Willard member of N. D. W.C.T.U., recently put in a month of work helping the young people of the local high school who were interested in dramatics. They were allowed the use of the gymnasium, but there was no background for their presentations except an unsightly brick wall and other things they wished to disguise. The board of education was unable to furnish a back curtain, so the young folks appealed to Mrs. Burgum. She finally consented to help and according to the CASSELTON REPORTER she soon found herself before a huge curtain of muslin stitched by a harness maker, and given a coat of white paint by the young actors. The curtain, with its frame, was worked on a set of pulleys, so that the costumed artist was able to sit on the platform to do her painting, section by section. In a month, snow-capped, huge mountains, green hills and a foaming stream running into a lake which reflected the scene, transformed the canvas. Mrs. Burgum wrote the story of her work and it appeared in the April issue of the publication of the National League of American Pen Women. Congratulations upon both accomplishments!

Our women like to follow the fortunes of the young people who have a share in our activities. Not long ago papers of the state carried pictures of some young women who have enlisted in the war effort. One was Luella Hagen of Gilby, holder of a silver medal won in a W.C.T.U. (Continued on Page Four)

## TREASURER'S REPORT

April 15 to May 15, 1943

DUES—Larimore 1, Parshall 1, McKenzie 2, Underwood 2, Oakes 1, Sawyer 4, Rock Lake 1, Sheldon 1, Hatton 6, Mott 1, Valley City 6, Gilby 1, Flasher 1, Grand Forks 3, Wildrose 1, Ellendale 4.

WILLARD MEMBERS: 5.

L. T. L.: Northwood 73, Sawyer 4.

BUDGET: McKenzie 60, Underwood \$2.00, Sawyer 3.00, Sheldon .30,

Bucyrus \$2.00.

STATE REPORTS: \$1.25.

LITERATURE: \$3.10.

YOUNG CRUSADER: \$1.05.

LARIMORE UNION, Cancer Control \$2.00.

Mrs. Iver Fossum,  
State Treasurer.

## IN MEMORIAM

"They are not dead who live  
In hearts they leave behind.  
In those whom they have blessed  
They live a life again,  
And shall live through the years  
Eternal life, and grow  
Each day more beautiful  
As time declares their good,  
Forgets the rest, and proves  
Their immortality."  
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Miss Nellie Royce of Sawyer, passed away in April. She was a sister of Mrs. Carrie Reinholdt.

Grafton Union is bereaved in the passing of two members during the spring months: Mrs. Betsey Thompson and Miss Jennie Fisher. The latter was for many years corresponding secretary of that union.

Mrs. Thomas Andrews of the Wildrose union was called from this life April 29. She was a faithful Christian worker, helping with songs and wherever else she was needed.

Mrs. Lillian Jacobson of Benedict, a faithful Willard member passed on late in March, just about a year after we noted the passing of her oldest son, Arthur. She is survived by another son Morris and a daughter, Mrs. D. C. Jones of Cleveland, Ohio.

Bernhard Anderson, husband of Mrs. Elise Anderson of Rugby passed from this life in April. He had been in Seattle for some time, and in poor health for a year. Besides Mrs. Anderson, a son and daughter survive.

Rev. Franklin W. Gress, a Life Member of the N. D. W.T.C.U. was called suddenly to the Home Beautiful April 22, at the age of 71. Rev. Gress had been a Methodist pastor in North Dakota for more than 40 years, and was a faithful supporter of the temperance cause. He is survived by his wife, who is a Willard member; two sons, Capt. Mark Wesley Gress who is a chaplain with the U. S. Army in North Africa, and Paul of Ellendale; and one daughter, Ruth, who is a teacher in a girl's school in China.

To the families of all these, the sympathy of our organization is extended.

## OUR FLAG

"Five hundred magazines, regardless of their contents or the cause they represented or the cost involved, carried the picture of Old Glory on the outside cover of the July 1942 issue. Thus into millions of homes as silently as satin slippers on a velvet carpet came the pictured emblem of our Independence, gripping our hearts, swelling our throats and misting our eyes, as we thought of what was back of our flag, of where it is today and where we hope, with God's help, it will be tomorrow."—Mrs. Amy C. Weech in Va. Call.

## Ransom-LaMoure District

The Ransom-LaMoure district's 43rd annual convention is history. It was held in the Zoray Lutheran church at LaMoure, May 7th. All unions in the district reported and all but one were represented by delegates. A good increase in membership was noted; petitions for S. B. 860 and H. R. 2082 had been sent by all unions to North Dakota Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Mrs. Paul Hanson, district president, presided at the convention sessions. Rev. Smith of the Federated church of LaMoure was present throughout the day and was most helpful. Delegates had brought hot dishes, sandwiches, salads and coffee and served a bountiful picnic lunch at noon. The members of the LaMoure union were most gracious hostesses and served afternoon coffee at the close of the convention.

Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, vice president of North Dakota W.C.T.U. was the convention guest; she conducted the memorial hour; led the discussions; conducted the election of officers and gave an address on "Our Flag; Its Origin, History and Proper Usage." Mrs. French of Edgeley and Mrs. Ballinger of West Fairview were honored as pioneer charter members of their respective unions.

All district officers were reelected. They are: Mrs. Paul Hanson, Engleval, president; Mrs. E. A. Scea, Dickey, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Elizabeth Farnsworth, Edgeley, recording Secretary; Mrs. Anna Sox, Edgeley, Treasurer; Mrs. J. W. Shute, LaMoure, L.T.L. Secretary. Department directors: Speech Contest, Mrs. J. A. Youngman, Dickey; Alcohol Education, Mrs. N. O. Larson, Dickey; Soldiers and Sailors, Mrs. John Anderson, Engleval; Flower Mission Mrs. A. A. Burgess, Sheldon; Child Welfare, Mrs. S. N. Englestad, LaMoure.

Thirty-five delegates were present and eleven subscriptions to the Young Crusader were secured at the convention. Rev. Smith offered the closing prayer.

—Contributed.

## MINOT DISTRICT

The convention met May 12, 1943, at the First Baptist church of Minot. Mrs. F. T. Brooks, District President, called the meeting to order; the Crusade Hymn was sung and Mrs. Saunderson conducted the opening devotional period.

Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, guest speaker, was introduced and made a member of the convention. Always so gracious, her supplemental ideas helped much in learning new ways and methods, as needs unfold during the reading of the reports of our six unions and seven department directors.

Mrs. Campbell led a Saulte to the flag; this was supplemented by Mrs. Truax who gave the Etiquette of the flag.

The names of forty-one young men who have been called to the colors from among us were read; Mrs. Mounce offered prayer for them and all of us. One young man from a family of four soldiers was reported missing in action.

Six names were given at the Memorial hour service.

All officers were re-elected.

Parshall reported two Declamatory groups. Posters were judged. Three Loyal Temperance Legions are active in the District.

More use of our literature was reported, than in former years.

From this group, we are determined that next time dry legislation needs our help, teaching, and pushing, we will be active earlier and

have more working in more places.

Mrs. Darling made us feel that "On To Victory," the motto on our programs, meant for us all to get at least one other member.

Parshall invited the Convention to meet in their town next year.

Mrs. N. R. Heinzen,  
Recording Secretary

## Hettinger District

The annual convention of Hettinger District was held in the Methodist church at Hettinger, May 13, opening at 2 p. m. for an afternoon and evening session. Mrs. J. O. Wiggin, vice president, presided. Mrs. Clare Stocking welcomed the delegates to Hettinger and Mrs. Fred Omodt gave the response.

Mrs. Martha Hilden led the opening devotions and the flag salute was led by Boy Scouts. A song service, followed by prayer by Rev. John Frisbie, opened the evening session.

Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, vice president of N. D. W.C.T.U. was the convention guest and gave an address at both sessions of the convention. Other speakers were Mrs. DeJong, "Building for Home, Church and Community"; "Legislation", by Mrs. O. A. Erlandson and "Safeguard Our Children in Times Like These" by Mrs. John W. Frisbie.

Douglas Lewis, baby son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lewis, was dedicated by Mrs. Wilder as a White Ribbon Recruit.

Music included numbers by the Bucyrus Glee Club, a trio composed of Eleanor Culver, Lorraine Browning and Mildred Gilbert and a duet by Lorraine Browning and Warren Ness.

Between sessions a bountiful supper was served by the Hettinger union.

Officers elected for the coming year are: Mrs. J. O. Wiggin, Hettinger, president; Mrs. Herbert Spencer, Bucyrus, vice president; Mrs. Fred Omodt, Reeder, secretary, and Mrs. Willie Olson, Hettinger, treasurer.

—Contributed.

## Northwest District

The 30th annual convention of the WCTU of the Northwest District met at the Methodist church at Williston, Friday, May 14 at 9:45 a. m. Three sessions were held. The district president, Mrs. C. E. Erickson presided. The pastor of the convention church, Rev. A. E. Hooke led the opening devotions. Mrs. E. E. Hart of Williston welcomed the delegates and Mrs. Andrew Hay of Crosby, responded.

Committees were named and reports heard. Unions reporting were Wildrose, Crosby, Stady-Zahl and Williston. Mrs. Andrew Hay gave an impressive report as director of Evangelistic Department and Mrs. C. M. Sonne, gave a splendid report on Flower Mission Department.

Election of officers was as follows: president, Mrs. C. E. Erickson, Crosby; vice president, Mrs. P. J. Foss, Appam; corresponding secretary, Mrs. C. M. Sonne, Williston; recording secretary, Mrs. Nels Skabo, Crosby; treasurer, Mrs. A. T. Heide, Crosby.

At the noon hour a bounteous dinner was served in the basement by the ladies of the Williston Union.

The memorial service at the afternoon session was in charge of Mrs. L. E. Hennigar of Williston. Following this Bruce Melvin Fish was dedicated as a White Ribbon Recruit by Mrs. Darling.

Representative P. I. Dahlen gave an informative talk about temperance work in the Legislature last session. Rev. J. Monseth of Zahl gave a encouraging talk on "Building for Home, Church and Community." A report and demonstration of the L.T.L. in charge of Mrs. Stockman,

with Mrs. C. E. Erickson assisting gave a great deal of pleasure to all.

Two beautiful duets, a solo and a reading added to the enjoyment of the afternoon session.

Mrs. Darling gave a timely and forceful address at the evening session on the subject, "War on the Home Front." Rev. G. E. Frost gave a talk on "Building for Tomorrow." Three solos and a selection by a sextette provided delightful music for the evening session. The offerings received at the afternoon and evening sessions were very good. Mrs. C. E. Erickson became a Life Member.

Mrs. Nels Skabo,  
Recording Secretary.

## Ellendale District

The annual convention of the Ellendale district was held, Friday, May 21 at Glover, N. D. Mrs. Carl Maack of Ellendale, district president presided. A morning and afternoon session were held with a picnic lunch at noon, provided by the Glover W.C.T.U. Delegates were present from Ellendale and Glover W.C.T.U. Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, vice president of N. D. W.C.T.U. was the convention guest and gave her address in the afternoon. All officers were re-elected for the coming year.

—Contributed.

## FARGO DISTRICT

The Fargo District W.C.T.U. met for its 52nd annual convention in the First Baptist Church at Fargo, May 21, 1943, with the Fargo and Fargo Scandinavian as hostess unions.

A fine program has been arranged by the district president, Mrs. Jessie Potter, which included a devotional period at the beginning of the morning session by the pastor of the church, Rev. Cummins, and by Mrs. Walter Millar in the afternoon. The state director, Mrs. E. R. Pomeroy, presented the Flower Mission work and the state corresponding secretary Mrs. Alberta Lundhagen, discussed the movies and slide films that are available. Mrs. R. J. Stinson, state director of Religious Education, conducted parliamentary drill. Mrs. V. A. Reed presented the L.T.L. work and Mrs. A. Landbloom read an excellent paper on "Spiritual Education." The Prosper Union had charge of the memorial hour. Flowers were placed in memory of Mrs. Leslie Black and Mrs. John Monson of the Fargo Union, Mrs. Martha Oas of Mayville Union and Mrs. J. O. Westlund and Mrs. Charles Young of the Fargo Scandinavian Union.

Mmes. Hannah Gossett, George and Clarence Rust contributed the vocal numbers and Mrs. J. V. Campbell and Mrs. Gilbert Gangness were accompanists.

The state president, Mrs. Darling, was the honor guest and principal speaker an dprovided the challenge and inspiration her presence always brings.

Mrs. A. N. Lindsay of Mapleton was elected president; Mrs. Jessie Potter of Fargo, vice president; Mrs. A. Matson, Fargo, recording secretary; Mrs. A. W. Johnson, Harwood, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. V. A. Reed, Fargo, treasurer.

A special word of thanks and appreciation is due our retiring president, Mrs. Potter, who has served us so faithfully for many years. May God's continued blessings be with her.

All in all, it was a fine convention. Many beloved faces of fellow workers who used to be with us at past conventions were absent, but we felt that they were all present in spirit and in their prayers. Such is the fellowship of the W.C.T.U. and in that spirit we "carry on."

Mrs. A. W. Johnson,  
Corresponding Secretary.

## NEW LAWS ON FLAG SALUTE

Public Law 623, relating to the display and use of the flag of the United States of America has been amended in various particulars. Your attention is called to those items whose observance is vitally important:

1—Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: (Pledge) "Shall be rendered by standing with the right hand over the heart." By this regulation, you will understand, the right hand no longer is extended but is placed over the heart. The left hand, as before, will hang straight and open on the left side. (No handbags, packages, etc., enter into the flag salute.)

Civilians not participating in the salute will show full respect to the flag, when the pledge is given, by merely standing at attention, facing the flag with arms at side, men removing the headress. Persons in uniform shall render the military salute.

2—Inquiries often come as to the relation of the Flag of the United States and the Christian Flag. Here is the law: (Quoted) "When displayed from a staff in a church or public auditorium, if it is displayed in the chancel of a church, or on the speakers platform in a public auditorium, the flag should occupy the position of honor and be placed at the clergyman's or speaker's right as he faces the congregation or audience. Any other flag so displayed in the chancel or on the platform should be placed at the clergyman's or speaker's left as he faces the congregation or audience. But when the flag is displayed from a staff in a church or public auditorium elsewhere than in the chancel or on the platform, it shall be placed in the position of honor at the right of the congregation or audience as they face the chancel or platform. Any other flag so displayed should be placed on the left of the congregation or audience as they face the chancel or platform."

An idea is prevalent that during divine services on shipboard the Christian flag floats above Old Glory. This never has been true. There is a church pennant—a triangular pennant, with a cross upon the board end, which may be so flown. Note this provision: "No other flag or pennant should be placed above or, if on the same level, to the right of the flag of the United States of America, except during church services conducted by naval chaplains at sea, when the church pennant may be flown above the flag during church services for the personnel of the Navy."

There are many definite instructions in the new regulations. In the main they are not different from those which have been in use. If desired, the pamphlet giving all these instructions may be obtained from "The United States Flag Association, Washington, D. C." There is no charge.—Union Signal.

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

(Continued from Page One) all humanity. In these closing days of our membership drive let us strive to enroll all our Christian friends and thus promote the work for God and Home and Every land.

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Be noble,

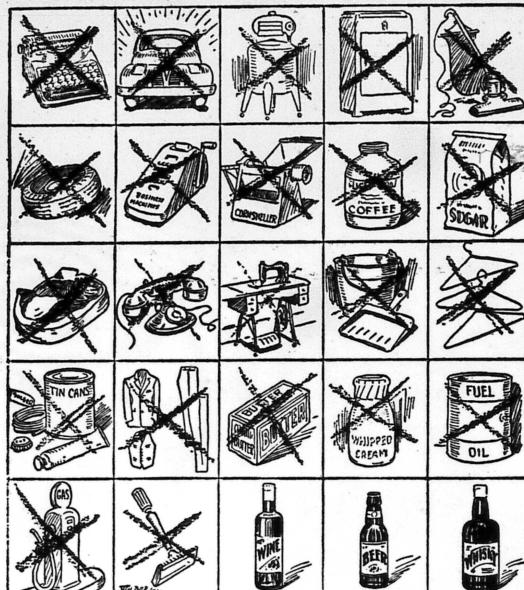
And the nobleness that lies in other men

Sleeping but never dead,  
Will rise in majesty to meet thine own.

—Lowell.

Yours in loving service,  
Bessie Marie Darling.

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## PERSONALS

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contest in her home town, who is in training with the WAVES in New York City. Another was Hilda Christensen of Grand Forks, holder of silver and gold speech medals, who took part in the contest at Grafton last fall. She has been employed at the Lockheed aircraft plant on the west coast, but recently enlisted in the Women's Reserve of the Marine corps. Another who has joined the WAVES is Miss Lilly Anderson, daughter of Mrs. Elise Anderson of Rugby, who has won seven new members for their union this year. Success to these patriotic lasses!

Mrs. C. E. Erickson of Crosby is a new life member of N. D. W.C.T.U. Congratulations!

## MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

(In addition to those whose names were published before in the WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN, the following have gained new members:)

### I WON ONE

Mrs. C. E. Soderholm, Larimore.  
Mrs. O. J. Swanson, Grand Forks.  
Mrs. Carl Maack, Ellendale.  
Mrs. Lysle Dawson, Fair Valley.  
Mrs. M. Johnson, Grand Forks.  
Mrs. Barbara H. Wylie, Bowesmont.  
Mrs. Andrew Thoreson, Hatton.  
Mrs. Frank Beasley, Fairdale.

Some one at Rock Lake and someone at Parshall have each won one, but names have not been reported.

### I WON TWO

Mrs. W. G. Dickson, Gilby.  
Mrs. C. E. Stowell, Valley City.  
Mrs. P. O. Laurhammar, Edinburg.  
Mrs. A. T. Ofstehage, Hatton.

### I WON THREE

Mrs. G. L. Thompson, Hatton.

## MANPOWER

Evanston, Ill.—Drafting labor would not be necessary if the liquor traffic were shut down, the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union declared today in a report to its members.

According to the industry's own figures, the W.C.T.U. pointed out, normal employment in the manufacture of beer and wine, and in the sale of all liquors, is well over 1,000,000.

This number is more than one-third of the new manpower needed in war production this year, and if utilized would probably eliminate the need for forceful recruiting of production workers, the report continued.

"Many drastic steps are being contemplated," it said, "such as drafting fathers, which would impoverish thousands of families, and regimenting millions of workers. Many mothers may be forced to neglect their children in order to fill labor quotas. Why not eliminate the most unessential of all American industries, the liquor traffic, to prevent many of the serious dangers of this all-out program?"

Other benefits deriving from elimination of liquor were listed:

- Decrease in absenteeism due to hangovers.
- Saving of about ten billion pounds of food products annually.
- Huge savings of transportation, fuel, rubber, power and manufactured goods such as bottles and glasses.

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Women—to build a foundation of facts about alcohol and its relation to the body, soul, family, society and government, for the final overthrow of the legalized liquor business.

## Just Between Ourselves

Wet weather has predominated in this section of the state all spring, and has proved a hindrance to farm work. Reports are given of eight district conventions. In this issue, and the rest will appear in August. Note that this number of the paper is late because we skip the July issue. My thanks go to all who reported so well; some had to be condensed a little, and some could be longer. Mrs. Lundhagen helped greatly in arranging them.

Our hopes and prayers are with Miss Shaner, as she goes about explaining and advancing our work. As I write, she is at Cavalier, and will go to Langdon next. She organized a union at Neche, but I have not the names of the officers yet.

Our president, Mrs. Darling, also did good work on her tour of district conventions. She went from Williston to Zahl with Mrs. Foss, and spoke three times over the week end. There were other places, too, where she spoke, besides the conventions, but I have not received the reports. Mrs. Wilder, likewise, has been very helpful everywhere she went. Tell us about it!

Ye editor recently accompanied her husband on a business trip to Jamestown, where she had the privilege of a short visit with Mrs. Wanner. On the return trip she was fortunate enough to have brief glimpses of Mrs. Grace Brown Putnam of New Rockford, Mrs. J. A. Graham of Obregon, and Mrs. George Johnson of Edmore. Truly, as has been said in one of the convention reports, our work makes us rich in friendships. May you all have a pleasant and profitable summer.

Yours loyally,  
Elizabeth C. Beasley.

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