

"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH"

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**Find Joy in Little Things**

Sunlight flash on bluebird wing;  
Morning-glories twined on string;  
Happy notes the wild birds sing;  
Find your joy in little things.

After absence, joy of home;  
Pleasure having woods to roam;  
Now and then to write a poem;  
Find your joy in little things.

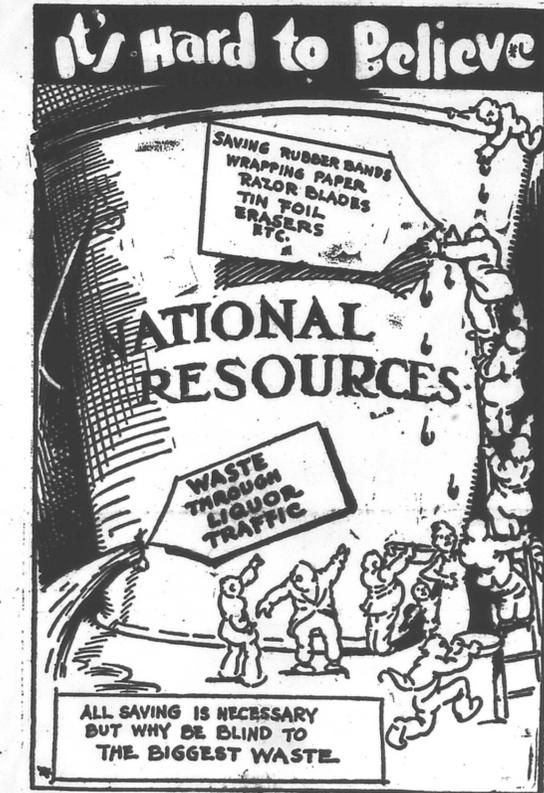
Letter from a distant friend;  
Curtains new; a gift to send;  
To those in need, a hand extend;  
Find your joy in little things.

Few know constant happy ways  
Till they learn it ever pays  
To weave in and out their days  
Patterned joy in little things.  
—Violette M. Verry, Fargo, in  
Prairie Wings.

**PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

Dear Co-Workers:

It is a joy to be able to sit down at my desk and pen a few lines to that great host of White Ribboners scattered all over our big state. May I also extend a warm welcome to the 265 new women members and the 34 Honorary members who have joined our forces in the past six weeks. Miss Roena Shaner, national organizer, came into our state May 15 to remain a month. She did such splendid work and there were so many demands for her services that we asked Mother National to extend her time two weeks. Today, we have six strong new unions and many new Willard members to swell our membership. These figures may be slightly increased when I get Miss Shaner's complete report. It was my happy privilege to entertain Miss Shaner in my home on two different occasions while she was in our state. Words are inadequate in expressing my personal appreciation of her splendid work. She is an earnest, sincere and consecrated worker and her profound interest in our common cause and her untiring efforts bring wonderful results. She began her work in the Fargo district where she secured one new union at Hunter and 16 Willard members at Erie. She spent the greater part of one week at Cooperstown, James Valley district and secured 27 paid members but was unable to secure a president. It is hoped that this organization can be completed later. In the Northeast district she organized three new unions at Neche, Cavalier and Langdon bringing in to that district 124 active members and 24 honorary. We congratulate that wide-awake district president who made such excellent arrangements in each of these three places. She is probably the busiest woman in our entire or-



ganization, state recording secretary, editor of our Bulletin, district president and last but by no means least, a farmer's wife. Let others take heed and go out and do likewise. Miss Shaner spent the last two weeks in the New Rockford district where she organized a union at Carrington and secured many new members for the New Rockford union. She completed her work at Anamoose where she also organized a new union. We are deeply grateful to the pastors, their wives and to the members of various churches in these communities who made this work possible; and for the fine hospitality and help extended to Miss Shaner. We are planning to have her return to our state in the spring of 1944. We know not what lies ahead in the way of curtailment in transportation but if it is possible for her to get to our state, I feel certain that we can keep her busy. Let us give thanks unto Him, for the special way in which He has blessed our work and con-

tinue to pray that God will richly bless her thru whom He has made this possible. Our hats are off to you, dear sister Shaner, for your great success and come back to us soon.

Our fiscal year is rapidly drawing to close and our state books will close Sept. 1. Be sure that  
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**Convention Committees**

- General Arrangements—Mmes. E. G. Ranum, C. E. Stowell, Elizabeth Worley, Miss Hilda Lee.
- Entertainment — Mmes. Elizabeth Worley, H. E. Taylor.
- Registration and Reception—Mmes. Thomas Nugent, Elizabeth Worley, Emily Stewart, H. E. Taylor.
- Decorations—Mmes. F. J. Big-nall, G. T. Shelby.
- Music—Miss Almira Lindgren.
- Banquet—Mmes. C. E. Stowell, C. F. Luesson.
- Finance—Mmes. C. E. Stowell, F. H. Swanson.

**About Face**

This is no time to let age have its way,  
To sit serene and idle in the sun  
And watch the shadows of the af-ternoon  
Draw to the twilight of the closing day.

We must renew the tasks we thought were done,  
Set hand again to plow and wheel and lathe,  
Force tired feet to climb the upward path,  
Turn weary eyes to face the rising sun.

The past—it is a story that is told.  
The future lies within our steady fast keeping;  
Today belongs to toil, not sighs and weeping.

This is our day—we who are growing old.  
—Una W. Harsen in New York Times. Sent in by Mrs. T. O. Brandenburg.

**Call For State Convention**

The fifty-fourth annual convention of the North Dakota Woman's Christian Temperance Union is hereby officially called to meet in the Congregational church, Valley City, September 14, 15, 16, 1943. The general officers will meet at three o'clock and the executive committee at four o'clock, on the afternoon of September 14.

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 standing committees, presidents 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 \$5.00 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 closing date this year is August 30.

Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.—Prov. 20:1.

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### NOON HOUR OF PRAYER

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

### Prayer

#### From the War Cry

The soaring war planes in the sky Can never reach God's Throne on high,  
Nor can they turn, with all their force,  
One star from its appointed course.  
But, swifter than an eagle's flight,  
Prayer wings its way to Heaven's height;  
And moves God's arm to undertake  
Deliverance for His people's sake.  
Yes, gives man power to bid the sun  
Stand still, till victory is won.  
And prayer has still a greater power;  
It calms the soul in terror's hour;  
It gives sweet comfort, and a joy  
Earth cannot give, nor war destroy;  
It strengthens heart and hand and mind;  
Begets goodwill to all mankind.  
Since prayer is God's most gracious plan  
Whereby He links Himself with man,  
Should not His children oftener say  
To one another, "Let us pray?"  
—Author unknown.

### IN MEMORIAM

"Not till each loom is silent  
And the shuttles cease to fly  
Will God unroll the pattern  
And explain the reason why;  
The dark threads are as needful  
In the weaver's skillful hands  
As the threads of gold and silver  
To the pattern which He plans."

Leroy M. Bond, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Youngman of Dickey, was recently killed in an auto accident near Salt Lake City. His home was in Montana. His wife and two children survive.

Anton Soiseth, well known and respected citizen passed on to his reward suddenly at his home Mar. 14. He was the husband of Mrs. Alice Soiseth, former president of the Alamo Union.

Besides his wife he is survived by an adopted son and daughter who will remember the faith he held and the high standard of living that he set for them.

The sympathy of all our women is extended to the families of these friends.

### Notes from the Unions

Hannah union keeps the latest Rainbow leavers in a holder made for them in the high school; they apparently are read and taken home by the students.

During her field work in May, Mrs. Bessie M. Darling was met at the train in Rugby and taken to the church dining room, where the union served a delightful luncheon for her, with a meeting in the church following. At Bottineau the union served supper at the home of the president, Mrs. M. M. Harris. Later in the evening a public meeting was held in the United Lutheran church, with a good crowd and a good offering for the work. Both these unions are doing fine work.

Miss Shaner visited the Park River union during her stay in the Northeast district, helped them secure two new members and gave a talk at their meeting that was an inspiration. Their July meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Louhead, at which they studied the state report and discussed women's part in war work. Mrs. Ole J. Pederson, a most helpful long time member who has lived in Park River for fifty years, made herself a Continuing member of the W.C.T.U.

The Northwood L.T.L. now numbers 80, which we are all glad to hear. The union there sponsors a Temperance Shelf in the high school library and their poster contests are worked in every grade from 4th thru the senior year of high school, all pupils taking part.

Grand Forks Frances Willard union again sponsored an essay contest in 60 rural schools of that county.

Larimore union assembles for prayer the first Friday of each month; that union will get things done!

A temperance poster made by lower grade pupils was included in the exhibit of the Nekoma school, at the county fair.

The Study-Zahl W.C.T.U. met at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Monseth of Zahl, July 10 for an evening meeting. There was a very good attendance, 8 members and many visitors. Rev. Monseth led the opening devotions after which the "White Ribbon Rally Song" was sung. Roll call was answered with verses of scripture. The president gave a report of donations received since the last meeting.

The program consisted of a reading, talks by Orin Anderson, Rev. Philip Anderson, Rev. Monseth, and Mrs. E. C. Smith. Mrs. Smith had just returned from the east and told of her trip and of travelling conditions. Mrs. Mervin Anderson gave a report of the district convention. A men's quartette furnished the special music.

After a song and the repeating of the state motto, a very good potluck lunch was served. The offering amounted to \$4.00. One new member was gained.

The next meeting will be held Saturday evening, August 7 at the Kingstad home south of Zahl.

Mrs. L. E. Erickson, president of Alamo Union, sends this good report.

"We have met regularly with very good attendance and have one new member. Our February

meeting was devoted to a Frances Willard Memorial program. At our April meeting we presented Mrs. Alice Solseth with a memory book in which members had pinned a handkerchief and snap shot and written a note. She is going to make her home at Couer D'Alene, Idaho. She has been a very active and faithful member and will be greatly missed at our meetings.

In May we had a Mother's Day program and this was also our guest meeting, each member inviting a friend.

We were privileged in having our State President Mrs. Bessie Darling visit us after her attendance at the district convention. She gave a very interesting talk at a Luther League program.

We observed Flower Mission Day at our June meeting. A review of the Life of Jennie Casseiday, who was the first National director of Flower Missions, was given. We have done Red Cross sewing."

### Corresponding Secretary

#### REPORT TIME IS HERE AGAIN

What interesting things have we done this year? This would be a good topic for this month's WCTU meeting all over the state, for it is time to make out the annual reports. If a meeting of your Union is not scheduled before the time for mailing in the reports, try to get your officers together and fill out the blanks which have been sent to each local president.

Look them over carefully and ANSWER EVERY QUESTION! even if you have to put down, "No." Unless an answer is put down we might think you just overlooked it. COUNT UP YOUR HONOR POINTS (page 3 of the State Report)—every Union was supplied with a copy of the State Report last fall, but if you have lost yours let me know, I still have some—and be sure to mark down the total. We cannot add to the list of Banner Unions at the time of the convention.

District Presidents please let me know if your district is a Banner District. Points towards this are listed on page 4 of the State Report.

These reports should reach me by August 15. This year I am asking the unions to send department reports as well as the general report of the union to me and I will send them to the department directors. Perhaps we can get more reports in this way—and also save considerable postage.

List follows of officers of new unions.

### Officers of Unions

#### Organized by

Miss Roena E. Shaner  
Officers of Unions Organized  
By Miss Roena E. Shaner  
Fargo, District

Hunter, N. D.—27 W. C. T. U. members paid, 8 pledged, 2 honorary members paid.

Officers: President, Mrs. Bessie McNeilly Sherritt

Vice President, Mrs. Clyde Fisk  
Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Leslie Powlison

Treasurer, Mrs. E. H. Richter  
Recording Secretary, Mrs. Carl Skue

#### Northeast District

Neche, N. D.—25 W. C. T. U. members paid; 9 pledged, 4 honorary members paid, 1 pledged.

Officers: President, Mrs. G. F. Meier

Vice President, Mrs. W. R. Dun. can.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. W. W. Dippe  
Treasurer, Mrs. Earl Symington  
Recording Secretary, Mrs. Allan Trenbeath

Cavaller, N. D.—78 W. C. T. U. members paid, 4 pledged; 16 honorary members paid, 1 pledged.

Officers: President, Mrs. Althea Adams

Vice President, Mrs. John C. Hurley

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Robert McKechnie

Treasurer, Mrs. Ross A. Page  
Recording Secretary, Mrs. Robert Thacker

Langdon, N. D.—21 W. C. T. U. members paid, 9 pledged; 3 honorary members paid.

Officers: President, Mrs. R. E. Forkner

Vice President, Mrs. W. F. Nuelle

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. A. K. Hamilton

Treasurer, Mrs. V. R. Peterson  
Recording Secretary, Mrs. Fletcher Forster

#### Unorganized District

Anamoose, N. D.—22 W.C.T.U. members paid, 6 honorary members paid.

Officers: President, Mrs. W. S. Coombs

Vice President, Mrs. A. W. Bibelheimer

Corresponding Secretary to be elected

Treasurer, Mrs. C. B. Bartz  
Recording Secretary, Mrs. A. J. Roe

### Personal Mention

Mrs. E. E. Hennem, a charter member of Edinburg union, has moved with her husband and family to Donaldson, Minn., where Mr. Hennem continues his work as station agent for the Great Northern Railway. Mrs. Hennem has been a most faithful and helpful member, serving as the first president of the union. She will be greatly missed, but all our good wishes go with her to the new home.

Mrs. Necla E. Buck, our former comrade who lives in Oregon and was president of the state W.C.T.U. there for some time, till she suffered a serious accident, has quite recovered. She writes that she has been offered a position with the National Council for the Prevention of War and she sends us material concerning the work being done to help the starving children of Europe. (Some of this is reprinted on the back page of this issue; please read it.) While attending a meeting in connection with this work, she met Mrs. Edward Carlson who was formerly Miss Sue Herrington, our state Y.T.C. secretary. She is now pastor at Madras, Ore., and Mrs. Buck's friends there say that they think a great deal of her. We are not surprised!

Mrs. Kate S. Wilder has returned to Grand Forks, after spending a month with Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson at her cottage near Detroit Lakes, Minn.

Rev. Ira E. Herzberg has been transferred from Grand Forks to the pastorate of the Evangelical church at Cavalier. The new union there will find that he and Mrs. Herzberg are excellent helpers.

## Treasurer's Report

May 15 - July 15, 1943

DUES—Prosper 2; Wildrose 1; Fargo Scandinavian 19; Larimore 3; Grand Forks Frances Willard 4; Gilby 2; Hunter 27; Ellendale 4; Fargo 22; Neche 25; Cavalier 84; Rugby 1; Jamestown 2; Pembina 2; Stanley 4; Rock Lake 1; Anamoose 22; Lapdon 25; Carrington 34; Nekoma 1; Minot 3; Grafton 3.

Willard Dues—Hunter and Erie 16; Cooperstown 27.

L.T.L.—Hutton 26.

Budget: Grand Forks Frances Willard \$32.00; Ellendale \$3.00; Bucyrus \$2.00; Rugby \$12.00; Pembina \$8.00; Minot \$7.00; Park River \$5.50; Literature \$5.95; State reports \$2.25; Gold Medal G. F. Dist. \$3.85.

District Pledges—Minot \$10.00; Northwest \$2.50; James-Valley \$10.00; Ransom LaMoure \$10.00; Hettinger \$10.00; Ellendale \$5.05; Grand Forks \$10.00; Devils Lake \$7.50; Bismarck \$10.00.

Second Mile: Fargo Scandinavian \$5.00; Mrs. Wilbur Hanson, Lisbon, \$1.00; Grand Forks District \$12.00; Bowsmont \$2.00; Pembina \$1.00; Jamestown \$1.00; Grafton \$3.00.

Ambulance Fund: Fargo Scandinavian 75c; Grand Forks Frances Willard \$3.00; Edinburg L.T.L. \$5.00.

Safety School on Wheels—Prosper \$3.25; Underwood \$34.55; Stady Zahl \$5.00; Reeder \$2.00; Grafton \$3.00; Jamestown \$5.00.

Chinese Relief: Jamestown \$5.

Frances Willard Memorial Fund Grafton \$2.00.

We have a memorial membership given by Mrs. Elias Porter of Calvin in memory of Mr. Porter.

We also have another continuing membership from Mrs. Ole J. Pederson, Park River.

The membership campaign has closed for another year. One hundred and twenty-five names were reported with seven more whose membership had lapsed. In addition to this 278 new members were added through the work of Miss Shaner to whom we are sincerely grateful.

Our year is rapidly drawing to a close, if there are still unpaid dues in your union won't you try to get them in as soon as possible. Thanks.

MRS. IVER FOSSUM.

## Oh, Make Answers Right

A little child, with lessons all unlearned  
And problems still unsolved, before me stands,  
With tired, puzzled face to me upturned;  
She holds a slate within her outstretched hands:  
"My sums are hard, I cannot think tonight - -  
Dear father, won't you make the answers right?"

Thus do I come to thee, great Master dear;  
My lessons, too, are hard, my brain is weak;  
Life's problems still unsolved, the way not clear,  
The answers wrong - - Thy wisdom I would seek.  
A tired puzzled child, I pray tonight -  
"Here is my slate - Oh, make the answers right!"

—Author unknown.

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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All dues are collected, budgets paid in full (one dollar for each member up to a membership of 75, based on last year's membership); the "Second Mile" project was continued for one more year that a reserve fund might be established. If every union would respond with \$3.00 it would be most gratifying. A last minute gift to the "Safety School on Wheels" would keep that very worthy project wheeling around our nation and give our soldier boys an opportunity to visit. Mr. James Killip tells the truth about alcohol in a very unique and interesting way.

Underwood union leads again with a very substantial gift for war work; this gift was raised in an offering at their public "Mother's Day" meeting. What a splendid way to give all citizens of the community an opportunity to do something for "Our Boys."

Miss Estelle Bozeman returned to our state for the fourth time to give Alcohol Education at Minot and Valley City Teachers Cleges. She reports a fine enrollment for the course at both colleges. We greatly appreciate the fine work that she has done in our state. We pray God's richest blessings upon her and her work and a warm welcome will always await her in our state.

Let us begin to plan now, to attend our state convention at Valley City. The curtailment in transportation by car will naturally cut down our attendance. The hostess city is quite centrally located and can be reached easily by trains or buses therefore we urge that each local union try to send at least one delegate. Miss Lily Grace Matheson, National Corresponding Secretary is to be our convention guest and it will be her first visit to our state. She has had wide experience in our work as well as in other religious work. She served as National Field Secretary for many years and has helped to organize local unions, Iota Sigmars, Y.T.Cs. and L.T.Ls. all over our nation. She is an eloquent speaker and wins friends wherever she goes. You will want to meet her; plan to attend the state convention at Valley City.

Annual report blanks will soon be in the hands of each local president. She should immediately call an executive board meeting to assist in making out a full report of local activities. Please send names and addresses of all local officers. The annual election of officers should be held in August so that the names of new officers will reach our state corresponding secretary before state convention. This is important. If you want the correct list of your officers in the "State Minutes" please comply.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will not hold a National convention this year but an Executive meeting will be held in Chicago August 17 to 19. Your president hopes to be in attendance.

The United Nations Food Conference was held in Hot Springs, Virginia during the month of May. This was the first of such conferences to be held and was attended by delegates from many of the United Nations. Newspaper men were barred from the conference in a nation where we have freedom of press. According to a Washington radio announcer 100 cases of whisky, 2400 pints, were

Be sure to read carefully the "Washington Letter" in the Union on hand for the opening of the conference.

Signal of June 5 and make it a business to read your Signal every week. These are critical days and many important questions must be decided in Conference so we quote as did Senator W. Lee O'Daniel of Texas in closing one of his speeches in the Senate, these lines by J. G. Holland:

"God give us men! A time like this demands Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands;

Men whom the lust of office does not kill;

Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;

Men who possess opinions and a will;

Men who have honor; men who will not lie;

Men who can stand before a demagogue

And damn his treacherous flat-teries without winking!

Tall men, sun-crowned who live above the fog

In public duty, and in private thinking.

God, give us men."

Faithfully yours,

BESSIE M. DARLING.

## Devils Lake District

The annual convention of Devils Lake District W.C.T.U. was held at Clyde June 11. The president, Mrs. William Logan of Clyde presided and the state president, Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, was guest speaker. Both unions in the district—Calvin and Rock Lake—were well represented and a number of ladies from Clyde also were present.

The afternoon session was opened with a worship service led by Rev. Johnson of Rock Lake. A duet by Mrs. P. Kreplin and Mrs. Logan was enjoyed. Both unions reported regular meetings held and prepared programs followed.

Calvin reported five yearly and one six months subscription to the Union Signal. An interesting discussion was led by Mrs. C. H. Langley on Building for Tomorrow. Mrs. Darling was introduced and gave a talk on her work in North Dakota. Mrs. C. C. Crawford, head of the Red Cross work in Calvin reported that the membership there has completed 83 pairs of pajamas, 24 slips, 22 men's shirts, 21 army sweaters, 16 helmets and 4 mufflers. They were assisted by some not members of the union. Mrs. Darling led a Memorial service in honor of Mrs. Irvin Deal of Rock Lake, who passed away last November.

At the evening meeting, Rev. Johnson led the worship service, Mrs. W. D. Crawford of Calvin sang a solo, Mrs. Elias Porter gave a talk on "Our Flag and Its Usage," and led in the flag salute. Mrs. Darling's address: "War on the Home Front", was very interesting and informative. Officers elected to serve the district this year were Mrs. C. A. Jahmke, Rock Lake, President; Mrs. Elias Porter, Calvin, vice president; Mrs. E. J. Langley, Rock Lake, Recording and Corresponding secretary; Mrs. C. C. Crawford, Calvin, Treasurer.

MRS. J. N. PORTER,  
Secretary.

## L. T. L. Notice

As is the way of Methodist preachers, we have moved; this time with the hope that the lower altitude may benefit our daughter's health. And may I say she already seems better. Please send all L.T.L. mail to me at Casselton instead of to the Hettinger address. We are in charge of the Methodist work in three towns, and not an L.T.L. in any of them, so instead of preaching to the rest of you about organizing new Le-gions, I will begin at home to see what can be done right here. The rest of you keep on working, won't you, and that will help children wherever we organize.

Yours truly,

MRS. J. W. FRISBIE,  
L. T. L. Secretary.

## James-Valley District

The 34th annual convention of the James Valley district was held in the Methodist church in Valley City, May 20, 1943 with a morning and afternoon session. Mrs. Alex Burr, president, presided. The opening devotions were led by Mrs. F. H. Swanson of Valley City.

Reports were given by the two unions, Valley City and Jamestown. Mrs. Darling was made an honorary member of the convention and was presented with a corsage of sweet peas and roses.

Mrs. C. E. Stowell reported on the work for Soldiers and Sailors. Mrs. Nugent talked on Publications, especially the Union Signal and Mrs. Fred M. Wanner spoke on the membership drive.

Nine White Ribbon Recruits were dedicated by Mrs. Darling and Mrs. Wanner. They were: James Darrel Monroe, Shirley Ann Hilts, Helen Louise Waggoner, Michell Margaret Bignall and Mary Eleanor Bignall, Ruth Victoria Carlson, Dennis Gave McIntyre, Elizabeth Jean Bekkevold and Dennis Phillip Deitz. The mothers of the children were presented with a bouquet of sweet peas and baby's breath.

Mrs. Hart of Jamestown led the devotions for the afternoon session. Talks were given by Miss Minnie J. Nielson on "Our Flag and Its Meaning"; Mrs. Fred M. Wanner on "Teaching Our Youth"; and Mrs. Holmes on "Safeguarding Our Youth."

Clarence Stowell of Valley City sang two songs; accompanied on the piano by Miss Maajo. Miss Mildred Davidson, also sang two songs. These were much appreciated.

The principal address of the afternoon was given by Mrs. Darling who outlined the history of the WCTU and presented a picture of conditions today. This stirring address proved to be an inspiration as well as an eye-opener.

Resolutions regarding petitions for bills before Congress, for Alcohol, Education, Narcotics were drawn up and approved. Also thanks for the courtesies extended by the church and pastor and those who had helped prepare and present the program.

Officers elected were: president, Mrs. Alex Burr, Jamestown; vice president, Mrs. E. A. Ranum, Valley City; secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth Worley, Valley City; treasurer, Mrs. C. A. Landgren, Jamestown.

ELIZABETH WORLEY,  
Secretary.

## Why People Drink

One drinks because he is happy—  
One drinks because he is sad—  
One drinks because his father did  
When he was a little lad.

One drinks to be like others—  
One drinks to be polite;  
One drinks because he likes it—  
He drinks for pure delight.

One drinks to keep him warmer—  
One drinks because it's hot;  
One has to go out in a storm—  
One always has a shot.

One drinks to cure his cold—  
One has a tooth that aches;  
One drinks the stuff is there—  
Wife puts it in her cakes!

One drinks to be a good fellow—  
He drinks with boss or friends;  
One likes a drink that is mellow  
To rest him when work ends.

One drinks to feel important—  
One drinks to drown his sorrow;  
One takes a drink to wake him up  
Or give pep for the morrow.

Whatever is the reason,  
Be the liquor strong or weak,  
It holds the poison alcohol  
And makes the pockets leak!

We know 'wise is a mocker',  
And those deceived thereby  
Will find their 'reasons' little help  
When health and virtue die.

I say it is a pity  
To sell it in our state;  
Oh let us stamp the evil out  
Before it is too late!

—Mrs. R. A. Salter, Menoken.  
(Read at district convention, 1942)

## Wanted! Declamations

For Use in Speech Contests Sponsored by the W.C.T.U.

### Ada Mohn-Landis Prize Contest 1944

Through the generosity of the late Mrs. Ada Mohn-Landis, of Reading, Pennsylvania, the Nation W.C.T.U. conducts annual prize-contests to secure original material suitable for platform readings.

**Theme—Total Abstinence Helps Build for the Future.**

The theme may be treated in any one of the following phases: Health, Safety, Business Efficiency, Social Life, Spiritual Life.

### Two Types of Manuscripts Are Desired in the 1944 Contest

1. Senior - Declamations—to be used by adults and youths. Maximum length, 1,000 words; minimum length, 750 words. First prize \$40.00; second prize, \$20.00.

2. Junior - Declamations—to be used by boys and girls under high school age (approximately 10 to 13 years), but not by small children. Maximum length, 600 words; minimum length, 400 words. First prize, \$40.00; second prize, \$20.00.

A committee of three judges for each group, efficient, impartial, selected from different parts of the country, is appointed each year by the general officers of the Nation W.C.T.U.

In addition to the cash awards, "honorable mention" will be given to the best manuscripts in each class. The National W.C.T.U. reserves the right to purchase, at one-half cent a word, any or all manuscripts receiving "honorable mention."

The National W.C.T.U. also reserves the right to withhold prizes if none of the manuscripts is

deemed by the judges to be suitable for publication in the collections of readings used in its speech contests.

### Requirements

#### A. LITERARY VALUE:

Declamations may be prose or verse, stories or informal discussions, but must conform to the standard rules for that particular form of composition.

Class I should be appropriate for adults or young men and women to present.

Class II will be recited by boys and girls, and, therefore, should use vocabulary and thought appropriate to children and should not be a preaching to them. Essays written by children are not desired.

#### B. Suitability for Platform Use:

A selection for a W.C.T.U. contest demands dramatic interest, a central thought so presented as to appeal to both intelligence and emotions of the audience and a strong climax with a stirring presentation of total abstinence as a desirable standard—all without "pointing the moral" too heavily. No special costumes or properties are permitted in W.C.T.U. speech contests.

C. Material and Thought: Scientific accuracy is essential and sympathetic interpretation of the ideals of the W.C.T.U. is required. Exaggerated statements of the effects of alcohol and reference to dragons, snakes, devils, skeletons, bloodshot eyes, etc., impersonations of drunkenness, or abuse of opponents, should be avoided. Quotations must be exact and references for quotations, statistics, etc., should be given as footnotes on the manuscript.

D. Inspirational Value: Constructed suggestion, encouraging helpful action, is preferable to mere description of existing evils. Example: A suggestion as to how one person may lead others to adopt total abstinence is desired rather than an account of an automobile wreck caused by drinking.

E. Title: A brief, interesting title selected by the author should head the manuscript and will be considered by the judges in making their decisions. The theme "Total Abstinence Helps Build for the Future," should not appear in the heading.

### General Rules

1. A contestant may submit any number of declamations, Senior or Junior, or both, but each must be a separate entry, prepared according to the rules below. All must be the original, unpublished work of the contestant.

2. All manuscripts must be typed on one side of the paper only. Use double spacing and liberal margins. The number of words (by count) should be given at upper right hand corner of the first page, and the class for which intended. Name and address of author must not appear on the manuscript.

3. Each entry should include four items:

a. Three copies of the manuscript (two may be carbons).

b. One sealed envelope, bearing on the outside the title of the declamation, and the class entered (and nothing else), and containing: A sheet of paper with the same title and name and address of writer. A stamped and self-addressed envelope with sufficient postage for return of manuscript; no manuscript to be returned

otherwise. (Not responsible for loose stamps.)

4. No letter should accompany the manuscript. Other extras not desired, and which may lessen the chances of an entry, are fancy clips, ribbons or binders.

5. Manuscripts should be marked with name of the class for which they are intended, and mailed, with postage fully prepaid, to LANDIS CONTEST, National W.C.T.U., Evanston, Illinois.

6. The contest will close Friday, March 31, 1944, at 5 p. m. and manuscripts must be RECEIVED before that hour to be considered for prizes. The National W.C.T.U. will accept no responsibility for manuscripts lost or delayed in transit.

7. The decision of the judges will be announced in The Union Signal and elsewhere as soon as possible after the close of the contest. The decision of the judges shall be final, conclusive and without recourse, and every contestant agrees to this as a condition of entry.

Promptly after the judges report their decision, the prize-money and the payment for manuscripts receiving "honorable mention" will be sent out, and other manuscripts will be returned to the writers IF accompanied by return envelopes.

Contestants should allow at least two months after close of contest before inquiring about manuscripts and any inquiry should be accompanied by stamped and self-addressed envelope.

## Just Between Ourselves

The summer is passing very swiftly, and as each day brings its many duties, some of the things I had hoped to do seem beyond accomplishment. My garden is late, but canning will soon begin, and then harvest will be just around the corner. The unusually rainy weather of June and part of July has given us a growth of weeds on the low ground that is difficult to combat; no farm machinery could get to that land without getting stuck, so it had to be neglected. It makes me think of children, who have little or no spiritual training; how the weeds of bad habit flourish when there is no force to prevent them from getting a start!

We are all rejoicing over the fine results of Miss Shaner's work in the state, and we hope each of these new unions will start work for their young folks, in the L.T.L. and Y.T.C. Nothing else is so important, in my opinion. I echo Mrs. Darling's thanks to those who helped make her work possible; my personal gratitude is very deep toward those pastors who assisted in making arrangements in my district. I am sure they were rewarded, too, for one of them said to me, after she had gone, "I never saw anyone like her. I got a lot of good from her." If I had the names of all of them, I would put them in, but I have not; Miss Shaner mentioned several who were most helpful to her.

The verses on this page, "Why People Drink," give in a clever way some of the reasons (?) for acquiring that habit. Mrs. Salter says that she wrote the rhyme, a line or so at a time, while putting up school lunches, setting the table, and doing the hurried things that a housewife must, in the morning, when she expects to be away all day. She finished them while waiting in her car, for someone else to go with her to convention, and read them there as

her paper on the subject assigned. I am sure the women enjoyed them and you will too.

The reports of the remainder of the district conventions held, appear in this issue. Very soon, it seems, we will be going to Valley City for the state meeting. I hope to see you there!

ELIZABETH C. BEASLER.

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