



"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH"

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### Thanksgiving

November may have steel-gray  
skies,  
But in its heart lie mellow days  
And golden gleams of forest  
leaves  
Enough to crown the graying  
head  
That bows at the Thanksgiving  
spread.

—Alice Churchill Chaphe  
in *The Farmer*.

### PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Co-Workers:

For weeks we have enjoyed the balmy days of a beautiful Indian summer which has enabled the farmers and the victory gardeners to harvest the bountiful crops of fruits and vegetables. These are also days of opportunities for the rank and file of our organization. Beautiful days in which to call on the shut-ins or on the prospective members; this is the time to make plans for the new year and to begin raising the necessary funds to carry on the work.

On September 28 and 29 we held our State Executive meeting in Fargo and it was a joy to meet the co-workers from many parts of our state again. We missed all those who would have been present at the State Convention but we rejoiced that so many district presidents and state directors could be present. The Fargo unions had made splendid arrangements for our meeting and for the comfort of every member present. We are deeply grateful for the warm hospitality extended to us by the local unions, the YWCA under the able leadership of Mrs. Florence Owen, the Calvary Evangelical church, and the various members who entertained us in their homes. I hope each member will read carefully the report of this meeting, the reports submitted by all officers and the President's Recommendations which are the working plans for the year. Each union should study them and strive to put them into effect as soon as possible.

The reports submitted at the Executive meeting were excellent and it is hoped that we will continue the fine work of last year by strengthening the work in all departments and by extending our work into unorganized communities. Your president has recommended that we increase our membership by twenty-five per cent of last year's membership. To attain this goal we need the cooperation and help of every member in every union. In faith and hope, with a willingness to work, let us press on to victory.

### Attention All—

There will NOT be a new State Minutes this year therefore I urge everyone to use last year's for reference. There will, however, be copies of some of the reports in this issue of the Bulletin and I urge that you save them for reference. We hope to have a new directory printed in the Bulletin later.

These are very critical days and the success or failure of our work rests squarely upon the shoulders of each individual member. Let it not be said, that in the most crucial hour of our nation's history Organized Mother-Love failed its purpose of building for tomorrow. I wish that every member, active and honorary, of our organization could have been present in Calvary Evangelical church, the evening of September 28, when Mrs. Fred M. Wanner, our former state president and Gold Star mother of World War I, dedicated our beautiful service flag and Honor Roll of 587 names. Names of sons, daughters, husbands, grandsons and grand daughters of members, who are serving their country in these critical days. That did not represent a complete list, as many unions have failed to submit the names of their boys and girls in armed forces. Great is our responsibility to these young people, and we must strive to bring about conditions that will safeguard them where they are, and make sober and clean communities for their return.

We must continue and strengthen our campaign for the passage of S-860 and H. R. 2082. We want dry camps; we want efficiency, alertness, good judgment and self-control; for we know that all these things will bring this war to a successful conclusion in less time and with fewer casualties, and will also help to formulate a lasting peace. If your church membership has not signed either of these petitions, please do so at once and ask your pastor to endorse it by preaching a temperance sermon. Petitions should be backed up by individual letters to our Senators, and Congressmen. The wets are going to present petitions containing three million names of our Congress asking the defeat of these bills; are you willing to accept that challenge and do your part in this fight, or do you want the brewers to rule Congress? Your voice must be heard in protest and a card or letter will count. Please act at once.

As I am writing this our honorary president, Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, is journeying westward to the home of her son in California. Our love and best wishes go with her and also our deep appreciation of her help and

inspiring presence at our State Executive meeting. Come back to us soon, dear comrade.

Many changes have come to our State Executive board through removals from our state, new employment and various other reasons. We welcome the new directors, and bespeak for them the Christian fellowship and fine cooperation that you have extended to their predecessors. To the retiring directors we say "Thank you" for splendid work done, and we regret that you must discontinue your leadership for a time; but we know you will maintain and retain your loyalty and love for our common cause and that you will give in service and in gifts whenever possible.

Now as we stand at the threshold of this new year let it truly be one of SERVICE. Let us "Launch out into the deep" as Jesus commanded the fishermen to do when they had toiled all night and had taken nothing."

Let us not be timid or fearful but march forward boldly, for we know there are rich rewards for those who trust in the Lord and keep His commandments.

Faithfully and sincerely yours,  
BESSIE M. DARLING.

### The President's Recommendations

As we begin our new year, I recommend: 1—In the present war emergency, when our nation is facing its greatest crisis, we must seek to keep our faith steadfast and our courage high; striving for calmness in word and deed. Let us therefore put more emphasis on the spiritual values of life. Believing that there is power in prayer, we urge the faithful observance of the noon-tide hour of prayer; the participation of all members in special prayer meetings at stated intervals; an appointed Evangelistic director for each local union.

2—Legislation: Recognizing that the liquor problem with all its inherent evils is a menace to the all out war effort, I urge continued efforts to secure the passage of H. R. 2082 (war-time prohibition) and S-860 by individual letters, petitions and telegrams, to Congressman Bryson and our own Congressmen and Senators.

3—Membership: That we adopt the National membership plan and conduct an intensive campaign for new members, and that we seek to increase our membership by 25 per cent.

4—Alcohol Education: Realizing the need of education as to the nature and effect of beverage alcohol, let us strive to reach every

### The Source

Pretenious candles—spotless naper—  
The quiet eloquence of table-ware—  
The food, indicative of legendry,  
All form a pageant, that I cannot share  
Without recalling that rude table, bare  
Of everything but those few grains of corn;  
The stern, yet patient folk who gathered there  
To offer thanks—from bodies hunger-torn! \* \* \*

Theirs were the verities that made me free,  
Made possible this feast and scattered stars  
Upon a blue field of fidelity;  
Theirs the high courage woven in the bars  
Of rippling white and crimson—mine the gauge  
Their hands have flung to me, down history's page!  
—Dana Kneeland Akers,  
in *Country Bard*.

man, woman and child with a program of alcohol education. This should include:

(a) Engaging a national instructor to teach a course in Narcotic education during the summer session in our teachers' colleges.

(b) Wise use of motion pictures, film strips, posters and exhibits.

(c) Publicizing Narcotic education by informing the public about the teaching program. Exhibit books and pamphlets from Annotated list at teachers' conventions and Sunday school conventions. Bring it also to the attention of ministers, librarians and school board officials.

5—November Roll Call: That we observe the November Roll Call plan for collection of all dues at the beginning of the year, definite plans to be outlined by local officers. Seek to increase number of Hold Fast Unions.

6—Organizations: That we put on an intensive campaign for new organizations; that our goal be a new local union, an Iota Sigma, YTC and LTL in every district.

(2) That we employ a National Organizer in our state for a period of four weeks.

7—Finances: (1) That we continue the budget plan on the same basis of last year—one dollar per member up to seventy-five members; the sum to be sent to state treasurer early in the year. We urge that ALL unions assume this responsibility, that the state work need not be curtailed.

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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."

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**NOTES FROM UNIONS**

The Fargo union was unfortunately in losing two of its very active members during the summer. The president, Mrs. H. R. Handtmann moved to Bismarck, and the vice president, Mrs. A. W. Heidinger, to Jamestown. The women are sorry to lose them, but under the leadership of Mrs. V. A. Reed, who was elected president in August, they are going ahead with the year's work.

Mrs. A. G. Tverberg, new Publicity chairman for the Grafton union, sends fine reports of two recent meetings. The September meeting was held at the home of Mrs. A. B. Thompson, with Mrs. Lawrence Jensen assisting hostess. Four honorary members were received, and a number of women paid dues. Mrs. Alex Fraser led devotions, and a fine song service was held, using the WCTU song book. Miss Ruth Nelson gave a reading. Officers were elected at the previous meeting, which was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Carlson. Mrs. A. M. Herbinson is president, Mrs. F. T. Kieley, vice president; Mrs. A. G. Strand, secretary; and Miss Hulda Carlson, treasurer. Vice presidents appointed for the churches are Miss Ruth Nelson for Our Savior's Lutheran church; Mrs. K. R. Thorstenson for Grafton Lutheran church; Mrs. D. M. Upham and Mrs. A. G. Tverberg for Federated church; Mrs. Alex Fraser for the Gospel Tabernacle, and Mrs. A. B. Thompson for Christian Science. Department chairmen named are: Flower Mission, Mrs. K. R. Thorstenson; Spiritual work, Mrs. Alex Fraser; Child Welfare, Mrs. A. E. Place; Christian Citizenship, Mrs. Donald Dike; Publicity, Mrs. A. G. Tverberg; Religious Education, Mrs. H. Klungness; Scientific Temperance Instruction, Miss Hulda Carlson; Soldiers and Sailors, Miss Ruth Nelson; Speech Contests, Mrs. Luther Williamson; Year Book, Mrs. M. Lund; Pianist, Mrs. Percy Carlson. We will see some excellent work done this year and Grafton will be a Banner union again next year, as it was this year, we are sure.

We are indebted to Mrs. R. Luneth for these good reports, received just too late for the October Bulletin. The Frances Willard Union of Grand Forks met in the YWCA August 27, and the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Knut Soreng; V. P. Mrs. A. N. Sorbo; Secretary, Mrs. O. T. Ness; Treasurer, Mrs. M. Christianson; Cor. Sec., Mrs. R. Luneth. Chairmen of departments named are: Soldiers and Sailors, Mrs. O. Knapp; Religious Education and Evangelistic, Mrs. J. Sandbek; Flower Mission and visiting the sick, Mrs. J. Gilseth and Mrs. O. Wareberg; Child Welfare, Mrs. C. Bernhardtson; L.T.L., Mrs. O. S. Hagell; Speech Contests, Mrs. H. O. Hermanson; Christian Citizenship, Mrs. A. V. Sheppard;

Essay Contest, Miss Hilda Christianson, and Mrs. Knut Soreng, assistant; Hostess chairman, Mrs. Sophie Swarstad. Membership and Publicity chairmen: Free Church, Mrs. Ole Halvorson. United Lutheran, Mrs. H. Mynster. Evaniellical, Mrs. H. O. Heimer. Brenna, Mrs. M. B. Berthueson. East Walle, Mrs. B. Selmanson. Covenant Mission, Mrs. P. L. Johnson. Swedish Augustana, Mrs. Olaf Walgren.

With this fine group of leaders, and the wide contacts they are making, it is not surprising that this union is doing fine work. They sold war bonds, when the drive was on. Their September meeting was held at the home of Mrs. O. T. Ness, with Mrs. C. A. Heen, assistant hostess. A very large crowd was present, and a talk given by Miss Beatrice Johnstone, veteran White Ribboner, on "Aims and Purposes of Members of the WCTU" was an inspiration. The quotation with which she closed her talk follows: "Let us put by some hour of every day for holy things—whether it be when dawn peeps through the windowpane, or when the noon flames like a burnished topaz in the vault, or when the truth pours in the ear of eve its plaintive monody—some little hour wherein to hold rapt converse with the soul, swept by the winnowing of unseen wings and touched by the white Light ineffable."

The Park River union met at the home of Mrs. O. J. Pederson in October, with a good attendance. They heard a very good paper by Dr. Wm. Movius, on "The Cost of the Liquor Traffic." They will observe the November Roll call with their annual dues social.

Nekoma Union met at the home of the president, Mrs. George Sholy, in October. The teachers of the public school were invited guests, and came after classes were dismissed, to share the excellent lunch for which each member brought something. Miss Elaine Brown gave a vocal solo, they were welcomed on behalf of the union by Mrs. Beasley, and their attention called to the need for Alcohol Education. Helpful books, pamphlets and posters were offered for their inspection, and a catalog of the WCTU Publishing House was supplied them.

The state president, Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, visited the two new unions at Cavalier and Neche early in October, receiving a warm welcome. Cavalier held a public meeting with a fine audience in spite of busy times; they expect to have work for the children and young people organized soon. Neche has a smaller group and many handicaps, but feels the need of the work.

Mrs. Kate S. Wilder visited the unions at La Moure, Jamestown and Valley City after the executive meeting, with interested audiences in each place.

**PERSONAL MENTION**

Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson writes from 307 Sea Lane, La Jolla, Calif., that she arrived there safely October 12, after a very good trip, the last part of which, from Los Angeles to San Diego, was by airplane. It was her first experience in the air, and she enjoyed it. In her long years of work for the WCTU, Mrs. Anderson has travelled by nearly every means of progress yet in

use in this country; completing the list with this plane ride. We wish her an enjoyable winter with her son, Dr. Howard Anderson, and his family.

Mrs. Annie F. Catherwood enjoyed visits at her Park River home this fall, from her sisters, Mrs. John Porter of Calvin and Mrs. Ena Craig of Crookston, Minn. The latter expects to spend the winter at Fresno, Calif.

Mrs. Kate S. Wilder spent several days visiting at the home of her daughter and family, Atty. and Mrs. Roy W. Holand, at La Moure, after the executive committee meeting at Fargo.

Mrs. George S. Muir of Gilby was at the home of her son in Fargo, during the executive, and was a dinner guest at the home of the corresponding secretary, Mrs. Lundhagen.

The state president, Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, who drove to Fargo for the meeting with her daughter-in-law and a friend, experienced all the unpleasantness of car trouble late at night when returning to Grand Forks. They finally got home safely, however.

Mrs. P. O. Sathre of Bismarck, one of the Trustees of the State

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**IN MEMORIAM**

"Her life was a sheaf at its ripeness  
Of golden grain;  
Its wealth had the glory of sunlight  
And sobbing of rain;  
Ah! Who shall contend with the Master  
For whom it was grown,  
That now, in its day of completeness,  
He gathers His own?  
Or who, to earth's duty and sadness  
Would call the great soul from the gladness  
That Heaven makes known?"  
—Author unknown.

Mrs. Nellie P. Barber, Life Member, who has been an active worker in the WCTU since girlhood, was called from this life in the early fall. She was a leader in church, Sunday school and Missionary work, also, refusing to permit her losing fight with illness to deprive her of the joy of service, as long as was possible. A friend writes: "She was a remarkable Christian woman, and an inspiration for all of us." Mrs. Barber's family and the Jamestown union placed her name upon the Memorial Membership list of the N. D. WCTU.

Judge W. J. Kneeshaw, who had served continuously as a judge of the second judicial district of North Dakota since 1900, finished his life work September 23, and entered into the Great Beyond, at the age of 89. He was an outstanding citizen as well as an able jurist, and his service as judge was longer than any other known in the nation. He was a friend of the Temperance cause, and his daughter, Mrs. Hazel Kneeshaw Pate, is president of the Pembina union.

We are grateful for the influence of these lives, and the sympathy of our women is extended to the bereaved families of these who have passed on.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
September 15 to October 15, 1943

**Dues**—Flasher 6, Grand Forks 6, Plaza 7, Hannah 1, Minot 19, Bismarck 11, New Rockford 10, Park River 5, Valley City 10, McKenzie 5, Monango 1, Jamestown 12.  
Willard Members 3.  
**Budget**—Grand Forks \$20.00, Minot \$41.00, Valley City \$5.00, McKenzie \$10.00, Monango \$1.00.  
Literature \$2.60.  
White Ribbon Bulletin .50.  
State Reports \$1.50.  
Union Signal & Young Crusader \$4.00.  
District Pledge: Minot District \$5.00.

Jamestown contributed \$10.00 as a memorial membership to honor the memory of Mrs. Nellie P. Barber.

Minot Union has the distinction of being the first union to pay its budget in full this year. A letter from Mrs. Dwelle, the local treasurer, states that the money was raised by holding a rummage sale. This may be a suggestion which will help some other union that is having difficulty with the budget. If other unions have suggestions on raising money, we shall appreciate it if you will send them to your state treasurer for publication.

New Rockford Union has sent in dues for six new members, and deserves our hearty congratulations. Minot comes second with four new members. Jamestown and Valley City also have gained two new members each. Park River, too, has a new member.

MRS. IVER FOSSUM,  
Treasurer.

**Review of Year's Work**

As reports from the unions came in this year, one thing seemed to be uppermost in the thought of most of them for so many wrote "We are sorry our report is so poor this year, we should have done more," so I expect to have a much better report next year. Fifty unions reported; two of these were from our newly organized unions of Hunter and Langdon. We are very glad to hear the plans they are making for the coming year and are sorry we did not have some word from the other new unions. Devils Lake, New Rockford, Fargo and Grand Forks Districts had reports in from all the unions in their territories.

**Membership**—New members reported by these fifty unions were: 200 WCTU (60 of these are the two new unions); honorary members 31; LTL members 172. There were 68 Workers (those who gained one new member); and one Leader (who gained 5 new members).

Members lost were: by death 21; removed 51; lapsed memberships 53.

Unions making the largest gain in members are: first, New Rockford, with a net gain of 15; second Jamestown, with a gain of 13; and Valley City with a gain of 11.

Northwood has the largest LTL membership.

**Holdfast Unions**—Paying state dues for all living members by March 1st—are 19: Dickey, Edgeley, La Moure, West Fairview, Calvin, Rugby, Makoti, Epping, Powers Lake, Stady-Zahl, Stanley, Bucyrus, Bismarck, Glover, Prosper, Hatton, Larimore, Jamestown and Edinburg.

**Fruitful unions**—Are 26—showing an increase of members over last year: Edgeley,

Rock Lake, New Rockford, Rugby, Minot, Plaza, Powers Lake, Stady-Zahl, Stanley, Wildrose, Mott, Bismarck, Jamestown, Valley City, La Moure, Ellendale, Glover, Oakes, Prosper, Grand Forks, Gilby, Hatton, Larimore, Bowesmont and Grafton.

**Banner Unions**—Are 24 (but 15 of those sending in reports did not record their points so there are probably more) Grand Forks, Frances E. Willard (Grand Forks), Larimore, Northwood, Hatton, Park River, Calvin, Rock Lake, Minot, Parshall, Plaza, Stady-Zahl, Williston, Stanley, Crosby, Bismarck, Flasher, Jamestown, Valley City, Dickey, Edgeley, Fargo, Fargo Scandinavian and Prosper.

**Banner Districts**—Are three: Grand Forks, Minot and Northeast; none of the others reported to me.

Twenty-six of these fifty unions were visited by a state officer and twenty-two by a district officer.

**District Conventions**—Were held in May and June. Reports of these were printed in the WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN. Three districts have new presidents: Hettinger, Mrs. J. O. Wilgen, Hettinger; Fargo, Mrs. A. N. Lindsay, Mapleton; and Devils Lake, Mrs. C. A. Jahnke, Rock Lake.

**Organization**—Miss Roena E. Shaner, National organizer, worked in the state from May 15 to June 30. The following is taken from the report she made:

Meetings 65	Attendance 1900
Public	1 17
Church service	6 413
Brief talks at church	6 462
Sunday School	9 368
Young People	3 215
Women's groups	4 102
Men and Women's	
Church groups	1 8
WCTU Local	
Meetings	2 55
Conventions	1 35
Meetings for organization and instruction	8 195
Personal conferences	24 30
Personal calls, 262; persons reached 282; letters, 30; telephone calls, 25. Organizations completed, 6; way paved for organization later, 2; members secured and paid, WCTU, 278; members pledged, 60; honorary members paid, 42; honorary members pledged 6. Union Signal subscriptions 11 yearly, 1 six months; Young Crusader subscriptions, 8.	

A study of these figures will give an idea of the amount of effort and energy which Miss Shaner put forth to bring about these wonderful results. It was up-hill work a first, for in spite of many letters we had but one place for her when she came into the state. Often she made her own dates, going into a town with just a name or two to start on, but the results were worth the anxiety of those first days. If Miss Shaner comes to work with us another year preparation must begin much earlier to arrange for places where she is to work. We welcome these new unions she organized and their members into our state organization most heartily.

We are sorry to record two unions that have written in recently that due to so many members moving away and the seeming impossibility of getting new members, they felt they would not be able to function as a WCTU any longer. Let us hope and pray a way will be found to keep them going.

Miss Stelle Bozeman of Georgia again conducted classes in Alcohol Education at Minot and Valley City State Teacher's Colleges.

**Literature**—The fifty Unions reporting distributed 6,120 pages of literature. They report 90 Union Signals taken and 202 Young Crusaders.

It might be interesting to know how much literature goes through the Headquarters office in a year. This is what I have ordered this year and there is not a great deal of it on hand now: plans of work for each of the 17 departments of our work for each of our sixty or more unions; 3,535 leaflets (not pages): 150 Topical programs; 7 Topical program helps; 50 handbooks; 75 catalogs; 200 dues cards; 3 dozen White Ribbon Recruitment cards; 2 dozen congratulatory cards; 12 pledge card and 24 certificates for White Ribbon Recruits; 4 Accredited refresher courses; 2 monthly budgets of literature; 2 What Every Mother Should Know About Alcohol; 1 LTL course; 2 Sunday school budgets; 2 YTC kits; 5 LTL kits; 2 packages Rainbow leaflets; 200 Flower Mission cards; 500 White Ribbon bow seals; 75 Slide Film leaflets; 12 membership certificate cards for WCTU members; fifty transfer of membership cards; 100 Sunday School pledge cards; 3 Syllabus on Alcohol Education; 5 What is the WCTU?; 2 plays; 2 LTL manuals; 2 Three Partners; 5 Answers to Alcohol; 2 each of 17 books selected from the Annotated Reference List; 9 books for poster prizes; 4 pins; 1 Gold medal. In addition to this 1,000 leaflets, 400 WCTU pledge cards and 5 WCTU organizing kits were ordered for Miss Shaner's work.

The books selected from the Annotated Reference List were displayed at the North Dakota Educational Association which met in Fargo in October, 1942. 17 books were sold. A total of 102 persons stopped and looked over the display. Daughters of some of the members of the two Fargo unions took charge of the table.

Five persons outside the membership of the WCTU wrote in for help, or borrowed material for programs or papers.

The annual state report was mailed out to all unions with plans of work for the departments for which we have no state director, with this also went one Topical program and a catalog. A letter from the president was sent to all district presidents. While the state legislature was in session, cards were sent to all the unions and to towns where we have Willard members, asking them to write their representatives urging them to vote for S. B. 66 (prohibiting punch boards in our state) and H. B. 112 (for better control of liquor selling). Letters and petition forms regarding H. B. 2052 were sent out to all unions and to all towns where we have Willard members. Many petitions and letters have been sent to Congress urging passage of these bills.

**Membership and Memorial**

**Certificates**—

Five continuing membership certificates have been sent out to Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, Grand Forks; Mrs. Fred M. Wanner, Jamestown; Mrs. J. M. Scott, Gilby; and Mrs. Annie Gatterwood, Park River. Life member certificates were sent to Mrs. Sophie Swarstadt, Grand Forks; Mrs. Carrie Aasen, Oakes, Mrs. C. E. Erickson of Crosby; and Mrs. Ole J. Pederson, Park River. Memorial certificates were made out for Rev. James Anderson; Mrs.

Leslie Black, Fargo; Elias Porter of Calvin, and W. G. Dickson of Gilby.

Twenty-four Unions reported contributing to the Second Mile Fund, 14 to the Ambulance Fund and 13 to the Safety School on Wheels. Bottineau sent in a contribution for the Cancer Fund and Hatton to the Anna Gorden Fund. Flasher contributed to the Chinese Orphan Fund. Bismarck, Minot, Parshall and both Fargo Unions helped finance advertisements urging the passage of the initiated measure to prohibit sale of liquor where food is sold.

**Activities**—

Sawyer and Grafton Unions had Mother and Daughter meetings. Plaza entertained the school teachers at a dinner; Hatton had a meeting with their teachers as guests. La Moure had four public meetings besides the District Convention. Frances E. Willard Union of Grand Forks had a public meeting. Hatton entertained the Northwood Union at a meeting. Grafton had a special Frances E. Willard Fund meeting and Bismarck had a special Lillian M. Stevens Fund meeting. Grafton had a meeting on World Peace and also had a meeting to study the state report.

Hannah keeps the rainbow leaflets in a holder in the High School and they are read.

Nekoma circulates a round robin letter during the winter months when meetings cannot be held. They report that it was interesting and helpful. (Will the two unions about to disband note this suggestion?)

Stady-Zahl distributes literature to five schools. Valley City arranged for a temperance talk in their school.

Eleven Unions reported dramatic presentations put on. Eight unions reported having programs on peace.

The slide films were shown in the schools at Plaza and the Daily Vacation Bible Schools at Valley City and at Fargo. Rock Lake took an entire evening for the showing of films. Park River bought one of the new film, "He Went Straight Home."

As a suggestion for next year, and in order to have more complete reports at the end of the year, I would urge all the Unions to keep a record of their activities, putting down from time to time, or as they occur, just what they do—the subjects discussed at their meetings leaflets used and how, and any departmental work. Perhaps a record book could be used with a page for each department of work and anything pertaining to that department put down at the time it is done. Filling out reports at the end of the year would then be a very simple thing and there might not be so many reports come back, "No work done," for I am quite sure much more is done than comes in on the report blanks. Won't you give it a try this year?

ALBERTA W. LUNDHAGEN,  
Corresponding Secretary.

**PERSONAL MENTION . . .**

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Organization, was among those present at the Executive meeting. Mrs. F. T. Brooks and Mrs. George Campbell of Minot had also come quite a distance. Mrs. A. N. Lindsay of Mapleton, president of Fargo district, was the new member of the committee. Little Patsy Burr, five-year-old daughter of the president of James-Valley District, played happily in the outer room supervised by Mrs. Owens while her mother was busy. "Good as gold," was the opinion of all.

## Executive Committee Meets

The Executive Committee of the N. D. WCTU met in the YWCA in Fargo the afternoon of September 28, 1943. The president, Mrs. Bessie M. Darling called the meeting to order and explained the reason for the cancellation of the state convention. Mrs. Iver Fossum, the state treasurer led the devotional service, reading helpful selections from the Psalms. "America the Beautiful" and the Crusade Hymn were sung, and prayers were offered by several of those present.

Roll call followed: 18 members of the committee and a number of workers from the Fargo unions were present. Greetings were received from Mrs. Barbara H. Wylie, Mrs. A. V. Sheppard, and Mrs. Lulu Wylie Zimmerman. It was voted to send greetings to these; to all absent members of the committee; to Mrs. Robert Reed, Mrs. R. A. Sprague and to Miss Edith Carey, that day being her birthday.

Mrs. Alberta W. Lundhagen, the corresponding secretary, gave a review of the year's work. Mrs. Iver Fossum gave the report of the treasurer. The auditor's report was read and accepted, and the reports of secretary and treasurer were adopted with thanks. Mrs. E. R. Pomeroy reported the fine work done over the state in the department of Flower Mission and Relief.

The question of the printing of the annual report was discussed, and whether it was feasible to have the report included in a number of the WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN. It was voted to have the editor go to Casselton to consult the printer, and report to the General Officers.

The name of Mrs. Nellie P. Barber was placed on the Memorial Membership list by the Jamestown union.

The president announced that four directors had offered their resignations, as their circumstances made it difficult for them to continue to serve. They were Mrs. A. V. Sheppard, Union Signal Promoter; Mrs. John Bradley, Child Welfare; Mrs. Wallace Vincent, Speech Contests, and Mrs. Martin Berg, Exhibits. These were accepted with regret.

Mrs. Darling then made the statement that she would like to resign, to take effect at once, but she didn't want to do anything unfair. However, she could not serve longer than this year, in any case. She asked the committee to consider it, called the vice president to the chair and left the room. After some discussion of the situation, it was unanimously voted to ask Mrs. Darling to serve as president for the coming year, with the provision that she be granted a leave of absence to spend part of the year with her husband, who is doing defense work on the west coast. She consented to do so.

After this, several lines of work were discussed, including field work this fall and Alcohol Education. It was voted to ask Mrs. Fred M. Wanner, director of S.T.I. to confer with educators in regard to questions that might be included in the new state Course of Study for the public school, which is now under preparation. Adjournment followed.

### Tuesday Evening—

The evening meeting was held in Calvary Evangelical Church, with Mrs. Darling presiding. Mrs. J. M. Schindler, wife of the pastor of that church, led the devo-

tional service. A patriotic solo by Mrs. R. E. Cummins, and a vocal duet by the Misses Thelma Enget and Alice Kauffer were much enjoyed by the audience. Mrs. Fred M. Wanner, Gold Star Mother of World War I, presented the service flag, with its one big blue star and two sad gold stars. These represented, with numerals below, all the 587 in service, whose names are on the pages of the fine big record book which was placed on the table. Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, Honorary President and Gold Star Mother also, offered the prayer of dedication, and Mrs. Frank Beasley read an original poem, "Our Service Flag."

The address of the evening was given by Mrs. Anderson, on the subject of "Our Resources." She stressed the wonderful unclaimed riches and power available to all those who take God at His word. Mrs. Wilder asked for the offering, and the meeting closed with a hymn and the Aaronic-benediction.

### Wednesday Morning—

Mrs. George S. Muir, President of Grand Forks district, led the opening devotions, during which "Christ For The World We Sing" and "What the World Needs Is Jesus" were sung, and prayer offered. Reports of district work were given by Mrs. Carl Maack, president of Ellendale district; Mrs. F. T. Brooks, of Minot; Mrs. Alex C. Burr of the James-Valley; Mrs. Paul Hanson of the Ransom-La Moure; Mrs. George S. Muir of the Grand Forks and Mrs. Frank Beasley of the Northeast districts. The report of Devils Lake District sent in by the new president, Mrs. C. A. Jahnke, was read by Mrs. Lundhagen, and all reports were adopted.

Department reports followed, and the following directors reported: Mrs. George Campbell, Christian Citizenship; Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, Institutes; Mrs. O. H. Kjørle, Medical Temperance; Mrs. R. J. Stinson, Religious Education; and Mrs. Fred M. Wanner, Scientific Temperance Instruction. Reports adopted. Mrs. Anderson offered the noon-tide prayer, and then business continued. Mrs. Wanner showed the prize winning posters, and announced the names of the children who made them. These were, Fourth Grade: Ardelle Goranson of Oberon, first; Barbara Tellner of Jamestown, second. Fifth and Sixth Grades: Dolores Osterlund of Jamestown, first; Delores Heir of Jamestown, second. Seventh and Eighth Grades: Juanita Mae Anderson of Oberon, first; Mabel Christianson of Oberon, second.

Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, State Historian, told of work in connection with the WCTU material kept at the state library at Bismarck. A steel file, which could be used to take care of the WCTU records which have been furnished the State Historical Society was mentioned. If one can be obtained, it must be of the following dimensions: 45 inches high, 18 inches wide and 26 inches deep from front to back, of olive green finish.

The President's Recommendations were read and adopted, with all district presidents urged to try to carry them out. Mrs. Darling also made an urgent request that all letters from the state officers be answered promptly. A vote of thanks was given to the YWCA and Mrs. Owens, for the use of the room and tables, for our meeting; also to the pastor and trustees of Calvary Evangelical church, where the evening meeting was held. It was voted to leave the appointment of directors to fill vacancies,

and any other unfinished business, to the General Officers. The meeting adjourned, with the Aaronic benediction.

### General Officers Meeting—

It was voted to pay the money for war stamp prizes for posters, to the director of the department of S.T.I., so that she can see that they reach the winners. Vacancies in the roster of directors were filled by the appointment of Mrs. S. O. Nelson, Northwood as Union Signal Promoter; Mrs. F. J. Bignall of Valley City, Exhibits; Mrs. Elizabeth Worley, Valley City, Soldiers and Sailors; and Mrs. H. O. Hermanson, Grand Forks, Speech Contests. It was voted to relieve Mrs. Philip Stolberg of the department of Motion Pictures; as she had requested, and Mrs. Nellie Hicks, Fargo, was named as director; Mrs. Stolberg to continue Social Morality. The recording secretary was instructed to write to these women, and if they found it impossible to accept the appointments, the general officers would try to find others who would take up the work. It was voted to discontinue associate secretaries of the LTL and YTC for this year.

Mrs. Fossum asked to be relieved from serving as manager of the Membership Campaign, and Mrs. Wilder consented to serve in her place. The meeting adjourned with prayer.

## RECOMMENDATIONS . . .

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(2) Endeavor to secure more Life, Memorial and Continuing Memberships. A Life Member can secure a continuing membership by paying the sum of ten dollars; this will automatically become Memorial Membership when that person is called into "Higher Service." Full amount of all Memberships to be sent to state treasurer to be divided as follows: Local union \$2.50, district \$2.50, state \$5.00. Let each union seek to secure at least one such membership during the year.

8.—Willard Memorial and Lillian M. N. Stevens Funds: That every union observe these Red Letter Days with guest meetings thereby familiarizing other women with the real purposes and activities of our organization. Offering to be sent to state treasurer to be applied on budget. State treasurer will continue to pay \$2.00 for Willard Fund and \$1.00 for L. M. N. Stevens Fund to National treasurer for every union that completes its budget in full, but will pay amount of offering for those unions that fail to complete budget.

9.—YTC and LTL: Realizing the great need for more work among the youth of our state, we urge the enlistment of young people and children in Youth's Temperance Council and Loyal Temperance Legion. That no union should consider that it is doing the work for which it is organized, unless it maintains one or both of these organizations.

10.—Department Work: That we do more department work in every local union and district. State directors strive to reach "Standard of Efficiency." That local directors study plan of work and adapt it to her own community. Strengthen the work in the patriotic service departments which bear directly upon the war and also on post-war planning.

Cooperate with all community war activities, such as Red Cross work, purchasing Defense Bonds and Stamps, etc.

11.—Cooperation: Realizing the need for cooperation in this critical time let us wholeheartedly support the Recommendations adopted at the National Executive Committee meeting.

## Corresponding Secretary

We have been endeavoring the last year or two to get a complete file of our annual state reports at Headquarters. We have received some from our members but still lack the years of 1904, 1915, 1923, 1924, 1927, 1928, 1932 and 1933. If anyone has a copy of any of these state reports we would be very grateful if they could be sent to Headquarters to complete the file.

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Those who attended the Executive Board meeting in Fargo recently were much interested in the book in which the names of service men and women of our WCTU members are listed. Names are continuing to come in for this Honor Roll but some of the unions have not sent in any, nor are there any from our Willard members. We want the list as complete as possible so please send the names in directly to Headquarters.

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