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I Saw America March Down the Street.

Dear little lad, I saw you pause outside
The candy shop with hard-earned dime held close
Within your hand. The tempting sweets so near
Were almost more than your firm will could stand.
Your shoulders sagged beneath a load too great
For such as you to bear. And then, with head
Held high and shoulders squared, you marched to where
Defense was sold with stamps that cost a dime-----
Dear little lad. You could not know what wealth---
What precious gift---you gave with sacrifice----
Through vision, now undimmed by shades of doubt,
I did not see a little lad like you---
I saw America march down the street
To lay her all at Freedom's holy feet!

—Elma Scheel, Capa, S. D. in Pasque Petals.

Crusade for Home Protection

AUGUST EMPHASIS—HONORARY MEMBERS

1. Increase the number of honorary members in local unions.
2. Ask honorary members to:
 - a. Support the Safety School on Wheels.
 - b. Carry on advertising campaigns in opposition to OLD JUDGE and other such features
 - c. Study liquor advertising bills

SEPTEMBER EMPHASIS—ALCOHOL EDUCATION

1. Each state endeavor to have: At least one teacher trained in our Seminar who will be equipped to accept a position under the State Department of Education.
2. Trained, suitable persons for school lectures upon character-building programs which would aid in implementing our S. T. I. laws.

- Call For State Convention

The 55th annual meeting of the North Dakota Woman's Christian Temperance Union is hereby officially called to assemble in Valley City, October 3-4-5, 1944. The general officers will meet at 2:00 o'clock, and the executive committee at 3:00 o'clock the afternoon of October 3rd.

The executive committee is composed of the trustees, district presidents or their alternates, the general secretary of the Loyal Temperance Legion, the editor of the 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 union and one for every 30 paid members; one L. T. L. delegate for every \$5. L. T. L. dues paid into the state treasury, said delegate to be an L. T. L. superintendent.

The By-Laws provide that the state treasurer's books shall close two weeks previous to the annual meeting, and the date has been set as September 10th.

The President's Letter

Dear Co-Workers:

With this issue our Bulletin comes to you in new size and form, printed by our new publisher, Mr. E. B. Washburn of the Washburn Printing Co., Grand Forks, N. D. I am happy to present his work to you with the assurance that our paper will come to you regularly every other month, or six times annually, for the duration.

It was with deepest regret that we found it necessary to sever our connections with the Casselton Reporter after more than forty years of pleasant association and fine work. It is through our publication that we keep in touch with our membership and therefore it is imperative that it be issued regularly.

The twenty-five cent subscription fee that is taken from every member's dues does not cover the cost of publication, therefore it became necessary for us to change the frequency of the paper for the duration, or until such a time as we are financially able to publish eleven issues per year. It is hoped that during these months when our paper was issued so irregularly we have learned to appreciate it more fully and will resolve to make better use of it in the future.

I had twenty-five delightful days in the field this spring and thoroughly enjoyed meeting the co-workers in the various districts. Many of our unions have suffered great losses in membership through removals from our state. This is understandable when statistics show that North Dakota heads the list of states that show a decrease in population due to war emergency. We are purely an agricultural state and we do not have any large defense plants or any training camps. Many of our people have left because their own work or business has been absorbed by the war and they had no other alternative. Every effort should be made to win new members among the newcomers in every community, especially our larger cities, where we find most of them.

Eleven district conventions were held this year and it was my privilege to be present at five. Hettinger district was the only district that failed to hold a convention. In spite of gas-rationing and difficult transportation, the attendance was good and some splendid programs were presented. The reports of local work done was especially interesting but more effort should be put into department work. It was with regret that I noted in a recent report from Miss Bertha Palmer that not one union in our entire state had sent in a card telling of information they received from her 1944 March Message. I am not willing to believe it was not read or used at a local union meeting but it was not reported. Why? That is only one department, what about others? There is no better way to win the interest of any member than to give her a job, and there is work for every one in the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

In just a few days our Membership Drive will close for this year. Did you do all that you could to win a new member? Are all dues collected for this year? Our state books will close September 10th and this is the last reminder. Be sure that not one single member has been missed. Last year our state received a "Recognition Certificate" for a net gain in membership. Unless every union collects dues for all old members and gains some new ones we will show a great loss. Will you do your part? At the National convention special recognition will be given to all states showing a net gain—will North Dakota receive this honor? It depends on the local treasurers, and the cooperation of every individual member.

Our state convention will be held in Valley City, October 3-4-5. This will be the only issue of the Bulletin before the convention meets. Please note the time, and may every union be represented there. We did not hold a convention last year and we do need these get-togethers. We need the help and inspiration acquired there, to promote the work in our own communities. Our program is in the making but can not be given in detail yet. COME ONE, COME ALL TO VALLEY CITY, October 3-4 and 5th.

The National convention will be held in Columbus, Ohio,

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President's Letter

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Sept. 15-20. It is fitting that the 70th anniversary of our organization should be observed in the state of its birth and great plans are in the making for this convention. If there is anyone in our state who can attend this great gathering will you get in touch with me immediately?

I am happy to report that we have had two Narcotic Education specialists in our colleges this summer. Miss M. Estelle Nash taught a two-week course at Minot Teachers College, June 12-23, and Miss Ida Underland taught a course at Valley City June 26-July 8th. We were happy to have these two teachers here and we are looking forward to favorable reports on work accomplished.

May I congratulate Edgeley union on their fine work in the membership drive? They secured 19 new members in the drive. We are exceedingly proud of this wide-awake union and others should take heed. Please read carefully the report of our state membership chairman, Mrs. Kate S. Wilder.

We are finally approaching the end of our fiscal year. Every union will be called on for a detailed report of work accomplished this year, PLEASE return report blanks promptly. Have you contributed to the 'SAFETY SCHOOL ON WHEELS' often called the 'PHYSICAL FITNESS CLINIC'? Boys and girls have gone out from so many homes in our state, to help win the war and thus preserve our liberty. Our government permits beer to be sold in every training camp and classifies it as non-intoxicating. We know its evil effect—that it is a narcotic and habit-forming. Can we afford to let this go on and not make any attempt to tell these young men and women what alcohol is and what it does? Let us give our soldiers a chance by helping to send the Safety School on Wheels across our country to every USO, that our young men and women may have an opportunity to know. Send your contributions to Mrs. Iver Fossum, state treasurer.

"The only hope of avoiding war
Is to accept CHRISTIANITY as a way of life,
Not only in our private affairs,
But in all public and international contacts."

—Canon Sheppard

Yours in loving service,
BESSIE M. DARLING, State President.

Convention Committees

HOUSING—Mrs. H. E. Taylor, Mrs. T. H. Swanson, Mrs. M. M. Neilson, Mrs. Elizabeth Worley.

RECEPTION—Mrs. T. E. Nugent, Mrs. G. A. Shelby, Mrs. Emily Stewart, Mrs. T. J. Blewett.

GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS—Mrs. E. A. Ranum, Mrs. Elizabeth Worley, Mrs. T. H. Swanson, Mrs. Lavinia Bignall.

Notes From The Unions

The Parshall union has suffered, like many other, by the removal of active members to other states. Those who remain are faithful, and can well be proud of the fine L. T. L. of 30 members, which is doing excellent work under the leadership of Mrs. Ray Neunam. We are indebted to the treasurer, Mrs. Mary E. McHattie, for this report.

The Langdon union carries on, holding regular meetings. July 11 the state president, Mrs. Bessie M. Darling visited them. The women are occupied with plans for a booth at the county fair, at which posters will be displayed and literature distributed.

The May meeting of Nekoma Union was a guest meeting, each member bringing a mother or grandmother with her. The later were predominant, ten being present, of whom three were great-grandmothers. A program of music and poetry was presented, Mrs. Lloyd Ormiston, Mrs. Carl W. Holm and Miss Myrtle Gjerve assisting. One number was a Norwegian hymn sung by Mrs. Ole Olson, who also sang a temperance song of long ago. "Down In the Licensed Saloon." A symposium,

"Things I Am Glad My Mother Taught Me" was participated in by all present, and was a tribute to practical as well as religious training received. Lunch was served and very good offering received.

Personal Mention

Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, State Vice President, is spending a month with Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, Honorary President, at the latter's cottage near Detroit Lakes, Minnesota. Mrs. Anderson returned from California in June.

We are glad to report that Mrs. John Porter of Calvin, who has been seriously ill, is improving and expects to accompany her sister, Mrs. Jessie Park, to her home in Glasgow, Mont., as soon as she is well enough. Mrs. Annie F. Catherwood of Park River, another sister, spent some time with Mrs. Porter.

Staff Sergeant Ronald J. Darling, son of the state president, has lately returned to camp after spending a furlough with his parents and family in Grand Forks. As he is to be transferred, his wife and son will remain here for the present. He arrived just in time to see his father's exhibit win honors at the State Peony Show.

Mrs. Fletcher Forster, recording secretary of the Langdon union was called to the west coast by the illness of a relative this spring. She returned recently. This union is regretting the removal of their efficient treasurer, Mrs. V. R. Peterson, to Hallock, Minn.

June is the month of weddings as well as roses, and probably many of our women have had them in their families. Ye editor has learned that Mrs. Iver Fossum, State Treasurer; Mrs. Bessie M. Ordahl, new president of Northeast district, and Mrs. George Sholy, president of Nekoma Union, have seen young people of their families go out to make homes of their own during the recent June days. Our good wishes go with them all.

In Memoriam

"I know not when I go or where,
From this familiar scene.

But He is here, and He is there
And all the way between.

And when I pass from all I know
To that dim, vast unknown.

Though late I stay or soon I go,
I shall not go alone."

Author unknown.

Mrs. William Crombie, former member of the Grand Forks union, who lived near Concrete for many years, died at her Grand Forks home in June.

Mrs. Nellie Voge, who was a charter member of the Langdon W. C. T. U. organized last year, died suddenly early in June.

Miss Frances M. Wagar, prominent worker in the local and district unions of Grand Forks, was called home at the age of 76, after two years of illness. A former teacher, she was president of that district for a time, and served in several other offices.

Mrs. Henry Geving, charter member of the Parshall union, passed away June 14, after a lingering illness. Always helpful, even when not well enough to attend meetings, the union there honored her memory with a Memorial membership.

Miss Edith J. Carey, another of the beloved Old Guard who die but never surrender, was called home in the spring. She had made her home with her sister, Mrs. W. E. Black, in Fargo, for several years, but the Bottineau union, of which she was a faithful and helpful member during most of her active life, paid tribute to her with a Memorial membership.

To the surviving families of all these, we extend our loving sympathy.

Whisky "Holiday" at High Cost to Country

The announcement on June 21, by the WPB, of which Donald Nelson is chairman, that (after 12 months of unceasing demand by the liquor traffic*) the Government will give the whisky makers a 30-day "holiday" in which they may turn from war alcohol manufacturing to the replenishing of their beverage alcohol stock, is a development which indubitably will disturb informed citizens who have felt that the embargo on the further manufacture of this liquid sabotage aid No. 1 might advantageously be strictly continued for the duration of the war.

Statements from manufacturers of war materials repeatedly have declared that the capacity production of alcohol for the manufacture of essential war products, including the manufacture of synthetic rubber, would require a continuance of the full scale production of alcohol for that and other vital purposes. This is now denied by the government authorities, particularly in a letter to Chairman Nelson from Rubber Director Bradley Dewey, who estimates that the requirements of the rubber program for industrial alcohol will be some 20,000,000 gallons less than was estimated for 1944 and approximately 30,000,000 gallons lower than the figure originally set for 1945.

FACTS NOT NOTED IN PRESS

The facts, some of which are not noted in the press dispatches from Washington, are briefly as follows:

On May 1, 1944, according to Government figures, there were some 362,000,000 gallons of aging whisky in bonded warehouses. The Distilled Spirits Institute has asserted that "after allowing for a normal seepage and evaporation," there are really only about 275,000,000 usable gallons in warehouses.

Whisky withdrawals during the fiscal year 1943 totaled approximately 88,000,000 gallons, as compared with 84,700,000 gallons in 1942, and 80,500,000 gallons in 1941.

At the present rate of withdrawals, the 362,000,000 gallons—or the 275,000,000 claimed by the Distilled Spirits Institute—would be a sufficient supply to meet drinkers' demands for at least 36 months from date.

The so called "holiday," according to announced estimates, will permit the distillers to produce between 45,000,000 and 50,000,000 gallons of distilled liquors. At present prices of gross retail value at around \$10 a gallon, 50,000,000 gallons would mean to the liquor traffic some \$500,000,000 for the total "holiday" production.

The War Food Administration is protesting the whisky "holiday." There is not enough corn, it is needed to feed cattle for meat milk and butter for armed forces as well as civilians. There is a shortage of wheat and rye as well.

Although it appears that the Government may require the distillers to use more rye and wheat and less corn in the manufacture of these 50,000,000 gallons, it is possible to reckon the approximate amount of such material used in the manufacture of the "holiday" whisky.

Based upon Government reports in recent years, the whisky makers have consumed an average of 11.207 lbs. of grains per gallon in the manufacture of that beverage. In the production of 50,000,000 gallons, that would mean the equivalent of 560,350,000 lbs. of food materials.

According to Maj. Gen. E. B. Gregory, Quartermaster General of the U. S. Army, 5 1-2 lbs. of food are required per day for each man in the armed services, while a ration of 3 lbs. per day for civilians is reckoned as an ample allotment. On the basis of Gen. Gregory's estimate, the 50,000,000 gallons replenishment of whisky, which the distillers expect to make in the month of August, will represent the consumption and destruction of food sufficient to feed 3,396,060 soldiers for an entire month. The amount of food so destroyed would also be sufficient to feed 6,226,111 civilians for a 30-day period, or 518,842 persons in civilian life for an entire year.

NO EFFECT ON PRICES

The clamor of distillers for this "holiday," which has been proceeding noisily for many months, was based upon the promise that a "holiday" would "relieve" the market and reduce prices from war-peak costs. But the initial repercussions of the liquor traffic to Chairman Nelson's order contain emphatic protests that the "holiday" will have no effect upon whisky prices.

Whether or not the distillers' "holiday" is permissible from the Government's point of view, the fact remains that the worldwide need of starving millions in the Allied countries and in the countries now being liberated by the Allies, is so great that the one-half billion pounds of food represented in the amounts destroyed in the manufacture of 50,000,000 gallons of whisky, would seem to be an overwhelmingly valid reason for refusing the whisky makers this chance to resume production of their dangerous wares.

Another point to be considered is that 50,000,000 gallons of whisky would require liberal amounts of shipping space in cars and trains already being used to the limit for war purposes.

In all the news to date, nothing has been said as to the possible influence of the current political situation in the sudden decision of the government to let the distillers go back to whisky making. Campaign funds are in great need of replenishment just now.

What will a "holiday" for the production of 50,000,000 gallons of whisky mean to the homes of this country, to the youth with the example of increased drinking, to the children who already are marked casualties of the war!

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union—"Organized Mother Love," patriots all, protests this "holiday" as a menace to the American home and a hindrance to the winning of the war.

It is the citizens' privilege to express their objection to Mr. Donald M. Nelson, Chairman of the WPB, Washington, D. C.

Ida B. Wise Smith,
President, National W. C. T. U.

—In Union Signal.

NOONTIDE HOUR OF PRAYER

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

Wiser Than His Master

Albert Payson Terhune, writing in the Reader's Digest for November, under the title, "The Most Unforgettable Character I've Met," tells a most fascinating story about a giant auburn-and-snow collie. After relating several interesting facts about the fine dog, the author writes:

"There was something almost psychic, too, about the big auburn dog. When I was eating in the dining room he always lay in his corner, his eye on me. But when I chanced to be drinking there he would quietly get up after my second or third drink and leave the room, to the merriment of guests who had seen him do it before. I was not in the least drunk, but he seemed to note and resent a subtle change in me that no human could have seen. If I called him, he came back instantly and stood at my side, head and tail adroop as if in shame, awaiting my orders. But as soon as my attention was turned he would go out again; nor come in except at my command, and then only for a moment."

It is an old saying that a dog is man's best friend, and there are times when it appears that they are also wiser than their masters. — Nat. Voice.

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A Word To The Wise

It is good to be writing to you all again, with the assurance that the message will reach you quite soon. I have had little news from the unions of late, for which I do not blame you in the least, as it seemed of little use to send it in. Now I hope you will send me lots of news, for I am sure that Mr. and Mrs. Washburn are going to give us a very good paper, and you know it will be better if you help make it, with your news.

I wonder how you will like the change in size and appearance. Some of you will miss the old heading, with its flowing white ribbon and the clock face reminding us of the noontide prayer time. It was designed by Mary Herring Hudson of Sargent county. However, since we can have our paper only once in two months, it seems wisest to use all the space as good advantage as possible, and we have adopted the smaller heading.

I was pleased with the reports of good district conventions all over the state; my thanks for the greeting received from several of them. With our president, Mrs. Darling, I hope that you will try hard to attend the state convention at Valley City in October. It seems a long time since we saw some of you!

The liquor men finally succeeded in getting permission from the War Production Board to make whiskey for a month; the papers say they can make it during August. The paper also says that Marvin Jones, head of the War Food Administration, objected to this whiskey-making holiday from the production of industrial alcohol, and that he may bar them from using corn and possibly wheat. Personally, I think he is right, for the new crop is still not sure, and the stocks of corn and

wheat on hand are not large. The papers groan because we have too many eggs on the market this summer; may we never be so short of them, because our grain is used for liquor instead of poultry feed, that children of the United States can have only one or two eggs a month, as is the case in some of the Allied Nations!

Are you and the children of your family growing accustomed to getting along without homemade cookies and candy? Did you like myself, have to let fine rhubarb go to waste, because you could not spare the sugar to use it? If so, does it make you feel better to know that there is lots of sugar in Puerto Rico, but they cannot spare the shipping space to bring it up to us? They have to use that space to bring us rum, and the molasses for making whiskey!

Perhaps there seems to be little that we can do about these things, but if we help our neighbors to know about them, it will at least increase the amount of information on the subject. Let us lose no opportunity to educate. Have you had an exhibit lately? How about one in Sunday School, or at a meeting of your young people? Possibly the women of the Ladies' Aid might find one interesting. Try it! Our state director will be glad to help you—Mrs. Lavinia Bignall, 516 Eighth Ave. N., Valley City, N. D.

Looking forward to seeing you at Valley City.

Your friend,

ELIZABETH C. BEASLEY.

The WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN is in its 46th year of publication, and until now it has been printed by the firm of Potter and Potter at Casselton. It seems fitting to speak a word of appreciation of the work of those Potters, father and son, who did this work for us at a price that gave them very little return for their labor, at times, because they were interested in our cause and wished to help us. We do not wish their names, Franklin Potter and Dwight H. Potter, to be forgotten. We are grateful to them. We regret that present conditions make it impossible for Mrs. Dwight H. Potter to continue to publish the paper.

We hope that our business association with Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Washburn of Grand Forks, will be as successful and as lasting.

Treasurer's Report

April 15—June 15

DUES: Bismarck 2, Mott 2, Crosby 1, Ellendale 1, Oberon 1, Park River 2, Valley City 2, New Rockford 1, Underwood 1, West Fairview 11, Wildrose 1, Hettinger 2, Sheldon 2, Larimore 2, Nekoma 3, Edinburg 1, Alamo 10, Grand Forks 5, Grafton 9, Jamestown 1.

WILLARD: 8.

L. T. L.: Hatton 22, Northwood 62, Larimore 58.

BUDGET: Bismarck \$2.00, Ellendale \$7.00, Carrington \$8.00, Fargo \$35.00, Underwood \$1.00, West Fairview \$11.00, Sheldon .60, Edinburg \$4.00.

LITERATURE & SUPPLIES: \$12.82.

NARCOTIC EDUCATION: Mott \$2.00, Stady-Zahl \$2.00. Crosby \$2.00, Hettinger \$2.00, Grafton \$2.00, Ransom-LaMoure District \$5.00.

Lillian Stevens Legislative Fund: Valley City \$2.00.

Frances Willard Memorial: Valley City \$2.00, Grafton \$2.00.

Safety School on Wheels: Stady-Zahl \$5.00, Crosby \$2.00, Park River .60, Ransom-LaMoure District \$10.00.

Anna Gordon Fund: Hatton L. T. L. \$3.22.

The following District Pledges were received through Mrs. Bessie Darling: New Rockford \$5.00, James-Valley \$10.00, Bismarck \$10.00, Minot \$20.00. She also received a Memorial Membership in honor of Mr. John H. Phelps.

Received from offerings \$86.90.

Received from sale of pins and literature, \$11.33.

Lest We Forget

On Dec. 5, 1933, thirty-six states in the Union having notified the Secretary of State that their local governments had ratified the 21st amendment providing for the repeal of the 18th (prohibition) amendment to the Constitution of the United States, the following proclamation was issued by President Franklin D. Roosevelt:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, President of the United States of America pursuant to the provisions of Section 217 (a) of the said Act of June 16, 1933, do hereby proclaim that the Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States was repealed on the fifth day of December, 1933.

Furthermore, I enjoin upon all citizens of the United States and upon other residents within the jurisdiction thereof, to co-operate with the Government in its endeavor to restore greater respect for law and order, by confining such purchases of alcoholic beverages as they may make solely to those dealers or agencies which have been duly licensed by State or Federal license.

Observance of this request, which I make personally to every individual and every family in our Nation, will result in the consumption of alcoholic beverages which have passed Federal inspection, in the break-up and eventual destruction of the notoriously evil illicit liquor traffic, and in the payment of reasonable taxes for the support of the Government and thereby in the superseding of other forms of taxation.

I call specific attention to the authority given by the 21st Amendment to the Government to prohibit transportation or importation of intoxicating liquors into any state in violation of the laws of such State.

I ask the wholehearted cooperation of all our citizens to the end that this return of individual freedom shall not be accompanied by the repugnant conditions that obtained prior to the adoption of the 18th Amendment and those that have existed since its adoption. Failure to do this honestly and courageously will be a living reproach to us all.

I ask especially that no State shall by law or otherwise authorize the return of the saloon either in its old form or in some modern guise.

The Policy of the Government will be to see to it that the social and political evils that have existed in the pre-prohibition era shall not be revived nor permitted again to exist. We must remove forever from our midst the menace of the boot-legger and such others as would profit at the expense of good government, law and order.

I trust in the good sense of the American people that they will not bring upon themselves the curse of excessive use of intoxicating liquors, to the detriment of health, morals and social integrity.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

(Signed) FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

But—The Saloon Came Back!

THE TAVERN

Extracts From Article by Westbrook Pegler

"Nobody can learn anything about taverns by attending interesting discussions at Vaasar or inspecting exhibitions of marlin-spike needlework under the auspices of the Women's Auxiliary of the National Maritime Union. You learn about taverns by going to taverns and what you learn is that most of them are dumps and the very institution which was never to return to our fair land after prohibition was repealed except that, whereas that old institution was strictly stag and usually on a corner, the tavern is co-ed and everywhere.

WOMEN—ALL KINDS

"They are on corners, in the middle of the block, downstairs and upstairs. They include respectable-dames and tramps, married, single and young and old, cute ones and otherwise,

and their conduct and capacity for liquor are about level with the men's.

"Some get frisky and go around hopping tables and looking for trouble. Others just want to sing or cry or fight with their husbands or boy friends, some sit alone getting glassy-eyed and pale. And some are real good drinkers with a very high boiling point who just have a good time and never give anybody any bother.

"In some states the taverns sell only beer and wine and in others they deal in cocktails and straight bar whiskey. The wine is the worst. It is made from a number of things, even grapes, as someone has said, and in some sections of the south and southwest it is called 'jump-steady.'

"It is worse than hard liquor because it is comparatively inexpensive and a customer is thus tempted to take on an overload, which causes terrible hang-overs and absenteeism.

"The smell of a tavern is something awful. Smoke, drinks, fumes from the cook stove and sometimes from the gas heater, when some new customers move in or a party staggers out, bumping into tables and doors, and everyone saying, 'Lemme drive, I'm sober as a judge.'

Occasionally, after a while, the state cops come in with gore spots on their stylish uniforms to ask the waiters how much the party which left 15 minutes ago in the 1939 Buick had to drink, and report that they went over the bank two miles down.

Your Part and Mine

There is a true story of a musical director who was conducting a rehearsal for an important concert. It is said that as the great concert advanced, voices and instruments swelling into a mighty harmony, the man who played the little piccolo thought to himself, "What's the use of this picayune piccolo. It can't be heard in such a volume of sound?"

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Mrs. J. Haas of Carrington led the opening devotions. Reports of the unions were given and officers elected for the coming year. They are: president, Mrs. C. W. Baumann, New Rockford; vice president, Mrs. Hudson, New Rockford; recording secretary, Mrs. Geo. Schaffner, Oberon; corresponding secretary, Mrs. H. F. Taplin, New Rockford; treasurer, Mrs. O. W. Swanson, New Rockford.

The visiting unions were guests of the New Rockford union at a very fine noon luncheon.

The afternoon session opened with Mrs. Swanson of Carrington in charge of devotions. Talks were given by Mrs. Geo. Schaffner, of Oberon, Miss Agnes Swanson of New Rockford, and Mrs. Jordre of Oberon. Musical numbers included solos by Miss Haas and Rev. Taplin, and number by the girls' sextett of the high school, and a trio from the Nazarene church.

Mrs. Darling's address was on "The Challenge of Today." At the close of the afternoon session a beautiful piece of pottery, the gift of the women of the district, was presented to Mrs. Darling to show their love and respect for her and their appreciation of the great work which she is doing.

Garden Beds

These colored garden beds where one has toiled
Day after day arranging every row,
While morning passed and summer noonday boiled
Up hot, are witnesses that women know
The secret key to living. There the field
Of corn goes slowly up the gentle hill,
And nearer me an orchard shows a yield
Of fruit, the promise of a larder's fill.
But flowers growing just outside the door
Make beauty real in such a little space—
Out of the fertile acres one page more
Of color brightening the worker's face.
Joy in the midst of labor—this is life
Expressed by some Midwestern farmer's wife.

—Ray Pierce, in Successful Farming.

The Devil's Best Tool

It was announced that the devil was going out of business, and would offer all tools for sale at a certain time. On the night of the sale they were all attractively displayed, and a bad looking lot they were: hatred, jealousy, envy, malice, sensual-

ity and deceit, and all the other implements of evil. Apart from the rest lay a harmless-looking wedge-shaped tool, much worn, and priced higher than any of them. Some one asked the devil what it was.

"That is 'discouragement.'"

"Why do you price it so highly?"

"Because," replied the devil, "it is more useful to me than any other tool. I can pry open and get into a man's conscience with that when I could never get near him with any others; and once inside I can use him with my discouragement in any way that suits me best. It is much worn because I use it with nearly everybody, as few people yet know that it belongs to me and that I use it to achieve my ends."

But the price placed on discouragement was so high that the devil owns it still—Maritime Baptist.

What We Give

Some of us have begun to realize that much in our life, in our character and our ways we owe to our parents and teachers. But no one knows how great his debt is to those who have gone before, says an exchange.

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