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Indian Summer

Yesterday, the world was green,
But last night's sunset touched its fire
To every wooded hill.
And, where the sunlight strikes today,
The yellow birches spill
Bright tears upon the ground;
The maples flaunt their orange blaze;
The sumac droops red fingers;
The world's aflame—and in the valley lingers,
Like drifting smoke, October's purple haze.
—J. Earle Wycoff —Successful Farming.

The President's Annual Address

We are meeting for the sixth time in this delightful little city—so appropriately named and so beautifully situated—in the valley of the Shyenne river. We appreciate the splendid preparations that have been made for our comfort and happiness by the local union. In this city of beautiful homes and friendly people, we have always received a warm welcome.

Our first convention held in this city was in 1909 under the able leadership of Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson. The second meeting held here was in 1917, the year that our country entered World War number one and many mothers had seen their sons march forth to war. When we returned here in 1923, the 18th and 19th Amendments had been written into the Constitution and the women of America had become voting citizens.

We came again in 1930, rejoicing in the great victories won in our own state—first in retaining the prohibition article of the state constitution and second in defeating a measure to legalize Sunday movies.

Our last convention held in this city was in 1937 under the able leadership of Mrs. Fred M. Wanner. We were then in the fourth year of repeal and its failure was evident to all fair-minded citizens. Our national organization was then in the midst of a five year, five-pointed program, which was to culminate with the raising of one million dollars for narcotic education. Today, we have gathered here to hold our 55th annual convention and also to observe the 70th anniversary of our National organization. We are meeting under circumstances that are sad and tragic, for we are in the third year of World War II—the greatest world struggle that this nation has ever known. Today, many of our sons are in training camps, others are stationed on foreign fronts, some are on the sea, others are doing their duty in the air. Some are in enemy prison camps and others have made the supreme sacrifice. Mother hearts are filled with anxiety for their loved ones and with compassion for the suffering ones in the war-torn nations. Never has motherhood been so closely linked together.

An organization like ours better known as Organized Mother-love did not want this war; we abhor war, but when a nation is forced to take up arms to preserve its liberty and justice and to protect the weak and oppressed, then we rally to our flag and to the defense of our country. Our hearts have been filled with pride and joy as we have read of the great heroism of our American boys and their allies. The hardships and sufferings that they have endured, the dangers that they

Crusade for Home Protection October Emphasis

COMMITMENTS

Promote the adoption of the following commitments on Worlds' Temperance Sunday, October 29th.

WARTIME HOME COMMITMENT

"To promote victory and future peace we, as a family group, commit ourselves to total abstinence from all alcoholic beverages and the serving of the same in the home."

PERSONAL COMMITMENT DECLARATION OF PURPOSE

"That I may give my best service to home and country, I promise, God helping me, to abstain from the use of alcoholic beverages in any form."

have faced that the cause of freedom may be preserved, are indistinguishable. In the heart of every liberty-loving citizen is a grim determination that these sacrifices shall not be made in vain.

As an organization we are equipped for patriotic service. Our motto is, "For God and Home and Every Land." With an abiding faith that through Christ who strengthened us, we can do all things, we go forward in these dark and difficult days. Right is might and will be victorious in this world struggle.

On the Home Front the watch words are Conserve and Salvage, the slogan of the present time is "Back the Attack" and every citizen is urged to do his or her part to help win the war. No one could be better trained in a program of conservation than the members of this organization. For seventy years the Woman's Christian Temperance Union has worked to conserve men, food and wealth with a far-reaching educational program against the greatest destroyer of men, food and wealth.

By scientific investigation it has been proven that alcohol used in moderation decreases the efficiency, endurance and accuracy of the user. It impairs the coordination of the eye and hand that is needed in the most delicate operations of machines and guns. In the present war emergency the liquor industry is hindering the production of war materials and the prosecution of the war by affecting the efficiency, endurance and accuracy of war workers and the men in the armed forces.

In the very beginning of this war our president said that our greatest defense laid in the health of our nation. Statistics show that drunkenness has increased one hundred percent since repeal. "The cock-tail habit" said Dr. J. D. Rolleston, speaking before the Oxford Medical Society last year, "the most pernicious of all forms of drinking, is liable to give rise to a number of alimentary, nervous and cardiac-vascular disorders."

Now, we find that army medical records show that out of 3,836,000 young Americans that have been rejected as physically, mentally, and morally unfit for military service up to April 1st, 1944, 1,340,000 were so classified and labeled 4-F on psychoneurotic grounds. Besides this large number, scores of thousands of men have been and are now being discharged from all branches of the service because of psychoneurotic conditions developed while in the armed services. This condition can be brought on by many things, usually a combination

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of things; but the greatest cause—either singly or in combination with other causes—is ALCOHOL. This does not speak well for the health of our nation.

The present war demands not only physical strength but brain power, alertness, keen judgment, and self-control. No man has ever been rejected as unfit because of any physical, mental, or moral defect resulting from total abstinence from alcoholic beverages. Our nation is fighting for its very existence and for the sake of victory we must demand total abstinence in our armed forces and in civilian life.

Dr. Lawrence Kolb, of the U. S. Public Health Service, estimates that there are at least 200,000 individuals in the United States "whom alcohol has completely mastered," and that at any one time there are 1,000,000 or more potential chronic alcoholics. With such startling facts before us we fully agree with Abraham Lincoln, who declared, "The saloon and the liquor traffic have defenders but no defense."

Since the beginning of the present war there has been a tremendous increase in production of war materials—tanks, guns, ammunition, bombs, ships, airplane-carriers, and submarines. Industrial plants and factories that heretofore produced goods for civilian use have been converted into war industry and many new plants have been constructed by our government. Women as well as men have been drawn into defense work in order to speed up production. Into these congested areas, liquor shops and houses of prostitution have also flocked, with the result that employees are incapacitated for work and production is slowed up. If the War Labor Board really wants to speed up production, it would do well to advise a war time prohibition act to take effect at once.

In speaking on the problem of Absenteeism in defense plants, Paul V. McNutt, chairman of the War Manpower Commission, made this appeal to the American public: "The one thing America's war effort can not make to order is war manpower. Prevention of needless illness would salvage 80,000,000 days of lost manpower per year—enough to build 14 bombers, 10 dreadnaughts, and 33,000 tanks."

Needless illness can be defined as "Hangovers" due to weekend or nightly celebrations—too much drinking of legal liquor. It is a well known fact that there has been a terrific increase in liquor consumption especially in the war industrial communities. Detroit, Michigan is the center of one of two or three busiest war industrial areas in United States and this is what one of their citizens had to say about absenteeism and the reasons that lie behind it. "The real blame for absenteeism can be laid to booze. Hard working, patriotic men should not be compelled to stand around waiting until other men get sobered up."

"The Magma Copper company in Superior, Arizona, offered to produce an additional 250 tons of copper monthly if the entire working force would report on Monday. All bars in Superior were closed Sunday, September 27, 1942, and absences were reduced from 78 on Monday, September 21, to 48 on Monday, September 28. This is only one specific instance."

In addition to the problem of absenteeism is the great loss of man days by industrial accidents. In a speech given last year President Roosevelt counted 42,000,000 days lost in this way. He listed 19,200 fatalities in industry and more than 2,000,000 injuries. He said, "Among those who have been killed or disabled were men and women who could have helped build planes, tanks, ships and guns and added, "every preventable civilian accident diverts sorely needed medical care." He begged that more care be exercised to prevent this human waste and loss to the war effort but said nothing at all about the major contributing factor in these deaths and accidents. Mr. President has it within his power to stop this traffic, in interest of national defense and conservation of man-power. The rank and file of this nation have accepted all other regulations and limitations for the sake of victory. Physical fitness

is always a great asset to any nation but it is needed now more than ever. Sobriety is needed in winning this war but the high ranking officials in Washington have not recommended that drinking places be closed for the duration.

We are glad to co-operate in every way with the rationing program so that food and other essentials may be more evenly distributed. We have all learned that we can get along with less of everything and still be well fed and well clothed. We are asked to eliminate all waste. There is no greater waster or destroyer of food than the liquor traffic. The total consumption of legally sold, alcoholic beverages in this country ending June 30, 1943, was 2,367,736,596 gallons. It took 4,232,890,197 pounds of grain, 201,431,247 pounds of sugar and syrups and 832,489,331 pounds of fruit, to produce it. Even a share of that food would go a long way to help feed the people in the war torn nations who are hungry.

Through our newspapers and over the air, we are constantly reminded that all needless spending must cease and the money be put into war bonds. According to statistics the per capita expenditures for alcoholic beverages in our nation are \$30.86. Cost of legal and illicit liquors are estimated at \$4,532,093,925. Cost of liquor-bred waste, crime, disease inefficiency etc., more than \$4,000,000,000. Total gross cost to American people of legal and illicit liquor and liquor results are more than \$8,532,093,925. Taxes and license fees paid by liquor trade to Federal Government, State and local governments: approximately \$1,750,000,000. Paid to labor, to producers and for transportation, \$1,750,000,000. Total paid by liquor trade to people and government, \$3,500,000,000. Net loss to people of United States—\$5,032,093,925.

Why not eliminate this frightful waste immediately and ease the tax burden at this critical time? Money spent for liquor cannot buy bonds or help finance the war.

The war has disclosed that alcohol is not only wasting man-power, food and wealth but it is most privileged of all businesses in the present emergency. During the past two winters the people of this nation were asked to reduce the use of fuel and lighting in their homes, churches and schools, while more than 365,000 liquor outlets remained well heated and lighted until the early hours of morning. We are now facing a coal shortage and all home consumers have been requested to use less while this industry uses thousands of tons of coal; it uses up space in Lend-Lease ships that is sorely needed for war materials. Housewives are urged to save paper, grease and tin cans to aid in the war effort. According to the War Production Board, the brewers get the No. 10 cans (the gallon size) for stamping out bottle caps and turn back 50 percent to the Government after they have cut bottle caps from them.

The Wall Street Journal for April 4, 1944, reports: "Thirty soldiers and sailors abroad will get an estimated one billion cans of beer this year. Under the new WPB order releasing metal for canned beer for the Army overseas and Navy men off-shore duty, American Can Company's production lines are just beginning to roll, according to company officials, and before long more than 300 cans a minute will be turned out."

Think of the space this will take in crowded ships, while mothers are denied the privilege of sending their sons packages unless a written request can be shown to local postmaster, and then they must conform to government regulations in size and weight. We are all willing to help win the war, even to preserving food from Victory gardens in every possible device, but why grant special privileges to this particular industry, that the brewers may fatten their accounts?

In 1942 the distillers were ordered to cease distilling alcohol for beverage use and to produce industrial alcohol for the manufacture of essential war products. This was not a hardship for the distillers, for they had their plants and sufficient manpower and could continue to make profits. After months of demanding a holiday, the WPB granted a 30-day period to distill 50,000,000 gallons of beverage alcohol. There

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are about 275,000,000 gallons in bonded warehouses at the present time, which at present rate of drinking should last 36 months. Many other industries were forced to close their doors for the duration. Is this truly an "All out war effort?"

Our organization has gone on record as opposed to drafting women for employment in industry. We believe that there are sufficient workers in non-essential industries to meet all present labor and service needs. When the Man Power Commission was giving consideration to such a bill, the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union made this statement: "The best service a mother can render her children is to maintain the standard of her own life at its highest. Conscription would often place women into company of undesirable men and lead to drink and perhaps other bad habits. The dignity and purity of women must be maintained as a standard for society. Without it our entire moral fiber will be destroyed." The W. C. T. U. opposition is also based on the "probability" that conscription would not cease with the end of the war. Such controls, once established, tend to remain, the statement said.

Even with business as usual, the wets are carrying on a high pressure advertising program in press, magazines, on billboards and over the air. Every effort is made to give beer a place in the family diet thus reaching every member of the home. With their half-truths and misleading statements, they would have the public believe that beer is a harmless drink and deserves a place in the social life of every American home.

At a time like this when our nation is facing its most crucial hour, the liquor interests are sabotaging our American soldiers. While we are speeding up production of planes, ships and defense armaments of all kinds, while we are spending billions of dollars training our young men to actively defend us, this ruthless enemy from within is permitted to continue its assault upon all that is finest and best in America. Alcohol is dangerous and demoralizing in time of peace but even more so in war for it may bring defeat.

Ever since the peace time conscription act of 1940 was passed, the W. C. T. U. has worked unceasingly for a bill that would defend the men and women in the armed forces. The need is even greater today now that the teen-age boys are being drafted. Letters, petitions and telegrams have poured into the Congressional Halls of Washington from mothers, fathers, and right-thinking citizens urging that action be taken on S. 860, the Sheppard Bill. The 77th Congress adjourned without action after Brewery interests prevented a vote. This bill was re-introduced in the 78th Congress by Senator O'Daniel and given the same designation but so far no action has been taken. It has been reported in the Congressional Record that more requests for its passage have been presented to the Congress than for any other bill ever known. This information comes from our National president, Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith. The wets have continually opposed this bill and prevented its passage with the plea there should be nothing denied the service men which civilians may still have. It was with this thought in mind that Hon. Joseph R. Bryson introduced H. R. 2082. This bill provides for the prohibition of the manufacture, sale or transportation, importation or exportation, of any liquor beyond one-half of one percent alcoholic content.

This law would be effective for the duration of the war and for the period of demobilization which will follow the war.

The voice of the American churches has protested against the great waste of manpower, money, food, and character caused by this insidious foe. Too often protests are made and no action taken. United in purpose and action the Christian people of this nation could demand the passage of this bill and thus solve this problem.

There is however a vast difference between the attitude of our government in this war and in the last one. In World

War I, the Secretaries of Army and Navy favored the enforcement of the Anti-Canteen Law of 1901. That law, which is still in effect, makes it unlawful to sell any alcoholic beverages by any person in any post exchange or canteen or any army transport or upon any premises used for military purposes by the United States. The high ranking officers of the present war insist upon classifying beer as a non-intoxicating beverage and its sale is permitted in the present day army canteen. All distilled liquors were prohibited in all Officers Clubs of the United States, on January 25th, 1943 by General George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff of the Army. By this order the Anti-Canteen Law of 1901 is enforced in part but the sale of beer containing not more than 3.2 per cent is permitted to be sold in Officer's Clubs and canteens.

The Office of War Information released to press and radio, on December 30, 1943, a report on a coast to coast survey of drinking conditions in and around army camps. It contained many serious errors of fact and implication which served as a direct challenge to the thousands of Christian parents who had given their sons in defense of their country, but who deplored the conditions to which these sons were exposed. We do not say nor do we believe, that our army is a drunken army, but we are sincerely opposed to the liquor industry's attempt to make it such.

In their own "Brewers' Journal" of July 15, 1942 they made this statement: "Right now there is a big demand for beer for the service camps and for shipment to the armed forces that are on foreign soil. This has been a big help to many breweries in the bolstering of their sales." This would imply that the brewers are not making any sacrifices of profits that the war may be won. Fifteen percent of the beer manufactured this year is earmarked for the use of the armed forces.

Many of us remember, too well, the encouragement given to the armed forces of 1917 and '18, to acquire the tobacco habit. The same will be true in this war, for hundreds of thousands of cigarettes have been donated to non-smokers as well as smokers. Tobacco interests are looking to the future as well as the present. By creating an appetite now their profits in the future will be assured. Our schools and colleges require that athletes abstain from smoking and drinking for the sake of fitness and victory. How much more important it is to win this war. Our National President, Mrs. Ida Wise Smith has said. "An all out war effort demands sobriety and curtailment of wasteful activities. All nations which have been in this war longer than we, recognize the danger of alcoholic beverages. Canada has officially rationed liquor; Germany has restricted all alcoholic beverages, and England, Russia, Japan and other fighting nations also have government restrictions. Its about time the United States benefited by their experiences." On the same date that the WFB granted a "Holiday" to the Liquor Industry so that they could distill 50,000,000 gallons of whiskey, the English government refused an appeal by the brewers for an increased allotment of barley to increase the quantity and potency of beer. Wake up America, before it is too late.

There are many serious conditions facing us on the home front and probably one of the greatest of these, is the great increase in child delinquency. The stability of the home is threatened by that great urge to help win the war. Mothers as well as fathers are accepting jobs in war industries. The Manpower Commission reported about six million women in war industries before the end of 1943. Many of these women were mothers of children too young to be left without proper care. The shortage in manpower is not so great that any mother needs to neglect her home or children, when we have about a half a million men in non-essential industries. Judge Miles of Boston declared: "Mothers' jobs are to take care of their children—they ought to be making lives instead of dollars. We are not so short of manpower that our youngsters should be sacrificed on the altar of greed for more money—

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A Word to the Wise

Does the new heading for this column seem inappropriate? One of our finest women wrote that she enjoyed it, but did not feel that she was "in that class." Now listen! Any woman who belongs to the W. C. T. U. is certainly wise; far wiser than one who thinks she is too busy to join. Wise in finding the blessedness of the fellowship with other women of like minds in all churches. Wise in "putting first things first," in giving what she can of time and talents for making the paths of the world a safer place for the feet of the children. (Read the poem, "Our Road Building" in this issue.) Please never count yourselves as not "in that class!"

I fear that the gold star must be shining in the windows of many of our women by this time; I have included the names of sons of members of which I have learned, in the In Memoriam list this time, and will print others if they are sent to me.

The state president's annual address appears in this issue; be sure to read it. The next issue will contain the treasurer's annual report. The report of money received for the past three months is here; there may be some repetitions as this long time between reports makes it hard for the treasurer.

This is the last issue of the paper that will reach you before the fall elections. Be sure to read and remember what Mrs. Darling says about voting, in her address; do not fail to vote on the proposed law to separate the places of sale of liquor and food in North Dakota.

It takes time to get things running smoothly when changes are made; I am grateful to those who have reported failure to receive the paper. If you know of others who did not get the new issue—(July-August) please notify Mrs. Fossum. The

treasurer is the one who sends the names to the publisher. Also, please tell her promptly when your address is changed; every notice from the postoffice costs the state two cents, and the notices count up, in the course of a year. You can tell her on a one-cent card.

I thank all those who have sent me news from their unions for this time; won't you give me more for the next issue? Our state convention will be over by the time you read this, and I hope I will have seen many of you there. It is a great pleasure to meet you face to face; the only drawback is that the meetings keep us so busy that we have little time for visiting. Truly "The King's business requires haste," but as we absorb the information and inspiration gained in such a meeting, we snatch the moments of joyful companionship that we can get without neglecting work. So we fill the storehouse of memory.

We can have 100 percent observance of the November Roll Call this year? Since our next paper will not be out before that month ends, we are reminding you of it now. May every union get away to a good start for another year of usefulness.

Your friend,

ELIZABETH C. BEASLEY.

In Memoriam

"At the end of the road

There is a gate to gardens fair;

A place of rest and quietness,

With sunshine everywhere.

Where hearts at last are free from pain

And sorrow's crushing load.

Where loved ones wait in peace for us,

At the end of the road."

—Author Unknown.

1st Sgt. Oscar Lystad, son of Mrs. K. Lystad of the Minot union, was killed in action in Italy.

1st Lt. George Maurice Reinholdt, son of Mrs. George C. Reinholdt of Sawyer, lost his life in a bomber crash in Texas.

Sgt. Jay Pilgrim, son of Mrs. William Pilgrim of Appam, was killed in action in France July 5th. Memorial services were held at Appam August 6th, and the Stady-Zahl union made a gift in memory of the young man, for the support of the Safety School on Wheels.

Mrs. Frank Coombs, Picardsville, a member of Anamoose Union, and mother-in-law of the president, Mrs. W. F. Coombs, passed away July 12 at the age of 83. She stood for the right.

Mrs. Esther Ford Porter of Calvin, sister of our beloved Mrs. Catherwood, was called home in August after several weeks of illness. For years a faithful worker in the Calvin union and as an officer of the district, she also served as Sunday School superintendent, Bible class teacher, Presbyterian treasurer, Synodical treasurer and president of the missionary society. The union of her old home town, Park River, made a gift to the Safety School on Wheels in her memory. Her husband, John Porter, died in March, 1943.

The sympathy of our membership is extended to those bereaved in the passing of these friends.

A Prayer

O God, for another day, for another morning, for another hour, for another minute, for another chance to live and serve Thee, I am truly grateful. Do Thou this day free me:

From fear of the future;

From anxiety of the morrow;

From bitterness toward anyone;

From cowardice in face of danger;

From laziness in face of work;

From failure before opportunity;

From weakness when Thy power is at hand.

But fill me with:

Love that knows no barrier;

Courage that cannot be shaken;

Faith strong enough for the darkness;

Strength sufficient for my tasks;

Loyalty to Thy Kingdom's goal;

Wisdom to meet life's complexities;

Power to lift men unto Thee.

Be Thou with me for another day and use me as Thou wilt; in Christ's name I pray. Amen.

Used by permission. —Wallace Fridy in the Upper Room.

Treasurer's Report

June 15—September 15

Dues: Edinburg 1, Alamo 10, Park River 2, Grand Forks 14, Fargo Scandinavian 62, Grafton 21, Powers Lake 12, Prosper 24, Bismarck 1, Cavalier 1, Minot 3, Fargo 23, Northwood 3, McKenzie 2, Ellendale 5, Flasher 2, Rugby 21, Mott 3, New Rockford 9, Sawyer 2, Jamestown 4, Underwood 9.

WILLARD MEMBERS: 18.

L. T. L.: Larimore 58, Bowesmont 30, Wheatland 15, Absaraka 10, Casselton 5, Prosper 11, Williston 18.

BUDGET: Edinburg \$14.00, Stanley \$15.00, Ellendale \$4.00, Rugby \$23.00, Langdon \$16.00, Calvin \$10.00, Underwood \$9.00.

LITERATURE and SUPPLIES: \$31.23.

DISTRICT PLEDGES: Northeast \$10.00, Grand Forks \$15.00, Hettinger \$10.00, Northwest \$10.00, Ransom-LaMoure \$10.00, Devils Lake \$7.60, New Rockford \$5.00, James-Valley \$10.00, Bismarck \$10.00, Minot \$20.00.

MEMORIAL MEMBERSHIP: Parshall \$10.00. for Mrs. Henry Geving.

CONTINUING MEMBERSHIPS: Mrs. Beasley \$10.00, Wm. Langer \$10.00.

DISTRICT CONVENTION OFFERINGS: \$96.90.

NARCOTIC EDUCATION: Grafton \$2.00, Parshall \$3.00, Northeast District \$5.00, Miss M. Estelle Nash \$10.00, Flasher \$2.00, Hatton \$2.00.

LIGHT LINE UNIONS: Jamestown \$6.75, Minot \$6.75, Cavalier \$6.75.

RED CROSS BLOOD BANK: \$3.00

SAFETY SCHOOL ON WHEELS: Dickey \$5.00, Northeast District \$5.00, Ransom-LaMoure \$10.00, Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson \$10.00, Fargo Scandinavian \$10.00. Memorial gifts for this fund: Stady-Zahl for Sgt. Jay Pilgrim, \$5.00; Park River for Mrs. John Porter, \$5.00.

Ambulance Fund: Prosper \$5.07.

CHINA RELIEF: Fargo \$5.00.

NOONTIDE HOUR OF PRAYER

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

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

Minot District

Mrs. Frank T. Brooks, Minot, president of the Minot district W. C. T. U., and other officers were reelected at the annual district convention held in Minot Tuesday, May 23, 1944, when Mrs. Bessie M. Darling of Grand Forks, state president, was the guest speaker.

A plea of total abstinence was made by Mrs. Darling in the address she gave Tuesday evening at Vincent Methodist church, where the day's sessions were held.

Officers with Mrs. Brooks are Mrs. E. O. Lerberg, Parshall, vice president; Mrs. N. R. Heinzen, Plaza, recording secretary; Mrs. John Bradley, Minot, corresponding secretary; Mrs. A. S. Dwelle, Minot, treasurer.

Holding "that the character of our citizens is the most effective line of defense," the convention adopted resolutions asking members to be alert to moral conditions in their respective communities; urging education "against the danger of moderate drinking," deploring cigaret smoking and condemning gambling in all forms.

Mrs. George Campbell, Minot, was chairman of the resolutions committee.

Mrs. Brooks, who presided at the convention, also conducted a memorial service at the afternoon session for First Sgt. Oscar Lystad of Minot, killed in action in Italy, and First Lieut. George Maurice Reinholdt of Sawyer, who lost his life in a bomber crash in Texas. Mothers of the two men, Mrs. K. Lystad of Minot and Mrs. George C. Reinholdt of Sawyer, are members of the W. C. T. U.

The war mothers' prayer service, which formed the open-

ing devotions for the convention, was led by Mrs. George Mounce of Minot.

Delegates from the various branches of the district located at Minot, Makoti, Parshall, Plaza, Sawyer and Underwood were present for the meeting.

Grand Forks District

The 34th annual convention of Grand Forks district W. C. T. U. was held in the Presbyterian church at Larimore on "D-Day," June 6, 1944. The day was perfect and attendance good. The district president, Mrs. George S. Muir was in the chair; Mrs. Kate S. Wilder led the flag salute and the usual opening exercises were followed by devotions led by Mrs. George Mowry of Larimore. Reports and business, with a fine address by Mrs. Muir followed. Reports showed excellent work done. A memorial service was conducted by Mrs. W. G. Dickson of Gilby, and vocal selections were given by Mesdames E. W. Tie, Wamheim, and G. L. Thompson of Hatton. The United Lutheran Ladies Aid served a fine noon lunch at the county hospital, with Mrs. C. E. Aaker as the gracious hostess.

Mrs. Henry Halverson led devotions in the afternoon. Welcoming addresses were given by Dr. Haugen from the city. Rev. Soderholm from the churches, Supt. Reiton from the schools and Mrs. Soderholm from the hostess union. All praised the W. C. T. U. for helping youth to know the evils of alcoholic liquors. Mrs. S. O. Nelson of Northwood gave the response. Excellent papers were given by Mrs. Smedsrud of Hatton on "The New Crusade for Home Protection"; Mrs. Martin Berg on "Pressing On with Youth"; and Mrs. Soreng on "Our Publications and Literature." "The W. C. T. U.'s Patriotic Service" was presented by Mrs. Wilder.

A fine banquet was served by the Ladies Aid of the Presbyterian church at 6 o'clock. An Invasion Day prayer service preceded the evening session, during which four pastors offered fervent prayers for the welfare of our nation and the world. A gold medal contest was held; the winner was Judy Jacobi of Grand Forks. Mrs. C. E. Soderholm sang a solo and Mrs. Kate S. Wilder gave a fine address. Officers for the new year are Mrs. George S. Muir, President; Mrs. G. L. Thompson, Vice President; Mrs. O. J. Oswald, Recording Secretary; Mrs. C. E. Soderholm, Corresponding Secretary and Mrs. J. W. Scott, Treasurer.

Devils Lake District

The 50th annual convention of the Devils Lake district W. C. T. U. met on Monday, June 12, at the Methodist church in Rock Lake. Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, state vice president, was guest of honor and speaker. Two local unions Calvin and Rock Lake, were represented at the convention. The afternoon session opened with a devotional service led by Mrs. W. W. Lehman. The pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Mrs. Maude Mateer. Mrs. Wilder was introduced, made a member of the convention and responded with a short talk. The usual business of reports was carried out and a vocal solo was given by Mrs. W. D. Crawford of Calvin. There was a general discussion of "Our Money" led by Mrs. C. A. Jahnke. A vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. Edna Duguid of Cando for her letter of greeting to the convention and her generous gift to the district. Officers for the coming year are Mrs. C. A. Jahnke, president; Mrs. Elias Porter, vice president; Mrs. E. Langley, secretary; Mrs. C. Langley, treasurer.

Between the afternoon and evening sessions a buffet supper was served in the church dining room. The "golden anniversary" theme was carried out in menu and decorations and the programs were printed on gold colored paper. The treasured record of past meetings of this district, containing the complete minutes of all meetings from 1905 to 1942 inclusive, was on display during the convention.

The minutes of the organization meeting, held in Cando in 1894, were also on display and were read at the evening session by Mrs. Maude Mateer who acted as secretary at that important meeting.

The devotional service at the evening meeting was conducted by Mrs. Wm. Logan of Clyde. The Rock Lake Girls' Choir sang several selections.

It was decided by the convention to change the district name to its original one, First District.

Following brief talks by members, Mrs. Kate S. Wilder gave the address of the evening. Her topic was "The Home Front" and her remarks were inspiring and practical.

Calvin WCTU will entertain the district meeting next year.

Mrs. E. J. Langley, Sec. First District.

Notes From the Unions

The Grafton union held its annual meeting and election of officers at the Gust Carlson home August 24, with Miss Hulda Carlson hostess. Mrs. Alec Fraser was elected president, Mrs. Donald Dike vice president, to replace Mr. A. M. Herbison and Mrs. Ethel Kielely respectively, who have served for four years. Mrs. A. G. Strand, secretary and Miss Hulda Carlson, treasurer, were re-elected. Mrs. Fraser appointed a full corps of department directors, as follows: Child Welfare, Mrs. A. E. Place; Christian Citizenship, Mrs. Ethel Kielely; Devotions, Mrs. H. Klungness; Flower Mission, Mrs. Ida Thorstenson; Religious Education, Mrs. Lillian Tverberg; Scientific Temperance Instruction, Miss Hulda Carlson; Social Morality and Motion Pictures, Mrs. D. M. Upham; Posters and Speech Contests, Mrs. Nancy Williamson; Soldiers and Sailors, Miss Ruth Nelson; Pianist, Mrs. Vera D. Carlson; Publicity, Mrs. Lina Herbison. The new publicity woman says that with these in charge, they hope to have an active and interesting year, fulfilling some of the requirements of the state and national organizations.

Mrs. W. F. Coombs, president of the Anamoose union writes that because of their widely scattered membership, it is difficult to hold regular meetings, but they have circulated petitions, written letters to congressmen, and kept going. They hold a season of prayer at each meeting.

Hannah Union recently had a visit from the district president, Mrs. Bessie M. Ordahl of Edinburg.

Langdon Union met September 11 at the home of Mrs. T. B. Lindsay. Mrs. F. C. Rector led the devotions. Officers were installed, with Mrs. Duncan Matheson reading the ritual. Mrs. Cecil A. Bone is the new president, Mrs. R. E. Forkner, vice president, Mrs. Wm. Overby, secretary and Mrs. F. C. Rector, treasurer. Vice presidents from each of three churches are Mrs. Fletcher Forester, Methodist; Mrs. T. B. Lindsay, Presbyterian and Mrs. G. W. Bergland, Evangelical.

Nekoma's August meeting was at the home of Mrs. T. O. Thompson, with several guests present. Mrs. J. G. Stewart led devotions and Mrs. Carl W. Holm gave a fine talk on a religious theme. Mrs. Clarence Christopherson played her own accompaniment on the guitar and sang "A Picture of Life's Other Side" and "What Will Your Answer Be?" The women went sliding home in the mud, after a heavy shower. The September meeting was held at the Lutheran parsonage. Mrs. Swen Helland led devotions. Plans were made for work during the fall and winter. Several members gave readings, and a duet by Shirley Lillico and Sylvia Brown was much enjoyed.

Mrs. S. O. Nelson writes from Northwood that their union held a picnic in the park in July. Their work continues as usual.

Personal Mention

Mrs. A. M. Herbison of Grafton has been visiting relatives in Brainerd and Pillager, Minn.

Mrs. Barbara H. Wylie and Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson spent a happy two days together in August at the home of Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, in Grand Forks.

Mrs. E. J. Langley of Rock Lake finds that it takes quite a bit of time to answer letters from seven daughters in seven widely separated states, but she sent a fine story of their district convention.

Mrs. Clara G. Steele of Raleigh, had a bad fall sometime ago and has to use crutches, is to be in Hubbard, Ore., for a time. She sent a subscription to the state paper, and a donation also; she says "As long as life lasts, I will do all I can to help the Temperance cause."

Those who learned to know and love Miss Roena E. Shaner when she was in North Dakota last year will be glad to know that she is somewhat better, though still unable to work or go out.

Undoubtedly our membership has many proud grandmothers, but not all of them report to the editor. Mrs. Kate S. Wilder helped welcome Donald Selby Holand when he came to live with Attorney and Mrs. Roy A. Holand at LaMoure last spring. Mrs. Bessie M. Ordahl, president of Northeast district,

went to Minot recently to meet a new granddaughter. Mr. and Mrs. Iver Fossum, Fargo, have at their home their daughter and son. Daniel Clark Blomquist, who arrived in August while his chaplain father, Capt. Alrik N. Blomquist was on his way overseas. Dr. and Mrs. Harry Tisdale of Grand Forks entertained their daughter Patricia Gregord and her new son, David, this summer. Dr. and Mrs. Gregord and the wee boy are now visiting in Milbank, South Dakota, while he waits for his call to report to the army.

The Park River union gave a chicken dinner in the parlors of the Federated church in honor of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Cross, who are retiring from the farm this fall. Mrs. Annie F. Catherwood presided during the program, and Mrs. Cross, who has been the very efficient president of the local union for years, was presented with a purse of money. Their son, Lt. Norman Cross and wife and their daughter, Lillian, were at home from the west for a visit and were present, as was Miss Violette Verry of Fargo, sister of Mrs. Cross. Our state director of Publicity and her husband plan to spend the winter in the west; we selfishly hope they will find that they like North Dakota best! The value of the work Mrs. Cross has done for temperance in our state particularly her newspaper columns, can never be estimated; we all would like to share in expressing our appreciation of her service.

Mrs. N. R. Heinzen of Plaza, recording secretary of Minot district, spent most of the summer at Emmet, N. D.

After her school closed in the spring, the busy hands of Mrs. S. O. Nelson of Northwood found time to help cut potatoes for planting and send in the story of the district convention, along with many other duties. A month's visit from her daughter, Margaret, who is a nurse in San Francisco, was a great pleasure.

The many friends of Mrs. Fred M. Wanner, former state president, will be glad to know that she went to Rio, Wisconsin in July, where she visited with her three sisters in the new home of two of them, who live together. In August her daughter, Mrs. Sweetman, came from New York, and a family reunion was held.

Mrs. Lulu Wylie Zimmerman, former president of James Valley district, and state director, stopped over in Valley City for a few days on her way back to Seattle. She had come east to attend the wedding of her son, Dr. Wayne Zimmerman. The Valley City folks gave a royal welcome to their former leader. Mrs. Zimmerman plans to be with her daughter, Mrs. Peers, in British Columbia for a time.

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while children are running wild, piling up the crime records of law enforcement agencies."

If we win the war and then neglect to develop resolute citizens for tomorrow we will lose the battle on the home-front. The emotional strain that is common in wartime, affects out children as well, and they become restless. There never was a time when youth needed sympathetic understanding, discipline, guidance and care as much as in the present time. J. Edgar Hoover of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, blames liquor and lax parental control for the sharp increases in arrests of girls under 21. In citing official figures, he revealed that the total arrests of teen-age girls during the first half of 1943 exceeded the same period in 1942 by 64.7 per cent.

Leading the increase were offenses against decency—drunkenness, vagrancy, disorderly conduct and prostitution. The rise in arrests for these crimes were 89.5 per cent. Crimes against property increased 30.8 per cent during the same period. Total arrests of girls under 21 from January through June, 1943, were 9,915. The figure for the same period of 1942 was 6,020, and for the full 12 months of 1941, 9,675.

Among the boys the picture was equally dark, when one considers the hundred of thousands of boys under 21 who have gone into the armed forces. Arrests for assaults increased 17 per cent; for carrying concealed weapons, 15 per cent; for disorderly conduct 26 per cent and for drunkenness 30 per cent.

Mr. Hoover says, "Unless we meet and conquer it, crime among our teen-age youth will stain our cause and shadow our victory."

More alarming still is the increase in venereal disease among boys and girls in many parts of our country. In an article appearing in the May issue, 1943, of the Reader's Digest,

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the writer stated that a year ago 75 percent of the venereal infection in the armed forces in the United States could be traced to professional prostitutes. Today, eighty percent of it comes from young casuals and amateurs.

Much of the blame for these conditions rests with the American home. In many instances the parents have failed to train their children in the principles of honesty, integrity and patriotism. Mothers and fathers need to become more conscious of the importance of family life; if we are to have a better life after the war we must meet the situation and save our youth.

We, who believe in teaching our children the principles of Truth, Reverence, Purity and Total Abstinence can do something for the youth of our state. The Loyal Temperance Legion and Youth's Temperance Council are character building organizations in which we must enlist our children and young people. We must strengthen this work in every community by reaching the youth with facts about alcohol and all its attending evils. "Know the Truth and the Truth shall set you free." With proper education and training along these lines, every young person will be able to protect himself or herself from those things that will undermine their health and demoralize their character.

There is an alarming tendency throughout our country as well as in our own state to break down the laws protecting women and children in industry. Due to the shortage in manpower, longer hours are advocated for women in industry and lowering of age so as to permit children to work. We must carefully guard and strengthen the laws to protect women in industry and child labor laws. It took years of education to secure these protective laws, so let us not allow any invasion of them under the cloak of patriotism. In some sections of our nation, efforts are being made to lower the age limit at which young people can enter and patronize drinking places. Liquor is always a contributing factor in delinquency therefore we must strengthen all laws in regard to minors and demand enforcement of them.

We, the citizens of North Dakota, can do something for our youth at the November election. The United Temperance Movement in co-operation with churches and our own organization has initiated a measure to be voted on at our General election. This measure will make it unlawful to sell any alcoholic beverages in connection with any other commodity except soft drinks and tobacco. Two years ago a similar measure was submitted to the voters of our state and lost by 1684 votes. This time the Christian people are determined to win, and they can win if every one will help in the campaign to get the voters to the polls and to distribute the literature. Every voter must be reached with information on the measures, so that they can go to the polls and vote intelligently. We must not fail the second time. This measure is not a prohibitory law, but it will help to safe-guard our youth. Under existing laws many towns do not have a dry restaurant or cafe where young people can go for their "snacks" after school parties. Until such a time as we can liberate our state from this sordid business, let us insist that the liquor business be carried on by itself and not be mixed up with every other kind of business.

North Dakota is one of eleven states that does not have a local option law of any kind. The other states are, Arizona, California, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, South Carolina, Nevada, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming. In many states that have a local option law, the people can not express their views on beer, because the sale of beer of alcoholic content from 3.2 up to 6 percent is legal and has been nullified from any local option vote. Our organization has always favored a county or local option law so that small communities may have an opportunity to ban the sale of alcoholic beverages including beer. It is hoped that at the next legislative session in our state,

some action will be taken to secure such a law and that it will include beer of 3.2 or more alcoholic content.

There is a note of encouragement in the report that 4651 areas in the United States now ban the sale of hard liquor (distilled beverages) and beer is banned in 3482. These areas embrace 914 counties, of which 182 are in Kansas and Oklahoma, both prohibition states and 732 in 15 other states. 1577 cities and towns in 20 states exclusive of Kansas and Oklahoma and 2160 districts, towns and precincts in 6 states.

True, these are difficult days, but we must match our devotion with that of our brave lads who have given up all that life holds dear, that we may continue to enjoy the American way of life.

When war was declared no woman's organization was better equipped for patriotic service than the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Years of training in service for humanity had made them specialists in this great work. The total of the W. C. T. U. donations to the Red Cross for the past two years amounts to \$42,350 with which the Red Cross has purchased and sent into the field a group of twenty-five vehicles, consisting of eleven ambulances, four mobile blood bank units, six mobile canteens, three station wagons equipped for ambulance duty and one clubmobile.

The Safety School on Wheels—a project that is wholly sponsored by the W. C. T. U.—has traveled all over our country and brought the truth about alcohol to hundreds of thousands of our service men. It is a project that should command the interest and support of every local union in our nation.

Our women have given freely of their time in sewing, and knitting for the Red Cross and in making surgical dressings.

They have responded generously to the call to purchase bonds and stamps and have volunteered their assistance in promoting the sale of the same. They have also helped in numerous drives for funds in interest of the war effort. Interest is maintained in the men and women who have gone into the service. Letters, cards and other remembrances are sent them and many have assisted at local community recreation centers for service men and women.

As we give of our service to help win the war, we must plan for the post-war period with its new problems and adjustments. Many of our national leaders are looking with anxiety to what is to come after the war. Many peace plans have been proposed and it would be well for our members to give them careful study. We, who call ourselves Christians, know that a peace that is founded upon the principles set forth by Christ, is the only peace that can be just and enduring. The claims of humanity must be recognized and the selfishness and greed of a few must be suppressed.

Our greatest responsibility at this critical time is to redouble our efforts to rid our country of this accursed thing—the Liquor Traffic—and to help keep alive the moral and spiritual forces in our land.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union is the one organization in which Christian women of all denominations can work together for social reform and betterment. In our organization there is an opportunity for every Christian woman to work for those things that are close to every mother-heart—Child Welfare, Health, Social Morality, Flower Mission and Relief, Soldiers and Sailors, International Relations for Peace, Religious Education, Scientific Temperance Instruction, etc. Because of these opportunities, we invite the Christian women of our state to join with us in the New Crusade for Home Protection. In the coming year we must increase our membership in every district, then go into unorganized territories and establish new unions. The strength of our organization lies in the local union. Unless these small groups meet regularly and carry out the full program of our work with its great departments, we will fail miserably and when the war is over the work will have to be built all over again.

We need not do this in our own strength for we have this promise, "He giveth power to the faint." Isaiah has told us

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Gnawing at National Efficiency

North of the Border, according to the American Business Men's Research Foundation of Chicago, Americans recognize the liquor traffic to be a cause of absenteeism, accidents, social unrest, a waster of raw material, and a cause of crime. The Canadian government has boldly taken the stand that the less drinking Canada does, the better will be its war effort. This is not a moral or a religious move; it is simply a tremendously successful economic and war time treatment of the age old problem. The Canadian Government through its leader, Premier King, advocates temperance, it limits saloons to eight hours a day; it forbids all liquor advertising by radio, movies, newspapers and magazines. Its governmental policy is to decrease during war time the use of intoxicating liquor.

South of the border, the Government of the United States has issued no warning statement against the use of liquor. Saloons stay open from 16 to 20 hours a day; liquor advertising is unlimited; the strength of the drink is unlimited; restrictions on ordinary business are sometimes softened (for a while at least) for the brewer and the distiller. and this kindly attitude of Uncle Sam is neither a moral, a social or an economic move. No word of justification can be found for it. And a horde of rats are gnawing at our national efficiency.

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the secret of renewed strength, "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint."

So let us rededicate ourselves to greater activity for God and Home and every land. We will press on to the goal of our endeavor in prayer, education, organization and legislation

until victory is won—victory for Righteousness, Decency, Justice, Sobriety, and Peace.

"Sky-ward lift the banner of the New Crusade, God is still above us, still will give us aid. Faith must never falter, courage never cease, Till a twice won victory brings the world release. Lo, our foes, divided, struggle on the brink; Triumph may be near us, nearer than we think. Sky-ward lift our banner let the glad songs swell, Nothing can dismay us, God Lives, all is well."

Our Road Building

"We shall not travel by the road we make. Ere day by day, the sounds of many feet Are heard upon the stones that now we break, We shall be come to where the crossroads meet. For us the heat of day, the cold by night, The inch-slow progress and the heavy load, And death at last, to end the long grim fight With man and beast and stone. For them, the road. For them, the shade of trees that now we plant, The safe, smooth, journey and the final goal. Yea, birthright in a land of covenant. For us, the labor, travail of the soul. And yet, the road is ours as never theirs. Is not one gift on us alone bestowed? For us, the Master joy! O Pioneers! We shall not travel, but we make the road."

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