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"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH"

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Mrs. H. E. Mielke

## The President's Letter

Dear Comrades:

It was a joy to be together again at a state convention. A wonderful spirit of Christian fellowship prevailed throughout that three day gathering. We were greatly blessed by having our two living past presidents with us for the entire convention. Mrs. Fred M. Wanner president at the banquet with her usual wit and charm. Her very presence helped to make our convention a success. Our Honorary president, Mrs. Elizabeth P. Anderson gave an inspirational and forceful address at the banquet and brought us all to the mountain top in her devotional service on Thursday night. These two leaders have endeared themselves to the White-Ribboners of our state by their service and loyalty to our common cause and we rejoice that they were able to be with us again.

A change was made in the General Officers this year. We regret the retirement at her own request, of Mrs. Kate S. Wilder as vice president, who has so ably served the North Dakota WCTU in one office or another for forty years. She was elected to the vice-presidency at our Golden Jubilee anniversary at the same time that you elected me to the presidency. She is well known throughout our state and nation as an able leader and has rendered valuable service to our organization in every office that she has held. We know that in her we will always have a tried and true friend and that she will continue to render service. You have proven your worth dear Kate, we love you and wish you well.

We welcome to our official family Mrs. H. E. Mielke, the new state vice president, whose home is at 1375 - 10th Ave. North, Fargo. Mrs. Mielke is also well known in our state. She served as president of Minot district for many years and is well trained

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## Call to Prayer

Our National WCTU President, Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, sends out the following call for prayer for Sunday afternoon, January 7, 1945.

National Woman's Christian Temperance Union Call for Prayer, Sunday afternoon, January 7, 1945.

"If my people which are called by my name shall humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways then will I hear from Heaven and will forgive their sins and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7-14.

PRAY for our loved ones, especially those who are absent from us in our country's service.

PRAY for those whose loved ones have made the supreme sacrifice.

PRAY for the wounded, the ill and the suffering all over the world.

PRAY for the homeless, the hungry, the destitute, the fearful.

PRAY for the victims not only of war but of the liquor traffic and its ravages.

PRAY that God will forgive us the sin we have committed in legalizing the liquor traffic.

PRAY for outlawry of war and the drink evil.

PRAY for peace and sobriety, for good will among all men.

PRAY for the infilling of God's Spirit and a renewed consecration to the Temperance Cause.

—L. G. M.

## President's Letter

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in leadership. She was elected to the state vice presidency in 1933 and served until her removal from our state.

I trust that you will extend to her the consideration and co-operation that you have always shown your state officers. Welcome Mrs. Mielke, thrice welcome.

To all acting district presidents and new state directors, we extend a warm welcome. Let us all strive to do our own work well and extend to our co-workers our heartiest co-operation. That is the secret of success for all organized work.

We must now strive to make our new year one of the greatest in our history. I hope that every union will devote part of one meeting to reading and studying the president's recommendations that were adopted at the state convention and are your working program for this year. You will find them in this issue of our Bulletin and also in the new "State Minutes" which we hope will soon be off the press. Please NOTE the five year program that has been recommended in anticipation of the 60th anniversary of our organization in 1949.

If these goals are to be attained there must be concerted effort made by each individual member. Each union can estimate its own quota for the \$3000 Narcotic Education Fund by multiplying last year's membership by three. If a union consists of 25 members, their quota would be \$75. This sum must be raised before September 1st, 1949, over and above dues, budget or other yearly obligations. This is the logical time to raise extra funds and every union should attempt to do so at once. This money will be used in education work for the youth of our state. We can bring experts in this work into our schools if we secure the funds necessary to promote the work. Why bemoan the present conditions unless you are willing to do something about it? Are we going to do all in our power to reach the youth of our state with the Truth about Alcohol? It is our only hope for the future.

You will also note in the Recommendations that a "Child's Honorary Membership" can be purchased for five dollars, the full amount to go into the Narcotic Education Fund. A shower of these memberships were received at the convention and their names with donor's name will appear in our Bulletin soon. Any one having a favorite child that they would like to honor in this way, may also help her own union to reach its quota because the amount will be credited to the union of which the donor is a member. Who will be the next to help in this way?

Our membership drive begins January first but all members secured since October first (the beginning of our fiscal year) can be counted. Our new State Vice-president, Mrs. H. E. Mielke is our membership chairman this year. To meet the goal that Mother National has set for us, we must secure 471 new members including W. C. T. U., Iota Sigma WCTU and YTC girls. If every one would assist in this drive that number could easily be secured but many of our members never bring in a single new member. Wear your White Ribbon with pride and invite others to join that they may enjoy the same privilege and at the same time support a very worthy cause. Help put North Dakota over the top in membership this year, we need your assistance. National also recommends that we secure 71,000 new dues paying LTL members this year. North Dakota must do her part and secure her rightful share of this number. We have a very able General Secretary, Mrs. J. W. Frisbie, but she is helpless unless we all cooperate and get the children in our own community. It is not hard to get the children but we do lack leaders. We must reach our children if we would change conditions in the future. This is one way to render service—who will volunteer first?

Miss Lenadell Wiggins, National General Secretary of LTL, was our guest at the state convention and explained this plan; she is eagerly looking forward to welcoming 71,000 new dues paying members by October 1st, 1945. She is well known in our

## NOONTIDE HOUR OF PRAYER

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

state as she has visited us on numerous occasions, so she was enthusiastically received in Valley City and we hope she will come again soon. Let us begin at once to win new members for LTL and let us use this slogan "A Legion in every union in 1945." Everybody can help and unless we do our part the whole plan will fail miserably. Can we count on you???

The first of January our new governor will take office and the state Legislature will meet again. I hope you will watch their proceedings and give unlimited support to your new legislative director, Mrs. Kate S. Wilder. We regret that the initiated measure was defeated again with approximately the same majority as two years ago. The vote was close and even though we were not victorious we are grateful for the fine supporting vote. It was gratifying to have so many pastors of all denominations enter into the campaign with a grim determination to win. It is however very evident that we still have Christian people who are willing to believe half truths and misleading statements of the wets. Let us take fresh courage and Press On, for Victory will be ours some glad day.

When this reaches you, you will be planning for the greatest of all days—the Birthday of the Christ-child. In the midst of war when families are so scattered, it is difficult to make the usual preparations but war and its hatred cannot kill wholly what God has planted deep in the human heart—affection for our fellowmen. As we read again the beautiful Christmas story may we be drawn closer in Christian love and fellowship. In the tumult and darkness of our present world the Light is still shining, "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son."—Jesus is called "the Gift of God;" He gave His life for man's redemption and His gift to as many as will receive it, is everlasting life.

Are we willing to dedicate our bodies a living sacrifice, consecrated and acceptable to God? Are we willing to follow His example and give our selves in service to others? If we are, then God's great gift of His Son becomes more real and precious, as we again celebrate the season of His birth.

May the Peace of God that passeth all understanding be with you now and evermore, is my Christmas wish to each one of you.

Yours in loving service,

Bessie M. Darling

## These Remain

How can the heart give grateful thanks to-day?  
How can it lift a glad Thanksgiving song?  
The question sounds through every prayer we pray;  
Our vision is obscured by so much wrong.  
But still the morning comes and night, and noon;  
The earth is steadied by God's guiding hand,  
The lovely silver stars, the sun, the moon  
Swing undeterred above the sea and land.  
And love remains the same; a mother's love,  
A father's love, a child's love for its own.  
There is so much we should be mindful of  
This day—so much of good that we have known—  
That still our praise should lift, our song should rise  
Clear as the sun above the clouds of war.  
We should be mindful of each shining gift;  
There is so much, dear God, to thank Thee for.

—Grace Noll Crowell

## In Memoriam

Out of the chill and the shadow  
 Into the thrill and the shine!  
 Out of the dearth and famine  
 Into the fullness Divine!  
 Out of the sigh and the silence  
 Into the deep-swelling song!  
 Out of the exile and bondage  
 Into the home-gathered throng.  
 —Margaret Sangster.

Mrs. John Underdahl, of the Minot union, has lost the second son, Milton H., during the fighting in Germany.

Mrs. L. C. Johnson, a helpful member of the Fargo union for many years, passed away November 7, while she slept, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Martin in Arlington, Minn. Mrs. Martin, who is her oldest daughter, and the Misses Verna and Ida Johnson, Fargo teachers, survive with several grandchildren.

Mrs. W. J. Phair, who has been an invalid confined to her bed for nearly ten years, was released from her bodily ills November 14. Her husband died just a year before, and since then she has lived with her daughter, Mrs. Mildred Jurgens. Mrs. Phair was the devoted and efficient president of the Park River union for a quarter of a century, giving the best years of her life in this work. She is survived by two sons, two daughters and several grandchildren.

Mrs. Alice Miller Rager, resident of New Rockford since 1887, passed into the Beyond late in September at the age of 85. She was the third postmaster of that city, and was always interested in civic matters. She was one of the prime movers in the organization of the W.C.T.U. there in 1888, serving as the first treasurer of the union; later she was president for several years. She has helped secure signatures for petitions, year after year; one who loved her says of her, "She was a good scout." Her husband, John W. Rager, died in 1928.

We extend sympathy to all who are bereaved in the passing of these. It seems fitting that Mrs. Moe's poem should follow here.

## Life's Autumn

Alone. No, not alone, for though I cannot touch your hand  
 I close my eyes and see your face;  
 And often through the busy day I hear you calling  
 And know I ne'er shall lose you from your place.  
 Sometimes I feel your presence close beside me  
 And turn to speak, so near you seem—  
 A question trembles on my lips that only you might answer,  
 And then I wake as from a dream.  
 Not time, but Love can heal the scars of sorrow,  
 For Love knows neither death nor time.  
 Imperfect here perhaps, but yet immortal,  
 Leading us on to life sublime.

—Maud H. Meloy Moe, Valley City.

## Notes From the Unions

Mrs. C. LeRette reports from Sawyer that they had a good program and a large crowd for their September meeting, which was held at the home of Mrs. G. Markel. The same officers were elected to head this active union for another year.

Mrs. A. M. Herbison writes of the three interesting meetings held by the Grafton union since the last report. They met September 21 at the A. B. Thompson home; Miss Hulda Carlson led devotions and the new officers were installed. They decided to sew for refugees or other needy persons at their meetings.

Mrs. A. G. Tverberg, chairman of Religious Education, had an interesting program. A trio from Our Saviour's Lutheran Church sang two most enjoyable numbers. The hostess served a fine lunch. In October the union met at the home of Mrs. Herbison and her daughter, Mrs. Percy Carlson. The president, Mrs. Alec Fraser was in charge. Mrs. D. M. Upham, Chairman of Social Morality and Motion Pictures gave a very interesting reading on that work. Fine musical numbers were a sacred duet by Mrs. James Scott and Mrs. Eleanor Lerud, and a piano solo, "Melody of Love" played by Mrs. Carlson. The president conducted a welcoming service for the four new members recently gained, which are credited to her. A dozen infant robes were distributed among the members to be made and material was purchased for 12 more to be made. November 16 they met at the Wendell Walker home with Mrs. Ethel Kieley assisting hostess. Mrs. Herbison led Thanksgiving devotions; members answered roll call with verses of scripture. Mrs. A. E. Place was program leader; Mrs. Clayton Moe sang Brahms' "Lullaby," accompanied by Miss Marguerite Phelps. Three high school girls—Joan Gregg, Donna Hvidsten and Phyllis Gorder sang "Smilin' Through" and "When Day Is Done," with Miss Harpster accompanying. Rev. Miller of the Gospel Tabernacle gave a splendid temperance talk. The union has made 23 infant robes for the Florence Crittenton Home in Fargo.

The Park River union has the rather unique record of having elected only three different presidents in the past 43 years. Mrs. W. J. Phair served for 25 years, Mrs. Nellie M. Cross for 18, and Mrs. O. J. Pederson recently consented to serve for this year. Mrs. Catherwood, their faithful secretary says they have prospects of several new members.

The Bowesmont union has tried three times this fall to arrange a meeting at which the state president was to be the speaker, but the weather and roads have defeated them each time. This November is a record in itself.

The Grand Forks union met November 10 at the home of Mrs. Bessie M. Darling to observe the November Roll call. There was a good attendance and a good record of dues paid; Mrs. Fred Bye, who formerly belonged at Gilby, became a member. Mrs. Monahan of Seattle, former Treasurer, was a guest and was warmly welcomed. She was presented with a gift from the union by Mrs. Darling. A food sale was planned, the proceeds to be used for the Narcotic Education Fund. Mrs. Kate S. Wilder presented "Seventy years of Organization" in her own fine way; Mrs. O. J. Swanson emphasized the roll call and Miss Margaret Hyslop conducted the devotional service.

Mrs. Elizabeth Farnsworth reports that the Edgeley union met at her home in November, at which time 17 members paid dues. They have their budget paid in full for the 34 members of last year; they have 8 subscriptions to the Union Signal and 10 more for the Young Crusader. Mrs. Sox was in charge of the program, which was a lesson on Christian Citizenship. She gave out 20 pages of literature. They have given 100 blotters to the school, and are giving baking to the USO in Fargo. Edgeley gained a fine lot of new members last year.

Mrs. F. T. Brooks, president of Minot district, reported the new officers of the Minot union after their election in October. They are: Mrs. C. F. Truax, president; Mrs. C. A. Zook, first vice president; Mrs. J. H. Mackley, second vice president; Mrs. A. S. Dwelle, treasurer; Mrs. Frank T. Brooks, secretary. She also sent the names of the officers of Plaza: Mrs. N. R. Heinzen, president; Mrs. Oscar Thompson, vice president; H. J. Evenson, secretary; Mrs. Royal Willard Goheen, treasurer; Mrs. Orville Reum, L. T. L. secretary. We hope for further reports of the activities of both these unions.

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## Directory

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Treasurer—Mrs. Iver Fossum, Box 1366, Fargo.  
 Recording Secretary—Mrs. Frank Beasley, Fairdale.  
 Honorary President—Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, % State Headquarters.

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 Mrs. Philip Stolberg, Flasher. Mrs. E. E. Clarke, Ellendale.  
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 Mrs. A. N. Lindsay, Mapleton. Mrs. Nels Skabo, Crosby.  
 Mrs. Bessie M. Ordahl, Edinburg. Mrs. George S. Muir, Gilby.

### Branch Secretaries.

Youth's Temperance Council—To be selected.  
 Loyal Temperance Legion—Mrs. J. W. Frisbie, Casselton.

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 Spiritual Life—Mrs. Andrew Hay, Crosby.  
 State Historians—Mrs. Elizabeth Prseton Anderson, Fargo, and Mrs. Barbara H. Wylie, Bowesmont.  
 Trustees—Five General Officers, Mrs. S. O. Nelson, Northwood; Mrs. P. O. Sathre, Bismarck.  
 Union Signal Promoter—Mrs. O. J. Swanson, 306 Cottonwood St., Grand Forks.  
 Visual Education—Mrs. Lavinia Bignall, 516 8th Ave. N., Valley City.

## A Word To The Wise

The landscape that I see from my window looks like Christmas today, for snow has come to stay, it seems, for the winter. It will not be long till the holiday season will be over; many of us may not feel like being merry this year, but let us make the Yule Tide what it really should be—a Holy-day.

The material for the annual report is in the hands of the printer and should be out before long. I hope there will be a minimum of mistakes. Our corresponding secretary was handicapped in getting the directory ready, because she did not receive answers from the unions. I was sorry to note, in her review of the year's work, that 15 unions did not return the annual report blank to her. Perhaps you think you have nothing

to report, but just the courtesy of a reply would be a big help to her. If the list of your officers is not correct, will you not tell her so very soon? Also, if mail comes to you and you no longer hold the office, won't you please try to get that mail to the one who should receive it now? The success of a great deal of our work depends upon the ability of the state officers to communicate with the local unions. Now that our paper comes to you only once in two months, it becomes more important than ever to be able to reach you.

Are you finding ways to get the children to help you? A report just came from Grafton that the services of a group of young boys—"Cubs" were enlisted to distribute dry literature the evening before election. They delivered about 1,000 leaflets to the homes of that city. Our measure did not carry, but I am sure many people were better informed than before, and so the educational program is helped.

When Mrs. Darling gave echoes of the national convention at Valley City this fall, she gave us a slogan that was much used there. "Get rid of your 'Will-nots' and your 'cannots' will come out like bowknots." Let us try to see that our work is not hindered by either of those 'nots.' May you all have 'the spirit of Christmas down deep in the heart.

Your friend, Elizabeth C. Beasley

## L. T. L. Letter

During the present W. C. T. U. year—1944-1945, special emphasis is to be placed upon Children's Work. Each state is given a goal. The assigned goal for North Dakota is 400 new L. T. L. members. We had 357 last year. 757 seems a large number until we compare that number with the total number of children in our State. Also compared with the number in all our Sunday School classes, it seems a small number—and every Sunday School class is a potential L. T. L.

One plan is The Friendship plan—a letter on this is being sent to each W. C. T. U. president. In this plan a W. C. T. U. member becomes a friend to at least one child, tells the child about the L. T. L. and brings the child to the realization of the value of total abstinence. The dues are paid and the child counted as a member.

Special recognition will be given to each State reaching its quota of L. T. L. members by July first, 1945.

The L. T. L. work is a "We will," not a "We will try," plan. "Do your part on the home front" has almost become a national slogan in these war years. The L. T. L. offers a way for putting this slogan into effective action.

We wish to thank the faithful Leaders who helped during the past year. We hope each one will re-double efforts for the new year and that others will help in the most worth while work with boys and girls.

Yours truly, Mrs. J. W. Frisbie

## Children Speak at National Convention

The audience delighted in the poise and forthrightness of ten-year-old Elizabeth Sprang and Jimmie West, age nine, who spoke for the thousands of members of the L.T.L. across the country.

### INVEST IN US

JIMMIE WEST and ELIZABETH SPRANG  
 Speak for the Loyal Temperance Legion Members  
 (Jimmie)

When you invest in us now, you are helping the nation right now.

You can help us to be "nation givers." I am not talking about money. I am talking about behavior. Boys and girls need to learn,

It's how you act and what you do. That makes a Citizen good and true.

Our big brothers and sisters and some fathers are taking part in a war so children may continue to play, sing, and pray,

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### Treasurer's Report

September 10, 1943—September 10, 1944.

#### RECEIPTS

Balance on Hand .....		\$ 256.51
Women's Dues (1302) .....	\$ 911.80	
Willard Dues (62) .....	62.00	
L. T. L. Dues (357) .....	35.70	
<b>TOTAL DUES .....</b>		<b>1,009.50</b>
Budget .....	\$1,162.60	
District Pledges .....	124.00	
Convention Collections .....	129.28	
Literature and Supplies .....	77.01	
White Ribbon Bulletin .....	4.75	
National Publications .....	29.45	
Light Line Unions .....	20.25	
Safety School On Wheels .....	124.50	
China Relief .....	34.59	
Red Cross Blood Bank .....	22.50	
Ambulance Fund .....	10.07	
Anna Gordon Missionary Fund .....	3.22	
Lillian Stevens Legislative Fund .....	19.22	
Willard Memorial Fund .....	35.00	
State Narcotic Education .....	122.00	
Memorial Memberships .....	40.00	
Life Memberships .....	30.00	
Continuing Memberships .....	20.00	
Field Work .....	15.00	
Miscellaneous .....	4.33	2,027.77
<b>Total receipts plus balance on hand .....</b>		<b>\$3,293.78</b>
<b>In Savings Account .....</b>		<b>306.39</b>
		<b>\$3,600.17</b>

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Women's Dues .....	\$ 132.50
L. T. L. Dues .....	17.85
Headquarters Expense .....	329.00
Department Expense .....	50.75
Officers' Appropriations .....	580.00
Field Work .....	170.76
Travel Expense .....	153.50
Printing and Stationery .....	81.63
Postage .....	34.20
Literature .....	129.50
Bank Charges .....	8.26
White Ribbon Bulletin .....	501.50
National Publications .....	29.20
Narcotic Education .....	190.30
Blood Bank .....	34.50
Safety School on Wheels .....	134.80
China Relief .....	34.59
Ambulance Fund .....	10.07
Anna Gordon Missionary Fund .....	3.22
Film Slides .....	8.00
Light Line .....	20.25
Lillian Stevens Legislative Fund .....	55.22
Willard Memorial .....	97.00
Miscellaneous .....	9.35
<b>Total paid out .....</b>	<b>\$2,815.95</b>
<b>Balance on hand September 10, 1944 .....</b>	<b>477.83</b>
	<b>\$3,293.78</b>
<b>In savings account at N. W. Bldg. &amp; Loan .....</b>	<b>306.39</b>
	<b>\$3,600.17</b>

### Children Speak at National Convention

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and have peace. While they are doing this for us, we should be doing our very best for them, right here at home. If we leave alcoholic liquor alone—and we mean beer, too—we shall be helped NOW and in our grown-up years. We need a lot of information about alcohol so we can tell other children why we believe in total abstinence.

Officers and members of the W. C. T. U., we assure you that helping children by giving them a Loyal Temperance Legion is a good, sound investment in our education should pay dividends for the nation right now.

Please help us learn how to be good Junior Citizens.

(Elizabeth)

"Way back when"—seventy years is a long time—at the

first National Convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union the women thought it so important to have an organization for children that they appointed a special committee for juvenile work. Frances Willard was a member of this committee which immediately went to work and clubs for children were started all over the country. Some of the clubs were named Cold Water Recruits, Cold Spring Volunteers, Bands of Hope, Temperance Soldiers, and Loyal Temperance Legions. About fifty years ago when it was decided to have just one name for the clubs, the children and their leaders chose the name, Loyal Temperance Legion.

We hear many teachers, doctors, lawyers, and other people say that one reason why they believe in sobriety is because when they were children the Woman's Christian Temperance Union had invested in a plan for giving them information about the effects of alcoholic drinks and the Loyal Temperance Legion helped them learn how to be "good, better, best" citizens; also to remember that it is wise to stay with milk and water and good fresh juices and other health drinks for liquids in their diet.

I have an idea that many persons right here in this room are workers for the L.T.L., the Y.T.C., and the W.C.T.U. because some W.C.T.U. somewhere invested in an L.T.L.

—The Union Signal

### Treasurer's Report

October 1—November 20, 1944

Dues: Bismarck 26, Gilby 1, Plaza 13, Park River 1, Reeder 14, Fargo Scandinavian 15, Grand Forks 19, Fair Valley 7, Englevale 11, Valley City 36, Minot 18, Sawyer 11, Mott 7. L.T.L.: Plaza 10.

Willard: Mrs. C. J. Kuehl, Wilton; Mrs. Dora J. Vincent, Mrs. R. E. Taylor, Mrs. S. A. Garber, Miss Pauline Hohn, all of Fortuna; Mrs. Catherine Eyres, Sioux City, Iowa; Mrs. Grace Brown Putnam, New Rockford; Mrs. Selmah Aamot, Mrs. Harvey Hoff, Mrs. Mary Knudson, Mrs. D. N. Dunbar, all of Makoti.

Life Memberships: Mrs. Geo. Wilcox, Gilby Union; Mrs. Isabelle Morey, Grand Forks Union; Mrs. Anna Hanson, Flasher; Miss Christine Gjevre, Fairdale.

Child Life Memberships: Jay Justin Darling, by Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, Grand Forks; James Williams Brudevold, by Mrs. Mae Brudevold, Fargo; Redge Porter Trubey, by Mrs. Helen Porter, Fargo; Daniel Clarke Blomquist, by Mrs. Iver Fossum, Fargo.

Budget: Bismarck \$13.00, Fargo Scandinavian \$75.00, Reeder \$15.00, Fair Valley \$10.50, Englevale \$11.00, Minot \$30.00, Plaza \$8.00, Grand Forks \$25.00, Northwood \$35.00, Edgeley \$34.00.

The following unions have paid budget in full: Fargo Scandinavian, Edgeley, Northwood, Reeder, Englevale.

District Pledge: Minot \$10.00, Devils Lake \$5.00, New Rockford \$5.00. Literature and Supplies \$30.93. Convention Collection \$39.57. Refund on Travel Expense \$21.50. Union Signal and Young Crusader Subscriptions \$44.30. White Ribbon Bulletin \$1.00. Safety School on Wheels Gilby \$5.00. Blood Bank: Gilby \$5.00, Plaza \$2.00. Ambulance Fund: Gilby \$5.00. State Educational Fund: Fargo \$5.00, Northwood \$25.00. Willard Memorial: New Rockford \$2.00.

Mrs. Iver Fossum, Treasurer.

### "God Meant It For Good."

It is said that the first spring in England after the German bombing raids brought a great surprise. The falling bombs had opened up great cavities in the earth and brought to the surface seeds of some 95 types of flowers and plants unknown before. The plants had been found in holes where the nitrates from burning bombs had enriched the soil. Bombs prepared the way for flowers. What a strange way to realize beauty! So out of the wetter and wear and strain of life God is able to bring good—definite and everlasting good. "God meant it for good."

## State Convention

The weather man was kind when the delegates met in Valley City for the 55th annual convention October 3-5, 1944, as only one shower came while we were there. Kind, too, were all the people with whom we came in contact; they met us with cars, ran errands for us, welcomed us with lovely flowers and beautiful music. The fine Congregational church, where the meeting was held, was full of helps for our work. From the three excellent exhibits arranged by the state director of that department, Mrs. Lavinia Bignall, to the literature tables filled with ammunition for our battle, there was something to be looked at all the time. Mrs. Wanner's display of the best posters made by grade school children under her department of S.T.I., made a fine showing along the south wall; on the platform our state service flag was displayed with the Christian flag and the Stars and Stripes. Mrs. G. A. Shelby, state director of Soldiers and Sailors, also showed the fine book that contains the names of the men and women, children or grandchildren of our women, who are in the armed service of our country. Baskets of beautiful flowers from the gardens of our hostesses, were an especial pleasure.

The fine convention dinner Tuesday evening, was served by the women of the Methodist church in their dining room, which is just at the other end of the same block as the convention church. The Civic and Commerce Association presented each delegate with a small handy note book, on the back cover of which were printed a dozen interesting facts about Valley City. State officers and guest of honor were presented with corsages of chrysanthemums. Mrs. Fred M. Wanner, past president, was the toastmistress, fine as usual. Greetings were given for James-Valley District by the president, Mrs. Alex C. Burr of Jamestown; for the local union by the president, Mrs. E. G. Ranum; for the churches by Rev. DeWitt Myers; for the city by Mayor Curtis Olson; and for the schools by Supt. G. W. Hanna. Mrs. Nels Skabo of Crosby, president of Northwest District, made response to the greetings. Miss Vera Bollinger of the Teacher's College told about the work done at the summer session by Miss Underland, who taught the short course in Narcotic Education. Miss Lenadell Wiggins, general secretary of the L.T.L. for the National W.C.T.U. was introduced and gave greetings from the National officers. Instrumental numbers by a violin quartette, composed of the Misses Francella and Connie Davidson, Natalie Jones and Ruth Ann McClain, and vocal solos by John Lundberg, in navy uniform, contributed much to the enjoyment of the evening. Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, honorary president, gave a short address entitled "Why?" In this she asked why, when this is an all-out war effort, one business should be given preference over all others and that one the beverage alcohol business. She spoke of the sugar denied growing children but granted to the liquor industry; of the tin so needed that housewives patriotically saved their empty cans, but a large percentage of the larger sizes were given to the brewers to make bottle caps. She quoted the statement that 'every ounce of alcohol is needed for explosives,' and asked why it is not used for explosives? Answering her own question, she quoted the answer in 'a very old book'—Ephesians 6:12. (Look it up!) She spoke of the discoveries of science concerning the numbers and powers of the atom, saying "If God has wrapped up such power in the atom, what may not be in you and me?" She gave, as a text for the women, "Be strong and of a good courage, for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

When the business session began Wednesday morning, with the president, Mrs. Bessie M. Darling in the chair, she introduced Mrs. Andrew Hay of Crosby, Director of the department of Spiritual Life, who led the opening devotional service. "Meet Christ In the Morning" was sung, and Mrs. Hay read scripture from the book of Acts, with comment on the power of prayer. Mrs. Shelby led in the salute to the flag, and following this the Crusade Hymn was sung by Mrs. George S. Muir, president of

Grand Forks district, led in responsive reading of the Crusade Psalm. A season of prayer followed, led by Miss Wiggins. Others who led devotions at later sessions, included Mrs. J. W. Frisbie, State L.T.L. secretary; Mrs. Jessie Potter of Fargo; Mrs. H. F. Taplin, New Rockford; Mrs. F. H. Swanson, Valley City; and Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson.

Greetings were received from Mrs. Barbara H. Wylie, formerly corresponding secretary, and were ordered sent to her in return; to all absent members of the executive committee, and to several others. The usual pattern of business procedure was followed; the president's recommendations were read and adopted, and the corresponding secretary, Mrs. Alberta W. Lundhagen, reviewed the year's work. The representatives of banner unions and districts marched up to receive their ribbons and made a good showing. Because of the illness of her husband, the state treasurer Mrs. Sven Fossum could not be present then, so her report was given the next day. It showed a gratifying increase in receipts.

The Service of Remembrance was conducted by the state president. It began with a beautiful duet sung by Mesdames Atherton and Berry. As the names of departed white ribboners, members of their families and friends were read, the presidents of the districts from which they were taken, stood in the aisles, each holding a lighted candle. The director of Soldiers and Sailors stood as the list of boys lost in battle was read. A basket of beautiful flowers was placed in memory of those 'loved and lost awhile,' after which the candle-bearers formed a semicircle before the altar, holding them high as Mrs. Darling read the poem "Hold High the Torch." Mrs. Wanner, Gold Star mother of World War I, offered the closing prayer with deep feeling.

Mrs. H. E. Mielke of Fargo gave a short talk on Our Official Paper, and the report of the promoters, Mrs. O. J. Swanson, showed a good gain in subscriptions. District presidents who were there to report in person were Mrs. A. C. Burr of James-Valley; Mrs. E. E. Clarke, Ellendale; Mrs. F. T. Brooks, Minot; Mrs. Nels Skabo, Northwest; Mrs. Philip Stolberg, Bismarck; Mrs. A. N. Lindsay, Fargo, and Mrs. George S. Muir, Grand Forks. Mrs. E. A. Scea, vice president, reported for Ransom-LaMoure, and Mrs. Frank Beasley for Northeast. The report of the Rugby union, in unorganized territory, was given by Mrs. Herbert Brown.

The Rev. George O. Parish, Director of the United Temperance Movement of North Dakota, addressed the convention on the subject of the proposed initiated measure to permit the sale of beverage alcohol only in connection with soft drinks, tobacco and tobacco products. He emphasized the fact that this measure is regulatory rather than prohibitive, and said "Each voter becomes a legislator Nov. 7," urging everyone to vote.

Mrs. J. W. Frisbie, state L.T.L. Secretary gave a very interesting report of this work for the children; Miss Wiggins spoke too, and led in singing "Young Citizens." Mrs. Kate S. Wilder gave some echoes from the National convention, from which she had returned only a short time before. That evening, after a most inspiring devotional period led by Mrs. F. H. Swanson of Valley City, Mrs. Darling introduced Mrs. Frisbie; she in turn introduced Miss Wiggins, who gave a thought-provoking address on the subject of "Tomorrow." Miss Wiggins used as her text the verse "For they had a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge." She spoke of the effort being made, too successfully, to induce women to use liquor as flavoring for foods; she told of the porter on the train who became righteously (?) indignant when she asked for lemonade or orangeade. Quite willing to sell them cold beer, gin or whiskey, her request for the fruit drink brought the protest: "Don't you know there's a war on—Such things take sugar!" He surely did not have the 'knowledge' of how much sugar it takes to make beer! She asked us to consider what this generation will be tomorrow, unless zeal for its advancement is coupled with knowledge. She inquired how V-Day is likely to be celebrated—at the church or

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the cocktail bar?

Thursday the reports of departments were given by the directors present—Mrs. Geo. Campbell, Christian Citizenship; Mrs. Andrew Hay, Spiritual Life; Mrs. Lavinia Bignall, Exhibits and Fairs; Mrs. C. F. Truax, Radio; Mrs. Fred. M. Wanner, Scientific Temperance Instruction; Mrs. Philip Stolberg, Social Morality; Mrs. H. O. Hermanson, Speech Contests; and Mrs. G. A. Shelby, Soldiers and Sailors. These reports all showed that a great deal of fine work has been done, but too many unions did not report at all. Mrs. Wanner gave the names of the winners of the poster prizes as follows: 2nd Grade — Loretta Bullinger, Solen. 3rd and 4th Grades—First, Elaine Sease, Jamestown; Second, Chester Larson, Oberon. 5th and 6th Grades—First, Paul Clarke, Jamestown; Second, Barbara Cresap, Valley City. 7th and 8th Grades—First, Merle Nelson, Oberon; Second, Allan Tweton, Oberon.

At the election, all general officers were reelected with the exception of the vice president. Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, who has filled that office most creditably for the past five years, asked to be excused from reelection; and Mrs. H. E. Mielke of Fargo is the new general officer. Mrs. Mielke served as vice president once before, but moved from the state for awhile. We are glad to have her back in active work. Mrs. Wilder, who has served the state in various offices for forty years, received the hearty thanks of the convention, expressed by a rising vote. Tributes to her helpfulness were voiced by a number of the women. Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson gave a brief talk about her enjoyment of the convention and meeting the women. A rising vote of appreciation was given to Mrs. Anderson, for the pleasure and comfort of her presence at the convention, with wishes for a safe journey to California. Through the efforts of Mrs. George S. Muir and others, a photographer was persuaded to come to the church and take a picture of the general officers and guest of honor. Mrs. F. T. Brooks, on behalf of the executive committee, presented beautiful corsages to the honor guest, honorary and general officers.

Convention committees were busy women, and when the time came, those promoting the Union Signal reported nine subscriptions, with six for the Young Crusader. Three Life Memberships were received, and several proud grandmothers gave Child Memberships for members of their families. This is a new honorary membership, adopted this year by recommendation of the state president. By payment of five dollars, a child may be made an honorary member; this membership expires when the child reaches the age of twelve years. The money is to go into the Narcotic Education Fund, which it was voted to raise in celebration of our Sixtieth Anniversary five years hence. Details of the plans for raising this money will be given soon. While we have five years in which to raise the \$3,000 planned for, it was explained that there is such need for education in this line that we should get started just as soon as possible.

Thursday evening Mrs. Wilder was the presiding officer, and the state president, Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, delivered her annual address, which appeared in full in the last issue of the paper. This informative and inspirational address was received with a rising vote of thanks.

Throughout the convention, we were privileged to enjoy the finest of music. Besides those already mentioned, Shirley Heckle Geislar favored us with vocal and piano numbers; Lloyd Krug played a saxophone solo; Rev. and Mrs. DeWitt Myers sang a duet; Mrs. L. D. Rhodes gave a selection on the pipe organ; Marylin Rongheimer, Arlene Hill and Ruth Ferguson sang solos, and Natalie Jones rendered a violin number. Mrs. Elizabeth Worley led the community singing, Mrs. Rhodes, Ida Mae Berger and Mrs. Jessie Potter were accompanists. Valley City is to be congratulated upon her musicians.

It was good to see the faces of old friends, and become acquainted with new ones. Little Miss Wiggins, who is small

only in body, was delightful to have in the meeting. The only drawback, as the editor saw it, was lack of time for visiting. May the next convention be even better!

## Resolutions

We, the members of the North Dakota Woman's Christian Temperance Union, assembled in convention in Valley City October 3—5, 1944, while still in unprecedented world conflict, reverently thank our Heavenly Father for the blessings of Christian civilization which we continue to enjoy.

**DEFENSE:** We dedicate ourselves to the service of our country in order to preserve for ourselves and for the world those ideals of government upon which our nation was founded. We call upon our members to make necessary sacrificial efforts for America's defense, and to cooperate in a program of national righteousness.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union stands unalterably opposed to the sale and use of alcoholic liquors (which include beer) in our training camps, canteens or adjacent territory, because of their injurious effect upon the morale and efficiency of those being trained to defend America. We therefore urge continued support of S. 860, (known as the Sheppard bill) and for H. R. 2082, the Bryson bill.

We gladly cooperate with all organizations whose efforts provide clean recreation and moral surroundings for the men in military camps.

**Youth:** We declare that it is imperative that young people in North Dakota be guarded against every menace to their well being. We therefore will continue zealously the regular work and program of the W.C.T.U.

**Total Abstinence and Prohibition.** We are convinced that the remedy for the evils of liquor, is total abstinence for the individual and governmental prohibition of the traffic in beverage alcohol. We will cooperate with the United Temperance Movement of North Dakota in the campaign for the initiated measure to be voted on at the November election, which would permit the sale of alcoholic beverages only in connection with tobacco and soft drinks.

**Narcotic Education.** Methods of narcotic education should include a program of community service; we recommend the use of movies and slides at these meetings. We recommend further that we work through all available channels which shall recognize the effects of alcoholic liquors on public health, morals, safety, and economic conditions.

**Gambling.** We protest gambling in every form, including bank nights at movies, and we are definitely opposed to raising private or public funds through lotteries.

**Salacious Literature.** We urge all citizens to wage a relentless war against the production, sale and distribution of salacious literature.

**Dedication.** We consecrate ourselves anew to labor and pray for the coming of the kingdom of God upon earth, through the development of our spiritual natures and the eliminating of stumbling blocks which hinder.

**Thanks.** We extend most hearty thanks to the pastor and trustees of the Congregational church of Valley City for the use of their beautiful building; to the members of the local union for the excellent arrangement made for our comfort and convenience; to the ladies of the Methodist church who served the fine convention dinner; to all the musicians for their enjoyable numbers; to those who furnished and arranged the beautiful flowers; to the citizens who welcomed us and opened their homes to us; to the press for the space given to reports of our meetings; to the guest of honor, Miss Lenadell Wiggins, General Secretary of the L.T.L. for the National W.C.T.U., for the help and inspiration she brought to us; and to all others who contributed in any way to the success of this, our 55th annual convention.

## The President's Recommendations

"He is my refuge and my fortress; my God; In Him will I trust"—Ps. 91. Despite the stress and strain of war, we find courage for the living of these days through faith in our Lord Jesus.

(a) Let us therefore put more emphasis on the Spiritual Life of the individual, home, and community. We urge the faithful observance of the world-wide noon-tide hour of prayer and the nine o'clock morning hour of the "Shut-ins."

(b) We urge participation of every union in National W. C. T. U. Day of Prayer Sunday afternoon, January 7th, 1945.

2. In anticipation of the 60th anniversary of our state organization in 1949 we recommend the following five year program:

(a) **Membership:** Secure 600 new active members. Secure 6 times as many Honorary members as we have now. Secure 600 new members for Loyal Temperance Legion. Secure 600 new members for Y. T. C.

(b) **Organizations:** Endeavor to secure 60 new organizations including local unions, Iota Sigmas, Y.T.Cs. and L.T.Cs. Stress the organization of rural unions. Engage a National Organizer to assist in this work.

(c) **Narcotic Education Fund:** Strive to raise at least \$3000 to promote our education program, and that a quota be assigned to each district according to membership. Districts will assign a quota to each local union according to membership. 10% of entire fund to be given to National W. C. T. U. for the promotion of educational work.

3. **November Roll Call:** We urge that every union put special emphasis on the collection of dues during the month of November. We recommend a "dues-paying tea." The local treasurer should appoint a committee to help solicit dues from all who fail to attend the tea. An "Every Member" canvass should be made immediately after the tea. This will result in more Hold-fast unions and give greater opportunities for Fruitful Unions.

### 4. Education:

(a) We recommend that we—continue the Narcotic Education program in Teachers' Colleges by engaging a National trained instructor to teach the credited courses. Encourage teachers enrolling for summer sessions to take the Narcotic Education course. Urge colleges to give the same publicity to that course that is given to other courses.

(b) Safeguard Scientific Temperance instruction laws.

(c) Call attention to the six Sunday School lessons in 1945 with temperance emphasis.

(d) Encourage the use of slide films, motion pictures, literature, posters in public schools, Sunday schools and Vacation Bible schools.

(e) Continue temperance shelves in public and school libraries.

5. **Department Work:** Carefully study the plans of each department and adapt to community needs. No union can long endure without proper emphasis on this all important phase of our work. Every union should work at least 3 departments.

6. **Honorary Memberships:** Strive to obtain Life, Memorial and Continuing Memberships (\$10). To be divided between local, district and state by state treasurer. We recommend a child Honorary Membership (\$5.00) to include children from infancy to 12 years of age; the full amount to go into the Narcotic Education Fund.

7. **Publications:** Strive to increase subscriptions to the Union Signal and Young Crusader. A well-informed membership is essential in the promotion of our work. Encourage careful study and distribution of W.C.T.U. literature and secure the same through our State Headquarters.

8. **Red Letter Days:** Observe these days with fitting and well-prepared programs. More emphasis should be put on the study of the history and achievements of our organization, that new members may become informed.

9. **War Service:** We pass on the recommendations of the National W.C.T.U., that we continue efforts for the men and women in war service.

(a) In every package sent to the Service men and women overseas, include a Christmas toy for a child in oppressed or liberated countries. They will serve as ambassadors of good will to many millions who have never had a Merry Christmas. October 15 is the deadline for mailing.

(b) **Relief—Cement international friendship through agencies for ameliorating the condition of the suffering peoples of war-ridden countries.**

## Personal Mention

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Murray of Edgeley are spending the winter in Southern California.

Mrs. J. H. Youngman of Dickey spent two weeks visiting in Wisconsin in October.

Mrs. H. E. Mielke, state vice president, spent some time in Minneapolis visiting her mother and others there this fall.

Mrs. J. G. Moore of Bowesmont left about the middle of November to spend the winter with her daughter Helen in Hollywood, Calif. Enroute, she visited her daughter Mrs. A. W. Cook in Denver.

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