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Late March

March is howling at my window,
March is pounding on my door
Like a surly-tempered fellow,
Who is ever wont to roar
When he sees that all his bluster
Merely makes folks think him daft.
And, though March would have me fearful,
I have harkened him and laughed.
March is walling like a banshee
Roundabout the ivied eaves,
And his feet are wildly dancing,
With the wind-blown withered leaves.
But, in spite of all the clamor
That he lifts into the skies,
Lo, I laugh, for through the shadows
I am seeing April's eyes!

—Edgar Daniel Kramer in Successful Farming

President National W. C. T. U.



Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin

The President's Letter

Dear Comrades:

March marks the beginning of spring. The warm days of the past week have caused the snow and ice to melt and the sidewalks are clear again. That makes walking easier and safer. Why not enjoy the warm sunshine and make that call on the shut-in friend that you intended to visit all winter? So many are heavy-laden today but there are many ways in which we can bring cheer to the sick, the shut-ins, the young wife whose husband is in the service, and the mother whose heart is heavy with anxiety for her loved ones in dangerous places. The Department of Flower Mission and Relief can be worked in every union, for every community has persons who need sympathetic understanding in days like these. The special project of this department for the month of April is to cooperate with the United National Clothing Collection for War Relief. This is an effort sponsored by the UNRRA and voluntary war service agencies to collect used clothing for destitute women and children in war-torn countries. In the larger cities the Service Clubs will arrange for the collection but every union should offer to assist by sending clothing or workers to the depot (the place designated for collection).

April is Youth's Month; can we have a shower of new Loyal Temperance Legions and Youth's Temperance Councils? North Dakota needs 400 new Legioners to make up our quota in the drive for 70,000 new members in the nation. That is a very small fraction of the children that we have in our state. All old members must be retained if we are to reach our goal. What are you doing about it? Ask yourself this question. "If every member has secured as many new members (LTL, YTC, or WCTU) as I have, how many new members will we have in the state?"

Let us face facts: Are you contributing anything to the work of our organization or do you spend your time talking about the things your union OUGHT to do. Constructive criticism is good for any organization but destructive is very harmful—Action speaks louder than words. Let us all be builders and work together for a larger and better organization so that in the post-war world we will have a finer and cleaner home-front.

I have just returned from the General Officers meeting which was held in Fargo, March 8th and 9th. We had a busy time but there is so much joy in meeting together and planning for the days ahead. The meeting was held at the home of our

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Our New Leader

Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, Seventh President of the National Women's Christian Temperance Union was born in a parsonage in Westview, Ohio. She graduated from an Indianapolis, Indiana, High School and received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Wheaton College (Illinois). She spent two years in Columbia University doing post graduate work in the field of Political Science, Economics and Sociology. In the summer of 1944 she was a Fellow of the Yale School of Alcohol Studies. The degree of Doctor of Art of Oratory was conferred upon her by the College of the Spoken Word of Cambridge, Massachusetts, in 1937.

Mrs. Colvin was a delegate of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Columbus, Ohio, in 1936, and to the North East Jurisdictional Conference of the Methodist Church in 1940-44. She is Vice President of the National Council of Women of the United States and Vice President of the Women's National Radio Committee. In 1941-42 she was chosen President of the National Temperance and Prohibition Council which is made up of the leaders of the National Temperance organizations.

While in college Mrs. Colvin was elected National Vice President of the Intercollegiate Prohibition Association which at that time was next to the Y.M. and Y.W.C.A., the largest civic college organization. She served as President of the New York State Women's Christian Temperance Union from 1926 to 1944, as Vice President of the National in the years from 1933 to 1944. She was elected National President of the W.C.T.U. at the 70th Annual Convention held in Columbus, Ohio, in September of 1944, and assumed her presidential office on November 1st. With her husband, Dr. D. Leigh Colvin, 1936 presidential candidate of the Prohibition Party, and her daughter, Virginia Leigh, she will reside in Evanston, Illinois, where the national headquarters of the W.C.T.U. are located.

—From National Woman's Christian Temperance Union

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state treasurer, Mrs. Iver Fossum, who with the assistance of Mrs. H. E. Mielke served a fine dinner that evening to the official family and Messrs. Fossum and Mielke. Present also was their daughter, Mrs. Blomquist, with young Daniel Clarke. She is making her home there while her husband serves as Chaplain in the Armed Forces. Baby Danny with his winning smile won the hearts of the general officers and it was my great privilege to tie the White Ribbon on his wrist at the Institute the next day, along with four other young recruits. Two of them (Baby Danny Blomquist and James Williams Brudevold) are Child Life Members. There are so many babies and young children in our communities that we could add to this list. What better way can you spend \$5.00? Remember too, that this full amount is credited to your union's quota of the Narcotic Education Fund. What is your union doing about this Fund? It was one of your President's recommendations and you accepted them as your working program—is it not your responsibility? If you can not buy a Child Life Membership for your favorite child, you can enroll him or her in the White Ribbon Recruit Band. Let us plan for a host of little recruits at our Mothers Meeting in May. Invite the young mothers to join, we need them and they need us.

The services of Mrs. Fred Meissner have been secured for organization work in our state. She will come to us September 23rd and will be in the state four weeks. We have so much unorganized territory but we want to place her where her work will be most effective. District presidents please note and if you can place Mrs. Meissner in your district, write at once to your state president.

The ODT permits meetings of less than 50 persons traveling by train so district conventions need not be cancelled. We must begin to make plans now so that a good program may be arranged and proper publicity given. Your president and vice president are available as convention guests and we hope that every district president will cooperate with them by answering letters promptly in making dates.

We were very sorry that the letter from our State Union Signal Director was omitted from our last issue of the Bulletin but I trust that each union observed "Union Signal Day" at their March meeting. We are happy to announce that the Signal will remain the same in price, let us continue our subscriptions and sell it to others. This is one paper that depends on subscriptions not advertising for its very existence.

The Bryson Bill has been re-introduced with the same number HR 2082. Please circulate the petitions for it immediately and send to your own Representatives. Copies will be sent you from our Headquarters.

When Hon. J. R. Bryson re-introduced the bill it was referred to House Judiciary Committee of which Hon. Hatton W. Summers (Texas) is chairman. Personal letters to him will help. The parents of men and women at the front should be especially interested in this bill but it would also be of great benefit to farmers, business men and laboring men. We are all in this war to win so let us do away with non-essential industry.

The midnight curfew brought a strong protest from the liquor interests, but it was a step forward in restriction—let us go another step and shut down entirely for the duration in interest of victory. Have you written Hon. J. Byrnes and expressed your appreciation? A "Thank You" from the members of an organization that have asked for restriction and prohibition for the duration, should not be amiss.

Say not—the struggle naught availeth,
The labor and the wounds are vain,
The enemy faints not, nor faileth,
And as things have been, they remain.
For not by eastern windows only,
When daylight comes, comes in the light;
In front the sun climbs slow, how slowly!
But westward—look, the land is bright.

Lovingly yours,

Bessie M. Darling, State President

Notes From The Unions

Grand Forks Frances Willard Union met at the Home for the Aged December 29 as planned. Mrs. Hermanson welcomed the guests and announced the program of songs, recitations and vocal numbers given by pupils of the Sunday Schools of various churches. Rev. Russel Cervin, pastor of the Covenant Church, was the guest speaker. A lunch of Christmas delicacies was served by the members.

Sunday, January 7th, the prayer service asked by National was held in Zion Evangelical Church. This was a joint meeting of the Grand Forks and Frances Willard unions, with the state president, Mrs. Bessie M. Darling presiding. Rev. E. K. Heimer spoke on "The Power of Prayer" and each member had a part in the service of prayer. We are thankful for the spiritual blessings we received and the Christian fellowship of these meetings.

The newly elected officers of the Frances Willard union of Grand Forks are: President, Mrs. H. O. Hermanson; Vice President Mrs. R. Lunseth; Treasurer Mrs. M. Christianson; Rec. Secretary Mrs. Otto Knapp; Cor. Secretary Mrs. A. N. Sorbo; L. T. L. Directors, Mrs. O. S. Hagelie, Mrs. John Sandbek, Mrs. A. H. Seller. Religious Education, Mrs. W. Erickson; Child Welfare, Mrs. E. Simmonson; Flower Mission, Mrs. O. Gilseth and Mrs. George Tiege; Essay Contest, Miss Hilda Christianson.

Mrs. C. Le Rette of Sawyer reports that their union bought 100 blotters and 50 leaflets, which were distributed to the pupils in the school. They had bought and sent out 500 leaflets before the fall election, asking people to vote dry. They met at the home of Mrs. C. Hedahl in the country, on January 31; 11 were present and a good program rendered, with ice cream, cake and coffee following. Who says unions cannot meet in winter?

Mrs. Ada Phillips reports that the Mott union met January 30 for their first meeting of the year. Their officers are Mrs. Bessy Boyd, president; Mrs. Mae Kline, vice president; Mrs. Mae Skogly, recording secretary; Mrs. Ada Phillips, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Mabel Southam, treasurer; Mrs. Marian Christianson, program leader. Like most of us, Mrs. Phillips is concerned about our young folks, and concludes her good letter thus: "There is much work for all of us to do, if we knew better what to do." We hope this issue of the paper will suggest things to do.

The February meeting of the Prosper union was held with Mrs. Carl Bowman on the third Wednesday of the month—the regular day for it. Mrs. Mary Panschutt led devotions, reading Luke 10:26-37. Mrs. A. H. Waa gave a reading in memory of Frances Willard; Mrs. Clarence and Mrs. George Rust sang a duet, "Alone." A very interesting discussion on "What the Dumbarton Oaks Peace Plan Means" was led by Mrs. A. W. Johnson. This union also sponsored a program of music and motion pictures at the February meeting of the PTA, at which they served the lunch and received the proceeds. For this year they are stressing the departments of Soldiers and Sailors, Health and Medical Temperance, International Relations for Peace and Flower Mission and Relief. We are indebted to Mrs. George Rust for news of this active union.

Park River Union met at the home of Mrs. Irvine March 8. Interesting features of the meeting were a paper by Mrs. Loughead on Universal Peace, in which she took the women on a trip over our own country, starting at New York. Mrs. John Shaw read "The Master Is Coming," which appeared in the BULLETIN for September 1942. Park River is to be congratulated upon the new LTL of which Mrs. Shaw is the leader.

The Grafton union met at the home of Mrs. John Thorsten-son the evening of January 18, with Mrs. John Arman assisting hostess. Mrs. Donald Dike led devotions; Miss Ruth Nelson, Chairman of Soldiers and Sailors gave the program, assisted by Misses Cora Lykken and Hulda Carlson. Sewing for soldiers and sailors occupied the remainder of the evening and the hostess served a delicious lunch. The February meeting of this union was held at the home of the president, Mrs. Alec Fraser, who was assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Ethel Scott, and Mrs. Eleanor Lerud. Mrs. Fraser and Mrs. Scott had charge of devotions and

Notes from the Unions (Cont.)

Mrs. Ethel Kieley gave a reading on Christian Citizenship. Mrs. Frank Hoare. Roll call was answered with "Gems" from Miss Willard's writings. Miss Inez Lee, Mesdames Chester Cain, John Memorial Fund. A bouquet of spring flowers, honoring the memory of Miss Willard, was presented by Mrs. Fraser. Mrs. Herbison, Grafton's efficient Publicity chairman, sends us these notes.

Mrs. E. E. Clarke reports that the Ellendale union has met every month except December, in spite of icy streets that are a hazard. They have 5 new members for 1945, and dues and other obligations are being attended to. Mrs. Clarke, who is also serving as district president, visited two out of three unions in her district in November, but heavy rains prevented her from reaching Monango.

Williston Union had a Willard Memorial program at their regular February meeting, which was held at the home of Mrs. Frank Hoare. Roll call was answered with "Gems" from Miss Willard's writings, Miss Inez Lee, Mesdames Chester Cain, John Birkeland, Ernest Huston, W. J. Wilson, Carl Holman, John Silker and L. C. Hart each had a part in the program, which was all on the work of Miss Willard. Mrs. P. J. Erickson reported on the L.T.L. which meets once each month in the First Lutheran church. Mrs. Don Fish, president, appointed three department directors: Mrs. Ernest Huston for Flower Mission and Relief; Mrs. Chester Cain, Religious Education; Mrs. Frank Hoare, Publicity. There were eight visitors at this meeting, two of whom, Mrs. R. L. Birke and Mrs. Mary Adams, became members. Officers of the Williston union are Mrs. Don B. Fish, president; Mrs. H. W. Stockman, vice president; Mrs. C. M. Sonne, secretary; Mrs. L. C. Hart, treasurer. This union is fortunate in having as members the wives of four ministers; Mrs. Fish, the president, is the wife of the Holiness Methodist pastor; Mrs. Stuart Parvin is the wife of the First Methodist minister; Mrs. R. Lloyd Birke is the wife of the Nazarene minister and Mrs. Chester S. Cain is of the Salvation Army. We are grateful to Mrs. C. M. Sonne for this good report.

The two Fargo unions held a very well attended institute in the Methodist church, March 9, where Mrs. Mae Brudevold, president of the Scandinavian union, called the meeting to order. The morning session was opened with the Crusade hymn, Mrs. M. T. Steidl offered prayer and read the Crusade Psalm, Miss Grace Higgins led in the salute to the flag and Mrs. Helen Porter read The American's Creed. In the panel discussion of department work, three state directors discussed the work of their departments: Mrs. B. G. Tenneson of Health and Medical Temperance, Mrs. R. J. Stinson of Religious Education; Mrs. Jessie A. Potter, Child Welfare. Mrs. Carl Gangnes gave a report of the excellent work done in the department of Soldiers and Sailors by members of the Prosper union, several of whom were present. Discussions followed each talk. Mrs. J. W. Frisbie, state secretary of the L.T.L., stressed the importance of Friendship Legions. Mrs. A. H. Steen gave us much pleasure with a vocal solo, for which she played her own accompaniment. Mrs. Frank Beasley, who presided over the panel discussion in the enforced absence of Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, offered the noontide prayer. Women of the church served lunch. In the afternoon, Sweet Hour of Prayer was sung, and Mrs. J. M. Schindler led devotions. Mrs. Iver Fossum, state treasurer, spoke briefly on "How the Money Comes and Where It Goes." Rev. G. O. Parish, State Director of the United Temperance Movement gave an interesting talk on New Legislation, outlining the most important things concerning our work that were done at the recent legislative session at Bismarck. Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, the state president, gave an address, and at the close dedicated five little White Ribbon Recruits. Mrs. V. A. Reed spoke of the plan of Narcotic Education followed in Fargo, and Mrs. H. E. Mielke, state vice president and Membership chairman, spoke on the Membership campaign. A young girl whose five brothers are in the armed forces, gave a whistling solo, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Josephine Jones. The meeting closed with hymn "O Master Let Me Walk With Thee" and the Aaronic benediction.

In Memoriam

"Shadows shall drift o'er their resting place,
Shadows of love, of hope and tears;
The while high-hearted we keep with them
Faith through the years."

Mrs. Mary Smith of Ellendale is bereaved in the sudden passing of her husband from a heart attack in February.

Mrs. Blanche Briar, faithful member of the Sawyer union, was called from this life December 24, 1944.

Mrs. A. T. Johnson, a member of the Ellendale union, died February 15 after a year of illness.

North Dakota women who learned to love Miss Roena E. Shaner when she worked in the state in 1943 will regret to hear of her death. The following is from The UNION SIGNAL:

Miss Roena E. Shaner, one of the most successful and beloved organizers of the National WCTU ever had, passed away at her home in Jackson, Missouri, on February 26. Miss Shaner had been an active national organizer since 1907. It was in the midst of conducting a productive organization campaign in Minnesota in the summer of 1943 that she was taken ill and forced to retire. For 11 years Miss Shaner also was vice president of Missouri WCTU. During the months between her enforced retirement and her homegoing Miss Shaner's thoughts constantly were directed toward the organization for which she had worked so faithfully for so many years.

Loyal Temperance Legion

Dear Folks:

If you have an active L.T.L. perhaps you are reaching all possible children. If not, won't you back a Friendship L.T.L.—each union member be a Big T Sister (T for Temperance) to some children? Have one woman responsible for keeping list of names from each member at each meeting of the union; number of dues, pieces of literature, number of pledge signers, etc. You have been sent leaflets telling of this plan. Fargo has a new Friendship Legion going well; they have a live collector and she has already sent in some dues. We are looking for big things from Fargo.

Other places can do Big Things for their children. Please send me the name of your L.T.L. collector and send dues to the state treasurer. We are very proud of the new L.T.L. at Park River and wish them true success.

Mrs. J. W. Frisbie, General Secretary.

Personal Mention

Mrs. H. E. Mielke, our vice president, returned the latter part of January from Brooklyn, N. Y., where she had gone to welcome her first grandchild, David Nathaniel Mielke, son of Rev. and Mrs. Robert Mielke. The young man arrived January 2. Congratulations to parents and grandparents!

Mrs. L. E. Hennigar, president for many years of the Williston union, is living in Oregon for the duration of the war.

We are all thankful that the cut on the head which Mrs. Kate S. Wilder suffered from a fall in her home, has healed and she is recovering her strength again. The injury would have been serious indeed if she had not been able to call a friend downstairs; she lost much blood from the severed artery above her eye.

Ye editor had the pleasure of being an overnight guest at the home of Mrs. Annie F. Catherwood in Park River early in March, and while there called upon the Misses Burbidge. Miss Millie is still unable to be up for very long at a time. May the spring sunshine bring her health again.

Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Holm, now of Fordville but formerly of Nekoma, welcomed a baby daughter January 25.

Her friends rejoice that Mrs. Mae Brudevold, president of the Fargo Scandinavian union, is now able to be about again, after a long illness.

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A Word To The Wise

Thank you all who have helped make the news of the unions interesting this time with your reports. Please keep them coming. You will see that two unions report new officers; better record these in your state reports.

This issue has an article from the Union Signal, written by Mrs. Nelle G. Burger whom some of you remember, as she has been our convention speaker twice that I recall. She writes about the women who have been presidents of the National W.C.T.U., some of whom have also been at our annual conventions. Miss Willard has been in North Dakota, but it was before my time. I never saw her. I had the privilege of meeting Mrs. Lillian M. N. Stevens when I was a student at Northwestern. Mrs. Boole was the guest speaker at the first state convention that I attended, at Grafton in 1916. I still remember some of the things that she said then. Miss Anna A. Gordon came to us twice, and Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith several times. We hope that we can have Mrs. Colvin, the new president, some time. She once lived in North Dakota. It is an inspiration to meet these

women, who have given their best to this work, and in doing so, have become great; not through ease, but through service and sacrifice.

It was a privilege to be a guest at the home of our president, Mrs. Darling, enroute to the mid year meeting at Fargo. It was a great pleasure to meet old friends at the institute there. Why do we not have more institutes? I am sure that if more local unions would hold them, it would be easier to increase the membership, for our work would be better understood.

It is heartening to learn, in this money-loving time, that in some places principle still comes first. Two great schools, backed by different churches, Baylor University and Southern Methodist, each have declined contributions of many thousands of dollars, because they were the gift of the liquor interests. I am sure better things will be in store for them because they rejected the checks from the business which destroys what they build—character.

The snow is gone and spring birds are appearing; soon it will be seeding time. How about some L.T.L. seeds?

Cordially yours,

Elizabeth C. Beasley.

Listen To This

Compliments are always acceptable but when they come from the Brewers' Association they make us sit up, take notice and say "Thank You!" A representative of the Anheuser-Busch, Inc., Mr. George W. Eads, has revealed that he attended the National W.C.T.U. Convention in Columbus last fall.

George did not register as a visiting delegate but "he came, he saw" and, according to his own story in the Brewers' Journal, was favorably impressed with "what the W.C.T.U. is and what it is doing." His viewpoint ought to fill us with appreciation and incite all Christian women to greater action through our organization. I quote:

"If all the thinking brewers of the United States—and distillers and vintners—had attended the three or more daily sessions of the W.C.T.U. convention at Columbus and had seen the more than 1,000 delegates and visitors in action they might have gotten some practical and useful ideas of effective public relations. They might, at least, have gotten some conception of the intense earnestness and aggressiveness of their organized enemies—"

"It must be recognized that such an organization as the National W.C.T.U.—intelligently led—holding thousands of meetings throughout the entire country—with a staff of expert organizers on continuous duty—and with press publicity and publishing departments distributing prohibition literature by the tens of millions of pieces—is a factor of no mean importance in the field of public opinion."

"The National W.C.T.U. stands, of course, for every form of prohibition—local, state and national. Likewise it preaches total abstinence to the public, and as the pledge indicates, requires it of its members. In all the activities of the organization, whether local, state or national, there is a serious religious side. These women not only do much preaching for their cause—but more praying, and with all that, they are practical politicians who know how to use the ballot."

Let us keep our good reputation by every member being on the alert at a time when our enemy is watching us and our country needs us.

Forward Together for New Membership!

—The Ohio Messenger

A PRAYER FOR PEACE

O Christ of the Andes, of everywhere,
Great lover of the hills, the open air,
And patient lover of impatient men
Who blindly strive and sin and strive again.
Thou Living Word, larger than any creed,
Thou Love divine uttered in human need—
O teach the warring and the wandering still
The Way of Peace, the footpath of God's will.

—Henry Van Dyke.

Treasurer's Report

January 20—March 20, 1945

Dues: Fargo Scandinavian 32, Oberon 1, Grand Forks 2, McKenzie 2, Grand Forks Frances Willard 35, Sheldon 4, Calvin 20, Rock Lake 2, LaMoure 15, Crosby 1, Hatton 6, Bismarck 6, Minot 12, Sawyer 10, Alamo 12, Plaza 1, Larimore 7, Ellendale 2, Underwood 23, Edgeley 10, Jamestown 19, Flasher 1, Nekoma 1, Bottineau 13, Langdon 16, Valley City 7, Northwood 2, Rugby 1, Edinburg 1.

Willard Members: Mrs. Wilbur Hanson \$2.00, Mrs. H. F. Nutting \$1.00.

L.T.L.: Fargo Union 10, Northwood 54, Edinburg 27.

Memorial Membership: Mrs. S. H. Briar, Sawyer, given by her daughter Mrs. Joe Streeper.

Budget: Oberon \$1.00, Park River \$21.00, Grand Forks Frances Willard \$35.00, Sheldon \$2.00, Parshall \$14.00, Calvin \$20.00, Bismarck \$6.00, Minot \$5.00 Sawyer \$13.00, Fargo \$30.00, Williston \$15.70, Bottineau \$18.00, Langdon \$16.00, Prosper \$24.00, Plaza \$1.00.

Literature: \$9.30, State Reports \$7.78.

Safety School on Wheels: Jamestown \$10.00, Edinburg L.T.L. \$3.00,

State Narcotic Education: Grand Forks \$3.50, Parshall \$7.93, Mrs. Ben Gesatis, Larimore \$1.00, Valley City \$2.00, Bismarck \$5.00.

Blood Bank: Jamestown \$10.00, Edinburg L.T.L. \$3.00.

Light Line: Grand Forks District \$7.00.

Union Signal and Young Crusader subscriptions \$12.50.

White Ribbon Bulletin subscriptions \$1.50.

Frances Willard Memorial Fund: New Rockford \$2.00, Bismarck \$2.00, Minot \$2.00, Stanley \$2.00, Plaza \$2.00, Alamo \$2.00, Gilby \$2.00, Larimore \$3.00, Ellendale \$2.00, Hatton \$2.00, Williston \$2.00, Edgeley \$2.00, Langdon \$2.00, Hannah \$3.00, Jamestown \$6.75, Sawyer \$2.00, Langdon \$3.00, Valley City \$2.00, Reeder \$2.00.

Lillian Stevens Legislative Fund: Reeder \$2.00, Parshall \$2.00, New Rockford \$2.00, Minot \$1.00, Sawyer \$2.00, Plaza \$2.50, Hatton \$1.50, Langdon \$1.00, Valley City \$2.00, Edinburg \$2.00.

HONOR ROLL

Budget in Full

Fargo Scandinavian	Larimore	Flasher
Edgeley	Gilby	Grafton
Northwood	Hatton	McKenzie
Reeder	Jamestown	Plaza
Engelvale	Nekoma	Parshall
Hannah	Rock Lake	Bottineau
Oberon	Rugby	Langdon
Grand Forks	Cavalier	Prosper
Stady - Zahl	Crosby	Williston
Dickey		

HONOR UNIONS

Hold Fast

Dickey	Wildrose	Fruitful
Edgeley	Williston	Dickey
West Fairview	Reeder	West Fairview
Calvin	Flasher	Parshall
Oberon	Valley City	Plaza
Parshall	Monango	Alamo
Plaza	Hatton	Crosby
Sawyer	Larimore	Stanley
Alamo	Bowesmont	Williston
Crosby	Hannah	Flasher
Stady - Zahl	Langdon	Valley City
Stanley	Nekoma	Monango
		Larimore
		Nekoma

BLOOD DONORS

They give their all for us; can we do less
Than keep this trust with them? Our spirits lift,
Praying the while that God will heal and bless
The injured one who must accept our gift.
Thus indirectly we may help to fly
Old Glory in some far alien sky.

—Colorado W.C.T.U. Messenger

Noontide Hour of Prayer

It is always noontide somewhere, and across
The awakening continents from shore to shore
Somewhere our prayers are rising evermore.

TO YOU AND YOU AND YOU

"If we could only catch the spirit of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and all that it stands for in its program, the building and protection of Christian homes, Christian character, and a Christian nation, and do it wholeheartedly and enthusiastically in the way Edgar Dewitt Jones says people should get religion, we should be able to double the membership of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

"Get it like a Methodist;
Be sure of it like a Disciple;
Experience it like a Baptist;
Stick to it like a Lutheran;
Be proud of it like an Episcopalian;
Pay for it like a Presbyterian;
Conciliate it like a Congregationalist;
Propagate it like a Roman Catholic;
Enjoy it like a Negro."

—Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin.

Youth Speaks

Evanston, Ill., March—Selecting 1945 as a year to enlist 100,000 high school teen-agers and even younger boys and girls in a nation-wide movement against the use of alcoholic beverages, Miss Regina Moede, National General Secretary of the Youth's Temperance Council, and Miss Lenadell Wiggins, National General Secretary of the Loyal Temperance Legion, announce from National W.C.T.U. headquarters, that plans are being adopted, naming April as Youth Month in which to launch "a nation-wide program of juvenile protection" and enlistment.

A 24-page preview of the projects being adopted, and the personal views of Youth leaders, fills the entire issue of The Union Signal, Evanston, Ill., for March 3, 1945. The plans embrace state and inter-state encampments, week-end rallies, study courses, close-up acquaintance with juvenile court work, attendance at City Council meetings, the investigation of treatment of boy and girl delinquents in community jails, and a host of recreational projects for Youth.

"A good time with a purpose, a purpose to serve God and to reveal Him to others in the making of a better world," is the way Secretary Moede sums up the movement objectives, while Secretary Wiggins points out that "The children often are more conscious of the part liquor plays in many of their problems than are the adults."

An inter-state Open Forum gives the views of the young people themselves, tersely expressed in such pertinent statements as these: "We as American youth must play an important role in this war against alcoholic beverages" . . . "It will be we who will fight this war to a finish, not the oldsters . . . the older men and women have made a mess of it." . . . "When alcohol destroys a family, it is tearing down the very foundation of our Government."

—From National W.C.T.U.

JUST SO SHE STARTS SOON

A young girl said to her mother just after a white-haired visitor left their home: "If I could be such an old lady as that—so beautiful, serene, sweet, and lovable—I should not mind growing old."

The discerning and keen-witted mother replied: "Well, if you want to be that kind of an old lady, you had better begin making her right now. She does not strike me as a piece of work that was done in a hurry. It has taken a long time to make her what she is. If you are going to paint that sort of portrait of yourself to leave the world, you had better be mixing your colors now."

—Upward, quoted in Watchman-Examiner.

Department Letters

Through a mistake, these letters did not appear in the last issue as they should have. We regret this very much.—Editors.

SPEECH CONTESTS

Dear Co-workers:

The National W.C.T.U. has laid stress upon the enlistment of children this year. There is no easier way to win the interest of children than through medal contests. Through this work we can arouse sentiment in favor of total abstinence and teach the truth about alcohol; through this department we can bring the alcohol problem forcefully to the community and church, and thus awaken their responsibility to it; we can discern and encourage the development of talent among youth and thus help to prepare leaders in our state and national life.

The selection of contestants should be left to a local leader who may secure them from public and Sabbath schools and by personal contact. After the first contest has been held the interest of the children will be fully aroused and others will want a part in the next contest. Obtain, if possible, the same coach for all contestants, so that everyone will have an equal chance. Sometimes the public school teacher will assist with the coaching, but if such services cannot be secured, do not become discouraged. Encourage the children who do not win the medal to try again, and give the winners another chance by holding a gold medal speech contest. If a local director cannot be secured, put the work into the hands of a committee. Study rules carefully, select contestants of the same age group, and start with seven contestants if possible. Let us have a series of silver medal speech contests in our state this year.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. H. O. Hermanson, Director.

UNION SIGNAL

Dear Co-workers:

Almost time to put forth special efforts again, to increase and renew our subscriptions to our publications for another year. I am very happy over the increase we had the past year even though the price of The Young Crusader had been raised. The amount of free material is less this year, but I contacted all the district presidents early in the fall, sending them the plan of work and an interesting skit some of you might like to use on Union Signal Day in March.

I was sorry not to attend the state convention last fall and see you all again, and if I can be of any help to you, please let me know. I sincerely hope each union will plan a special program on our papers for the March meeting, and that you all will be able to increase or at least hold the subscriptions you had the past year.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. O. J. Swanson, Union Signal Promoter.

Drinking Record Set in 1944

Excerpts from Milwaukee Journal of January 17, 1945.

Washington, D. C.—(AP)—Americans spent more than \$7,000,000,000 for alcoholic beverages in 1944—a record.

In actual quantity, Americans drank:

More liquor than in 1943, but not so much in 1942.

More beer than in any previous year.

Slightly less wine than in 1943.

Up two billion from 1942.

The estimates were made by the commerce department. They applied only to legally produced beverages.

The \$7,000,000,000 is roughly one billion dollars greater than the amount spent in 1943 and nearly two billion dollars above the \$5,200,000,000 laid down for drinks in 1942. The 1944 figure is about \$54 for each person in the country.

Here is the 1944 drinking situation as based on the department's estimates:

Distilled spirits—165 million gallons.

Beer—80 million barrels.

Wine—90 million gallons.

Distilleries, which have devoted most of the last two years to making alcohol for war purposes, were hoping to put even more whiskey on retailers' shelves in 1945. They were given permission to make beverage alcohol last August and in January.

—The Motor.

Membership Campaign

We are now in a great campaign for new members, which will end July 1 of this year. Every W.C.T.U. member in North Dakota is enlisted in this enterprise to add every Christian woman in our state to the roster of our organization. The King's business requires haste and our best efforts to bring this to pass. Make it your individual commission, dear White Ribbon friend, to do some very special realistic solicitation among your friends and neighbors; so will you increase your local membership and help to meet our state quota.

Our assignment for the state of North Dakota is 471 new members to be secured before July 1 of this year. Make all your plans for a great effort this spring. Have a good working committee organization in each local union and district, to achieve great results in this objective. It is you who will determine the influence of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in our state and nation, when you help increase our membership. If you do this, our organization will become an even greater power; through its many objectives it will help reduce crime, disease, misery, poverty and tears, through the final abolition of the liquor traffic. You must not fail in this membership campaign; enlist this very day.

Mrs. H. E. Mielke, State Membership Director.

When Liquor Was Outlawed FORGOTTEN FACTS

By FRED D. L. SQUIRES

Executive Secretary, Business Men's Research
Foundation, Chicago

1. The prohibition years brought home building to its peak. Assets of building and loan associations leaped upward nearly 150 per cent in five years, 1921-1926.
2. Membership in home-building organizations more than doubled; that is, rose from 4,962,919 in 1920 to 12,343,251 in 1930.
3. Savings deposits mounted from \$144 per capita in 1920 to \$211 per capita in 1926.
4. Life insurance investment soared from \$432 per capita to \$680 per capita.
5. The automobile industry nearly tripled its total sales, increasing from 64 cars per 100 families in 1921 to 164 in 1926.
6. During the period of national prohibition, Government figures recorded a 212 pound per capital increase in consumption of milk and dairy beverages (1917-1926).
7. Expansion in sales of fruit and vegetable juices and other products used in non-alcoholic beverages developed a new billion-dollar industry.

APRIL

"Something tapped at my window pane;
Some one called me without my door;
Some one laughed like the tinkle o' rain.
The robin echoed it o'er and o'er.

I threw the door and the window wide,
Sun, and the touch of the breeze; and then—
'Oh, were you expecting me, dear,' she cried,
And here was April come back again."

—White Ribbon Banner, author not given

BUT REPEAL WAS TO STOP THIS! SEIZE MANY STILLS

Washington—The business of picking-up outlaw liquor stills is picking up. The treasury's alcohol tax unit reported it knocked off 639 last month compared with 545 in February, 1944.

—From Grand Forks Herald, March 21, 1945.

. . . Lest We Forget . . .

By NELLE G. BURGER

Retiring National Recording Secretary
President, Missouri W.C.T.U.

This day is the Day of Remembrance—the Day of Awards. The award of the Purple Heart, Medals of Honor, Congressional Medals, the Distinguished Service Cross, and others of high degree, are being given in tribute to the daring and the bravery of our men on the fighting fronts of the world. We rejoice in these tangible expressions of our love and admiration. Those men richly deserve all that a grateful nation can bestow upon them, sentimentally or materially. Nothing can compensate them for the sacrifice which they have made for us. Many literally have given their lives for the land they loved—many have given beyond the call of duty. We honor them. We cherish them. For those who have made the supreme sacrifice, we bow our heads in humble gratitude.

But I wish to call your attention to another glorious army which has faced the enemy's fire unflinchingly; which has given its casualties on the field of battle, in the fight against the greatest enemy of the American home—the legalized liquor traffic.

The members of that army were not decorated with the Purple Heart for wounds in battle. But they merit the Distinguished Service Cross—the Cross of the Leader who gave them courage for this Holy Crusade. They were not intimidated by abuse—He had known abuse. They were not fearful of suffering—He had suffered for them. They were not afraid of ridicule—He had borne that. They were not afraid to carry the Cross in His Name—He had carried the Cross for them. Nothing could intimidate these defenders of the home. They endured heat and cold, censure and criticism, with the same dauntless spirit as that displayed by our men on the front lines of battle today.

The saga of the Woman's Crusade seventy years ago reads like fiction, but it is factual history. I shall never forget my visit to the home of Mother Thompson, the gracious little woman who led that memorable Crusade. She laid her hand in benediction on my head and said, "All was wrought through prayer. Nothing is impossible with God." As prayer was the mighty weapon whereby those victories were won, so prayer will win victories today. The crusade begun seventy years ago will not slacken until the American Home is liberated.

We have had several distinctive epochs since that first Crusade. The organization of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, within a few months thereafter, crystallized and galvanized the womanhood of the nation into a tremendous force, and the proof that the W.C.T.U. is of God has been demonstrated by the character of its great leaders, each so well adapted to the peculiar need and activity of her time.

ANNIE WITTENMEYER, the first President, was a woman of great Christian consecration and sound judgment. She had learned the lesson of organizing in the face of the enemy in the days of the war between the states. In her efforts to establish diet kitchens for the disabled soldiers, she was not intimidated by the frowns of officials, but swept steadily on giving relief to thousands of wounded and suffering. She had been a fearless leader in church organization. When called to the leadership of the newly organized Woman's Christian Temperance Union, she displayed that same enthusiasm for a righteous cause and for organization against wrong. She was inspired by the Crusade spirit. This was the PRAYING era.

FRANCES E. WILLARD, who followed as W.C.T.U. President, became the greatest woman organizer the world has ever known. To this ORGANIZING epoch she brought her rare ability. She planned and executed the idea of visiting all cities in this country of ten thousand or more population for the purpose of organizing the W.C.T.U. She stayed in mansions or in sod houses with the same sweet grace which bound the hearts of all in loyal consecration to this cause. She united the women of the North and the South, the East and the West, as probably

no other could have done. She reached hands across the seas and united the women of the world. Her spirit still lives and inspires this great Army of Home Protection to continue activity.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union was fortunate in having a woman like LILLIAN M. N. STEVENS to lead in the LEGISLATIVE era. She had seen the beginning of the battle for Prohibition in Maine, and she determined that we, as a nation, should have Constitutional Prohibition. Toward that end all her efforts were directed. In 1911 she gave the world the ringing proclamation calling for "National Constitutional Prohibition in a decade." She did not see the fruition of her hope, but she had laid a sound foundation, and had builded well for its accomplishment.

ANNA ADAMS GORDON, by her winsomeness and tact, developed the era of CO-OPERATION, bringing our mutual interests before many organizations and winning their help and co-operation. She reached the hearts of the people and emphasized our many points of harmony. Her love for little children drew all to her. She kept the "love-light" for Frances Willard burning in the hearts of all, and made of the Willard home a sacred shrine.

Then came the MILITANT era, when battles had to be waged in an effort to hold the 18th Amendment. ELLA ALEXANDER BOOLE was truly a general of wisdom and courage. She faced Congressional Committees as well as a hostile press with an indomitable spirit. Her good judgment and her fine ability to present facts in a convincing and logical manner won the respect of those who opposed her opinions. She now leads the World's W.C.T.U. with dignity and faith.

The past ten years have been as difficult a decade as ever have faced—the DEFENSE OF THE FAITH—which has called for a high order of spirituality and consecration. IDA B. WISE SMITH has borne the burden of the day like a true Christian soldier. The strife has been bitter. The trials have been many. But she never has faltered. She has held the line and defended the faith undaunted.

So I salute these intrepid leaders, long past and recent, each so important in her time and place, each determined to win the final battle for the home. I should like to present to them, in the name of a loyal constituency, the Distinguished Service Cross for "conduct beyond the line of Duty." Lest We Forget.

We are beginning our seventh era and Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, our new leader, brings to this, TURBULENT day great dynamic force and personality. She is a born leader. She instantly inspires confidence and trust; is thoroughly competent to meet every emergency which may arise. She is a consecrated Christian. She is an orator with fluency of speech, ready wit, sound logic, and a sense of humor with which to meet all comers on the platform. The battle will be hard and relentless, but she will not quail before the fiery attacks; rather she will carry our colors into the very midst of the fight. We salute her—and bid her "God-speed" along the path where her eminent predecessors have led the illustrious White Ribbon Army for seventy years.

FAMILY REPAIR WORK

Mr. Philips S. Akre, executive secretary of Family Service Society, St. Louis County, Missouri, stated in Minneapolis recently that "Doing repair work on a family is an expensive job." "Adjusting community conditions so there will be no breakdown of a family is more economical and better from all points of view," he declared.

That is exactly what the temperance forces have contended all through the years; that it is a better economic policy (to say nothing of the moral implications) to protect the family than to try to reconstruct it after a breakdown.

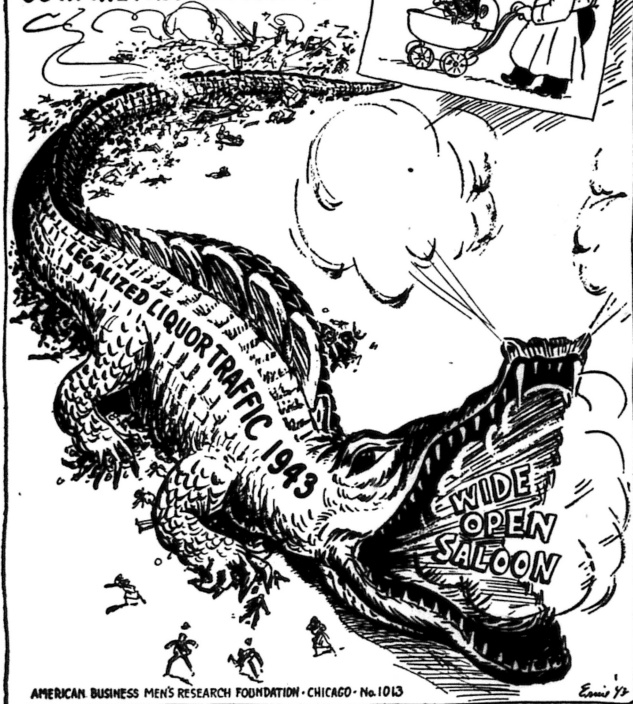
—The Spotlight.

A very fine institute was held in Fargo while the state officers were there. Our new state vice president, with the assistance of the local presidents had planned it well and a fine program was presented. A very good crowd was in attendance.

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Instead, the society ladies and the rich men and the politicians who were sponsoring him were to shape his destiny.

Let's see now, what was expected. Right away, little Repeal was to reduce taxes; end the depression; increase employment; reduce crime; promote respect for the constitution; and save our children. Yes, he was to do all that, for the whole maternal family of little Repeal promised it, time and time again.

When little Repeal came, he looked like his father, and when he was christened by his chief sponsor with a bottle of absolutely non-intoxicating beer, although the other sponsors present got drunk on it, everybody in the family was delighted. But he began to act like papa, right away.

The Ladies of the association against prohibition who had promised all their friends that they wouldn't permit him to look like Papa Booze Business just left in dudgeon, very high dudgeon, whatever that is, snapped their aristocratic figures at their high-sounding promises. So Papa Booze Business had the bartender, who had now stopped bootlegging, put on a nurse's costume and wheel little Repeal out for public approval.

And in a year or two you couldn't tell Repeal from Papa Booze Business at all. He may have been a little more streamlined and deadly, but that was all.

How quiet his sponsors keep. The men who expected him to reduce taxes, their taxes, found themselves paying four and five times more, long before Pearl Harbor; the depression settled down for a long stay; employment was relieved only by huge doles from Washington; crime still plagued the nation, increasing the Repeal's backyard as much as 100 per cent. And respect for the Constitution—well let's not go into that just now when Papa Booze Business and his son are facing all those nasty charges in Congress."

American Business Men's Research Foundation,
53 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, 4, Ill.

TODAY

I can't do anything about yesterday, nor can I project myself into tomorrow. But today is with me now, and my job is to make the best of it. If every today is made a success, there is no cause to grieve over the past or doubt as to the future.

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