

The State Convention Has Been Cancelled.
The executive committee will meet in Fargo early in October.

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AUGUST AFTERNOON

So still the August afternoon
That in my little field below
Not even stir the blades of corn,
No breezes blow.
There butterflies of softest white
Swim in and out and soar away,
And then return to dance about,
This August day.
So still it is that far-off sounds
Come near as in a tranquil dream;
All softened by a loving touch,
How sweet they seem.
Above the treetops faint clouds drift
Serenely on their quiet way.
And at the foot of distant hills
The cattle stray.
Even the sunlight dimly glows
In mellowness that seems attune
With all the dreamy, drowsy hush,
This August afternoon.

—Grace L. Hosmer, Minnesota

The President's Letter

Dear Co-Workers:

This issue of our Bulletin marks the beginning of our second year of publication by Mr. E. B. Washburn of the Washburn-Page Printing Co. We hope our association with that firm will continue to be pleasant and that we may be able to bring the Bulletin to you regularly. We will continue to publish it bi-monthly until such a time as we can afford a monthly issue. Every member is entitled to a copy and if your name has been omitted, please, let us know.

I had twenty-six delightful days in the field this spring assisting at district conventions and visiting local unions. It is always a joy to meet our co-workers and to counsel with them. I am so grateful to the district presidents who made it possible for me to visit many of the unions in their districts. I am always ready and willing to serve but with the help of local members I can reach more groups. I was able to re-organize the Powers Lake union and Mrs. Dave Bunes is the new local president there. I also organized a new union at Tioga with 15 paid members. Mrs. Anna Nylander is the president of that union. We extend a warm welcome to these two new unions and also to the new Loyal Temperance Legions throughout the state. I was present at all district conventions except Fargo and North Central Districts. Mrs. H. E. Mielke, state vice president was the guest speaker at Fargo District and because my mail did not reach me in time I was unable to go to Rock Lake in time for the North Central District. In spite of present day difficulties in transportation the attendance was good and some splendid programs were presented. The reports of local work were especially interesting but more effort should be put into department work. Careful study of the Plan of Work of any department will create interest when put into practice. There is no better way to win friends for our cause than to sell our department work. State Directors have a wonderful

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Regarding Whisky Manufacture

In their Old Judge advertising, the whisky makers tell the public that the United States was most fortunate in having their huge plants in existence to make industrial alcohol when the war came on, as if that were a good reason for the use of their product. During July, for the third time in eleven months, they have been allowed to make whisky again in spite of food shortages. True, beginning June 16, the War Food Administration prohibited the purchase or use of corn for manufacturing beverage or industrial alcohol, but the order did not affect corn acquired or contracted for before June 11. Former president Herbert Hoover has said "Altogether, the meat and fat production will show a considerable decline in 1945, and this in the face of a starving world. While hogs are our greatest source of fats, and fats rank equally with bread as a food necessity, yet despite abundant feed, the hog production was decreased . . . about 35 per cent from January 1, 1944 to January 1, 1945." The Corn Belt had poor corn weather last spring. Grain for beer and whisky is directly subtracted from grain for feed and for food, and to that extent lessens our grain aid to the starving peoples of Europe. Ask your Congressman for the Bryson Bill (H. R. 2082.)

—Condensed from The Union Signal.

The President's Letter

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opportunity to do this but it is the local director that must put the plan into practice.

Our membership drive is concluded and the state chairman, Mrs. H. E. Mielke will tell us in her complete report how successful it has been. We are striving to reach a goal in membership for the 60th anniversary of our organization in 1949 and to do so we must have 120 new members this year. Equally important is the collection of dues from old members. Our state books will close the early part of September (exact date not fixed yet) so may I urge that all dues be sent to our state treasurer before September first.

As you know we have been asked by our Government to hold NO conventions this year. It seems advisable therefore to cancel our state convention even though we might be able to keep our number of delegates under 50. However it has not been definitely decided yet as the ballot vote of General Officers is not completed at this time. If the state convention is cancelled, a state executive will be held in the early part of October in some central place. We will notify each union later of time and place as well as plans for the meeting.

The National convention which was scheduled to meet in Minneapolis has been cancelled and an Official Board meeting has been called by National President. This meeting will be held in Chicago, September 18-21. A National Directors' meeting will be held a few days earlier in September.

I am happy to report that we have had two Narcotic Education specialists in two of our colleges this summer. Miss Mary Grimmette taught a two-week course at Minot Teachers' College, June 4-19. She was taken ill while there so was unable to go to Valley City. It was my pleasure to have a few minutes with her between trains while enroute to the Northeast District. We regret that she became ill while in our state but Miss Bozemann informs me that she has fully recovered. We were very fortunate to be able to secure Miss Beulah Chappelle for the course at Valley City. We were happy to have these two outstanding teachers here and both have sent very favorable reports. At Minot the work was directed through rural education course and in that way Miss Grimmette was able to reach many rural teachers. Miss Chappelle reports a very enthusiastic class of 19 in Valley City. We are so grateful to our dear Mrs. Ranum at Valley City for the financial help that she rendered when she gave Miss Chappelle her room and breakfast. Mrs. Traux of Minot has made a similar contribution in previous years but was unable to do so this year. Our hats off to these faithful and loyal workers that we find wherever our organizations are established.

We are rapidly approaching the end of our fiscal year. Every union will be called on for a detailed report of work accomplished this year. Please, return blanks promptly. If you will carefully study your State Report you will find an X in front of the name of the local union that failed to report last year. (See Directory). Can we have a one hundred percent of our unions reporting this year? Let us endeavor to reach that goal. All unions should hold their annual elections no later than the August meeting so that the names of all local and district officers may be submitted to the state corresponding secretary before convention or state executive meeting. PLEASE COMPLY.

STATE DIRECTORS, ATTENTION! Be ready to report to State Corresponding Secretary the amount of stationery needed and also the leaflets and literature that you want for the furtherance of your department work. If this is submitted at convention or state executive, the work will get underway earlier in the year and will be more effective. We must make allowances for shortage in manpower which slows up printing.

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS, ATTENTION!

Please prepare a complete report of work done in your district this year and be ready to give it at convention or state executive. Let us endeavor to have at least one institute in each district during the month of October. Preparations must be made at once so that state officers can plan to be present

at each one. Please see that every union in your district has met this year's quota to the Narcotic Education Fund. We must not fail in this all important work—much depends on YOU.

Yesterday is already a dream,
And tomorrow is only a vision;
But today, well lived, makes
Every yesterday a dream of Happiness
And every tomorrow a vision of Hope.

—From the Sanskrit.

Yours in Loving service,

—Bessie M. Darling, State President.

Notes from the Unions

The Langdon union had a booth at the county fair again this year, where they displayed posters and gave out blotters and other literature.

The Grafton union met May 17 in the lower auditorium of the United Lutheran church, for a public meeting in honor of Mother's Day. The Misses Hilda Carlson and Marguerite Phelps gave readings befitting the occasion and a trio of young ladies from Our Saviour's Lutheran church, the Misses Siebel, Helliaks and Minchinton sang four numbers. Richard Korffage played two piano solos. Attorney Albert Lundhagen gave a very interesting talk on the bills passed at the last legislative session in Bismarck. Several guests were present and a delicious lunch was served, with which several members helped. Mrs. Ida Thorstenson and Mrs. Lina Herbison were in charge of the lunch. The June meeting was held in the evening at the home of Mrs. Albert G. Tverberg. Mrs. A. M. Herbison led the worship service and the president, Mrs. Alec Fraser was in charge of the meeting. Mrs. W. T. Walker gave the lesson on "Spiritual Life," and Mrs. Fraser read "Booze and the War." Readings were given by Mrs. P. E. Carlson and Miss Marguerite Phelps. Mrs. A. G. Strand gave a report of the district convention held at Nekoma. The banner for the Rainbow Questionnaire was awarded to this union for the third year. Mrs. Donald Dike will be in charge of the program for the July meeting. A social hour followed and lunch was served by the hostess.

Mrs. Annie Porter, president of the Calvin union, writes of the continued faithful work of the women there. In spite of losses by death and removal of members they have been able to keep their membership at 20 for several years. They have a column in the Western Cavalier County Advocate every two or three weeks; they keep leaflets in the depot at Calvin and Sarles; they hold monthly meetings and nearly always have visitors. They secured signers for petitions, and have sent several letters to those in authority about the liquor "holiday." Mrs. C. C. Crawford, who is their superintendent of Flower Mission and Relief, did a fine job of collecting used clothing for European relief. Calvin had dues and budget paid some time ago, and entertained the district convention in the spring.

The Prosper union met at the home of Mrs. Chas. Hogman May 16, with Mrs. Melvin Gangnes as program leader. "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" was sung by the group, and Mrs. Gangnes read from First Corinthians. Mrs. A. N. Lindsay led the dedicatory service at which Janice Kay and Ronald Gangnes, Bonita Kay and Dean Allen Rust, Barbara Jean and Carol June Ackerson, and Richard Arden Anderson were dedicated as White Ribbon Recruits. Mrs. Mary Panchatt gave a reading entitled "Mother," Mrs. Melvin Gangnes read "Your Home and Mine," and Mrs. Lindsay read "A Letter From France." "Let the Beauty Of Jesus Be Seen In Me" was sung in closing, and the hostess served a very nice lunch. A new member was received. May 13 the union held a Candlelight Service in the church for those in the armed forces, following the program outlined in the UNION SIGNAL. Their superintendent of Soldiers and Sailors, Mrs. Carl Gangnes, has given out ten pairs of pajamas, and ten kits, which were made by the members and turned in to the Red Cross; they also collected \$5.75 for the Blood Plasma Fund. They were planning for meetings with the L. T. L. in June and July. We are indebted to Mrs. George Rust for this fine account of the good work they are doing.

Notes from the Unions—Continued

The Williston union presented the "Frances Willard Pageant" on the evening of May 25th, at the First Methodist church. This pageant shows scenes in the beginning of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Mrs. A. W. Teske, the young wife of the Baptist pastor, took the leading part representing Miss Willard. The pageant was arranged by a member of the Williston union and was directed by the Rev. Stuart Parvin of the First Methodist church. The presentation was a success in every way; there was a good attendance and almost \$30 was realized from the freewill offering. The state president, Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, was present and gave a talk at the close of the program. Mrs. C. M. Sonne kindly sent this account.

The Nekoma union met at the home of Mrs. Ole Olson June 20. The favorite topic of conversation was the district convention held two weeks before and the fine address made there by the state president. A short program was given, and it was voted to send a gift of \$5.00 to the Blood Plasma Fund in memory of Mr. Robert Lillico, whose wife and daughter have been faithful members of the union for a long time. At the close of the meeting, a shower of practical gifts was given to Mrs. Bertha Flom, new member whose home was destroyed by fire, June 6, with heavy losses. The hostess served a fine lunch.

Northwood had a combination WCTU and LTL picnic in the city park there June 12; the weather was ideal and all had an enjoyable time. There are 60 members in the Legion, so the park must have been full of happy children. Northwood has had three essay contests from Seventh grade up through the Senior class, a poster contest for the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth grades, and also a silver medal contest. Good for Northwood! Mrs. O. J. Oswald sends this news.

Personal Mention

Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson is again at her cottage at Detroit Lakes for the summer. Mrs. Kate S. Wilder met her in Fargo and drove her to "Oak Lodge," staying with her a week. Mrs. Anderson visited Mrs. Fred M. Wanner in Jamestown, and Mrs. F. W. Heidel in Valley City, as well as her nephew at Tower City, on her way. A student pastor, Richard Boehr, from Wheaton College, is rooming at her cottage and holding Sunday services at the chapel there during the summer.

The many friends of Mrs. Annie F. Catherwood of Park River regret that she has been compelled to occupy a hospital bed for some time this summer, with a severe attack of rheumatism.

Rev. and Mrs. Fletcher Forster and family have left Langdon for Heppner, Oregon to the regret of the members of the local union in which she was a faithful helper.

Mrs. Nels Skabo, of Crosby, is now serving as Superintendent of Schools for Divide County, by appointment.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Cross are back in Park River after spending several months during the winter on the west coast. Our state director of Publicity and leader of the local union went right to work again as soon as she returned.

Mrs. Wesley Willey, formerly of Calvin and Oakes, now of North Hollywood, Calif., sends a subscription for our state paper, as she has never lost interest in our work. Thank you!

While Mrs. Bessie M. Darling was in the field last May she made many pleasant contacts with old friends. Among them was her meeting Mrs. Elva D. Pehrson of Fraser, Mont., who formerly lived at Alamo, was president of Northwest District for a time and was state vice president for two years. Mrs. Pehrson is another of our women who has gone back to the teaching profession during the war; she is a member of the high school faculty at Fraser. She continues as a Willard member in North Dakota.

At Williston Mrs. Darling was honored at a dinner given by the union for her. The table at the cafe was decorated with spring flowers, and more than a dozen of the members were able to attend the pleasant event.

Smoking—That's Something to Think About

This is the title of the new slide film just put out by the National WCTU. Several copies have been received at the State Headquarters, 1421 Seventh St. S., Fargo, and are awaiting calls to be sent out to the local WCTU's of the state. This slide film will make an appeal to school children similar to "He Ran A Race" as all the acting is done by school children. Schools should be interested in buying this film. The price is \$2.00, as are the others. Who wants it first?

—Alberta W. Lundhagen, Corresponding Secretary.

In Memoriam

Alas for him who never sees
The stars shine through his cypress trees;
Who, hopeless, lays his dead away,
Nor looks to see the breaking day
Across the mournful marbles play!
Who hath not learned, in hours of faith,
That truth to flesh and sense unknown,
That Life is ever lord of Death,
And Love can never lose its own!

—John Greenleaf Whittier.

John Woodrow Pehrson, son of Mrs. Elva D. Pehrson, former State Vice President, was killed in action while in the service of his country. He was a member of the Methodist church in Glasgow, Montana, and memorial services were held there. The deep sympathy of all goes to our comrade in her sorrow.

My Four - F Son

To think that you, so tall and strong, so keen to speed each
joke along,

So quick to learn, so pleased to earn your way—to spurn the
wrong—

To think that when your notice came, and light of heart you went
To win a soldier's name and fame, the journey an event—

To think a hidden weakness, most unsuspected,

Relic of a childhood's sickness, sent Bill home—rejected!

What though there is no place for you in war's grim game of
death?

Take heart, my son, and live for Christ so long as you have
breath

To sing His praise—confess His name and spread His love on
earth.

Why should it be? Perhaps to learn what things have largest
worth;

Perhaps to stay a mother's tear, perhaps to do a bigger job
here

On the farm we all hold dear.

Perhaps to teach humility, to lessen pride in "Bill;"

Perhaps to show God's way is best when we submit to do His
will!

—Ruth T. Stolberg, Flasher.

Mrs. Annie Porter, president of Calvin Union, left July 4th to be for some time with a daughter in Michigan who is under the care of a physician. She will visit two other daughters and a son who reside in Wisconsin as she comes home. She was accompanied as far as St. Paul by her daughter Mary who had been home on furlough and returned then to her duties in the WAC, at Buckley Field near Denver, Colo.

Due to an error in her address, ye editor had the pleasure of receiving a cordial letter from Mrs. Ella A. Boole, president of the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Mrs. Boole was kind enough to say that she enjoys our little paper and reads it as soon as it reaches her.

A THOUSAND TIMES TRUE!

A certain graveyard was always kept locked, but a notice on the gate read: "The key to the graveyard will be found in the tavern."

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A Word to the Wise

Again I thank all of you who have sent me news for the paper, but what can I say to those who did not? Especially to the ones whose duty it was to report district conventions, and who did not do so? Only seven reports have come in—three in the previous issue and four this time. I know you had good meetings, and we all want to know about them. I wish we might have had them for this issue.

It appears, from statements in the daily papers, that the people at last are beginning to realize that there is some connection between the sugar shortage and the immense amount of liquor being consumed. Under the heading "Tough Way to Solve Problem" an Associated Press dispatch from Washington in June says that an Idaho woman suggests that sugar stamps be required for the purchase of beer. Mrs. W. A. Parker of Bonners Ferry, Idaho wrote her representative that the women are "getting wrathful" because they have learned that large quantities of sugar are used in making beer. Her idea was to double the sugar ration, and allow the stamps to be used for either sugar or beer. The War Food Administration said that "very little" sugar of the rationed type is used in making beer;

that brewers use mostly corn sugar for that purpose. If this statement is correct, it still does not soothe the feelings of us who have tried vainly to purchase corn syrup in some form, to eke out our scanty supply of sugar. I hear that the weather has been unfavorable for this year's crop in much of the corn belt; it seems very likely that there will be a shortage of that vital food and feed grain. Just recently North Dakota's representative, Charles R. Robertson, said at Bismarck that his office has been flooded with letters from home folks who believe that sugar is being used for liquor manufacture this month in spite of the shortage. (I like that word "flooded"—it shows that you really are writing letters!) Mr. Robertson stated that the WFA, the OPA and the WPB all report that no sugar was allocated for beverage alcohol making this July, and that none was allocated for beverage alcohol during the two previous liquor holidays. He said these three federal agencies have assured him that they do not "anticipate" any allocations of sugar for beverage alcohol "for as long as sugar remains in tight supply."

I am sure these statements can be believed, but there is more to the story. June 25, according to the UNION SIGNAL, the WPB revoked an order that forbade the processing of imported CANE alcohol for beverage purposes. The control was imposed in May to prevent diversion of cane spirits into liquor. The editor of the Union Signal adds "This seems somewhat ambiguous, but it evidently means that the distillers may use some sort of sugar product in their July 'holiday.' Nothing is said however, in official sources, as to the relation to the whole 'holiday' performance of the 900,000 tons of sugar allocated by the Government to the distillers for INDUSTRIAL alcohol in 1944. Why this immense amount of sugar was diverted from civilian food uses when grain was and still is, amply available, never has been explained." So if the beverage alcohol makers use so much grain that there is not enough to make the industrial alcohol needed for war purposes, will our government allocate that much sugar again to make war-needed alcohol, trusting that because of our patriotism and yearning for victory as speedily as possible, we will continue to scrimp cheerfully? Keep on writing, and ask the men we sent to Washington, some of these questions. Nine hundred thousand tons is a lot of sugar! Makers of soft drinks have had to cut their manufacture to a point where their businesses cannot be operated without loss; bakeries are going out of business; it is predicted that jams and jellies will vanish from the market. Let us keep on talking about it. As to grain, the distillers proudly claim that they are making stock food from the refuse of the grain they use, and that it will produce about one third the amount of meat, when fed to animals, that the original grain would have given. So, with people everywhere complaining of the meat shortage, two thirds of the grain that might have fed meat animals went into whisky in July!

At the end of this, will appear the glossary of bills that was somehow omitted last time, to my regret. Cut it out and keep it—and use it!

—Elizabeth C. Beasley.

Glossary

H. R. 752, the Pace bill, to keep alcohol, vice, and gambling away from the camps.

H. R. 2082, the Bryson bill, to stop entirely the manufacture and sale of beverage alcohol for the duration of the war.

WRITE YOUR CONGRESSMAN ABOUT THESE.

S. 599, the Capper bill, to keep all alcoholic beverage advertising out of interstate commerce.

S. 623, the Johnson bill, to stop alcoholic beverage advertising over the radio.

S. 860, the O'Daniel bill, to renew the safeguards of World War I against alcohol and vice for our men and women in the armed services.

WRITE YOUR SENATORS ABOUT THESE.

North Dakota's congressmen are Hon. Wm. Lemke and Hon. Charles R. Robertson; both are addressed at House Office Building, Washington, D. C. North Dakota senators are Sen. Wm. Langer and Sen. Milton R. Young, both addressed at Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C.

Treasurer's Report

May 20—July 20, 1945

Dues: Stady-Zahl 2, Grand Forks Frances Willard 30, Larimore 2, Underwood 2, Ellendale 4, Glover 19, Mott 3, Nekoma 2, Anamoose 8, Fargo Scandinavian 41, Minot 3, Park River 5, Rugby 1.

Willard Memberships: Mrs. Elva D. Pehrson, Frazer, Mont.; Mrs. Catherine Eyres, Sioux City, Iowa.

L. T. L. Dues: Grand Forks Frances Willard 12; Casselton 20, Absaraka 20.

Budget: Grand Forks, Frances Willard \$30.00; Stanley \$17.00; Minot \$4.00; Valley City \$40.00; Underwood \$25.00; Fargo \$45.00; Alamo \$12.00.

District Pledges: Ellendale \$10.00; Fargo \$20.00; Minot \$12.50; Grand Forks \$10.00; New Rockford \$10.00; Ransom LaMoure \$10.00; Bismarck \$10.00; Northwest \$7.50.

Literature: \$11.45, State reports \$1.00. Union Signal (foreign) \$1.50; Young Crusader .50.

Memorial gift for Robert Lilloco, Nekoma \$5.00, to be used for blood plasma.

Safety School on Wheels: Fargo Scandinavian \$5.00.

Collections from meetings held by state president \$86.97.

Life Memberships: Mrs. Robert E. Taylor, Fortuna; Mrs. Peter J. Foss, Appam.

Memorial Membership: John Woodrow Pehrson.

Child Memberships: Fargo Scandinavian: JoAnn Jones, by grandmother, Mrs. Josephine Jones; Marilyn K. Peterson, by grandmother, Mrs. Sanborn Olson. Minot: Ruby Joan Zook, by grandmother, Mrs. Charles Zook. Plaza: Kenneth Oliver Holter, Jr., by grandmother, Mrs. Lena Everson. In addition to the child memberships which are credited to it, the following have contributed to the Narcotic Education Fund.

Narcotic Education Fund: Minot \$32.59, Hatton \$14.50, Fargo District \$10.00, Grand Forks \$3.00, Plaza \$10.00, Ness Ladies Aid, Cooperstown; Fargo Scandinavian \$14.00, (four dollars of this amount were memorial gifts for departed members). Minot District and Bismarck Union are Light Line Unions.

There are still some Unions who have not sent in dues for all of last year's members, also some who have not completed their budget. Let us do our best to have this all cleared up before the end of the year which is rapidly approaching. The treasurer's books will close September 10th. Also kindly remember to have your alphabetical list of last year's paid members in by September 1st. —Mrs. Iver Fossum, Treasurer.

Commander Gene Tunney's Message to Youth

"This is a war in which men and women, and boys and girls, must be strong. It is a total war and involves all of us. The side that is able to have warriors stand up strong and ready to fight after a long struggle, is the side that will win this war. Attrition reduces all forces. It is up to us to keep the percentage of attrition low, so that we will be the people that will have the men left to continue the struggle when our enemies are reduced to helplessness.

"We are free men and therefore will fight to the death to retain those freedoms for which our Revolutionary forefathers fought, bled, and died. They are contained in the Magna Charta and the Declaration of Independence, as well as in the Atlantic Charter.

"To be able to win the peace, as well as to win the war, our youth must be physically fit, fearless, and intelligent. Habits which impair their efficiency in these respects must be considered as un-American. Smoking, drinking, late night carousing, and low moral standards are enemies of efficiency as well as enemies of the highest standards of American young manhood and womanhood. America must depend on its youth—will you help?"

—In White Ribbon Ensign.

Noontide Hour of Prayer

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

God Bless Our Men

God bless our men in air, on land, and sea!
Full well we know how dear they are to Thee.
Where'er they go, whatever they may dare,
God ever keep them in Thy gracious care.

God guard our men by night as well as day,
For we, at home for them will ever pray
That war and strife and enmity may cease,
And Thou wilt send us Everlasting Peace.

God guard our men, oh keep them ever near!
Make strong their faith and drive out all their fear;
Give them a vision of Thy saving love,
That nothing in this world can ever move.

God guard our men, and though just now they roam,
Grant us our prayers and bring them safely home.
God bless our foes and cause all eyes to see,
That peace, O Christ, can only come from Thee.

—E. Sparrow, Cardiff, England

Ada Mohn - Landis Contest

Seventeen years ago Mrs. Ada Mohn-Landis established a fund to be spent each year for prize declamations. Two small attractive books, containing prize winning and other selected manuscripts submitted in last year's contest, have been printed. They are, "Junior Approved Selections for WCTU Speech Contests (Number 16)" and "Senior Approved Selections for WCTU Speech Contests (Number 17)."

We believe that the prevailing popular custom of drinking beverage alcohol at cocktail parties, dinners, in taverns, and elsewhere, is a threat to the security of the individual, the home, the nation. Therefore, we have chosen the following theme for the Landis Contest beginning now and closing March 30, 1946, at 5 o'clock.

"The Family is the Foundation of a Nation. Does total abstinence from beverage alcohol, which is a narcotic, contribute to the well-being and security of an individual, a family, a nation?"

THEME

Contestants may write upon any phase of the following theme: The Family is the Foundation of a Nation. Does total abstinence from beverage alcohol (which is narcotic) contribute to the strength and well-being of an individual, a family, a nation?

Theme should not appear on manuscript.

Two Types of Manuscripts Are Desired

- I. Senior Declamations—to be used by adults and youth; 750 to 1,000 words. First prize \$40.00; second prize \$20.00.
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District Conventions

GRAND FORKS DISTRICT

Grand Forks District WCTU met in the Congregational church in Grand Forks for its annual convention June 12. The meeting was well attended. Highlights of the morning session included reports of district officers, directors and the presidents of the six local unions. A very beautiful and touching memorial service was conducted by Mrs. Carl Aaker of Larimore, who read scripture and offered prayer. Mrs. Adolph Peterson of Grand Forks sang "Beyond the Sunset;" white carnations were placed in a vase in memory of departed friends and a fitting verse of poetry was read for each name. This service closed with a solo, "My Home Sweet Home" sung by Mrs. C. E. Soderholm of Larimore.

Luncheon was served in the church dining room. At the afternoon meeting, addresses of welcome were given from the two Grand Forks unions, to which Mrs. G. L. Thompson of Hatton responded. "Films, Movies and Publications" were discussed by Mrs. O. J. Swanson of Grand Forks; Mrs. Bessie M. Darling explained "Launching the Narcotic Education Fund." A splendid talk on "Alcohol's Relation to Child Delinquency" was given by Mr. Leslie Burgum, Grand Forks. Mrs. Kate S. Wilder spoke on "Legislation" telling what was done at the last legislative session at Bismarck. A very interesting demonstration was given by eight girls from the new LTL recently organized in Grand Forks. All general officers of the district were re-elected; they are Mrs. George Muir, Gilby, president; Mrs. George L. Thompson, Hatton, vice president; Mrs. O. J. Oswald, Northwood, recording secretary; Mrs. C. E. Soderholm, Larimore, corresponding secretary; Mrs. J. W. Scott, Gilby, treasurer.

At the evening meeting, the worship service was led by Rev. Rice, pastor of the church. Arlene and Donna Herlekson sang "Where Is My Wondering Boy Tonight" accompanying themselves on the marimba. A splendid address by the state president, Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, was the highlight of the evening. All felt that this was one of the best conventions this district has had.

ELLEDALE DISTRICT

The annual convention was held in the Presbyterian church in Monango, with a good attendance. The state president, Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, was present and gave the main address. Several musical numbers given by pupils of the Monango school were much enjoyed; the young people came over to the church and sang. Rev. Senecal of Ellendale, who is also pastor at Monango Presbyterian church, also gave a vocal solo. In the afternoon he gave a very interesting talk about difficulties met in doing good. The usual reports were given by those responsible for them, and were approved. A good offering was received. Officers for the coming year are as follows: President, Mrs. Carl Maack, Ellendale; Vice President Mrs. Fred Maack, Monango; Secretary, Mrs. R. G. Newton, Monango; Treasurer, Mrs. B. L. Smith, Ellendale.

MINOT DISTRICT

Minot district WCTU met with Parshall Union at the First Lutheran church there May 21, 1945. The bus carrying the speaker and most of the delegates was two hours late, but the state and district presidents are master hands at meeting emergencies, and the business of the convention was pushed efficiently so the tardiness was made up in a short time. Five unions reported. Seven names were read at the Memorial service, four of them names of soldier sons of members. Sawyer union placed the name of Mrs. Briar on the Memorial Membership list. Two Child memberships were received. The district voted funds to become a Light Line District. There are 84 names in our Service Book.

Minot District has three LTL's; the Parshall legion provided a half hour of the evening program and we were very proud of their work. The district conducted a poster contest; Parshall had held a Silver and a Bronze medal contest. Montrail and Ward County teachers all receive The Young Crusader.

Parshall's young people are beautiful singers; their songs were highlights of the program. Mrs. Darling, the state president,

was at her best as she spoke in the evening on "Forward Together." Each union reported new members, and it was indicated that each union is paying a large portion of its quota of the Narcotic Education Fund this year, instead of spreading it over five years. Dinner and supper were enjoyed in the church basement, where all were pleasantly free to visit and discuss problems; in so doing our workers become more united. Mrs. Darling's talk and her evening address were full of working plans and ideas, which helped revive our courage. All officers were reelected. They are Mrs. F. T. Brooks, Minot, president; Mrs. E. O. Lerberg, Parshall, vice president; Mrs. J. B. Bradley, Minot, corresponding secretary; Mrs. N. R. Heinzen, Plaza, recording secretary; Mrs. A. S. Dwelle, Minot, treasurer.

NORTHEAST DISTRICT

Five of the unions in this district were represented when the convention was held at Nekoma June 5th; Grafton, Park River, Edinburg, Langdon and Nekoma. It was a matter of deep regret that lack of tires and other needs kept others away. The district president, Mrs. Bessie M. Ordahl presided, and her daughter, Mrs. Austinson played the piano for the group singing. The usual opening service was observed with the Crusade Hymn, and Crusade Psalm; Mrs. Alec Fraser of Grafton offered prayer. Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, the state president, led in the salute to the flag; when introduced she brought greetings from other conventions she had attended. In the absence of the recording secretary, Mrs. A. G. Stand of Grafton took the minutes. Greetings were sent to the state officers, and others. The forenoon session was mostly occupied with reports; two young girls were present from Edinburg to report their LTL. A memorial service was conducted by Mrs. Frank Beasley, at which the names of departed members and relatives of others were honored. A new candle was lighted, to typify their influence. A noon meal was served in the church by the hostess union.

In the afternoon, Rev. Duncan Matheson of Langdon led the opening devotional service. The Rainbow Questionnaire gave all unions some gay ribbons, with Grafton again just a bit ahead. Mrs. Beasley explained the goals for the 60th anniversary of the WCTU. The main event of the afternoon was the interesting and instructive address, "Forward Together" of the state president. A generous offering was received. Music enjoyed by all included a solo by Elaine Brown of Nekoma, whose accompanist was Marjorie Hanson; and duets by Mrs. William Overby of Langdon and her sister, Christine Gjevve of Fairdale, with a third sister, Myrtle Gjevve at the piano. Three men who attended all day were introduced; Rev. Matheson, Mr. Alec Fraser of Grafton and Mr. Ole I. Gjevve of Fairdale. Two tiny boys whose fathers are with the armed forces, were dedicated by Mrs. Darling as White Ribbon Recruits. One was Roger Wayne Dick, son of Seaman and Mrs. Kenneth Dick, grandson of Mrs. George Sholy who is president of Nekoma Union. The other was Clifford Bruce Hanson, son of Cpl. and Mrs. Clifford Hanson, great-grandson of Mrs. T. O. Thompson of Nekoma Union. All officers were reelected. They are Mrs. Bessie M. Ordahl, Edinburg, president; Mrs. Lina Herbison, Grafton, vice president; Mrs. Annie F. Catherwood, Park River, corresponding secretary; Miss Hulda Carlson, Grafton, recording secretary; Mrs. Althea Adams, Cavalier, treasurer. Afternoon lunch was served before the delegates went home.

HIGH CHAIR VS. ELECTRIC CHAIR

If we are going to educate children in the worthwhileness of life, and on the harmful influence of alcohol, the time to start is when that child is plastic, not wait until somebody else has taken him out and given him a drink and he thinks he has done something smart. When it comes to a great many of these social problems, I would not spend hundreds of millions of dollars in correctional work. I would spend hundreds of millions of dollars in the protective and educational work long before they start. **The Place to Stop Crime is Not in the Electric Chair but in the High Chair.**

—Envoy J. Stanley Sheppard, Director,
Men's Prison Bureau, The Salvation Army.

The Relation of Alcohol to Child Delinquency

"The picture is not a pretty one. Crime definitely is on the increase" declares John Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. "Yes," he continued, "juvenile delinquency is mounting rapidly, and unless we do our jobs better we can expect another era of lawlessness such as swept the country after the last war."

No one is in a better position to know the conditions under which our youth are living than J. Edgar Hoover. He says, "The seriousness of war time crime among young people can be seen in each day's newspaper stories of youthful misadventures, running the gamut from lurid sex crimes to vicious acts of vandalism amounting to actual sabotage. It is reflected also in the statistics compiled by the Federal Bureau of Investigation based upon arrests of youthful offenders by law enforcement officers from coast to coast. Remember also, that for every boy and girl actually arrested there are many other so-called delinquent children who are handled more informally by the police, in the hope that their initial contacts with "the law" will straighten them out."

Giving figures he says:—"During the first nine months of 1943, arrests of girls under 21 went up 54.7 per cent over the same period in 1942. Offenses against property, for example, which include robbery, burglary, larceny and arson rose 33.6 per cent. Offenses against common decency soared to a 69.6 per cent rise. At the pre-draft ages of 17 and younger, there was a general 19.9 per cent increase for both girls and boys. Arrests for drunkenness among pre-draft boys increased 30 per cent."

Another report by Mr. Hoover is headed "Wild Children." The bulk of arrests is at the age of 14 to 17. However there is a disproportionate increase in cases of children under the age of 12. Of these "Wild Children" the girls under 21 show an increase of drunkenness of 50 per cent; of disorderly conduct 70 per cent; prostitution 64 per cent; other sex offenses 104 per cent. Increases were greatest among girls 15 to 19.

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

What are the causes of this great increase in child delinquency?

Much of the blame for these conditions lies in the American home. In many cases the parents have failed to train their children in the principles of honesty, integrity and Christian living. We read that instead of JUVENILE delinquency, we should be talking and doing something about PARENTAL delinquency. Millions of mothers, many of them mothers of small children, are working in war plants. Many of them take their children to nurseries established for the care of such children; many hire some one, often a young girl, to care for them; other children are left to care for themselves. When the parents come home they are tired and can not give the children the home care they should have. Many cases are reported of young parents taking their babies into bars and saloons or leaving them outside while they drink and forget all about their responsibilities. Under these conditions the children cannot escape the influence of parental attitude and conduct.

Realizing that much of the blame for present conditions rests on the parents San Francisco has set up a Parental School. There parents arrested for neglect or other acts detrimental to the welfare of their children are ordered to attend this school for a course of eight lectures in which their obligations as parents are outlined.

Evidence which the Juvenile Protective Association of Chicago has accumulated the past year indicates that more boys and girls are drinking alcoholic beverages today than ever before. It says there are three obvious reasons for this:

1. Many parents are accepting less responsibility for the conduct and welfare of their children.
2. The laxity of officials in enforcing liquor laws has increased.
3. The examples set by adults and the increase in liquor

propaganda and advertising, in printed matter, over the radio and in motion pictures.

In recent studies on juvenile delinquency it was found that most of the delinquents who come before the courts are under privileged children from impoverished, over crowded homes in districts where demoralizing conditions, such as low grade pool-rooms and taverns, cheap dance halls and gambling halls are rampant. In short, the problem of drink enters seriously into the making of undesirable neighborhoods, of creating problems for parents and all those who have to do with training of children and youth.

What should be done to combat this trend to lawlessness among our youth? First, I think, parents should be persuaded to recognize their responsibility in the matter. Dan Muse says, "I am fully persuaded that at the bottom of the juvenile delinquency will be found the failure of parents to properly train their children in the right way of living. A child turned loose without proper and careful training doesn't have a chance to escape the deepest pollution. They should be properly trained—and that in the home."

Mr. Hoover cites an increase of 50 per cent in DRUNKENNESS—not just drinking. We all know that many of the above mentioned crimes probably are committed when the boy or girl is under the influence of liquor. Much of this liquor is obtained illegally. A recent investigation of 839 places selling liquor in Chicago showed 292 of them selling to minors and reports show that this illegal sale is increasing.

We cannot lay this increased drinking to the war. Since repeal there has been a steady growth of forces connected with the illegal sale and use of liquor demoralizing to home and community life.

Heading a report of the Juvenile Protective Association is "Liquor Traffic Starts Youth's Problems." If this be true—and who can doubt it?—is it not up to us to do all in our power to root out this evil? Let us adopt the Chinese motto our soldiers are learning—GUNG HO—meaning "FORWARD TOGETHER;" then much can and will be accomplished.

Paper prepared for district convention by Nellie M. Cross.

PROHIBITION LAW ENFORCEMENT COST THE GOVERNMENT NOTHING

The figures released by the Department of Justice on Dec. 21, 1933, show that the enforcement of the prohibition laws from Jan. 10, 1920, through Oct. 31, 1933, netted the government an actual profit in dollars and cents. The total cost is quoted at \$128,810,291. The credits set up against this cost are fines aggregating \$80,337,012 and confiscated property valued at \$219,302,464—a profit of \$170,829,185.

Tell this to some one every day.—N. Y. W.C.T.U. Woman's Work.

I have a dollar
You have a dollar
We swap—
Now I have your dollar
You have my dollar
We are no better off.
I have an idea
You have an idea
We swap—
Now you have two ideas
I have two ideas
We both are richer
What you gave, I have
What you got, I did not lose."

—Exchange

"Surely the knowledge of the results of a cocktail has as much potential value as the habit of brushing one's teeth; yet thousands of children, from kindergarten up, are being frantically urged to brush the teeth thrice daily by teachers who never mention liquor."—Exchange.

Beer For Soldiers

By CHAPLAIN RUAL T. PERKINS

During the eleven months that I have been serving in the Southwest Pacific the liquor problem has become of increasing concern to me. I am driven to write this by a recently instituted practice of issuing American beer to all men in this area through the quartermaster.

Under the present system each man is allowed to buy a ration of twenty-four bottles of 3.2 beer each month. As much as I am opposed to the liquor traffic in any form, I would not protest this ration if it were not costing the taxpayers millions of dollars to distribute this beer to the armed forces, if it did not encourage every man whether he drinks or not to take his ration, and if it did not take up valuable cargo space in ships from the states. But each of these three objections exists.

The machinery of rationing is so geared as to encourage every man to take his ration and many are becoming beer drinkers for the first time because of it. I have no doubt that beer manufacturers are glad to supply the armed forces at a greatly reduced rate in order to make beer drinkers out of every American boy in the forces.

Even if a boy does not drink he still has his ration and can sell it for a nice sum. There is the possibility of making petty bootleggers out of thousands of innocent boys who do anything to do with the stuff at all he is considered a "heel." And many men have come to me about the problem.

For many months boys who have been in these jungles are told that they cannot go home because there is not shipping space. We are advised that it is a problem of letting men or materials occupy the space, and the materials are needed worse. Now we see hundreds of thousands of cases of beer rolling into New Guinea in the place of so desperately needed bombs and shells.

A case of this beer weighs thirty-eight pounds, and a man can drink up his weight in four months. Why is it that we are unable to get some of those hundreds of cars of eggs that were fed to cattle in the Eastern states or some of the beef before it is put into cans? Why don't they try dehydrating beer and send us more fresh fruits, meats and vegetables? Even the worst of beer guzzlers would choose the latter. To those who howl that beer is a food, I ask: Will you starve those who do not drink?

The problem of hard liquors has been serious here from the first. Most new units from the states bring untold quantities with their legitimate equipment, but the worst phase of the problem exists in transporting it from Australia in much-needed planes. There is an order from General Headquarters USAAFE that no military aircraft will be used to bring liquor out of Australia into New Guinea, and that anyone found doing so will be subject to courtmartial. But the regulation has been ignored.

Most every Air Corps unit has its plane (called "Fat Cat") that makes regular trips to the mainland for the explicit purpose of bringing back a load of liquor and extra food—and often the load is all liquor. Various units send down a plane at least twice a month for this purpose. A conservative estimate is that it costs the government \$3,000 to send a plane south, not to mention the persons involved. So far as I know, not one man has ever been questioned for making these trips. Most every unit has a regular bar for officers and another for enlisted men. I need not say that drunkenness is very common.

Above and beyond this there is a racket known as the brewing of jungle juice that is very common here. These beverages are made from almost anything imaginable and are bootlegged here and there at high prices. They have a high alcoholic content and often run the men crazy for a spell. Very little is done to prevent this brewing and stewing.

Then there is the question of chaplains' supplies. Protestant chaplains who refuse to use wines in serving Communion are at a great disadvantage. There is plenty of altar wine to be had from any chaplain's supply, but it is almost impossible to get grape juice, and we are encouraged to use synthetic powders such as grapeade and so on. To me this is an outrage and a dis-

grace to the church. If the Army can see fit to send millions of bottles of beer overseas, then it can find a way to get us some decent Communion grape juice. To those who cry that there is a scarcity of grape juice, I ask: How have they learned to make grape wine without grape juice?

These are some of the problems that we face when we confront the liquor evil in the Southwest Pacific.

—The Christian Advocate

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Let me hear Thy voice in the morning
Ere the cares of the day rush in;
Let me meet Thee first in the dawning
Ere the duties of life begin.
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Since I've been on holy ground.

—L. B. Snow in White Ribbon Ensign

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