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## These Things and More

These are the things that make fall gay  
When summer has taken her blossoms away;  
The pumpkins, piled by the kitchen door,  
Like sunshine spilled on earth's drab floor;  
The apples, filling a bowl on the table  
For children to munch, all they are able;  
The shaggy pompons, the barberries bright  
Defying the frostiest autumn night;  
The crackle of leaves as we trudge the lane;  
A golden maple tree in the rain.  
These glorify an autumn day,  
When summer has taken her blossoms away.

—Mildred Nickerson.

in Maryland White Ribbon Herald.

## The President's Annual Address

The North Dakota Woman's Christian Temperance Union was organized 56 years ago this fall when the seventh and last convention of Dakota Territory was held at Yankton, S. D. After that convention, the state unions of North Dakota and South Dakota began their existence.

North Dakota has held annual meetings every year since that date. In 1932 Regional Conferences took the place of the state convention and in 1943 the annual meeting was an executive committee meeting because of the difficulty of transportation. This year when we were requested by the office of defense transportation to curtail civilian travel, we again cancelled our state convention. We regret that the plans for this meeting could not be fulfilled but we are a Christian patriotic organization, anxious to do our part in any emergency, therefore we complied with the request. I know that we will miss the inspiration and information that such a gathering brings but let us forget our disappointment and enter into the plans for the New Year wholeheartedly.

We are very grateful to the two unions of Fargo for the splendid preparations that they have made for the comfort of every member of the executive committee

Since we met in convention in Valley City last fall, we have passed through a most eventful year. Our nation with her allies won their first major victory May 7, V-E Day when Germany surrendered; the unconditional surrender of Japan came on August 14, 1945. At 6 o'clock P. M. on that historic day, the president announced to the people that Japan had accepted the terms of the Potsdam Conference. All around the world the bells rang, whistles blew, men, women, and children shouted, laughed and cried. After almost four long years of strife—war had ceased; right was triumphant over might. In that great triumph the generations to come will know the freedoms that we have cherished; the freedoms for which our men have fought and died. Victory brought joy to so many. In millions of homes in our land as in the allied lands, it means the return of loved ones in safety. To the men and women in the armed services, it means the end of a horrible nightmare of uncertainty, danger and destruction and a return to civilian life with its opportunities and pleasures. To many a wife and children it means the happy reunion with husband and father; the reestablishment of the home and an opportunity to take up life as it was before the call to patriotic service.

We are very proud of our valiant men who gave themselves with such splendid spirit to this world service. Our joy in this

victory, the home-coming of our brave lads and in that better world of to-morrow is sadly dimmed by the memory of those who went bravely forth to battle but who will not return.

O valiant hearts who to your glory came  
Through dust of conflict and through battle flame;  
Tranquil you lie, your knightly virtue proved,  
Your memory hallowed in the land you loved.

As our armies swept into enemy lands and the conquered lands and liberated prisoners, we were given an insight into the horror of slavery and the great price that has been paid for liberty. Our hearts are filled with a grim determination that these—our honored dead who gave their last full measure of devotion, shall not have died in vain; That liberty, justice and peace purchased at so great a price must be preserved.

We have passed through a period of great duress which has been a testing time for us all. Many have passed through deep waters. Our hearts go out in tender sympathy to beloved comrades who have experienced deeply the tragedies of war and whose hearts and homes have been left desolate. We have been amazed at the heroic courage with which they have borne their anxiety and grief. We pray that the Great Comforter with His all embracing love will comfort and sustain them in their loneliness and sorrow and that He will heal their wounds.

In the minds and hearts of the thinking people today, is a great hope that to this broken and war-torn world there may come an enduring peace. At the United Nations' Conference which was held in San Francisco this past summer leading men and women counselled together on the great problem of World Peace. The charter that came out of that Conference is the first step towards a world-wide movement. It is up to every individual as well as every nation to make effective this charter as a guard against future wars.

It is not a perfect plan but we must use every effort to attain the utmost possible under its provision. As we strive to win the peace let us be alert to the new problems and issues which will arise from time to time. Probably the first of such issues will be peace time conscription of the youth of our nation. Can we win an enduring peace while preparing for war? Rep. Joseph W. Martin, Jr., of Massachusetts has proposed that the nations of the world adopt an international agreement to abandon peacetime conscription for military service. Let us suggest to our Congressmen that they support this resolution.

Our organization is world-wide in scope and we have learned in our relations with co-workers from other nations that if there is an honest desire to work together for a common cause, it can be done. Only with brotherly love, unselfishness, and trust can such unity be obtained.

The major objective of our organization is the abolition of the liquor traffic and that accomplishment will do much toward preserving an enduring peace.

The organized liquor traffic has been given the green light ever since repeal, and during these war years has received special privileges not accorded any other business. Many of us have seen and experienced the tragedies of two world wars. It may be interesting to turn back the pages of time to 1917 and briefly review the beverage alcohol problem of that time. America was then engaged in World War I. In September of that year Congress ordered the wheels of every distillery in the United States stopped for the period of the war. The 69,000,000 bushels of food stuffs annually wasted in making whiskey were used to feed a hungry world. In November of that same year

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by an order of Congress 264 saloons, 4 breweries and 91 wholesale houses moved out of the Capitol City of this great nation. On the 6th day of that month, New Mexico with a large Indian and Spanish population, voted two to one to put prohibition of the liquor traffic into their state constitution.

In December, the House of Representatives approved the National Prohibition Amendment by a vote of 282 for the Amendment and 128 against. The Senate had adopted the resolution July 30th and concurred in the House amendments December 18th, by a vote of 47 to 8.

In January 1918, Alaska's prohibition law went into effect and that vast territory was freed from the domination of the saloon. Many states of the union ratified the 18th Amendment that winter. North Dakota was the first northern state to ratify and did so at a special session of the legislature. Porto Rico and Canal Zone went dry that year. The Island of Guam was made dry by order of the Secretary of the Navy, Hon. Josephus Daniels; and Congress voted prohibition for Hawaii for the duration of the war. On March 1st the National WCTU presented the great Woman's petition for war prohibition. It contained 6,000,000 signers. Late that summer of 1918 Congress did pass War Prohibition to take effect June 30, 1919; the breweries were to close May 1st, 1919, but President Wilson saw the need of saving millions of bushels of food stuffs so ordered breweries to close December 1st, 1918.

How different the conditions have been during World War II. The liquor industry has grown in strength and power through each succeeding war year until today it is deeply entrenched in our social, military, economic and political life.

Early in World War II, industrial alcohol was sorely needed to manufacture synthetic rubber and also for the manufacture of munitions and necessary war material, therefore the government ordered all distilleries to cease the distillation of beverage alcohol on October 31, 1942. It was stated at that time that there was enough distilled spirits on hand to last five years at the rate that the public was drinking at that time. Immediately the distillers began to clamor for a whiskey holiday. When their demands were not granted they claimed a whiskey shortage and in 1943 claimed that they had only 203,000,000 gallons available. The Senate Investigating Committee found that this amount had been misrepresented, and as a matter of fact they had 350,000,000 gallons available in November, 1943. But the pressure was so great that the government granted the first liquor holiday in August, 1944. 400,000,000 pounds of grain were used that month to produce 50,000,000 gallons of whiskey. Since then two more liquor holidays have been granted, one in January and one in July of this year. Worse still the War Production Board announced June 14th "the possibility of permitting limited production of whiskey and other beverage alcohol indefinitely after the last whiskey holiday." At that time we were still at war with Japan.

But that is not the whole picture. During the entire four years of war the brewing industry continued to manufacture, sell and transport beer. During 1944 the brewing industry absorbed 3,707,868,236 pounds of grain, sugar, and syrup besides the 1,266,391,000 pounds of grain and more than 29,000,000 pounds of molasses (which is the base of sugar) which was used in August 1944 and January 1945 liquor holidays. With hungry people all over the world and America faced with an acute food shortage, the WPB permits this privileged business to continue to waste food products. No wonder that some of the returned veterans are saying "Has the sacrifice been worth while?"

This same industry has made a great show of patriotism in the matter of buying bonds; at the same time it has sabotaged the war effort by selling beer to the trainees and officers in every army camp, thereby winning new recruits for future business. American beer is found wherever you find United States troops. In spite of tin shortage, a billion cans were allotted to

breweries in 1944 to send beer across the seas to our boys. Added to this, space has been taken in ships for cargoes of beer when food, war materials and machinery were more urgently needed.

The liquor industry has contributed more to the problem of absenteeism in essential war work than any other single thing. The brewing industry was given a high priority in tires and gas during the rationing period. Machinery for making beer overseas was supplied under lend-lease. There has been an acute shortage of man-power all over our nation and still there were one million men engaged in the manufacturing and dispensing of liquor. When James Byrnes, then chief of War Mobilization requested a "Mid-night Curfew"—closing all liquor places and halls of amusement at 12 o'clock, it was done to save coal, electricity and man-power. New York and Chicago alone released 900 men for essential work. With V-E Day the midnight curfew was lifted and many of the men returned to their former jobs or others were secured. It has been agreed by men high in authority in the war effort that the mid-night curfew had cut down war plant and war work absenteeism. If a few hours of earlier closing could help substantially in the production of necessary war material, is it not possible that the war could have been shortened with a war prohibition measure like the one enacted during World War I?

Having looked with dismay upon this evasion of responsibility in the war effort, let us see what the liquor industry is doing on the home front. We ought to be so enraged by the privileges that have been granted to this accursed business that we would move forward "like a mighty army" and liberate our nation from its strangle hold. It is the height of inconsistency for a nation at war, that demands of its people a strict conservation of food, money and man-power to permit the expenditure of \$7,000,000,000 for the most non-essential and detrimental product—Beverage Alcohol. That was the sum spent in 1944—our most critical war year—for 10,940,000,000 quarts of booze, a per capita consumption of 84 quarts for every man, woman and child in the U. S. A. Through its enormous advertising program, it has succeeded in making a popular appeal to all sexes. More women and girls are drinking today than ever before in the history of our nation. We have looked to the women of America to hold high the standard of living, and now they are crowding the men at the bar.

The liquor business exerts a tremendous influence through all our political units. Dr. Roy L. Smith, editor of the Christian Advocate sums up the situation in the following words, "Never in the memory of living man has the liquor traffic and those who consort with it been so brazen in defiance of the sentiments of sober people. Newspaper reports, columnists, radio comedians, and the writers of fiction, to say nothing of the purveyors of amusements generally—laugh down the protests of sober folks as though they were enemies of the common good. Never in the history of the American government has any administration shown so much friendliness towards the liquor traffic as the one now in power."

The state treasurer of our own state reported at the close of our fiscal year, June 30th, that North Dakota had received in tax collections on all alcoholic beverages other than beer \$1,329,995, a 41% increase over tax collections for the previous fiscal year and a new state high. He emphasized that that sum represented direct tax on the liquor on a gallonage basis, and that retail and wholesale liquor license fees are not included. Total gallonage for the year hit 1,430,000; a 54 per cent increase in gallons over previous year. What a disgrace—a state that came into the union dry, and held that splendid record for 47 years. Today, we can walk along the streets of any average town in our state and find liquor selling places—taverns—beer joints—cock-tail lounges—a saloon under a new name—along both sides of main street. We find them everywhere regardless of the size of the town. It is hard to believe that a state with such a fine past record will permit such a condition to exist. Otto Krueger, former state treasurer of North Dakota, reported also that 61½

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per cent of the revenue received went to the state charitable institution fund for direct maintenance of the state hospitals for the mentally defective and the state tuberculosis sanatorium. It is recognized by leading medical authorities that alcohol is directly or indirectly responsible for a large percentage of insanity, and that it "makes the bed for tuberculosis."

Psychiatrists are much concerned about the increasing burdens which insanity is placing on the personnel and finances of the nation. Dr. Dayton, working with the Rockefeller Foundation, reported that 20 per cent of the mental patients in the United States are alcoholics. In some cities and states the percentage is much higher. 40 per cent of admissions to Bellevue Hospital after repeal, were alcoholics and 32 per cent at Massachusetts General Hospital. Alcoholism is classified as one of the five great health problems of the present time. It ranks with cancer, heart disease, tuberculosis and venereal disease.

No matter how great the revenue derived from the sale of this narcotic it can not take care of the social wreckage caused by its use.

Alcohol is the number one problem in traffic safety, and according to the National Safety Commission, the minimum figure, one of every five fatal accidents, involves liquor. The estimated cost of all traffic accidents in 1944 is \$1,250,000,000, 20 per cent of which would be \$250,000,000 to say nothing of the human lives lost, or people maimed for life.

Our capitol city of Washington, which was made dry by an order of Congress during the war days of 1917, is the wettest city of its size, today. It was from this city with its 2,000 liquor outlets, that the war was directed. If our nation is to make the most of its opportunity to lead the world into a just and durable peace, it will have to be guided by sober men, who have possession of all the abilities at their command. We need the clearest minds, the steadiest hands and the stoutest hearts for such planning.

It is high time that the Christian people of America recognize the danger in this most corrupt and law-defying industry. Let us face facts: After 12 years of repeal we have the highest rate of juvenile delinquency in the history of our nation; a crime bill that exceeds any previous record; an all time high liquor bill with a great increase in gambling, vice and other commercialized evils that go hand in hand with Beverage Alcohol; accident fatalities on highways, in homes and factories greater than deaths in battle; jails, penitentiaries and mental institutions filled to overflowing; venereal disease so prevalent that it is America's greatest health problem; broken homes, neglected children, corruption in Government and a general let down in morality. Add to all this the great increase in drinkers; Demon drink is transforming millions of our men and women into sordid drunkards each year. A late survey indicated that there are approximately 45,000,000 drinkers in United States. About 3,000,000 of this total have become addicts and 750,000 of them are alcoholics—helplessly and hopelessly enslaved. There are agencies in our country today that are doing all they can to redeem these men and women, chief among them is Alcoholics Anonymous. As an organization we are deeply interested in the rehabilitation program for alcoholics, and rejoice that many are seeking help and receiving it; but for every hundred that are saved, thousands will join the ranks of the hopeless. With these facts before us we can not shirk our responsibility. We must push our program of agitation and education as a means of prevention. We of the WCTU believe in total abstinence for the individual and prohibition for our land, and we must redouble our efforts in promoting that program. "We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed but not in despair;" this statement by Paul about himself accurately describes our situation today. The Christian knows the evil that seems so firmly entrenched is part of a temporary order that must pass away. Therefore we find hope and courage for the living of these days.

The WCTU had a part in the winning of the war and should also have an important part in the winning of the peace. The American Family is the appropriate membership theme for 1946. It has been said that the home is the cornerstone of every nation. We believe that the American home should be built on a sound spiritual basis, where every child will have the right to be well born, physically strong, morally and spiritually trained.

Our first and foremost concern is the youth of our nation. The children need more than ever the security of a home and the love and care of father and mother. The purpose of the home is to bring young children into adult life so that they may be individuals with character who can contribute to society. In too many American homes today, the parents are enslaved by pleasure and they do not heed the admonition given to us in the Holy Scriptures, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." Unfortunately too many mothers are too busy loafing at the corner bar, attending movies or seeking other pleasures, and neglecting the greatest task in all the world—rearing their children. J. Edgar Hoover, of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, on speaking of present day youth problems, said this, "Juvenile crime flourishes when home ties have been weakened by divorce, separation, the desertion of a parent, the ignorance, carelessness, or indifference of fathers and mothers. Our homes are not the sanctuaries of family life they once were."

The greatest thing that society can and must provide is a normal family life. Children do not just naturally develop into well rounded citizens; they need guidance and help in learning how to fit themselves into accepted channels of society. Habits of independence, respect for law, cooperation, truthfulness, courtesy, sobriety, and fact-facing must be learned in the home before we can hope to have them transferred to larger groups. To get a true appreciation of the harmful effects of alcohol and other narcotics upon the human body, the youth of today must be taught the scientific facts about these drugs. We have a wonderful opportunity to win the children and young people for total abstinence through our Loyal Temperance Legions and Youth's Temperance Councils. Think what it would mean to our state to have an LTL and a YTC in every town in North Dakota. A child who finds encouragement for noble living in the home or through organized work stands a major chance of success in life. The liquor interests are bidding for our youth because they see in each boy or girl a potential drinker. We can not have LTLs and YTCs without leaders and hard work, but it pays big dividends. There can be no more important service than to enlist and train our children that they may know the truth about alcohol. To reach the National goal of 71,000 new LTL members in 1946, North Dakota must do her share. We have the children but where are our leaders? "The harvest truly is plenteous but the laborers are few."

Are there any signs of hope that some thing can be done about this ruthless foe, Beverage Alcohol? By the vote of the people we have 4,073 bone dry areas in our nation, ranging from counties and cities to lesser units, as of January 1st, 1945; an increase of 740 over the 3,333 totally dry areas shown January 1, 1944. This was revealed by our National President, Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin when she quoted as follows from a recent National survey; "Many areas banned or restricted the sale of whiskey and other hard liquors during the year. Since repeal 9,000 of 15,000 local option elections have resulted in dry victories; that is, either in creating "bone dry" areas or in outlawing the sale of hard liquors including in some cases, wines. The ratio of wet defeats at the polls have increased steadily in recent years. For example, in 44 elections in 1943-44 in Arkansas, 18 counties, 9 cities and 13 townships voted dry, while only 3 counties and one city went wet."

Texas is shown by survey, to lead all other states in the number of dry counties, with 140; Georgia being second with 123 and Kentucky third with 84. States with the largest number of dry cities and other local areas other than counties are Illinois

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## A Word to the Wise

Again my hearty thanks go to all who have sent me items to help make this a good paper; will someone be disappointed because they do not see the news that YOU intended to send and did not? Please try to think of it, next time; send it when you do think of it, even if late. It can be used next time.

Did you all sing the doxology at your first meeting after the surrender of Japan? It seemed as if nothing else could express our feelings. One woman wrote "Just to know that the fighting has ended is so wonderful, that it seems as if nothing else matters much." Yet knowing that sorrow beyond earthly healing has come to such numbers of homes, it seems incredible that anyone could "celebrate" the way many did. In San Francisco drunkenness led to looting and wanton destruction that lasted for three days, and caused untold loss to buildings and property. Sioux Falls, S. D., suffered likewise. The government still permits the waste of food in making liquor; today's paper says they will be allowed to use corn again in October, as the crop is better than was expected. "The drouth is over," say the wets; had anyone observed much lack of liquor in our state?

In the next issue of our paper, we would like to publish the names of all the Gold Star mothers who belong to the WCTU, and the names of their sons or grandsons who have made the supreme sacrifice. Also the names of any members who have lost a husband, or a daughter in the service. I now have the names of some young men, but not the names of their mothers. Will the president of each union make it her duty to see that these are sent to me promptly?

In the hope that it may be a help, on the back page of this issue will appear the topics outlined by National for our study this year for the months of November and December. The Program Guides for the whole year can be obtained from State Headquarters, at 5c apiece and many unions get them for each member—a fine plan. All material suggested can be had from the National WCTU Publishing House, they offer 25 programs and package of helps for \$1.15.—and of course we expect that every union will take one or more subscriptions to the UNION SIGNAL. Let us use these things and learn.

No detailed report of the Membership Campaign has come to me; did you all send in the names of new members with the ones who deserve the credit of winning them? I am afraid many forgot that. Any way, we are glad to know that we have a net gain of 43 members, over the number who paid dues last year, besides the Willard members. We are thankful for every woman who has put on the white ribbon; be sure to wear it, whenever you go out. Let your children become accustomed to seeing you wear it; perhaps it may mean something very important to them in days to come. We must all learn to recognize and give honor to the little gold lapel button that is worn by those honorably discharged from the service of their country. It is truly a badge of honor, representing values beyond our comprehension. The white ribbon, too, is a badge of honor, representing labor and principles that have helped to keep the home front strong. Wear it with pride!  
—Elizabeth C. Beasley.

## In Memoriam

"A door swings briefly open  
And a loved one slips away;  
To peace past understanding  
God has opened wide the way."

Mrs. C. A. Bell, a faithful member of the Grand Forks union, was called to her reward in September.

Mrs. O. E. Erickson, former president and now secretary of Bismarck District, is bereaved in the passing of her husband in August, after a long illness.

Mrs. Ralph Thoreson of Northwood, a former state director, knew a great sorrow in the summer. Her beloved little nephew, Paul Stewart, who was visiting Mrs. Thoreson with his mother, was drowned in a covered cistern there.

John Murphy, brother of Mrs. Zoa Dunsdon of Edgeley, died in Jamestown July 27th.

Mrs. Lucinda Dunsdon, who lived in or near Edgeley for 53 years, knowing all the ups and downs of pioneer life, was called home July 24, 1945 after twelve years of invalidism. She was 87 years of age. The existing records of the union there go back only to 1909, at which time her name was on the list of members, continuing until her death. Her two sons, Harry and Orel, and three daughters, Mrs. C. W. Ward, Mrs. Julia Ueland and Mrs. Stella Buck, survive her. One daughter, two daughters-in-law, a son and a son-in-law, are members (active and honorary,) of Edgeley Union. The influence of a Christian mother is a blessing.

Newell Patterson, husband of the treasurer of the Bowsmont union, was called from this life suddenly on Sunday evening, August 5, from a heart attack. He was a good man, honored and respected by all who knew him. Surviving are his wife, his daughter Zona and his sister Mrs. J. F. McKay, all of Bowsmont. To these, and to other relatives of all these who have gone, we extend our deep sympathy.

## Treasurer's Report

July 20—September 10, 1945

**DUES:** Rugby 1, Grand Forks 17, Edinburg 1, Fargo Scandinavian 15, Jamestown 25, Prosper 2, McKenzie 1, Edgeley 1, Grafton 14, Fargo 13, Powers Lake 34, Minot 6, Cavalier 11, Northwood 5.

**L.T.L.:** Northwood 6, Sawyer 4, Casselton 20, Jamestown 3, Prosper 22, Parshall 27.

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**BUDGET:** Edinburg \$1.00, Sawyer \$8.00, Fargo \$10.00, Bowesmont \$10.00, Ellendale \$9.00, Cavalier \$11.00, Hettinger \$4.85.

**DISTRICT PLEDGES:** Northwood District \$2.00.

**LITERATURE AND SUPPLIES:** \$6.71.

**SAFETY SCHOOL ON WHEELS:** Grand Forks \$5.00, Flasher \$0.70, McKenzie \$1.00.

**NARCOTIC EDUCATION:** Jamestown \$50.00, Gilby \$7.35, Sen. Wm. Langer \$10.00, Valley City \$10.00, Edinburg \$0.30, Fargo Scandinavian \$5.20, Langdon \$3.00, Prosper \$10.00, Parshall \$5.00, Calvin \$5.00, McKenzie \$2.00, Grafton \$5.00, Edgeley \$5.00, New Rockford Dist. \$12.50, Underwood \$15.00, Oberon \$3.50, Nekoma \$11.00, New Rockford \$7.70, Minot \$10.25, Hatton \$2.50, Cavalier \$15.00.

**BLOOD PLASMA:** McKenzie \$1.00.

**WILLARD MEMORIAL:** Cavalier \$5.85.

A grant of \$100.00 to be used for field work, has been gratefully received from the National WCTU.

Mrs. Iver Fossum, Treasurer.

## Bible Reading in the Public Schools

Now is the time to act!

If your community has not already established a program of Bible Reading in the Public Schools, distribute the new leaflet.

**"THE BIBLE AND THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS" Price,**

**35c per 100, available now.**

This leaflet is for WCTU and CHURCH LEADERS who are already convinced of the necessity of Bible Reading in the Public Schools. The leaflet contains a brief analysis of the legal aspect of Public School Bible Reading, and suggests definite steps to be taken to begin the Bible Reading program.

Distribute also the new leaflet

**"WHY THE BIBLE SHOULD BE READ IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS" Price 35c per 100, Available now.**

This leaflet is for key people of the community who need to be convinced of the importance of Bible Reading to a well rounded education, and to the moral well being of the nation. The leaflet contains interesting information designed to convince people that the Bible deserves a place in the Public Schools, as well as pertinent quotations from famous men including modern leaders such as President Harry Truman and the late President Franklin Roosevelt.

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## Noontide Hour of Prayer

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

## My Church

I want my church to be a place  
Where I can meet God face to face  
And meditate upon His grace.

I want each worship hour so sweet  
That I can think each time we meet  
A Presence comes and takes His seat.

I want her doors to stand so wide  
No hungry soul who waits outside  
Will think that he has been denied.

I want my church to be much more  
Than stone and mortar, pew and door  
Or carpet laid upon a floor.

But oh, I know that it can be  
No more than that is found in me,  
So teach me, Lord, to show forth Thee.

—Jessie Merle Franklin in *Prairie Wings*.

## A Prayer of V-J Day

The roaring guns are silent now,  
No bombers range the skies:  
The dove of Peace wings broodingly  
O'er fields where brave men died.  
But triumph shout yet waits its day,  
In such a solemn hour  
We kneel in wordless gratitude  
For God's great love and power.

The Peace is yet but incomplete  
Though battle flags are furled;  
To us is given a mighty task—  
Make new a broken world;  
To feed the hungry, bind up wounds,  
As well to heal men's souls,  
Achieve a JUST and LASTING Peace.  
These are our Christian goals.

Help us, O God, to right the ills  
In our loved native land;  
Make us unselfish, wise, and true,  
And swift to understand.  
We dedicate ourselves to Thee,  
To seek the common good  
Until forever on the earth  
Reigns Peace and Brotherhood.  
—Ruby Davis in *Union Signal*.

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The Bible Reading in the Public Schools program was especially emphasized by the National WCTU Convention, Columbus, Ohio, 1944, and was allocated to the Spiritual Life Department.

## Notes From The Unions

In a brief note, Mrs. Ed. Buchholz reports the August meeting of the Sawyer union, at which time officers were elected for 1945-1946. They are Mrs. M. Daniels, president; Mrs. D. A. King, vice president; Mrs. P. Reinholdt, recording secretary; Mrs. Ed Buchholz, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. A. M. Long, treasurer. Mrs. Clyde LeRette was hostess for the meeting.

Mrs. Philip Stolberg reports that the Flasher union held its July meeting after their Sunday School's picnic dinner, while the young folks played ball. With no further details, we are glad to know that they met, and that young folks were near by, if not in the meeting.

The Grand Forks union had planned for a picnic for the September meeting, to be held on Mrs. J. B. DeRemer's lawn, and with no formal program. As the day, September 7th, proved to be cold and windy, Mrs. DeRemer invited the women into her comfortable little cabin near by, on the banks of the Red River. Sitting around the fireplace, where the leaping flames gave grateful warmth, the members and three guests enjoyed meeting again after their summer vacations, and the time passed swiftly. A pot luck lunch brought by the members was most enjoyable, in these surroundings, and the women gave a vote of thanks to their charming hostess, with the wish that they may be permitted to meet again before long, in that delightful cabin. We are indebted to Mrs. Emma Reiten, the corresponding secretary, for this account of the meeting.

The Edinburg union invited members of the Park River and Cavalier union to join them at a picnic in the park in July. Those present had an enjoyable time and a delightful supper.

Few details were given of a fine meeting, held by Fargo Union in July, but we are told that a "young sailor lad" sang for them without accompaniment, nor did he need any. Mr. O. S. Anderson, principal of a Fargo Junior High School, gave an excellent talk on Visual Education. He was kind enough to bring projectors with him to the meeting, and showed two films and some pictures from "Effects of Alcohol." The value of such interest on the part of public school teachers, is incalculable in our work.

The Edgeley union met at the home of Mrs. Faye Pruett August 17th, when they filled out the reports for the year. It was a very good meeting. This union has been running mats in the local paper, to refute the sayings of the "Old Judge" in current liquor advertising. Splendid!

The July meeting of the Park River union was held at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. David Ford, Sr., Rev. G. Setterstrom gave a very helpful talk on Patriotism, emphasizing that effort at home against the liquor traffic is true patriotism as well as that shown on the field of battle. Little Jimmy Loughhead was dedicated as a White Ribbon Recruit at this meeting. In August the union met at the home of the president, Mrs. O. J. Pederson. Mrs. Nellie M. Cross led the devotions, in the course of which she gave an article from the Chicago Daily News, entitled "A New World Dawns When You Start to Read Your Bible." All officers were reelected.

The Minot union held its August meeting at the farm home of Mrs. Hans Nelson. Mrs. Truax opened the meeting with remarks on Peace, and led in prayer. The work of the past year was discussed, and plans for the new year made, stressing Educational work. Mrs. Nelson had charge of the devotional period, during which Mrs. J. H. Mackley sang "Let the Beauty of Jesus Be Seen In Me." The meeting closed with song, "This Is My Father's World," and the hostess served a delicious lunch.

Mrs. Lavinia Bignall, state director of Visual Education sends a sample of mimeographed extracts from the radio addresses of the Rev. Sam Morris, concerning Booze and the War; she is giving out a thousand of these. She says churches and friends are financing the publication of the mats put out by the American Business Men's Research Foundation, in the local paper. This fine educational work should be a real help in Valley City.

The annual meeting of the Grafton union was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gust A. Carlson August 16. Mrs. A. M.

Herbison led the worship service. Reports of officers and directors were given, and items were read from the Union Signal. Mrs. Alex D. Fraser was re-elected president, Mrs. Donald Dike, vice president; Mrs. A. G. Strand, secretary and Miss Hulda Carlson, treasurer. The following superintendents were appointed: Child Welfare, Mrs. Donald Dike; Christian Citizenship, Mrs. F. T. Kieley; Flower Mission, Mrs. K. R. Thorstenson; Publicity, Mrs. A. M. Herbison; Religious Education, Mrs. A. G. Tverberg; Scientific Temperance Instruction, Miss Hulda Carlson; Social Morality and Motion Pictures, Mrs. D. M. Upham; Evangelistic and Sabbath Observance, Mrs. T. W. Walker; Speech Contests, Miss Ruth Nelson; Programs, Mmes. A. B. Thompson, Herbison and Walker; Hostesses, Mrs. P. E. Carlson, Mrs. Sena Thompson and Mrs. Strand. After the meeting closed a social hour was enjoyed and lunch was served by the hostesses, Mrs. Theo. Hoffman, Miss Hulda Carlson and Mrs. Carlson.

Nekoma Union held its July and August meetings at the homes of members who live in the country, Mrs. Frank Beasley and Miss Christine Gjevre. Programs of music and readings were given at both meetings. The posters made by pupils of the grades in Nekoma were on display at the August meeting, and the members all enjoyed looking them over; they were judged for the prizes offered, later. A number of guests were present. In September, the women met with Mrs. George Sholy, with Mrs. S. A. Helland serving. There was a good attendance and an interesting meeting.

## Personal Mention

Mrs. Fred. M. Wanner of Jamestown enjoyed a visit from her sister Jessie, as the latter returned from Seattle the last of August.

Mrs. Bessie M. Ordahl visited her daughter at Lansford in August, but spent part of the time writing letters concerned with the work in the Northwest district, of which she is president.

The many friends of Mrs. Annie F. Catherwood are glad to know that she is at home again, after several weeks in a hospital last summer. Her sister, Mrs. Ena Craig, came from California to be with her.

Mrs. Isabelle Morey, beloved pioneer member of Grand Forks union, visited relatives in Grafton in September.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Cross of Park River are proud of the little lady, Nancy Ruth Cross, who arrived last spring at the home of their son, Lt. Norman Cross, at Kingman, Ariz. Our Publicity Lady does not always publicize these interesting items promptly!

Mrs. Barbara H. Wylie has spent the summer at the old family home at Bowsmont, with her sisters, Miss Mae Halcrow and Mrs. J. M. Shingler. Among those who have gone there to see her are Mrs. Nellie M. Cross of Park River, Miss Violette Verry of Fargo and Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, who spent the summer at her cottage at Detroit Lakes. The latter expects to leave for California soon.

Atty. and Mrs. Roy W. Holand of Lamoure, with their children, visited Mrs. Kate S. Wilder and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Holand in Grand Forks over Labor Day. Rev. and Mrs. Clifford Holand of Santa Monica, Calif., were also present at the family reunion picnic, held in the park on the holiday.

Mrs. C. E. Erickson, Director of Flower Mission, is another of our women who has had rheumatic trouble recently. She has had the pleasure of visits from a number of her children and their families the past summer. She is the proud possessor of 23 grandchildren. Who else of our women can boast as many?

Mr. and Mrs. Iver Fossum, Fargo, spent the Labor Day week end with the latter's parents. Their children celebrated Mr. and Mrs. Jensen's 60th wedding anniversary, holding Open House Sunday afternoon, after there had been special recognition of the anniversary at the morning service in church. Mrs. Fossum says that her parents are well and live alone in their own home. They are to be congratulated, not only upon reaching this unusual anniversary, but upon having given to the world a fine Christian family, of which our state treasurer is the one we know best.

## District Conventions

### NORTHWEST DISTRICT

The Northwest district of the North Dakota WCTU held its 32nd annual convention in the Lutheran church at Alamo, June 2, 1945. The meeting was well attended. Mrs. Dora Vincent was song leader and Genevieve Myhre was accompanist. Morning devotions were conducted by Rev. F. B. Monseth pastor of the convention church. Mrs. R. E. Taylor led the flag salute, Mrs. Digerness gave the welcome address, to which Miss Elma Grev responded. The rest of the morning session was occupied with reports and election of officers. Dinner was served in the church dining room.

All sessions opened with devotions. Mrs. C. P. Amsbaugh, Williston, gave a complete discussion on "Essentials for a Successful Union," and Mrs. Geo. P. Homnes, Crosby, explained "National Legislation" in a thorough and impressive manner. Rev. Bue brought an encouraging message. A beautiful memorial service was conducted by Mrs. Don Fish of Williston. Mrs. Darling introduced Mrs. Pehrson, a past district president who now resides in Montana. Messages of encouragement and joy were also given in musical selections rendered by the following: Mrs. Odella Moelling, Wildrose; Genevieve Myhre, Alamo; Rev. A. S. Bue, Zahl; Rev. and Mrs. F. B. Monseth, Zahl; Mrs. Chester Cain, Williston, and the Men's Chorus of Stady-Zahl.

Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, State President, was guest speaker, and in her usual gracious manner presented her main address, which instilled in her audience the desire to do more in future by going "Forward Together." We were fortunate in having with us for the afternoon and evening, Rev. Dahle, who explained his work of showing temperance films to school children. By travelling to the schools he is able to reach many children; films were shown at the convention.

Two Life Members were received at the convention; Mrs. R. E. Taylor, District Recording Secretary and a former district president, and Mrs. P. J. Foss, District Vice President. Also Mrs. Pehrson had the name of her son, John Woodrow Pehrson, who was killed in action, placed on the Memorial Membership list.

White Ribbon Recruits dedicated at this convention were Ronald Frederick Lund, Marilyn Phyllis Lund, Francis Monseth and Anna Marie Nelson. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. Nels Skabo, Crosby, president; Mrs. P. J. Foss, Appam, first vice president; Mrs. A. W. Teske, Williston, second vice president; Miss Elma Grev, Zahl, corresponding secretary; Mrs. R. E. Taylor, Fortuna, recording secretary; Mrs. L. C. Hart, Williston, treasurer. Department directors appointed were: Mrs. Don Fish, Williston, Speech Contests; Mrs. Andrew Hay, Crosby, Spiritual Life; Mrs. Olof Enget, Powers Lake, Christian Citizenship; Mrs. C. F. Tibbets, Powers Lake, Flower Mission; Mrs. A. L. Anderson, Stanley, Scientific Temperance Instruction. Resolutions were read by Mrs. Clara Bendixon, included thanks to the Alamo union for a very successful convention. It was a pleasure to have members of the reorganized Powers Lake union there. Northwest District is a Banner District. Rev. F. B. Monseth gave the closing words.

### NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT

The 51st annual convention of the North Central District WCTU met in the Presbyterian church in Calvin May 24, 1945. The meeting was called to order at 2 P. M. by the district president, Mrs. C. A. Jahnke. Rev. T. C. Torgerson of Rolla led devotions, using "This Is My Father's World" as the opening song, followed by responsive reading from the Psalter. Rev. Torgerson read the First Psalm, and gave a resume of an address by Bishop Cushman at the Methodist conference. He closed the worship service with prayer and the Lord's Prayer in unison.

The pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Mrs. C. H. Langley, after which America was sung. Reports, the election of officers, discussion of recent legislation both state and national followed. The unexplained absence of the expected guest speaker, Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, was regretted by all. (Later it

was learned that she had not received the letter confirming her suggested date for the convention.) Mrs. Jahnke spoke on "Narcotics," and "Our 60th Anniversary in 1949." Rev. Torgerson pronounced the benediction, and the meeting adjourned till 8 o'clock.

Mrs. Anne Porter of Calvin led the devotional service for the evening meeting, beginning with hymn "What A Friend We Have In Jesus." She read verses of scripture from several of the prophets, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" was sung, and Mrs. Porter offered prayer. The Calvin Glee Club, under the direction of Mr. Donald McKechnie sang "Thanks Be To God" and "Keep On Hopin'." Mrs. Peter McKechnie of Calvin conducted a service of recognition for the sons and daughters of WCTU members in this district who are in the service of our country. Rock Lake Union has three mothers who together have four sons in the Army and Navy, and a daughter in the WAVES. Calvin has 16 mothers, with 27 sons and daughters serving in various branches of the armed forces and the WAC. "In Christ There Is No East Or West" was sung; Mrs. McKechnie read a poem by Grace Noll Crowell, and this part of the service ended with the song:

"O God of Love, O King of Peace, Make wars throughout the world cease.

The wrath of sinful man restrain. Give peace, O God, give peace again!"

A memorial service for those who had passed on during the past year followed. Mrs. Jahnke read a suitable poem by Ella Wheeler Wilcox, and Mrs. Porter read the names of the departed: Mrs. John Porter and Miss Annie Sillers of the Calvin union, and George L. Mateer, husband of Mrs. Maud Mateer of the Rock Lake union. Mention was made of the passing of Miss Roena Shaner of Missouri, who was known and loved in our district and state. Following this, Mrs. C. H. Langley gave a talk on "Anti-Alcohol Strategy," and Rev. Torgerson spoke briefly on "The Effects of Alcohol." An offering was taken, a vote of thanks given the different Calvin groups who helped make the convention possible, and the meeting closed with hymn "God Be With You" and the benediction by Rev. Torgerson.

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950 including 133 Chicago precincts; Michigan 596; Pennsylvania 480; and Wisconsin 350. Only one local option state, Delaware, remains all wet. Our own state is classed with 11 others that do not have a local option law but survey shows an increasing restlessness and resentment against laws which block local option in these states.

When our legislature met in Bismarck in January 1945, some measures that had for their purpose the betterment of conditions in our state, were introduced. Not all such measures became laws but there was a willingness on the part of the members of both Houses to support bills that offered protection to childhood and youth. Senate Bill 109 prohibits the sale of any alcoholic beverage to any boy or girl under 21 years of age. That phase of the bill is very satisfactory and we are happy for the enforcement powers put into the hands of the attorney-general. We do not approve of Section 4 of the bill which provides for only part of a partition between the bar where liquor is served and cafe tables. We favor a complete separation of the bar and cafe tables. A complete report of bills in which we were interested, was sent out by Mr. Parish, State Director of the United Temperance Movement, at the close of the legislature. Every union should study this report and keep it for reference.

Never was the call of service greater than at the present time. Let us make our local unions a part of the community life, ministering to the sick and shut-ins through the Flower Mission and Soldiers and Sailors departments. Learn to know the little people and their mothers through Child Welfare, White Ribbon Recruits; through enlisting, training, and teaching the older children the truth about alcohol through Loyal Temperance Legions, Religious Education, and Scientific Temperance Instruc-

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## Program Guide

NOVEMBER

Woman of the Month

JENNIE FOWLER WILLING

SONG: "Advance,—Not Retreat," p. 18

WORSHIP: II Timothy 2:15, 2

DEPARTMENTS IN ACTION: 1

Each department director is to give a three minute presentation, depicting several definite activities recommended in the department plan for the local union. (Invite members to present departments not represented by a department director.)

PLAYLET—WCTU Panorama<sup>3</sup> (may be simplified).

SYMPOSIUM: Departments are the avenues through which the WCTU program may integrate into the activities of other organizations. Decide upon definite projects for the year.<sup>2</sup>

ACTIVITIES: Complete membership roll call by Thanksgiving. Make it 100% by assigning calling lists to WCTU members. Decide upon Christmas program activities. Suggestion: Serve a newly dried Tisane.

SOURCE MATERIALS: 1The Union Signal, October 13 (Departments); 21946 Department Plans of Work; 3WCTU Panorama; Membership Roll Call. Library Leaflet, "It's Yours—Use It." Leaflet: Accreditation Refresher Course. For department reports, see National and State WCTU Annual Reports.

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DECEMBER

Woman of the Month

LUCY WEBB HAYES

SOLO: "Crusade Chant," p. 13

WORSHIP: Matt. 2:1-11; John 3:16.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

CHRISTMAS IN MANY LANDS<sup>1</sup>

CHRISTMAS IN THE AMERICAN HOME<sup>2</sup>

The Meaning of Christmas to the American Family  
Holiday Liquor Advertising, A Menace to Home Life<sup>2</sup>  
The Family Altar Versus The Family Bar<sup>3</sup>

CHRISTMAS TABLEAUS—Manger Scene with Shepherds and Wise Men

ACTIVITIES: Provide gifts and entertainment for servicemen and women in hospitals. Christmas party for servicemen's children connected with WCTU families. Take a special offering for Chinese war orphans. Appoint committee to plan for a January 16 Legislative Luncheon or Dinner. Invite public officials. Suggestions: Serve Old Southern Christmas Tea. See "Teasing About," p. 11.

SOURCE MATERIALS: 1The Union Signal, November 10 (Christmas). Leaflet: "The Story of the Crusade." 2"Paste a Clipping." 3"Arise and Wage The Greater Fight."

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tion. Let the people know how to become better citizens through the departments of Christian Citizenship and Legislation.

A mighty educational campaign is needed to arouse Christian people to their responsibilities in this fight for freedom from the beverage alcohol custom and its dire results.

This is the time to increase our membership by enlisting women from all churches to unite for this common cause. There is a place for every Christian woman in this great organization whose motto is "For God and Home and Every Land."

Are you discouraged? One of the three permanent Christian qualities is hope—anticipation of things as they ought to be. Through the ages the world has been indebted to those who could see in present suffering the birth of a new life, and in darkness of the night the coming of dawn. We hope for a social

order where Beverage Alcohol will neither enslave nor destroy mankind. We hope for a new World Order that will outlaw war; we pray that it will be a world "whose God is the Lord," a world in which free men will hold aloft the light of truth, "with liberty and justice for all," and where all people may have equal opportunity for "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

May we therefore put on "the whole armor of God" and hold ourselves ready to sacrifice and work as did the Crusaders of old for the abolition of Beverage Alcohol and its kindred evils. Through prayer and service may be help in building a new world order that will have for its goal Righteousness, Peace and Sobriety.

## ADVERTISING

### ALCOHOL

You should have these pamphlets for information:

A Modern Approach to the Problem of Alcohol  
Slump and Resurgence in Liquor Culture  
Does Alcohol Aid Creative Ability  
Selling Alcohol "Release"

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