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Christmas Trees

I saw along each noisy city street
The trees for Christmas, standing dark and still,
The pines and firs come down from field and hill,
Old trees and young, they had known snow and sleet.

Soft needles fell on hard, dull pavement there,
And forests rose in a most treeless place;
And there was gladness in each passing face,
And there was balsam fragrance everywhere.

Oh, lovely way to celebrate your birth
Whose birth star glistened through Judea's trees;
Whom Joseph taught the skillful use of these;
Who, on a Tree, once overcame the earth!

Grant then your blessing, Friend of trees, we pray,
On those who deck green boughs for Christmas Day!
—Violet Alleyn Story.

The President's Letter

November days have brought much snow and colder weather all over the state in recent weeks. Thanksgiving is drawing near and plans for church services and family dinners are being made. How thankful we can be for the bounteous crops and the many blessings bestowed upon us by our heavenly Father.

So once in every year we throng

Upon a day apart

To praise the Lord with
feast and song

In thankfulness of heart.

November roll call meetings have been held in all our Unions over the state to collect the dues of resident members. With the treasurer of local unions now rests the responsibility of gathering in the remaining dues of absent ones. When all dues are sent to our state treasurer by January first a union will earn special banner union points. Every union in the state should be a holdfast union one which collects all dues of resident members and to replace those lost by removal or death by new members.

One of the most important objectives this year of each union is the work of Scientific Temperance instruction in our public schools. It is a vital work during these critical liquor violation days when minors are being tempted to drink. When we know the truth, the truth will set us free. Young people and children must be taught the facts about alcohol and nicotine. It is your job and mine to see that they get this instruction. Already many unions are undertaking this so important work locally and through County Superintendents. Please do not neglect this so vital work. Write our new state director Mrs. W. M. Franklin, for information on Scientific Temperance Instruction. Her address is 73 South Terrace, Fargo.

On October twenty-fifth your president attended the North Dakota Educational Council at Bismarck. It is a council composed of sixty organized groups in the state which are seeking to promote the best interests of the youth and childhood of our communities, educationally and socially, in order that they may be more adequately prepared for future responsibilities. This council is promoted by the Department of Public Instruction which is now promoting the redistricting of school districts in the state to assure an educational community center for every man, woman and child in North Dakota.

Out from Bismarck we have been doing field work for a number of weeks. It was a distinct pleasure to meet the fine women everywhere. We spoke at six regular meetings of local unions: at Valley City at the home of Mrs. E. G. Ranum previously to the fieldwork; at Jamestown at the home of Mrs. R. R. Wolfer with our own Lydia M. Wanner present at the meeting; at Bismarck at the Trinity Lutheran Church; at Flasher at the cozy home, in a beautiful valley among the buttes, of the Bismarck district president Mrs. Philip Stolberg, at Mott at the Methodist church, and at Reeder at the home of Mrs. Edward Lyngen. Each meeting was a pleasure to attend, each group is doing definite work along special lines, and there was fine cooperation everywhere.

During this itinerary we spoke before six high school as-



Mrs. Iver Fossum

NEW STATE VICE PRESIDENT

Our new vice president is no stranger to our women, as she served us well as state treasurer for first years, retiring from that office in 1946. She is devoted to church and temperance work, in which her fine capabilities are greatly needed. Her home is in Fargo where her husband is in business.

semblies and three grade groups at Steele, Napoleon, Wishek, Hettinger; Reeder and Bowman. What a privilege it was to speak to the young people to help stimulate their thoughts for the better influences in their communities and for choices which build up good character. We spoke before similar groups at Mott and Flasher last spring.

We were given opportunity to speak at four church meetings and five Sunday Schools at Steele, Napoleon, Braddock and Hettinger; also at a P. T. A. at McKenzie and at a study club at Napoleon.

Train and bus connections of necessity took much time but we managed the best possible ways and didn't return until we had covered the work we had planned to do.

Dear members, plan fine programs for your meetings following the National program plans, invite guests and gain more members.

At your December meeting discuss plans for a poster and essay contest, also declamatory work in your community after the holidays.

May the Prince of Peace who came to Bethlehem that holy night fill your hearts with happiness and contentment as you prepare for the blessed Christmas season ahead.

I
Softly the nightwind over Juda is sighing
Low lies the flock on the hill,
Swiftly on wings of the night there comes flying
Tidings of peace and good will.

II
Angels are telling the wonderful story
How in a manger forlorn
Where shines effulgent His star in its glory
Jesus the Saviour is born.

III
Wonderful song of the heavenly chorus
Echoing still from the plain
Oh how it speaks of His loving care o'er us
Sweetest most precious refrain.

IV
Jesus dear Saviour, oh help us Thy beauty
Clearer and better to see
'Til in your heaven all ended life's duty,
One Christmas aye there shall be.

Notes From the Unions

The August meeting of the Sterling-McKenzie WCTU was held at the home of Mrs. George Lewis in Bismarck, with eight members and one visitor present. The union decided to send The Young Crusader to the White school, and to the schools in Sterling, McKenzie, Menoken and Moffit. Mrs. Henry Larson was re-elected president, Mrs. Richard Lang was elected vice president, and Mrs. Tom Hughes was re-elected secretary-treasurer. We are grateful to Mrs. Lang, who is the new publicity lady for this union, for this report. We hope to hear from her often.

The Edinburg union assumed responsibility for the program given at the annual temperance meeting of the Ladies Aid of Trinity Lutheran church in August. There was a good attendance; the ladies were attentive listeners, as readings were given, Mrs. Frank Beasley of Fairdale stressed the value of total abstinence, and the president of the Aid gave stories from her own experience. A number by the Ladies Aid chorus was enjoyed by all.

The August meeting of the Fairdale union was held at the Arnold Clemens home. Mrs. Latulippe conducted devotions, Mrs. Clemens and her sister, Malvina Bernston sang a duet, Mrs. Bilstad gave a reading and Mrs. Jeglum sang a solo. Delegates were named to attend the state convention in Grand Forks. Plans to have Temperance emphasized at each Luther League meeting were discussed. Ten visitors were present, and all enjoyed the good lunch served by Mrs. Clemens. The September meeting was held at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Bilstad Tuesday evening, Sept. 16. The meeting opened with group singing, and Mrs. Jeglum led devotions. Mrs. Joseph Fossholm and Mrs. Bilstad sang a duet. The report of the state convention at Grand Forks was given by Mrs. Clemens, who also reviewed the pamphlet, "What is the WCTU?" Mrs. Howard Johnson sang a solo, and Mrs. Latulippe gave a reading. It was decided to call a special meeting for the purpose of discussing the LTL. A fine lunch was served by Mrs. Bilstad to the members and 11 visitors present.

The Nekoma union met September 17 at the home of Mrs. Harvey Johnston. Mrs. Johnston led the devotions. Reports of the state convention were given by Christine Gjevve and Mrs. Beasley. Mrs. Clarence Christopher sang. The meeting was shortened by rain, but all stayed long enough to enjoy the fine lunch served by the hostess.

The Frances Willard union of Grand Forks met at the home of Mrs. S. Enstad August 29, with Mrs. J. N. Dordal assisting hostess. The business was chiefly the election of officers, who are as follows: president, Mrs. C. M. Carlson; vice president, Mrs. E. Vere Sheppard; secretary, Mrs. Otto Knapp; treasurer, Mrs. M. Christianson; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Rasmus Lunseth. Members of the Julia D. Nelson union of Fargo have made two afghans to send to a girls' school in Greece. They were made of wool pieces 6 x 9 inches, blanket stitched around each, and then sewed together with yarn; the finished afghans measured 45 x 60 inches. They also made a quilt that was sent to France, and now are working on a quilt to be given as a Christmas gift to a lady in an Old People's Home. What lots of comfort these results of busy fingers will give!

The Calvin union has several inches of news notes and information in the Sables paper at frequent intervals; Mrs. Annie Porter is responsible for keeping these temperance facts before readers of the paper. They re-elected all their officers in September, and plan to sponsor an essay contest in the Calvin high school.

The Grafton union meets regularly, and we are indebted to Mrs. A. G. Strand for accounts of them. In September they met with Mrs. A. B. Thompson, with Mrs. Sena Thompson assisting hostess. The president, Mrs. Percy Carlson conducted the business meeting, after which Mrs. Ida Thorstenson reported the state convention held in Grand Forks. Garments for the Florence Crittenton Home in Fargo were being completed, and it was planned to knit afghans for mission work in China and Greece. Mrs. Theodore Hoffman gave a contribution to the union in memory of her sister, Mrs. Florence Evahne. In October they met at the home of Mrs. Caroline Omlie, long time member of the union, who was assisted by her daughter, Mrs. A. G. Tverberg. It was voted to make Mrs. Omlie a Life Member. Mrs. Halvor Klungness, program chairman, gave a report on Narcotic Education and Scientific Temperance Instruction, and papers were given by Mrs. A. G. Tverberg, Mrs. A. G. Strand and Mrs. K. R. Thorstenson. After the meeting, sewing for the Crittenton Home and the beginning of the planned wool afghans, was engaged in by the members. Ye editor regrets very much that she was unable to accept an invitation to attend the November meeting of this fine union.

The Hunter W. C. T. U. met at the Presbyterian church in October for a Family Night meeting; their covered dish supper was attended by 60 family members. At the program following, several young people from the Lutheran and Methodist churches gave numbers. Mrs. W. M. Franklin, the district president, gave the principal address. What a fine evening they must have had!

The Minot union distributed blotters to the fifth and sixth grades of the public schools there, in November, with the permission of the head of the schools, Supt. Miller, and the cooperation of the grade teachers. This is a fine way to bring temperance facts to the attention of the children in school.

The Williston WCTU met in the parlors of Our Redeemer's Lutheran church the evening of October 30 for the annual Family Night meeting. There was an unusually good attendance of members with their families and interested friends; the delicious pot-luck supper was enjoyed by all. This was followed by a most interesting program in charge of Mrs. P. S. Dahlen. Rev. Framstad led devotions after which a greeting was given by the president of the union, Mrs. Don B. Fish, to which Mrs. Dahlen gave a response. "This Is My Father's World" was sung by the assembly. Members of the LTL under the leadership of Mrs. H. W. Stockman and Mrs. P. J. Erickson sang two of their songs and repeated their pledge. Mrs. Stuart Parvin gave an illuminating resume of a chapter entitled "Why Do Men and Women Drink" from the book, "The Alcohol Problem" by Deets Pickett. A solo, "Welcome Home" sung by Mrs. P. J. Erickson, accompanied by Mrs. F. A. Hoare, was greatly enjoyed. After this, the guest speaker of the evening, Mr. Dean Winkyer, assistant states attorney, gave an outstanding talk on the liquor problem in the local community. A short business meeting was held, at which a speech contest was planned. Capt. Chase dismissed the meeting with prayer. Good work!

The Langdon union continued to have articles in the local paper, urging total abstinence as a safety measure. They protested to the city commission, an ordinance permitting 'on sale' of hard liquor.

The Park River union had an excellent meeting in the basement room of the Federated church November 13, at which a good crowd was present. A duet by the Flaten twins, Doris and Dorothy, was greatly enjoyed. The speaker of the afternoon was Patrolman Jack Sibley of Grafton who spoke on "Safety." eH told of the many accidents he had had to investigate, and in what a large percentage of them, liquor was a factor. He told of the causes of accidents, and urged that more care be used in driving; recommended the teaching of high school students how to drive. The Park River union had invited three other unions to share this meeting, but they were unable to come. A fine lunch was served after the meeting. Ye Editor was glad to be able to be present.

The Fairdale union planned a White Ribbon Recruit service for the afternoon of November 7, to which all the mothers of babies and young children in the neighborhood had been invited. Unfortunately the weather turned very cold and windy, so not many dared bring the little people out for the meeting. A candle-decorated table in the church held the cards and ribbons, and Mrs. Frank Beasley had the privilege of dedicating seven little folks, after a fine program of songs and readings. Lunch was served at candle lighted tables in the basement dining room, after the meeting.

Personal Mention

Mrs. H. E. Mielke had the pleasure of driving to Brooklyn, N. Y. with her daughter and husband, in August, going by way of Niagara Falls, and seeing much other beautiful scenery. However, we venture that the loveliest thing she saw on the journey was her brand-new granddaughter, Martha Jean Mielke, whose christening she attended just before she started home by train, in order to be present at the state convention.

Mrs. Lavinia Bignall of Valley City spent some time at Excelsior Springs, Mo., recently, taking some treatments which we hope will be of benefit to her health. This active director was present at the convention also, with many interesting things to show for her department of Visual Education.

The members of the Fairdale union, and all the community likewise, regret the decision of Rev. O. J. Bilstad to accept a call to serve the United Lutheran church at Langdon. However, we are all glad that he and his family will be no farther away.

One of the pleasures of the convention was the chance to visit, between sessions, with people met only yearly. Chatting with Miss Helen Stowell of Valley City, it was learned that she had visited Mrs. Lulu Wylie Zimmerman in Seattle on the Fourth of July, and found her active in the WCTU work there, as she always was when here. Her two older sons Bruce and Wayne, are physicians, the latter being a Child specialist; Hal, the youngest, who is better known to their friends here as Sammy, is a journalist, now co-editor of a paper at Sedro-Woolly. Beth, who is Mrs. John Peers, of Sardis, B. C., is the mother of two children.

Mrs. Barbara H. Wylie of Minneapolis enjoyed a visit with her sister, Mrs. Harry Tisdale of Grand Forks, this fall; the latter had gone to Minneapolis to see her daughter and family, Dr. and Mrs. David Greigore and small son, whom Mrs. Wylie enjoyed seeing also. Our Barbara never forgets the needs of this paper, and frequently sends news notes and clippings that are a real help to the editor.

Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson returned to LaJolla, Calif., this fall, after a summer at Detroit Lakes. While there, Mrs. Neillie M. Cross of Park River her sister Miss Violette Verry and Mrs. Driscoll, both of Fargo, spent a week end with Mrs. Anderson.

Rev. and Mrs. Duncan Matheson of Langdon went to Los Angeles, California, the last of October, to spend the winter. They are enjoying it immensely, and meeting people from all over the world.

Mrs. Edna Duguid of Cando had the pleasure of a visit of a few hours this fall, from her old friends Mrs. Mundy and the latter's mother, Mrs. Anna Hesketh of Rolla, who is a Life Member of the N. D. WCTU. Mrs. Kesketh is 90 years young, and both she and her daughter 'are of the elect,' so Mrs. Duguid says. The latter renewed her Willard membership this fall, and made a contribution for the work, in which she never loses interest.

Late in September a Minot daily paper carried the story of an interview with Mrs. Edith Swenson, long time resident of the Parshall vicinity, who is an active member of the union there. She was quoted at some length on the subject of drinking drivers on the roads, and proved that she knew her facts in the matter. She had accompanied her son, Walter L. Swenson to Minot. Another point of interest to us, is that Mrs. Swenson is the mother of Mrs. Don B. Fish, president of the Williston union.

Our state Publicity director, with her husband, Albert D. Cross of Park River, was called to Wisconsin in October to help care for the latter's aged aunt, who had suffered a broken thigh in June. She was improving but at the age of 93, was not able to walk alone and needed constant care. Help was impossible to get and the nurse who had been on the case was compelled to go to a hospital herself. Though the Crosses had other plans for the winter, they were still 'on the job' at last report.

Mrs. Necia E. Buck of Corvallis, Ore., enjoyed a visit of some length last summer with her nephews at Lethbridge, Alberta, Can. While there they went to Claresholm, Alta., where Mrs. Buck's brother had lived and is buried. She sent a clipping from the Claresholm Herald, which showed a picture of a memorial plaque placed in honor of Mrs. Louise Crummy McKinney, who was the first woman member of a legislative assembly in the British Empire. The eulogies given at the impressive ceremony attending the unveiling of the plaque, described Mrs. McKinney as a great woman, a truly outstanding but humble person, who was a friend to all who came to know her. Those of us who knew Mrs. McKinney when she lived in North Dakota and was president of the old First District, or who had the privilege of meeting her when she was here in 1929 as our convention speaker, will thoroughly agree with these sentiments. We are grateful to Mrs. Buck for sending the story.

Mrs. F. W. Treleven, president of the Hannah union, will spend the winter at the home of her son, Dr. Warren Treleven, at Hallock, Minn. Mrs. Wm. Atchison was elected treasurer of the Hannah union, to fill the vacancy left by the death of Mrs. O. E. Countryman.

In Memoriam

Swing softly, softly, heavenly gate;
Thy portals passed, no more to roam,
Our traveler finds the journey o'er
And rest at last in Home, Sweet Home."

Mrs. Grace Van Meter of the Bismarck union passed from this life in June, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Nelson, of Detroit Lakes, Minnesota. She had been Life Member of the N. D. WCTU since 1917.

Mrs. Edith Salt, a member of the Grand Forks union for many years, became ill and died while visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. N. Boyd in Duluth, Minn. The widow of a minister, Mrs. Salt had lived at Rolla and Dunseith, but moved to Grand Forks after her husbands' death in 1920. She was 73 years of age.

Mrs. O. E. Countryman, charter member of the Hannah union, was called home October 3. She had lived in Hannah for nearly 40 years, and had always been active in church and community welfare, serving as secretary of the WSCS for 35 years, and holding the office of vice president and of treasurer of the WCTU, which office she held at the time of her death. Her husband died in 1941. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. A. R. Balfour of Hannah, a granddaughter and a great granddaughter. She is greatly missed by the women with whom she worked for the right, for so many years.

Rev. J. T. Langemo of Edinburg, veteran Lutheran minister who was always a friend of the temperance cause, passed to his Heavenly home August 1, at the age of 86. He had been an active pastor for 48 years before his retirement in 1934 because of poor health; he continued to take an active interest in the community till his death. Hundreds of people gathered at his funeral at the country church of which he had become pastor in his youth, to bear tribute to his faithful service.

From the Corresponding Secretary

Dear White Ribboners:

From reports, since we met in Grand Forks, I know that you are off to a good start on membership and program. I am writing early in November and have learned that already some unions are both Holdfast and Fruitful unions. We are looking for many such reports. I should be happy to know how many unions are Holdfast at the close of November.

Our membership campaign is not over. If your union is for any reason, not now Holdfast, please do not give up. You can still be, before January first. If the dues of all living resident members reach Mrs. Kemis before March first you are a Holdfast union. Most unions are asking each woman to get AT LEAST ONE member. Reinstated members, whose dues have lapsed for more than a year can be counted as gain.

If we reach our goal, we will have more well informed women, who will LET THEIR NEIGHBORS KNOW: about the laws in your community, who your law makers are, your enforcement officers, your school board members, what your teachers are doing about Scientific Temperance Instruction. In fact they will tell of the value of total abstinence "in personal, home and community life."

Remember all the WCTU organizations; WCTU, Iota Sigma, Y. T. C. and L. T. L. Do not forget the White Ribbon Recruits, the pre-school children, and too, the Honorary members. We wish as many men as women members (you may keep their membership dollar for local work.)

We are looking forward to welcoming new organizations in each district, and new L. T. L.'s and Y. T. C.'s in many unions. For each union organized by a district officer the sum of \$5.00 will be paid to the district treasurer from the Elizabeth Preston Anderson Organization fund. Surely Mrs. Anderson will be delighted when the fund is exhausted. The state will be glad to furnish an organization packet to a new union and any other helps you need. We have a task to do, let's get busy and DO IT NOW. New organizations and new members.

May God's blessing rest upon each of you during this holiday season and may the Spirit of the Christ Child bring you Joy and Peace.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. F. T. Brooks, Cor-Sec.

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A Word to the Wise

Winter has come early to the "Upper Middle West," and according to radio reports, the snow blanket extends pretty well south also. Here the country roads are becoming impassible for

cars in many places. How much that fact interferes with Christian work in general, can scarcely be appreciated except by those who attend country churches, and the ministers who serve several charges, requiring miles of driving. However, the world looks very white and beautiful at present; if the state were only as clean as it looks, how thankful we would be! Did you count your blessings on Thanksgiving Day?

In this issue of our paper, there appears a list of the officers and directors of Fargo District WCTU. All state directors please note; it will help if you make prompt contact with the district director of your special department. Not all districts have many directors, but Fargo has a full slate.

Also, everybody please note the "Warning" that appears at the end of this letter. I hope we will have lots of posters made this year, with this rule strictly observed.

I am very grateful to all of you who have sent me stories of your activities, and to the state directors who wrote department letters as requested. I hope all the rest of them will have letters in the next issue. Would it help any of you, to know just when the material for the paper must be in the editor's hands? If so, please copy these dates on your desk pad: Jan. 20; March 20; May 20; July 20; Sept. 20; and Nov. 20; these are the months and days when your news must be on hand, in order to get in that issue. But send it any time, and it will be used eventually. Of course, like most other good things, it is better when fresh!

As recording secretary, I am sorry to say that the state reports are not being printed as promptly as I had hoped. My thanks to all who helped me secure information needed. In view of the high cost of the reports this year, it was decided by the general officers to ask the unions to pay 50c apiece for their reports. (That will be less than half the actual cost.) I do hope you will use the reports when you get them; do spend at least one meeting in studying the report; it will give you valuable information, and may save our corresponding secretary many letters. You would be surprised to know how many women write to her for information that is right in the report, if they knew where to find it.

Speaking of letters, do you always answer yours, concerning the work of the WCTU, just as promptly as you can? Particularly when a state officer writes and asks you a question. Do reply at once, even if you have to tell her that you don't know and will have to have time to find out. There is little that is harder on both patience and enthusiasm, than to wait and wait for letters that do not come! I am scolding myself in these remarks, for I think few of us are completely blameless. It is a courtesy to answer promptly. I heard of a union that invited some neighboring unions to come to a special meeting to hear a particular speaker. None of those invited replied to the invitation, or attended the meeting. "Was that nice?"

In this issue you will find a demonstration, called "This House I Build" that is very good for a public meeting. If a large neat poster is made, with the words and figures large enough to be seen well, it adds much to the effectiveness. It should be rehearsed once, if possible. This would be good for a Temperance Day program, or a meeting of young people, or any religious group. I hope you will use it.

Our state president, Mrs. Mielke, has been out doing some field work this fall; she has two new unions to her credit, and I am sure has made many delightful contacts. This early snow may interfere with meetings so that more field work will have to wait awhile. All success to her!

Before long, the Christmas decorations will appear everywhere. May you all have Happy Holidays, and may the real meaning of Christmas be felt in every heart.

Your friend,
 Elizabeth C. Beasley.

Warning!

When posters are made by school children or others, for exhibition, be sure that if pictures of bottles are used, that the label showing the name or brand of its contents, is covered. It is not proper, nor safe, in a legal sense, to use pictures that show the brand name of the liquor. Always cover them over!

Mrs. Charles Liessman of Bismarck accompanied her husband on a trip south in September, in the course of which they visited the state capitols of South Dakota, Kansas, Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana and Oklahoma. They visited friends in the Ozarks, spent some time in Vicksburg, Miss., and Huston, Texas, and attended a conference at Biloxi, Miss. She wrote of seeing the destruction produced by cyclone, hurricane and prairie fire, in different places, but rejoiced in the dry influences and Christian spirit noted in the South.

Reeder union makes life members of their retiring presidents. This is a fine gesture of appreciation by the local organization.

Treasurer's Report

September 18 to November 18, 1947

DUES: Julia D. Nelson (Fargo) 44, Grand Forks 2, Stanley 1, Wildrose 1, Northwood 21, Tower City 9, Harvey 8, Bismarck 17, Napoleon 11, Mott 13, Reeder 15, Valley City 28, Flasher 10, Minot 34.

BUDGET: Julia D. Nelson (Fargo) \$75.00, Stanley \$1.00, Grand Forks \$25.00, Bismarck \$51.00, Crosby \$21.00, Reeder \$15.00, Minot \$56.00, Fargo \$5.00, Parshall \$2.00

WILLARD: Mrs. John Kelly, Oberon; Mrs. C. J. Kuehl, Wilton.

L. T. L. Fargo 15.

NARCOTIC EDUCATION: Hatton \$5.00, Parshall \$2.00, New Salem \$6.00, West Fairview \$10.00, Monango \$6.60, Valley City \$19.60, Julia D. Nelson (Fargo) \$5.00, Fairdale \$25.00, Gilby \$22.00, Williston \$5.00, Fargo \$5.00, Northwood \$5.00.

LITERATURE: \$65.22.

HONORARY CHILD MEMBERSHIPS: Bruce Melvin Fish, Williston by Mrs. Don Fish; Laura Ann Fagerson by Mrs. Carl Bjorkman, Moorhead, Minn.; Martha Jean Mielke by Mrs. H. E. Mielke; Mary Louise Halvorson by Mrs. S. O. Nelson, Northwood.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIPS: Mrs. Susan Ferguson, Grand Forks; Mrs. O. E. Lerberg, Parshall; Mrs. Edith Hilden, Reeder; Mrs. Kitty Stark, Mott.

MEMORIAL MEMBERSHIPS: H. E. Mielke, Mrs. Edith Salt, Lewis Jackson Yates.

Julia D. Nelson Union of Fargo was the first to pay budget in full. Other unions paid in full are Crosby, Reeder and Minot.

Mrs. Howard Kemis, Treasurer.

"A Lawyer Writes to the Editor"

Los Angeles, Calif.—"A lawyer writes that an election is to be held in his city, and outlines several so-called arguments he is meeting from those who want a wide-open town," says Ethel Hubler, Editor, The National Voice.

"The Wets say that the city needs 'the revenue.' A Los Angeles efficiency 'expert' some time ago declared that, for every dollar received by the city from the State Board of Equalization, our liquor regulatory body, it takes \$8.00 to arrest and care for the city's drunks. The executive secretary of the American Business Men's Research Foundation, having analyzed the situation in various cities, says that an average of \$5.00 is required to take care of the results produced by the liquor represented by each \$1.00 of revenue.

"That's how the liquor traffic is furnishing 'the revenue' to balance the budgets of the cities and states throughout this Nation!

"The Wets say that 'Whisky is a necessary evil.' Of course it's an evil . . . but is it necessary? Dr. J. H. Kellogg says that 'alcohol never, under any condition, increases the energy of the body; alcohol is never a tonic or stimulant; alcohol does not aid digestion, but actually hinders it.' Still, some maintain that 'whisky is a necessary evil.' Now, really, is it? The United States Pharmacopoeia is the standard book of authority on drugs and medicines, which is the guide and counselor of the man behind the prescription counter.

"The Wets say that, 'If we don't have the saloon, we will have bootleggers, which are worse.' Are bootleggers worse? Now, are they? When we consider America's crime bill and look at the pages of the metropolitan press, filled with accounts of tragedies committed under the influence of drink, which was sold under authority of the law, we are forced to ask ourselves whether or not the results of liquor sold by the bootlegger are any worse than those of liquor sold with the approval and blessing of Uncle Sam. Honest, now, are they any worse?

"If the protection of the law were taken away from the sale of liquor, there wouldn't be so much of it sold. That's sure. Prohibition proved that. We are as much opposed to the bootlegger as any human could be. But, when we realize what legal liquor is doing to the homes of this country, we believe we would rather have it sold in back alleys, if it has to be sold, than have our Government put on the white apron and make the whole country one vast saloon. Yes, that's what we believe. Of course, if Uncle Sam made up his mind that bootleggers should be eliminated along with licensed saloon keepers, there wouldn't be enough bootleggers left to shake a stick at. We haven't forgotten the bank holiday Uncle Sam gave us, and the calling in of all the monetary gold from circulation. When he wants to bad enough, he can close the saloons just as he closed the banks, and he can stop the flow of bootleg whisky just as he stopped the flow of gold money throughout the American Nation. He has the power. What he has lacked up to now is the 'want to.'

"The Wets say that 'People don't drink any more liquor with saloons than without them.' How are all these 437,000 saloons in this country keeping open if there is no more liquor being drunk now than there was during Prohibition, when there weren't any

NOONTIDE HOUR OF PRAYER

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

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

I thank Thee, Lord, that every day
Thou sendest men across my way,
Who need my help, my heart, my hand!
I pray that I may understand
Thy will and purpose every hour,
That, by the richness of Thy power,
Vouchsafed to me, Thy will be done!
And if, perchance, some soul is won
By Thee, through me, to higher thought;
Or hath the brighter vision caught,
'Twill be my greatest happiness!
I thank Thee, if some soul's distress
Or if, where passion's tumult raged,
I spoke Thy word and calmed the storm!
Take Thou my life as clay, and form
Its lines as Thou desirest; then,
If I reflect Thy thought, all men
Shall better be, who come my way!
Each day shall be Thanksgiving day!

—Charles E. Whelan.

In Modern Woodman.

LTL Letter

We are glad to report new LTL's at Bottineau, Ellendale and Fairdale, and some other places are making plans to organize. We have heard encouraging words from some places where Legions were last year. We welcome all who are trying, and may North Dakota reach the National Quota of LTL members this very year. Information about 2 special projects for the year; (1) LTL Junior Citizens, a project for LTL Members; (2) LTL Airports, a project for visualizing observance of the Legion standard, are given in the pamphlet, "LTL Program Starters" (15 cents single copy).

We have given an LTL number of every WCTU in North Dakota. This is the "minimum" number for LTL members next year 1947-1948. We hope the real number will be much larger. Bottineau wrote "We hope to have far more than the number you gave us"; Ellendale already has dues for more than the number we asked and more promised. If only more places would write such good news! We hope that real work in Temperance Education will be done with and for North Dakota children this year.

Mrs. J. W. Frisbie, LTL Secretary.

McKenzie W. C. T. U. held its annual family banquet on Friday November the seventh.

New Salem had a fine pot luck family night meeting in October. The programs were artistically made and the meeting was most enjoyable.

Mott held a silver tea in November when Mrs. H. E. Mielke was the guest speaker. Mott union puts newspaper items in their paper. We regret so much to hear of the serious illness of their president Mrs. Mary Kline who at present, we are happy to report, is on the road to recovery.

Flasher union sent a box to Frau Fisher, the W. C. T. U. president in Germany. This box included warm clothing and quilts made by the members. They promote the L. T. L. work in Flasher.

We are so glad to hear that Mrs. Myrtle Bandwell is making a fine recovery from her operation.

Minot union at their November meeting heard a talk by Dr. Hoffman on the Yale school of alcohol studies.

saloons? All the liquor that is being drunk in this country today isn't being sold by bootleggers, even through we do have more of them under Repeal than we ever had under Prohibition. So this argument just doesn't make sense. Even the more intelligent Wets admit there's a lot more liquor being drunk now than ever before in this country. And Government statistics prove it.

"The Wets say that 'Beer drunk in moderation does not injure people,' this lawyer writes me. But, again, the facts are against the Wets. Years ago the Toledo Blade sent representatives to a number of the leading physicians of that city . . . a beer-drinking city. All testified that beer is an unsafe drink. Dr. S. H. Bergen declared: 'I have told you the frozen truth . . . cold, calm, scientific facts, such as the profession everywhere recognizes as absolute truths. I do not regard beer drinking as safe for anyone.'

"Every so-called 'argument' of the Wets falls flat in the face of facts."

This House I Build

(Simplified)

By AURELIA PIER BURDGE,
National Director of Drama and Pageantry, Woman's
Christian Temperance Union
A Demonstration with ribbons.

Color	Length	Spent For	Money
White	12 inches	All church and church charities	\$ 720,800,000
Yellow	1 yd 17 inches	Education	\$ 3,203,548,000
Blue	1 yd 14 inches	Spent for tobacco and cigarettes	\$ 3,000,000,000
Plaid	1 yd 30½ inches	Amusement, including movies	\$ 4,000,000,000
Red	3 yds. 22 inches	Beverage alcohol	\$ 7,790,000,000
Green	5 yds. 29 inches	Gambling, race tracks, etc.	\$12,581,514,314
Brown	6 yds. 34 inches	Crime, law enforcements, etc.	\$15,000,000,000

Have speaker hold up first ribbon and explain what it stands for, then call on another person to hold each of the succeeding ribbons.

NOTE: This is a revision of "Let the People Know." It can be present by one reader, with seven people from the audience to step up and hold each succeeding ribbon.

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 7:24-27.

READER: Americans are building many houses. Some strong and secure, are built up a Rock. And the rains descend, the floods come, and the winds beat upon them but they stand safe against all storms, for they were founded upon a Rock. Far above them the sun and the moon and the stars shine, lighting the way for others who seek to climb upon the Rock.

But some of us build upon the sand—gaudy houses with mighty towers that lure men to their portals with promise of false safety. Each day the tide washes in and in gleeful triumph it digs deep into the towers' foundations and carries the sand back into the sea. Those who build their houses within the towers seek desperately to keep the structures steady, but with each encroaching tide they sink deeper and deeper into the mire as their house becomes a part of the foundation of the tower that is built upon the sand.

Let us consider some of the houses America is building upon the Rock and some that are rising upon the Sand. The first stands high upon a solid rock, where it is safe against every storm that flows. On its peak glistens a cross. This first ribbon demonstrates the amount of money Americans gave during 1945 toward the building of that house that stands upon the Rock—\$720,800,000 for church and all church activities.

Stretch First Ribbon (white)—12 inches.

A second house America is building upon a Rock is the one constructed to Education. During 1945 we spent \$3,203,548,000 for education in the United States.

Stretch Second Ribbon—1 yard 17 inches.

On the swaying sand Americans build their smoke houses that undermine health and comfort for millions of people.

Stretch Third Ribbon—1 yard 14 inches.

With the moving picture one of the greatest means for building a well-informed people, for establishing a strong moral and spiritual code, too often our movie producers forget that millions of Americans build their homes upon the Rock that is Jesus Christ. Instead they represent the average American as a chain drinker—his home complete with cocktail and bar equipment, his refrigerator filled to overflowing with beverage alcohol, and his social and moral code on far too low a level. Our amusements have become tainted with the poison of gambling. This ribbon represents the amount of money spent by Americans during 1945 for amusements, including movies—4,000,000,000.

Stretch Fourth Ribbon—1 yard 30½ inches.

Nearly 8 billion dollars were spent in the United States during 1945 to erect one of the most imposing towers that ever arose from a bed of sand. It is the tower that is built by the liquor traffic. Dr. Jelinek of Yale University estimated 750,000 alcoholics in the U. S. and 2½ million on the verge of alcoholism. A large percentage of these is women. Billions of dollars to build a mighty army of alcoholics, to swell the nation's crime bill, fill its jails and asylums, and foster a generation of juvenile delinquents—is this a wise investment? This ribbon demonstrates the amount of money spent the U. S. during 1945 for alcoholic beverages.

Stretch Fifth Ribbon—3 yards 22 inches.

Still another tower rises on the sand of our picture—a tower whose bell tolls in church, stores, theatre, resort, home. When lumber was not available to build a shelter for our returned service men, selfish Americans found material and labor to erect huge race tracks. The great god, "Chance," promises "something for nothing," but grows sleek and fat at the expense of the hopeful dupe who plays his wages on the horses. And the god of chance stood in the tower and laughed as Americans dropped \$12,581,514,314 into his greedy hands during 1945.

Stretch Sixth Ribbon—5 yards 29 inches.

Over them all rises a spectre that hovers like an avenging ghost. For no nation can pay God a tithe such as this (points to church ribbon) and squander this (touch movies' and amusements' ribbon) and this (touch alcohol) and this (touch gamb-

ing), without reaping a harvest. During 1945 America's crime bill was \$15,000,000,000. This represents that expenditure.

Stretch Seventh Ribbon—6 yards 34 inches.

Just suppose man had given one-half of this (touch alcohol ribbon) and one-half of this (gambling) to this (church), then the gospel of Jesus Christ would have usurped the power of crime (touch crime). Men would have built houses that fall not because they are founded upon a Rock. Crime, disease, delinquency, war would have been beaten back and today men would have been pushing forward to the establishment of Gods' Kingdom upon earth rather than trembling in daily fear because we have entered the atomic age.

"Therefore, whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will like him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock. But everyone that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand."

Which shall America choose?

The End.

SUGGESTION: To vary the voice it would be well to have a person other than the Reader present the Scripture at the beginning and ending.

—From Southern California White Ribbon.

Departmental Letters

Christian Citizenship

Dear Co-workers:

With the Thanksgiving sense of well being and happiness in the air as this letter is written, plus the anticipation of the Christmas season soon to follow, I feel almost apologetic to be injecting a sombre note from the sedate and careworn Citizenship department. However, in our truly American way there is this reminder, that "Within the path of duty often lies a contribution toward happiness"—the 'silver lining' of the clouds, as it were.

In our Plan of Work there is given the timely reminder from Proverbs: "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice, but when the wicked beareth rue the people mourn." We can well give thought to the unparalleled present day unhappy or tragic situations we would like to set right, as they are brought to us through the multiple news reports. In the department literature sent out is a leaflet—"The Voter's Obligation", which has a good message, though we know the vote is only one item. We must have much purposeful action to secure a well informed citizenry. Our Plan of work urges each local union to appoint a director for Christian Citizenship, whose duties include voting, giving reports to the union on the attitude of candidates for office as pertaining to the temperance cause, and having proposed changes in laws well explained. It asks for knowledge of state gambling laws, emphasizes giving help to foreign-born women, especially in becoming citizens and voting. It recommends knowledge of sanitary conditions in your local jail, and urges action to provide a place of detention separate from adults, for juvenile delinquents.

Yes, the matter of our present day responsibilities as citizens, is truly sombre, but let us meet it with much prayer, and devotion to the objectives. With greetings of the season,

Mrs. George Campbell, Director.

Health and Medical Temperance

Dear Co-workers:

The theme for the work of the Medical Temperance department is "Safeguard Our Nation" and the sub-theme is "Let Our Neighbors Know." If we are to accomplish these objectives, each local director must acquaint her fellow members with information about the six topics under the plan of work, namely: 1. Health; 2. Social Hygiene; 3. Non-alcoholic Medication; 4. Hazards of Self-Prescription; (Use of Nostrums) 5. Opium—other narcotic drugs; 6. Marihuana.

In my letter to the unions I have made six suggestions which are intended to help you start your work. My reasons for the suggestions are: 1. To choose a local director assures you of getting the personal interest of that woman in the work. 2. To use the plan of work is to follow the recommendations of the well-qualified National leader. 3. To use the two leaflets is to make the most of the free literature furnished by the state. 4. To use the Union Signal for the Jan. 3 and Jan. 17 issues is to use the most up-to-date material in the Medical Temperance department. 5. To present the material in February or March means setting a definite time for a definite purpose. 6. To report your success at your district convention and later to the state director, means encouraging others in the work, as well as feeling the task done to the best of your ability.

If you have been working this department for years you may

want to do other things. In a recent letter from Mrs. Hess, our National director, she told me that since 1941 she has done research work in the Federal Bureau of Narcotics, preparatory to editing the narcotic issues of the Union Signal. All of us are stewards in this work. According to God's Word, "It is required in stewards that a man be found faithful." With this thought in mind, let us go forward with the work of the Medical Temperance department in North Dakota.

Mrs. A. H. Waa, Director.

Publicity

The liquor forces would not spend so much for advertising if they were not assured of big returns from it. We cannot equal them in money spent for publicity, but if each member of the WCTU would pray and work for the outlawing of the liquor traffic in our state, wonders could be performed.

To carry on our work in an organized way, we must acquaint ourselves with the plans of our state and national leaders. These plans have been sent to each union and should be carefully studied. We all know the need of intensive temperance work in our state, and the only way to get it done is first to thoroughly interest ourselves, then try to arouse the interest of our neighbors and other friends. As the little song says, "Learn, learn, learn the facts"—then "Tell, tell, tell the facts—".

The Publicity Plan of Work and a copy of "Tools" has reached you already. I hope these have been studied and some of the 'tools' sent for. I especially wish the Service Bulletin would be subscribed for; this gives a great deal of valuable information. A single subscription costs only 25c a year, and can be sent for through me or you can send direct to the National WCTU Publishing House, Evanston, Ill.

The plan of work this year is like previous plans. Ten basic lines of activity are suggested, of which I think these most important: 1. Contact with local newspaper editors. 2. Contacts with pastors of local churches, keeping them supplied with up-to-date figures on liquor consumption, money spent for alcoholic beverages, facts regarding liquor-caused accidents, crime, etc. 3. Continual watch for appraisal, criticism or commendation of all current papers and periodicals coming into the community. 4. Careful reading of the Union Signal and other factual material from the National Publishing House. 5. Reports to local papers of features of general interest to the community. 6. Letters to the "Mail Bag" in local papers. 7. By all means available, try to interest youth in spreading temperance news and reports of liquor developments. 8. Obtain and know your publicity 'tools'.

Mrs. Nellie M. Cross, Director.

Social Morality

Dear Sisters:

When Moses was reluctant to accept God's commission to do His work in Egypt, God said to him in Exodus 4:2, "What is that in thine hand?" Moses found that the rod he held could become a serpent—and a rod again, and that it was to be an instrument of the Lord in His dealings with the children of Israel.

What is that in thine hand? As mothers and grandmothers, S. S. teachers and LTL leaders, that 'is quite apt to be the hand of a little child. He is looking for love, for understanding, for a feeling of security, a sense of permanence, a shelter from the storms of life (even a child's life has storms) and a firm support to back up his wavering will to do right.

In our department of Social Morality, we stress first of all, the founding of stable, loving homes, where the child can feel and find all these things we have listed. Then since the home is not a solitary unit, we must extend our care to the neighbor next door, to the next county, to the state and nation, and now even overseas. We must labor in every way and in every field to surround our children with the environment necessary to produce the pure in heart who will see God.

For the coming year, I suggest that we bombard Congress with personal letters in favor of the Capper Bill, (S. 265) and against the bill for Universal Military Training (H. B. 4278.) Have a Social Morality Day at some local meeting and report on the leaflets sent out, and the suggestions for action. Some one may hear an idea that she can carry out. Have a book report on one of the books listed. The Successful Farming magazine for October 1947 has a very good article on "What to Tell Children About Sex" which may be helpful to some young mothers. Let us have a good year, and a good report next fall.

Mrs. Phillip Stolberg, Director.

Speech Contests

Dear Co-workers:

I hope you are already making plans for speech contests in your unions. I am quoting from one of the reports at the state convention, when it was said, "We hope to do more for the young people next year." We can do a great deal for them through this

department; when they memorize these wonderful selections, they are taught lessons in temperance that will never be forgotten. Then, too, it is a real opportunity to reach the parents.

Let us study the plan of work carefully. Note some of the aims and objectives: 1. To encourage the selection, study, and reading of materials presenting the scientific truths about alcohol in a form suitable for platform use. 2. To develop the qualities of Christian leadership and furnish many recruits for the active work of our organization. 3. To educate our public as to the value of total abstinence and prohibition. These points alone make the work worth while.

One of our points of emphasis, in the plan of work, is to urge every local union to hold at least two contests early in the year. In closing I wish to repeat the scripture quoted in the plan of work: "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not love, I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal." I Cor. 13-1. May we be faithful to Him.

Mrs. H. O. Hermanson, Director.

Temperance and Missions

Dear Co-Workers:

I am sure you are all well started on your year's work, and I hope you have not neglected to appoint a director for the department of Temperance and Missions. This is a department in which we can all do very worth while work, especially as Light Line unions. Some may ask, "What is a Light Line union?" so I would like to tell you that it is a union which gives \$5.00 to the work of the World's WCTU, and sends \$1.75 to pay for a subscription to the Union Signal for a missionary or someone else in a foreign country. There is no limit to the number of 'lights' a union may have.

Rehabilitation work in war ravaged countries is aided through these funds, and I am sure no one questions the great needs of this right now. If every local union in our state and nation were helping to light other lands, in this way, what a help it would be in dispelling the darkness of evil habits.

Help for this department can usually be found in local missionary societies, as their membership is always interested in the welfare of people of other lands. Why not invite them to your meeting when you have a Temperance and Missions program, or have a joint program with them?

I have sent the plan of work and two leaflets on this subject to all local and district presidents; I hope you will use them. If I can be of help, please write to me. "Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters." Isa. 32:20. Yours for the promotion of the work of His kingdom.

Mrs. O. J. Swanson, Director.

Visual Education 1947-1948

Dear Co-workers:

In our plan of work this coming year we must use visual aids to call attention of the general public to the need of SAFE-GUARDING OUR NATION. Through motion pictures, slide films, exhibits and posters, as well as the use of graphs and charts as illustrations with talks and articles, emphasize one phase of the safety program each month.

Total Abstinence is a safeguard to the individual. In how many ways can you visualize this theme?

The information about motion pictures is given in full in our plan of work and on page 69 of our 1947 catalog. Descriptive leaflets can be had for postage, from the WCTU Publishing House at Evanston, Illinois. Also for the slide films used especially with boys and girls of grade and Junior high school age.

I would urge districts to appoint directors, and supply the County Superintendents of Schools with leaflets describing motion pictures and slide films on alcohol and tobacco.

Plan an educational exhibit at County fairs, etc.

Local Directors

Awards are offered for the best original exhibit based on some phase of the liquor problems; send to State director a photograph or drawing, with description, telling where it was shown and the approximate number of people who saw it. The state director will send the best from her state to the National Director.

No awards granted on reports received after October 15th, 1948. Let's try for this.

"Whatever we are, that let us be, in all fearlessness. Whatever we are not, that let us cease striving to seem to be."

Sincerely yours in the work,

Mrs. Lavinia Bignall, Director.

Mrs. Elmer Cart of Bismarck has consented to act as legislative key woman for the state W. C. T. U. legislative department of which the state president is director. This will be a great help to facilitate information promptly on pending laws of interest to our organization during legislative sessions. Thank you, Mrs. Cart.

Ada Mohn-Landis CONTEST Closing Date—June 30, 1948 WANTED

Addresses, Orations, Essays, Stories, Debates
for use in speech contest sponsored by
NATIONAL WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION
Ada Mohn-Landis Prize Contest, 1948

Through the generosity of the late Mrs. Ada Mohn-Landis of Reading, Pennsylvania, the National WCTU conducts annual prize-contests to obtain original material suitable for platform readings.

Three Themes From Which To Choose
Liquor's Cost to Society
Social Pressures Increase Liquor Consumption
Responsibility of Citizens Toward Liquor Evil

Two Types of Manuscripts are Desired

I. **Senior Declamations**—to be used by adults and youths: 750 to 1,000 words. First prize \$40.00; second prize \$20.00

II. **Junior Declamations**—to be used by boys and girls under high-school age (approximately 10 to 13 years), but not by small children; 400 to 600 words. First prize \$40.00; second prize \$20.00.

In addition to the cash awards, "honorable mention" will be given to the best manuscripts in each class. The National WCTU reserves the right to purchase, at one-half cent a word, any manuscripts receiving "honorable mention," which are suitable for publication. All manuscripts become the property of the National WCTU.

The National WCTU also reserves the right to withhold prizes if the manuscripts submitted and accepted are insufficient.

REQUIREMENTS

I. Literary Value:

Entries may be prose or verse (orations, essays, stories, or informal discussions.)

Class I should be appropriate for adults or young men and women to present.

Class II should use vocabulary and thought appropriate to children and not to be a preaching to them.

II. Suitability for Platform Use:

All selections should have dramatic interest and a central thought so presented as to appeal to both intelligence and emotions of an audience. There should be a stirring presentation of total abstinence as a desirable standard for individuals and legal elimination of the traffic by local, state, and federal government as a standard for society.

III. Material and Thought:

Scientific accuracy is essential, and sympathetic interpretation of the ideals of the WCTU is required. Exaggerated statements of the effects of alcohol, reference to dragons, snakes, devils, skeletons, bloodshot eyes, etc., impersonations of drunkenness, or abuse of opponents should be avoided. Quotations must be exact, and references for quotations, statistics, etc., should be given as footnotes on the manuscripts.

IV. Inspirational Value:

Constructive suggestion, encouraging helpful action, is preferable to mere description of existing evils. Example: A suggestion as to how one person may lead others to adopt total abstinence is desired rather than an automobile wreck caused by drinking.

V. Title:

A brief, interesting title will be considered by the judges in making their decisions. Write on any of the three themes, but do not use the wording of a theme as your title. The title must be typed on the first page of the manuscript.

GENERAL RULES

1. A contestant may submit any number of declamations in either or both classes, but each must be a separate entry, prepared according to the rules below. Each must be the original, unpublished work of the contestant.

2. Manuscripts must be typed on one side of the paper only. Use double spacing and liberal margins. The number of words (by count) should be given at upper right hand corner of the first page, and the class for which intended. Name and address of the Author must not appear on the manuscript.

3. Each entry should include:
Three copies of the manuscript (two may be carbons).
One sealed envelope, bearing on the outside the title of declamation, and the class entered (and nothing else), and containing a sheet of paper with the same title and the name and address of the writer.

4. No letter should accompany the manuscript; no fancy clips, ribbons, or binders should be used.

5. Manuscripts should be marked with name of the class for which they are intended and mailed with postage fully prepaid, to: LANDIS CONTEST, National WCTU, Evanston, Ill.

6. The contest will close June 30, 1948, at 5 P. M. and manuscripts must be received before that hour to be considered for prizes.

7. The National WCTU will accept no responsibility for manuscripts lost or delayed in transit.

8. The decision of the judges will be announced in The Union

Signal and elsewhere as soon as possible after the close of the contest. The decision of the judges shall be final, and every contestant agrees to this as a condition of entry.

Promptly after the judges report their decisions, the prize money and the payment for accepted manuscripts receiving "honorable mention" will be sent out.

Contestants should allow at least two months after close of contest before inquiring about manuscripts, and any inquiry should be accompanied by a stamped and self-addressed envelope.

New Unions

During the field work in the southwest we did work at Steele, Napoleon and Hettinger, spending a weekend and a Sunday at each place with organization in mind.

On November 9th a union was organized at Steele with prospects for a dozen members. Steele has had a Willard member group for a number of years. The following are the officers: President, Mrs. G. F. Meier; vice president, Mrs. Ruth Mauston; Secretary, Mrs. Archie Thornton; treasurer, Mrs. R. Phelps.

Steele needs a W. C. T. U. as does every place in our state. May God give you strength of purpose and put His hand upon you to begin this work which is so much needed and bless you everyone.

On November 12th a union was organized at the Methodist church at Napoleon. Much ground work had been done by Mrs. E. J. Huntley and Mrs. H. E. Mielke, visiting and dues were collected for eleven members and four honorary. The following were elected as officers:

President, Mrs. E. J. Huntley; vice president, Mrs. Rudolph Hochalter; vice president, Mrs. Bannister; vice president, Mrs. Heidenberg; secretary, Mrs. Gladys Peterson; treasurer, Mrs. Lillian Engleking.

The union is holding its first meeting in December at Mrs. Alvin Janke. May God bless and guide you and your beginnings.

The new union at Hettinger was organized on November 19, with sixteen members and prospects for a fine membership. The meeting was held at Miss Good's who has been a member for many years.

We were pleased to note the interest of the churches for a local W. C. T. U. and that young women were elected on the roster of officers. The interest manifested at the union service at the Lutheran church the Sunday night before, for a local organization of women to be an influence locally for a better community for their youth, was most inspiring and we wish to thank the postors of the church participating for their splendid support. The following officers were elected:

President, Mrs. Glen Palmer; vice president, Mrs. E. Stedji; vice president, Mrs. Gordon McNeil; vice president, Mrs. R. G. Kaiser; secretary, Mrs. J. H. Boyce; treasurer, Mrs. Amy Banning. The December meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. E. Stedji. May God bless you every effort.

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