

Mrs. Frank Beasley

WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN

Official Organ of W. C. T. U. of North Dakota
"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH"

The Bethlehem Innkeeper Speaks

The inn was full. There was no room.
And yet of course, I might have made
Arrangement. But the evening gloom
Came on — a man must keep his trade
The guests were in — they all had paid
There was no room. The inn was full.
And it had been a busy day;
So many vexing questions pull
A landlord's heart. All cannot stay;
The inn was full. There was no room.
The late ones must be turned away.
But certainly I could have done
Something if I had known for whom;
Ah, that my door should be the one
To shut out Mary and her Son!

— B. Y. Williams, in N. Y. Times.

"Lord Jesus, Son of Mary,
As now we hail thy birth,
Give faith to see thy coming
Each year, each day, to earth.
Thou comest, walking with us,
In those whose faces shine
With joy to know and mirror
The wondrous life divine.
Thou comest, living truly,
In those who never swerve
In tho't or happy purpose
To lift and love and serve.
Thou comest, Lord of nations, —
Thy promise to fulfill, —
In those with faith to stablish
The kingdom of good will."

— William M. Crane, in The New Hymnal for American Youth.

The President's Letter

As Tiny Tim exclaimed in Dickens' "Christmas Carol"; may we say "God bless us, every one", and that means everyone all over this wide world this happy Christmas season. May we share, as never before, with those who are in need. "Not what we give, but what we share," as the great poet Lowell says, is what makes a gift precious. Also true Christmas comes to all who, amid the rush of happy preparation, can take time, in quietness and prayer to reaffirm their love and loyalty to the Prince of Peace born in Bethlehem that holy night. May we thank God for his unspeakable gift.

December is doubly significant this year, for on the fifteenth of this month we celebrated the seventy-fifth anniversary of the temperance crusade which swept the country in 1873 and opened the way for our great social welfare organization. The women of that year felt that God had laid upon them this great work. Like them, we should feel that God has laid upon us the responsibility to enlist church women for the temperance cause today, for narcotic education in our schools and colleges and for the passage of protective laws in state and nation. In the spirit of the early Crusade women, we begin our jubilee year of 1949; nationally, our seventy-fifth anniversary, and our sixtieth in the state of North Dakota.

Sometime in the beginning months of the new year, we should plan a Diamond Jubilee Tea, when you welcome new members gained and entertain invited guests. Someone dressed in the costume of the Crusade year could 'pour', lending atmosphere to the occasion.

When the state reports reach you, you will look up the state president's recommendation for state plans in the rest of the year. It will be noted that emphasis is placed on new organizations and the gaining of new members. First of all, getting in the dues of all last year's members, is important; then the paying of the budget as early as possible is an achievement. Then follows the payment of the balance of the Narcotic education obligation by every union, this being the last year for this fund.

When this is accomplished you can start in earnest to gain new members and organize an LTL locally; in your school, in a Sunday school or a neighborhood group. You will put on a membership drive. Has everyone been asked to join? Often we overlook someone who would be interested. Every Christian mother is interested to belong to an organization whose object right now is to promote narcotic education for children and youth.

It was gratifying to know that Amendment Number I, which sought to permit municipal liquor stores in our state, was defeated at the November election. An amendment of this kind is much more difficult to repeal than to vote out local liquor stores through local option. There are concrete examples where certain municipal liquor stores flagrantly violated laws controlling liquor selling and became community nuisances. They had to be finally voted out by county option elections, to free said communities of their evil influences. We need a local option law in North Dakota.

We spent three weeks in field service in Minot and Northwest

Our Wish

May all your Christmas Eve be bright
With fire and star and candlelight!
And bells and song and laughter fill
Your ears and hearts with
"Peace, Goodwill!"

The General Officers.

districts. Both district presidents, Mrs. F. T. Brooks and Mrs. Don B. Fish, planned the itinerary and personally assisted whenever possible. We visited eleven unions, spoke to about 755 high school students, spoke before three Sunday school groups, one Young People's meeting, a Sunday night service, a Civic club group and an afternoon meeting at Watford City, where ground work was done for a new union. A new union was organized at Granville with the following officers: President, Mrs. T. J. Webber, Vice President, Mrs. Palmer Aarness, Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Kenneth Cress. Mrs. Mae Brudevold of Fargo had done some preparatory work at Granville, after the state convention. Mrs. F. T. Brooks and I completed the organization.

On our return, we stopped at Grafton, at Hatton between trains, and later went to Lisbon. It is always a most pleasant experience to meet so many fine folks everywhere. The unions visited were at Stanley, Tioga, Williston, Wildrose, Powers Lake, Crosby, Minot, Sawyer Parshall Grafton and Lisbon.

We are on the threshold of a new year. May we dedicate ourselves anew to the unfinished task which lies before us. We can do much through local organized effort. May we go forward together knowing that God will bless the work, in this anniversary year.

"The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined."

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:2-6.

Loyally yours, Mrs. H. E. Mielke.

MY CHRISTMAS WISH

If I could have one wish today
And only one,
This would I say,
That peace on earth, good-will to men
Might reign supreme;
And ne'er again
In all the ages yet to come
Would there be war.

— Ruth Smeltzer.

A LESSON

"One lesson I have learned is that most of what is the matter with little folks is the big folks." Judge Camille Kelly of Memphis Juvenile court. — Exchange.

Notes From The Unions

The Loyal Temperance Legion at Stanley was organized by Mrs. Don B. Fish and Mrs. Leslie Chase of Williston WCTU, in October.

The Grafton WCTU entertained for invited guests at their November meeting. A sextette and a piano number from the Grafton high school were much enjoyed by those present. Mrs. Mielke spoke at this meeting, the emphasis being upon Temperance and Missions.

The Valley City union planned a very delightful public meeting on the evening of December 9. Mrs. Elizabeth Worley directed an Iota Sigma playlet for the occasion. Mrs. W. M. Franklin's Alphabet Flannelgraph Temperance Lesson, from the July-August issue of the White Ribbon Bulletin, was given by 26 children, representing all churches. The parents of the children were guests. Mrs. Mary Munson and Mrs. Lavinia Bignall were in charge of the Alphabet lesson.

CONGRATULATIONS!

The Banner District loving cup was presented to Mrs. G. A. Hample president of Bismarck district, at the state convention. The new Banner Union loving cup, presented to the state organization as a gift by the state president, Mrs. H. E. Mielke, was won by the Bismarck union, of which Mrs. Peter Garberg is president. These loving cups are presented to the Banner district and union which achieve the highest gain in membership in a fiscal year.

The Fairdale union held the August meeting at the home of Mrs. Ida Zumwinkle, at which all officers were reelected. Mrs. Howard Johnson is the new Publicity chairman, replacing Mrs. Joseph Fossholm, who has moved to Adams. An LTL was organized shortly after, with Mrs. Joel Flom as leader. The union made plans for speech, essay and poster contests, to be held during the year. Besides group singing and readings at their meetings, the members of this union take turns in discussing a chapter each of "The Alcohol Problem." In October, the union met at the home of Mrs. Mary Wollan. Mrs. Georgina Hanson, who has spent some time in California, told about the state convention held in Pasadena, and other WCTU work.

The Williston union met in the parlor of the First Baptist church the evening of October 29, for a pot-luck supper with their families and friends. A program followed, during which all joined in group singing, and the LTL led by Mrs. H. W. Stockman sang three songs and gave a demonstration. A picture, "Liquid Lore" was shown, after which Mrs. Elmer Lien sang "I Will Serve Him Today," accompanied by Mrs. James Bervig. Mrs. Elsie Hart reported highlights of the state convention held in Minot. It pleased the local union that Nona Kipp, a Williston girl, was winner of the gold medal in the speech contest at the convention. Nona is the daughter of Mrs. Don Fish, president of the Northwest district. A few days later, a special meeting was held at the home of the local president, Mrs. George Canfield, with the state president, Mrs. H. E. Mielke of Fargo as guest and speaker. She spoke on different phases of temperance work and the goal for the coming year, as well as telling of the National WCTU convention. Mrs. Canfield served a desert lunch at the close of the meeting, assisted by her daughters Mrs. John Birkeland, Mrs. John Yockim and Mrs. Harvey Smith.

The Nekoma union met with Miss Christine Gjevre in October, when reports of the state convention were given. A piano duet by the hostess and her sister, Miss Myrtle Gjevre, was much enjoyed. A fine lunch was served; one visitor was present.

In November, the union met at the home of Mrs. Harvey Johnson, with Mrs. Bertha Flom as program leader. The Thanksgiving season was the theme of the various readings given. Two visitors from Canada, guests of some of the members, were present. One of them expressed the surprise that she has often felt when in this country, at the unrestricted advertising of beverage alcohol. (Canada stopped advertising liquor during the war, and has never allowed it to be resumed. Why can't we do that?) Mrs. Johnson served a delightful lunch at the close of the meeting. It was planned to secure permission to place temperance literature in the school.

The Julia D. Nelson union of Fargo held its Golden Anniversary meeting at the home of Mrs. Martin Jones, with an attendance of over 50. Mrs. H. E. Mielke, the state president, and some other members of the Fargo union were present. The union was organized in 1898 by a group of Scandinavian women of Fargo. The only charter member who still lives there is Mrs. Ed Stalheim. In its fifty years of work, this union has had only four presidents; Mrs. Julia D. Nelson, in whose honor the name was changed from Scandinavian to Julia D. Nelson WCTU, helped organize, was the first president, and served for 39 years.

At her retirement because of poor health, Mrs. F. A. Landbloom, then vice president, filled the unexpired term, was elected and served two years. She was followed by Mrs. Iver Fossum, and Mrs. Mae Brudevold is the president now. The Fargo FORUM featured a picture of the charter member, Mrs. Stalheim, the oldest member, Mrs. Anna Forsberg, Mrs. Brudevold and the two past presidents, Mrs. Landbloom and Mrs. Fossum, with a huge 'birthday' cake. It also gave space to some of the work this fine union has done, over the years, mentioning the large amount of foreign relief work, the various funds that have been supported, and the help given to the Florence Crittenton home and the North Dakota House of Mercy. During the program, Mrs. Mielke spoke, Charlotte and Esther Forness sang, and the meeting closed with a recording of "Bless This House" sung by the granddaughter of the hostess. A poem written for the occasion by Mrs. Sara E. Ferber of Oaks was read, and will be found elsewhere in this paper.

The Grafton WCTU is off to a good start with prospective members in sight. A Temperance and Missions program to which the public was invited was held in the Federated church November 18th with the state president, Mrs. H. E. Mielke, as guest speaker. The members of this union have completed two wool afghans, one knitted and one of wool cloth, to be given for relief work. As a very helpful use for a gift of \$50 in memory of her sister by Mrs. Ted Hoffman, the union has purchased a wheel chair, which they will lend to anyone in need. So does the memory of a fine woman and the spirit of the WCTU give help to those who are unfortunate. The union has given money to the Narcotic Education fund in memory of two members who passed away recently.

The Jamestown union met at the home of Mrs. Alex C. Burr Nov. 2. Mrs. E. E. Bunn led devotions, and Mrs. Myrtle Bordwell gave her report of the state convention at Minot. This union reports that it paid its quota of the Narcotic Education Fund in full — \$192.00. Congratulations!

The Park River union met at the home of Mrs. Annie Catherwood November 11, for their dues paying social. Some members were not able to be present, and they have lost one by death and one by removal, but 22 paid, and seven more are expected to do so. Two are new members. Mrs. Oscar Berg, who is musical director for this union, was program leader, and some of the statements given provoked lively discussion. Mrs. Carl Larson, the president, is doing fine work; Mrs. Annie F. Catherwood is still the faithful secretary of the union.

The Calvin union, under the leadership of Mrs. H. G. Renfrew, the able president, showed the picture "That Boy Joe" in the church Sunday evening Nov. 7th. The demonstration "This House I Build" was given, with a group of boys holding the ribbons to illustrate amounts spent in the United States for churches and education, and the agencies that undermine the work of both.

At the November meeting of the Minot union, the state president, Mrs. H. E. Mielke was present and talked on the National convention. Mrs. J. H. Mackley, state director of the department of Soldiers and Sailors, who had recently returned from a trip to England, gave a very interesting talk, also, on her impressions of the lands she had visited.

Personal Mention

Our state president, Mrs. H. E. Mielke, was the guest speaker at the Wyoming state WCTU convention at Sheridan, Wyo., in October. Mrs. Mielke gave her main address at the convention banquet the evening of Oct. 13. While there she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Crump who took her for a short drive up the Tongue River Canyon in the Big Horn mountains. It was a delightful experience. The state president of Wyoming is Mrs. Muriel J. Woods of Cheyenne.

Several Williston WCTU women including Mrs. Don B. Fish, attended the Montana state WCTU convention at Sidney, Mont., this fall.

Our state president, Mrs. Mielke, and state treasurer, Mrs. Kemis, spent a very busy and profitable time at the National WCTU convention at Portland, Ore., just before our own state convention at Minot. It was a privilege for them to meet with the workers from every state, women of vision and purpose, and to receive first hand information from our National leaders, concerning the great WCTU objectives of today for the social welfare of our local communities everywhere.

Mrs. E. G. Ranum, president of the Valley City union, has been quite ill but is making a satisfactory recovery, for which we are thankful.

THANK YOU!
May I take this means of thanking all the unions, the local presidents, the hostesses and all those who served us with their cars, for their kindness and helpfulness during my three weeks in field service. Very Sincerely, Mrs. H. E. Mielke.

In Memoriam

This is not evening twilight, 'tis the dawning;
Fairer and plainer grow the hills afar;
I am not folding up my hands from labor;
Freshly I lift them, while the paling star
Melts into light.

— White Ribbon Banner.

Miss Agness Stavert and Mrs. John M. Larson, two old and faithful members of the Grafton union were called to higher service recently.

Mrs. E. E. Clarke of Ellendale is bereaved in the passing, some months ago, of a beloved grandson, at the age of eleven.

Mrs. Anna Forsberg, oldest member of the Julia D. Nelson union of Fargo, passed away Sunday, November 14, about a month before her 91st birthday. She attended the 50th Anniversary meeting of the union in October, and gave a short talk, making a plea to the younger women to carry on the work for the older ones who are passing on. Her funeral was held at the First Baptist church Nov. 19, she was an honorary deaconess of that church.

Mrs. George E. Black, who lived in Grand Forks for more than 50 years and was an active member of the union there during most of that time, was called from this life at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Louise Menschel in Sacramento, Calif., in October, aged 81. Mrs. Black is well remembered by the older women over the state, as she frequently attended the National WCTU conventions and gave reports. She was always interested in educational matters. Her son, commander Richard B. Black of Honolulu, Hawaii, who was a member of the second Byrd Antarctic expedition and a navy commander during World War II, survives her with Mrs. Menschel, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Dr. George N. Knight died at the Jamestown hospital Nov. 5. He was head of the department of Biology at Jamestown College, where he has been a teacher since 1919. He had been an honorary member of the Jamestown WCTU for over 20 years. His wife and two sons survive him.

John H. Potter of Fargo, husband of our Jessie A. Potter, who has been the director of Child Welfare for several years, passed from this life in August, quite suddenly, though he had not been well for some time.

To all those who are left lonely by the passing of these friends we extend our sympathy.

Personal Mention

Mrs. E. E. Clarke of Ellendale, whose health has not been good in recent months, plans to spend the winter with her daughter in Los Angeles, Calif. We hope the spring will find her much improved in health.

After the death of her brothers, Archie and Duncan, Miss Maggie Sillers left Calvin in June to make her home with her only sister in Grand Prairie, Alberta, Canada. She has spent a year in Grand Prairie in 1940 and has many friends there. Miss Sillers is a life member of the N. D. WCTU, and has always been an ardent dry. We wish her happiness in her new home.

Mrs. Nellie M. Cross, our director of Publicity for several years, left Park River with her husband in a new car this fall, with Sacramento, Calif., as their destination. They stopped to visit in several places on the way. Mrs. Cross was honored at a special meeting of the union before she left, and was presented with a pearl WCTU pin. She will be sadly missed in Park River, and we hope they may yet decide to call North Dakota home.

Mrs. Joseph Fossholm and Mrs. Joel Flom, two active and efficient members of the Fairdale union, have moved to Adams recently. They will be missed greatly, but we hope they will continue their interest in the work.

Mrs. Elsie Hart of Williston took an extended trip last Summer.

Miss Anna Burbidge and Mrs. Sophie Loughead of Park River left early in November to visit relatives at Superior, Wis. Mrs. David Ford, her husband and her sister, Mrs. Watson, drove to Sumas, Wash., to spend the winter. Mrs. Ford is better now but was hospitalized in Minneapolis for some time last fall. For all these notes of Park River people, we are grateful to Mrs. Catherwood.

An officer of the Marine Corps called upon Mrs. Myrtle Crawford of Calvin, October 22, and presented her with the Silver star medal with oak leaf cluster, and a gold star in lieu of a second silver star, as decorations posthumously awarded to her son, Capt. Wm. K. Crawford, who was killed in action on Iwo Jima, Feb. 25, 1945. Mrs. Crawford is secretary of the Calvin union.

From A Business Man

(The following article quoted by Mr. Poppler of Grand Forks in a recent advertisement, is worth reading. — Editor.)

The article below entitled "Laws Cannot Be Changed" appeared in the house organ of the Farm Owner's Mutual of St. Paul — recently.

For eons of time before recorded history, apples fell from trees, feathers fell from birds, and rocks fell from hills; compelled by the law of gravity. The great English scientist and mathematician, Sir Isaac Newton, was resting under an apple tree one summer day when an apple fell onto him. That falling apple started his great brain to work on the problem of why the apple fell when its connection with the tree was loosened. Why did it not fall up instead of down?

Out of his studies and meditation, came the laws of gravity and motion, and the law of gravitation or attraction between heavenly bodies. Those laws had been operating in the universe since the beginning of eternity. Newton did not make them, he only started them in language so plain and clear that even I can understand them.

Like the laws of motion, formulated by Sir Isaac Newton, that have been in operation since the beginning of the universe there are also laws of right and wrong and of human conduct that have been operating since the beginning of the human race. These laws have been transgressed by man since he was first placed on the planet. At first and for ages, they, like the laws of motion, were but dimly and vaguely understood. Selfishness, greed, hate, jealousy, etc., transgressed these laws of human conduct. The greatest transgressor of all is WAR. War is always based on injustice and it violates human right.

The world has, in a third of a century, gone through the two worst wars of all time. They were no worse than other wars except as to scope. They have left every nation of Europe and most of Asia completely wrecked economically, industrially and humanitarly. Even the United States, which suffered least, is saddled with a debt and an armament program that makes it necessary that the government shall take from everyone so large a portion of his income that it is almost impossible to build for the future. All this load to kill other human beings and to destroy their property. It would seem much more logical to spend wealth for construction rather than destruction.

Many centuries ago, Confucius the Chinese Sage, tried to state the law of human conduct that would end such wanton destruction. He did state it negatively in these words, "Do not do to another what you would not have him do to you," good as that is, it is not good enough. We need the positive. A quiet Galilean teacher was needed to put the right and positive law into words. He said, "Whatever things ye would that men should do to you, do you even so to them." When this law, so simply stated, is universally observed, wars and their attendant evils will be at an end.

Like the laws of gravity, that law of human conduct will never change. Congress cannot repeal it. It is so simply and clearly stated that, "A wayfaring man, tho a fool, need not err therein."

If we and our present allies among the Western Powers — could put this idea over with the Communist mugs the world could settle down to a thousand years of Peace.

But it looks like another Christmas ahead will be filled — instead of with Peace and Good Will — hatred, deceit, tyranny and threats of war.

This is all because a small group of ego maniacs think they can get away with what Hitler — Mussolini and Hirohito failed to accomplish.

When you say "thanks" this Thanksgiving say a prayer — too. "Give them eyes — oh Lord — that they may see — Give them hearts that they may make no more suffering in this sorry world — Amen."

Mrs. Elias Porter of Calvin, who was president of the union there for years, as well as president of that district for some time, had visits from all but one of her children the past summer, only one of whom lives near her. Her daughter Mary, who became Mrs. V. L. Gurcso in June, made the longest journey, coming with her husband from New York City for a short visit in September. Those who attended the state convention at Bismarck two years ago will remember the attractive young woman in WAC uniform who brought her mother to that meeting and wish her happiness.

After spending more than two weeks in the field after state convention, our president, Mrs. Mielke, had to give up further work of that kind for the present. She was called to Park Rapids, Minn., by the illness of her daughter Ruth (Mrs. Grostephan) who is recovering.

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A Word to The Wise

Dear friends:

The snow has come to our part of the state, but highways are still open, and we hope they will stay that way for a few weeks more anyway. The usual rush of fall work has subsided, to some extent, but church organizations and other groups have hurried to get their public meetings and money-raising projects over with before the bad weather begins. This is Thanksgiving time, as I write, and Christmas follows that with lightning speed, it always seems to one who has much to do. I hope we will not all be so busy with our hands that we will forget to think of the real meaning of these days; both of them are times for thankfulness.

It is a matter of great regret to us all, that our paper is so greatly delayed; the September-October issue has not yet been received. I hope I have not repeated something that will appear in that issue, in this one. I am most grateful to all of you who have sent me news of your doings, for the paper. Won't all of you try to tell me what is going on in your group? It may be a big help to some others.

You will see that there are some changes in the Directory as it appears in this issue, but directors for some departments have not yet been secured. We hope to find women soon, who will be willing to take up this type of work; some could not serve because of illness.

The material for the annual report is in the hands of the printer and we hope the books will be ready to be sent out at least by the first of January. Will all the directors of departments please remember that we want their letters for the paper by January 20th? And that the Standard of Efficiency asks that they include in it the plan of work, as adopted to our state? A plan made for the whole U. S. often needs some adapting, for the use of our women. We have a short letter from our new director of Christian Citizenship in this issue, and hope to have the plan of work for this department later. Let us see if we cannot have a lot of department work done this year; there is a place for each woman to work at the thing she finds most interesting.

It has been a great pleasure to receive personal letters from a number of you, since convention; I wish I had time to write more to each of you who have been so kind, but my days are over filled and my work never quite finished. So, I send my love to you all, herewith and may this Holiday Season be a time of blessing for you, everyone.

Affectionately yours,
 Elizabeth C. Beasley.

To Julia D. Nelson Union

Fifty beautiful years have passed
 Spent in service rare;
 How much richer this world would be
 For all His love and care.
 Tender, skillful, womanly hands
 Have helped in direst needs;
 While faith and prayer, with sacrifice,
 Blazed trails for countless deeds.
 In this and other lands;
 Of mercy and of charity
 They make a wondrous symphony,
 Produced by hearts and hands.
 And ever standing for the right,
 Walking in paths of truth
 This noble band will carry on
 Protecting home and youth.
 Oh! it may be that some fair day
 United we will stand
 And give as reason for our zeal
 "God, Home and Native Land."

— Sara E. Ferber.

Ye editor had the pleasure of receiving personal greetings from Mrs. E. H. Cray of Cando not long ago. Nineteen years ago this fall when the state convention was held there Mrs. Cray, the busy young mother of three children, gave rooms in her home to all of the general officers. She lived near the church, and it was very convenient for us, though it must have been an effort for her. Such kindness is not easily forgotten. Her husband, too, Dr. Cray, did many things for our comfort. Now their children are all married and away; they have six grandchildren. "Time goes, you say? Ah, no. Alas, time stays. We go." Mrs. F. W. Treleven of Hannah is spending the winter in Grand Forks.

TREASURER'S REPORT

SEPTEMBER 18 TO NOVEMBER 18, 1948

DUES: Tower City 13; Larimore 41; Napoleon 6; Rugby 6; Reeder 14; Northwood 8; Jamestown 8; Bismarck 23; Grand Forks 20; Fargo, Julia D. Nelson 54.

BUDGET: Larimore \$55.00; Reeder \$14.00; Jamestown \$9.00; Bismarck \$133.00; Grand Forks \$34.00; Fargo Julia D. Nelson \$75.00.

NARCOTIC EDUCATION FUND: Underwood \$10.00; Northwood \$25.00; Jamestown \$2.00; Larimore \$31.80; From Child Honorary Membership \$10.00.

ORGANIZATION FUND: \$9.63; From Honorary Membership \$15.00.

ADVERTISING FUND: \$10.00.

CONVENTION OFFERING: \$81.53.

STATE REPORTS: \$2.50.

Larimore, Grand Forks, and Fargo Julia D. Nelson have paid their budget in full.

MEMORIAL MEMBERSHIPS: Mrs. Edna Duguid, given by Mrs. Frank Beasley; John H. Potter, given by Mrs. Jessie Potter.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP: Mrs. Ellen Elis Stone of Minot.

CHILD HONORARY MEMBERSHIP: Stanley Wendell Jonas given by Mrs. Thos. F. Jonas; Nicholas Heinzen given by Mrs. N. R. Heinzen.

LIFE PATRON: Mrs. Frank Beasley.

The following unions have completed their quota for Narcotic Education: Jamestown, Larimore, Northwood, Nekoma, Hatton, Grand Forks, Fargo, Flasher Calvin Parshall.

Mrs. Howard Kemis, Treasurer.

Dear White Ribboners,

By the time you read this you will have had your Thanksgiving Holiday. I hope it was a happy one, spent with your family and friends. We praise God for blessings both material and spiritual which have come to us during the past year. "The earth is full of the goodness of our Lord."

Did you observe November Roll Call? If so, you are well on the way to become a Holdfast union by March first, with every living member of last year having paid dues, which you have sent to the state treasurer. Let us not wait but get them at once. This too, is the best time to secure new members.

Miss Smart, our new National Corresponding Secretary, has said, "If a woman has no time to do any work outside her home and her ordinary interests, the most effective thing she can do to stop alcoholic beverage advertising and get better laws and law enforcement in her state and in the nation, is to add her name to a roll that can be shown to every member of Congress and of your state legislature, and which would accomplish surprising results. If she wants to conquer adverse social conditions in her community, she can stimulate resistance to them as she never could do as an individual by putting herself, shoulder to shoulder with those who are on record as opposed to these conditions. She will thus lend heart and encouragement to every member of the group because we can always do more effective work when we feel we have a lot of company supporting us in the attitude we take." Thus, if a woman tells you she has no time, explain to her what her name on the roll would mean to us. We need more active members also. Will you remember the goal, sixty new organizations this year! Can we have new L. T. L.'s and some Y. T. C.'s this fall?

Do you have the topic programs for your meetings? If not, will you send for them at once? The program packet has helps and material. You may also find the program for the following month in the first issue of the month of the Union Signal.

In closing may I wish you a blessed Christmas Season. May the story of Christmas old and fine and true hold joy and happiness as it comes to you.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. F. T. Brooks,
Corresponding Secretary.

It is Christmas in the mansion,
Yule-log fires and silken frocks;
It is Christmas in the cottage,
Mothers filling little socks;
It is Christmas on the highway,
In the thronging busy mart;
But the dearest, truest Christmas
Is the Christmas in the heart.
— Dora H. Stockman.

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

"I learn as the years roll onward
And leave the past behind,
That much I had counted sorrow
But proves that my Lord was kind.
That many a flower I longed for
Had a hidden thorn of pain,
And many a rugged by-path
Led to fields of golden grain."

Quoted by O. T. Deever in the UPPER ROOM.

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Christmas Today

How can they honor Him — the humble Lad
Whose feet struck paths of beauty through the earth —
With all the drunken revelry,

the mad Barter of goods that mark His day of birth?
How can they honor Him with flame and din,

Whose soul was peaceful as a moon swept sea,
Whose thoughts were somber with the world's great sin
Even while He trod the hill to Calvary?

I think if Jesus should return and see
The hollow blasphemy, this day of horror,
The heart that languished in Gethsemane

Would know again as great and deep a sorrow,
And He who charmed the troubled waves to sleep
With deathless words — would kneel again and weep.

— Anderson M. Scruggs, in WCTU Messenger.

THE LIQUOR SELLER'S PSALM OF LIFE

Tell me not in mild orations
That the business I am in,
Is, of all men's occupations,
Most deprived and full of sin.

Life is real, and gold and silver
Are the things that count with men;
Money's King, we must get money;
What's the difference how or when?

"Illegal traffic?" Bosh and nonsense;
Read that license; read it well;
The whole government behind it
Gives me perfect right to sell

What if women broken-hearted
Pray that God may let them die?
What if mothers weep, and children —
Drunkard's children — moan and cry?

What if beer and rum and whiskey
Crowd men into prison cells,
Robbing them of all their manhood,
Sending them to drunkard's hells?

Lives of rich men all remind me,
I can get there just the same
With a bank account behind me —
What care I for fame or name?

As to all moral questions
I have only this to say —
There's my license bought and paid for
Stamped with Uncle Sam's O. K.
Phebie Dodd in N. J. White Ribbon News.

BARGAINING BY THE BIBLE

There have been many labor difficulties in the Milwaukee area, but there is one firm that never has had to close down on account either of strikes or of depression. It is the Fulton Company, which has 300 employees. The president, S. A. Fulton, explains the reason: "If we can all agree to keep the Bible on the bargaining table and to be governed by its teachings in all that we do, we shall be able to solve every problem that arises." — The Motor.

DEPARTMENT LETTER

Christian Citizenship

Greetings to the unions:

I was very happy when I was told that I had been appointed director of Christian Citizenship, for I am very much interested in this department. When I was in Asbury Park, I heard the World director of a Christian Citizenship say "Every Christian should be a citizen." From a woman behind me I heard the remark "Every citizen should be a Christian." That, I thought, is the answer to all our problems — world peace, total abstinence, relief — all would be solved if every citizen would become a Christian.

I don't suppose that glad day will ever come, but we can all make it a little nearer. If every Christian would be happy, sincere and bravely stand for the right, I think more citizens would become Christians. I am new at this job; I need your sympathy, your advice, and most of all, your prayers.

Sincerely yours,
Mabel Salter, Director.

Our New Attorney General

Wallace E. Warner, who was elected to the office of Attorney General November 2, has been States Attorney of Walsh County for eight years, and has established an excellent record for law enforcement. He has been especially active in securing punishment for those guilty of selling liquor to minors. We have reason to be very thankful that a young man of this type is to be in charge of this important office in North Dakota. In a statement issued immediately after his election, Mr. Warner says in part; after thanking those who supported him:

"When I take my oath of office in January, I will swear to uphold the constitution and laws of the State of North Dakota and I will take that oath of office without hesitation, mental reservation, or secret evasion of mind whatsoever. Under our constitution and laws, lotteries and gambling such as bingo, punchboards and slot machines are prohibited and I will enforce these laws. As I said in the primary campaign I resent the smear on the veterans and other fraternal lodges and orders that they are gamblers and lawbreakers since I know them as fine law respecting citizens who have the highest respect for law and order and will not countenance violations thereof. If any changes are desired in these laws that is up to the people and the legislature since my office does not make the laws, but subject to the decisions of the courts, interprets and enforces said laws.

As I said in my opening statement to the publicity pamphlet published before the June Primary, I believe the best law enforcement begins on the local level and I know the fine State's Attorneys and Sheriffs, and other peace officers, whether appointed or elected, will enforce the laws in their respective jurisdictions. To believe otherwise is not to believe in Democracy since all the local peace officers were elected by the people or appointed by elected officials. I pledge my support and cooperation to all local officials but I am opposed to dictatorship — whether it be in Moscow or Bismarck. It will be our intention to prosecute anyone — persecute no one. Naturally my inspectors will work with said local officials as well as legislative appropriation will permit and as well as 6 men can cover the 70,837 square miles of North Dakota.

The liquor laws will be enforced with strictness and impartiality with special emphasis on preventing sale of beer and liquor to minors and persons already intoxicated, and prosecution of offenders thereof. Naturally the so-called liquor-divorcement law will be enforced, especially in view of the vote of the people sustaining this law at the June Primary."

We wish Mr. Warner the best of success, in all his undertakings.

NO QUICK CURE FOR SYPHILIS

The "quick cure" for syphilis has proved a definite failure in about 20 per cent of the cases treated, according to Dr. Harold R. Vogel, head of the syphilis-control program in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Indications are that penicillin really cures gonorrhea in the short 10 day period but merely arrests syphilis, the Pittsburgh Press quotes Dr. Vogel as saying. Sooner or later, he explained, a relapse is bound to show up and the patient will need further treatment. The usual penicillin dose for syphilis is about 13 times as great as that for gonorrhea.

The Veterans Administration also reports that many servicemen are suffering from the disease despite penicillin treatments.

Dr. Vogel branded premature claims of a penicillin cure-all for syphilis as "bad propaganda" and a "most vicious thing."

— Union Signal.

A True Picture of the Result of Overseas Relief!

Reprinted from the Wesleyan Advocate, Macon, Ga.

(Editor's Note: The following address was given by Rev. Joseph Szczepkowski at the District Superintendent's meeting, Columbus, Ohio, October 5th, 1948. He is an ordained Methodist minister and is now serving as Acting Professor of English at Copernicus University, Torun, Poland.)

"It is about 40 years ago since I found my Master, in a small Methodist Church in the lower part of Jersey City. And from there it seemed to be my fate to return to the homeland of my forefathers. And I thank God, that when I went back, for a faith that I found in a small Methodist Church, and that I can say that I know that the faith that I now have and the life that I now live, I live, thanks to the love of my Master, Jesus Christ, who gave His life for me.

"It is almost 25 years ago since I returned to Poland and began to work amongst the Polish people. I settled in Pomerania, in the northwest corner of Poland, the land of my forefathers. It was there that the world war caught me and my family.

"I was forced because of the war to leave my family and go to Warsaw, where, thanks to our American Superintendent, Dr. Gaither Warfield, I was put on my feet again and became pastor of the Central Methodist Church where I was pastor up until the uprising and spent nine terrible weeks in Warsaw.

"Then my wife and children were sent to the Sturhof Concentration Camp, and I was sent to a segregation camp where I was thrown out literally to die of hunger and starvation.

"Physically, I was so weak that I could hardly stand on my feet. I was vermin-ridden, covered with boils and with ulcers. Thank God, my wife and children came out of the Concentration Camp, my wife in a thin skirt and short sleeved blouse, and nothing more; my daughter with nothing else but a bathrobe to serve her as a dress; my son in a pair of bicycle trousers much too small for him.

"When by the grace of God we re-assembled in our former home we found nothing but four bare walls. The future was hopeless; there was nothing to eat; nothing to cover our naked bodies with. The last meal that we had was a soup made from the decomposed head of a horse. The head of this decomposed horse, that we chopped off with an ax, was boiled in water that mother had washed the children in. But thanks to God who sent our beloved Bishop Paul Garber, relief came in the form of the innumerable gift packages that you and those that you represent sent to us, and our hunger was alleviated.

"Our wounds were healed; our bodies were covered, and every article of clothing that I have upon me at this moment from the shoes on my feet to the collar around my neck belonged at some time, perhaps to one of you. And every article of clothing that my wife and daughter wear, and millions of other Polish women and children, are probably part of the clothing of your wives and daughters.

"Brethren, you have shamed our unbelief. You have shamed us in this because you have shown us what practical Christianity is. You have done more; you have restored to us our belief in God and in man. And when I was giving some clothing that was sent to me to a man who was formerly one of the wealthiest merchants in our town, to him and his wife who were literally dressed in rags, and who are now living in the woodshed and coal bin of what had once been their home, they said, "Is this true, are these articles for us? Can it be true that some one thinks about us? Tell them if you know who they are, that they will teach us how to pray again, because we have not prayed for years."

"And so, brethren, I should repeat this a thousand-fold, a million-fold over, but all I can say in closing is to use the words that were used in Poland: May God reward and bless all of you; we are your debtors in Christ Jesus!"

Friends, let us send money, food or clothing to our Church Boards for the hungry, freezing millions in Europe this winter, especially to Germany. — O. R. Miller, Editor, The Civic Bulletin.

Job in 31:16, 17, 19, 22 says: "If I have withheld the poor from their desire, or have eaten my morsel myself alone, and the fatherless hath not eaten thereof; if I have seen any perish for want of clothing, or any poor without covering, then let mine arm fall from my shoulder blade and let my arm be broken from the bone."

I John 3:17 says "But whoso hath this world's goods, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?"

This is the victory that overcometh the World, even our Faith. — 1 John 5:4

Lessons in Murder

Dick, aged fourteen, did not want to go to his sister's graduation. When his parents urged him to do so, he replied that he would rather stay home and read the comics. Eventually they left for the high school without him.

On the family's return, father went to Dick's room to bid him good night. He found the boy dead, hanging from a clothesline which had been thrown over a heating pipe on the ceiling.

On the boy's bed lay a comic book, open to a page showing the hanging of a bandit, with the caption, "A Lesson in Murder." At the inquest the coroner said that Dick had apparently been experimenting with the manner of hanging shown in the cartoon, and had slipped from the bed to his death.

This tragic story, which appeared in the San Francisco Chronicle of June 3, 1948, is of a piece with that of two primary-age children who recently dressed up as cowboys, stole guns, and shot it out with the police in another Western city—all of which they learned in the comics.

Surely it is high time for all parents to give more attention to the reading matter which is coming into the hands of their children. Too many fathers and mothers who would cry out in horror and indignation if someone were to offer their children poisoned candy, stand by indifferent while unscrupulous publishers feed poison to their minds under the camouflage of "comics."

If the comic were just pure fun, no one would criticize them. But they are not. To no small degree they are lessons in crime. Under the thin disguise of "doing good" and "the triumph of the right," they depict all sorts of savagery and sadism.

Sometimes, we think, it is a pity that these perversions of the printing art do not bear the imprint, "Printed in Moscow." What a hue and cry there would be then! What Congressional committees of investigation! What efforts to suppress their publication! How the headlines would shriek, "Communists Trying to Ruin America! Diabolical Plot Against Our Children!"

The fact that they are not printed in Moscow, but in America, does not make them any less harmful, or any less of a menace to the rising generation. And if the government cannot prohibit their publication because of the freedom of the press, then parents must use their own God-given authority to prevent this debauching of their children. Nobody, of course, wants to be too strict; but when men with poisoned pens offer our little ones lessons in murder, it is more than time for action.

—Signs of the Times.

Appropriation for "Representation Allowances"

In an editorial by J. Raymond Schmidt in the National Voice, writing about the State Department's appropriation bill, which is earmarked largely for the purchase and serving of alcoholic beverages, he says as follows:

"The state department usually asks for \$1,000,000 for its 'representation allowances.' Last year the objections raised by Mr. Rees got the figure reduced to \$700,000. This year when the bill got before the House for final passage on March 4 it called for \$500,000 to be used under the heading of 'representation allowances,' Mr. Rees moved an amendment to lop off \$200,000, which naturally precipitated a lively debate. The amendment, when it came to a vote, was lost 56 to 16.

Speaking in support of his amendment, Mr. Rees said in part: "All in the world I am asking you to do by my amendment is to save \$200,000, a small amount. Just put it back somewhat in line with what the Congress did some 6 years and 8 years ago. Have you stopped to think that \$500,000 would buy a lot of bread for hungry people. It would do so much more good in reaching understanding with people in other parts of the world.

Figuratively speaking an atomic bomb was dropped among the diplomats when Representative Rees yielded the floor to Representative John E. Jennings, Jr., of Tennessee, who very pointedly said:

"Has the gentleman (Mr. Rees) any idea how many billions of dollars the people of this country have lost, and how much loss of prestige this entertainment has cost the people of this country? I know something of human history and I have observed my fellow man. I have never heard of a drunk hero or of any man who found wisdom at the bottom of a bottle. If we could be assured that our representatives would let the other fellow drink this liquor and wine that is to be bought with these funds and would themselves remain sober, this might be a good investment. Certain it is no drunk man and no partially drunk man should be entrusted with the interest of this country when it comes to determining whether our boys should fight and die in foreign wars. We will safeguard the interests of this nation if we can keep our foreign representatives sober. You have only to turn back the

pages of history and read the account of how much bourbon and Scotch whiskey our representatives took to the conference between Roosevelt and Stalin at Yalta, and remember how much vodka and champagne the Russians took to that meeting, and then think of what happened to this country as a result of what took place here. Read Elliott Roosevelt's book 'As I saw it.' And, when you have read of the drunkenness at Yalta as recited by Elliott Roosevelt, you will then understand why this Nation, England, France, and China came out losers and Russia gained the Balkans, Poland, Hungary, outer Mongolia and Manchuria. You will see the stark and brutal truth of Will Rogers' statement that 'This country never lost a war and never won a conference.'"

The Motor.

Our Worst Plague

Americans are noted for their attentive concern over the public health.

They move with generosity and energy to reduce the incidence and halt the ravages of dread diseases like cancer, tuberculosis, malaria, diphtheria and the legion of infections that cause disability or death.

Vast sums are invested in research, laboratories, clinics and enforcement of hygienic measures.

There is, however, one disease of vast social and medical importance, shameful and squalid in itself, a destroyer of minds and bodies, a prime cause of vice and crime, a major factor in violence and death, which is being allowed to grow unchecked.

That sickness and derangement is alcoholism. Ugly and evil in its aspects and consequences, excessive drinking is nevertheless too often regarded as an amiable frailty or pardonable folly.

It has become a source of indulgent laughter or risqué titillations in the media of mass entertainment.

And yet, drunkenness works its ruin far beyond the physical, mental and spiritual body of the drunkard.

Its victims are more among those who do not drink than among those who do.

The habitual excessive drinker afflicts and humiliates and often leads to destruction, whole families, societies and classes.

That is something that cannot be said of cancer or tuberculosis.

Take at random the statements of police authorities in any large American city.

Some example from the records of one metropolis alone: "About 75 per cent of assaults with deadly weapons would not have occurred if either the suspect or the victim had not been drinking."

Another: "About 90 per cent of wife beaters are drunk at the time of the assault."

Still another: "It is a conservative estimate that liquor is involved in 75 per cent of all felonies handled. In the last 12 homicides, liquor was involved in 10, on the part of the victim or suspect."

A Superior Court judge: "Ninety per cent of all criminal cases tried before me, have liquor in the background."

A District Attorney: "Fifty per cent of crimes involving theft or personal injury involve liquor as a direct or contributory cause."

The tragic testimony is endless, monotonous, and appalling in its connotations.

Alcoholism in fact, is the one disorder that qualifies as our worst threat to national sanity in modern times.

It is something that is either curbed, quickly and drastically, or something that will, in time, vitiate the vigorous stream of glory and grandeur of other civilizations which succumbed, American life and lead it into the same morass where rest the first to internal vice, and then to external enemies.

— From the Chicago Herald-American.

Both the women who have been serving as our state historians, have attended the weddings of their grandchildren in recent months. Mrs. Barbara H. Wylie's namesake was married June 16 to Thomas G. Morris of Petersburg, Va. Both young people are graduates of the University of Minnesota. Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson's grandson, Cuyler, was married August 22, to Mary Dunn and they are in Indiana where Cuyler is finishing his last year at Taylor University. Our good wishes go to all these young people.

Help thy brother's boat across, and lo! Thine own has reached the shore. — Old Hindu Proverb.

I Was Glad I Did Not Smoke

I never found greater satisfaction in being free from tobacco slavery than when I suddenly found myself with thousands of other, a prisoner of one of the Oriental internment camps during the recent World War. For weeks we were deprived of the most essential necessities of life.

But while I felt keenly the lack of soap, a razor, and a tooth-brush, most of the prisoners suffered to the highest degree by a craving for tobacco which was unobtainable. Some who could stand this torment no longer, made cigarets from dry grass and magazine paper, with some resultant serious irregularities of digestion.

Many confessed at the time that they regretted deeply ever having started the habit which gave them more misery now than any of the other inconveniences with which they had to live. When the first tobacco came into the camp and was equally distributed, many smokers gave up their meager food ration to trade it for precious cigarets.

Never in my previous experience had I felt more intensely the great blessing of being free from tobacco slavery than at that time of imprisonment. Since then I have been able to speak with more emphasis than ever against the tobacco evil which is forcing millions in slavery from which there is hardly any escape.

— S. H. Horn in The Civic Bulletin.

THE MOTHER

There are so many shadows in this place
Dear Joseph, tell me can you see His face?
Are His eyes blue, what color is His hair?
What is that light that shines above Him there?
The sky was dark when we came to the Inn;
We scarce could see the door they barred to Him
He does not care, my little Son, His sleep
Is not disturbed, because the huddled sheep
Have nuzzled Him. He does not mind this gloom
Where patient oxen crowd to give Him room.
The air seems heavy with the scent of myrrh
Is it the hay? Hush, did you hear Him stir?
My mind is filled with fancies; do I dream
That in the heavens rays of glory stream?
Look, in the east, a cloud is opening
Is it a star? Do I hear voices sing?
You say that I am weary and must rest
Then lay my baby, Joseph on my breast.

— Mary Wilder Pease.

SHORT STORY CONTEST

CONTEST CLOSES MARCH 31, 1949

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