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35 Years



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Recording Secretary
31 Years

The President's Letter

The first snow of the year is softly, softly falling and it looks as if winter has at last entered the picture to form a beautiful setting for the holiday season ahead. We have all finished, the tasks necessary to prepare our homes for colder weather during the warm fall days just past.

How we cherish the beauty of each changing season. The snow heralds the traditional Thanksgiving day preparations and families will gather around hearthstones to give thanks to God for His divine presence and help through the years and for the many benefits and blessings which have been our heritage in our dear native land.

Since the state convention at Jamestown we have had several meetings, particularly the November Roll Call meeting, when dues were paid for the fiscal WCTU year. You have read the president's recommendations and are putting into action the objectives for this year. You have also received the fall letter which includes some of the main projects of the year which we feel certain are included in your plans this year.

We hope that many unions will hold their New Crusade Teas before the holidays and before the weather becomes colder. Districts will also keep in mind to plan for a New Crusade Tea at their district conventions in the spring. Let us think of these things ahead of time so they will become a reality.

We feel indeed proud that we have the distinction of being the one state in the union whose senator, Senator William Langer, introduced a bill in the Senate which prohibits interstate commerce in liquor advertising, in magazines and dailies, also over the radios. A similar bill was introduced in the House by Congressman Bryson. We should be more than zealous to write personal letters and send petitions to our representatives in congress. Send them right after Christmas so that both letters and petitions will reach Washington before the hearing, about January 10. This hearing is important and it will be well attended. Every state president of the WCTU will be in attendance and a great representative group of persons attending from many Christian churches and

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In this issue we are honoring three leaders well known in our state work—Elizabeth Preston Anderson, Barbara H. Wylie and Elizabeth C. Beasley. Each has made a distinctive contribution to our state WCTU work, having given many years of devoted and consecrated service to our organization.

Elizabeth Preston Anderson has served as state president for 40 years. Barbara H. Wylie, 35 years our faithful corresponding secretary, during which time she also edited the White Ribbon Bulletin for 15 years.

Mrs. Elizabeth Beasley has served our state for 31 years as recording secretary and is at present serving in that office and is also our most able managing editor of the White Ribbon Bulletin.

WILL ATTEND HEARING

Mrs. H. E. Mielke, our state president, will attend the hearing of the Langer-Bryson bills at the capitol at Washington, D. C., January 12-13. All the state presidents and many workers of our organization, many dries from churches and other groups will attend this hearing.

The bill, which is the same as the Capper bill, now being introduced into the senate by Senator Langer of North Dakota and into the house by Rep. Bryson, will prohibit the transportation in interstate commerce of alcoholic beverage advertising and stop its broadcasting over the air. At the state convention it was voted unanimously to send our president to this most important hearing.

A very happy Christmas holiday season to all our WCTU members all over the state. May the New Year be filled with happy days of faithful service for His cause in our homes, churches and organization.

ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS 50 Year Club Women

Joyful greetings to the Sixtieth Anniversary Convention of the North Dakota Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

Congratulations to our president, Mrs. Mielke, for her valiant leadership, and abundant labors of love. Congratulations to every member of the Fifty Year Club, who have helped to make the wonderful history of the years. We salute the White Ribboners at home, who haven't the inspiration of this gathering, but whose faithful labors helped to make it possible. We salute also, the unseen hosts, who laid the foundations, and built thereon, wisely, and who are now with that great cloud of witnesses who encompass us today, and all the days. Among them are Frances Willard and Anna Gordon, who, 60 years ago, helped sponsor our new organization. Time would fail me to tell of Helen M. Barker, Adalaid M. Kinnear, Lydia Scott Wanner, Janette Hill Knox, Abbie W. H. Best, Emma F. Vail, Mattie Van de Bogart, Mattie Meacham, Mrs. R. M. Pollock, Kate S. Wilder, Edna Duguid, Julia D. Nelson, Louise Crummy McKinney, Mrs. L. M. Wylie, Mary Carey and a host of others who, with you, helped to make the record of 60 marvelous years of service for God and Home, and our beloved state of North Dakota.

Scientists tell us that the atomic age has plunged us into a new world, looking the same, but entirely different. Never before was it so essential that the people, who are rulers in a democracy, have clear brains, steady nerves, and pure hearts. The issue is, a richer life than we have ever known, or, perhaps the destruction of civilization.

Alcoholized brains can not find the way out, and there is confusion and doubt. Propaganda drugged consciences of those who call themselves Christians, must be awakened. Never was the work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union quite so important as now.

What a privilege to live, and work, and pray, in this crucial hour of the world's history! "My God shall supply all your need, according to His riches in glory, by Christ Jesus." "Forward out of Error—Forward into Light."

ELIZABETH PRESTON ANDERSON

It is a privilege to again extend greetings to my North Dakota comrades in State Convention assembled. I have had this pleasure many times but time makes many changes. I am glad so many of the "old guard" are still alive. I am pleased to hear of your success and hope this will be the best convention you have so far had. From our delegates at the National Convention in Philadelphia comes word of a very inspirational convention, which they will tell you about at the convention.

I was very happy to hear that the State Legislature voted to refer the liquor revenue to the general fund rather than to that of the school fund which would have been very inappropriate. I hope you will work to train the young people of North Dakota to become temperate, law abiding citizens. There is very little I can do now but the privilege of prayer is left for all of us, and I remember you all at the noon-tide hour, when we meet "around one common mercy seat." Praying rich blessings on all of you, the work and workers, and continued success, affectionately your comrade,

BARBARA H. WYLIE

I am glad to send greetings to the North Dakota WCTU convention; its being held in Jamestown brings back many memories. I believe it was in 1911 that I presided at the state convention there, acting for our beloved Elizabeth who was ill at the time.

It is hard to think of a meeting in Jamestown without Lydia Wanner present. What a heavy toll the last few years have taken from the ranks of the "Old Guard." This is especially true of the members of what, in my day, was First District. Edna Ealmonds Duguid, for 16 years district corresponding secretary, and later president; Mrs. Maggie Markell, for many years vice president; Mrs. D. C. McLeod of Cray, and Mrs. Richard Powell, of Cando, have all passed on within the last year or two. They have left their mark on the North Dakota work and it is encouraging to read the White Ribbon Bulletin (it is still my letter from home) and see how the ranks are being filled by the younger women. God bless them, every one!

I joined the WCTU in 1887, in New York, and have been a member ever since, so I'll rank with the "60's", won't I?

Sincerely yours, in His name,

NECIA E. BUCK.

I do not expect to be able to attend the convention at Jamestown, much as I would like to; please give my greetings to the dear women by reading this letter.

I joined the Woman's Christian Temperance 59 years ago, at a meeting addressed by Miss Kinnear, the first president of North Dakota Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Our meetings here have been held regularly and I have been a regular attendant. Mrs. Beasley and I served as president and secretary of this District for 27 years, and we both enjoyed the work. I have been secretary of the local union for over 30 years, but this year a new secretary was elected. I felt I just could not depend on myself to act any longer.

I feel it is a part of God's work and I was so glad to do my bit. My prayers are for you all in this convention. Without prayer we cannot carry on as we should and almost all things are possible through prayer. We can do all things through Him who strengthens us.

I am so glad that the younger women are taking up the work and pray that the dear Heavenly Father will bless them and make total prohibition possible. May we all do what we can for this great work.

Your loving friend,

ANNIE F. CATHERWOOD

There's nothing I would like better than to be able to meet with, and extend my greetings in person, to tell you grand people assembled in the city of Jamestown to celebrate the 60th and Diamond Jubilee anniversaries. But, as I find it difficult to do so, it is with pleasure, as a member of the WCTU ever since 1892—over 57 years of the 60—to extend it in writing. May God's richest blessings rest upon you all and all your meetings. May it prove to be, indeed, a great Jubilee.

Very sincerely, a sister in the cause,

(MRS.) HELEN H. PORTER

I cannot remember when I joined, but it has been over 60 years; I will be 85 in September, so my memory is not so good any more. Here is wishing all the workers God speed in their work. Yours in Christian love,

MRS. M. J. BAILOR, Ray, N. Dak.

Extracts from Letters from Life Members

(As a part of our observance of the 60th Anniversary, Mrs. Brooks wrote to many of the women on our Life Member list. She learned that quite a number has passed from this life, many did not answer, but she received nice letters from a number of them. We are giving only extracts from their letters, as we have not space for all.—Editor.)

I would like to tell you that I have been a Life member of N. D., WCTU since Sept. 30, 1910. I have been a member of this organization since I was 12 years of age, which is 74 years. Very sincerely yours,

ALICE BARRINGTON

(Mrs. Fred Barrington, Cutbank, Mont.)

I am writing for Mrs. Virginia Keener; she fell last week and broke her arm; is not able to write. She thinks she has been a member of WCTU for about 62 years.

Written for Mrs. Virginia Keener, Loxley, Ala.

I became a member of the WCTU in 1918, when Mrs. Necia E. Buck organized the union at Egeland. I was elected president and served until 1930, when I moved to Idaho. I now live in Twin Falls and am recording secretary of the union; we have about 80 paid up members. We have over 2,000 members in the state at present. I am glad to know that Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson is still living; I met her in Cando, when she was still Miss Preston. Wishing you a successful convention, I am, sincerely yours, Anna Irwin, Twin Falls, Idaho.

I have been out of touch with the N. D. WCTU for some years. I was state field worker there for about five years and went pretty well over the state three times. I celebrated my 90th birthday last March 4th, and am wishing that I might have that many more years of active and useful life. I am a more or less active member here. With my chiropractic work, I have not been able to attend very faithfully, but I am well and active. Kind greetings to all.

Cordially, Lillie B. Bowers, Urbana, Ill.

It is a great honor, which I owe to Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, to belong to the valiant North Dakota WCTU as a Life Member. Among the state officers I see the names of two persons whom I knew well when in N. D.; Mrs. Mielke, your president, and Mrs. Beasley, your recording secretary and editor. My love to them. May the presence and guidance of the Divine Spirit be realized in your convention. It will not be

long before you write my name off, for my next birthday will be my 90th, but I still see and hear well and realize that I am living today. Sincerely yours, Clara Mann, Omaha, Neb.

I joined the WCTU in 1886, and have always been a member where I have lived, but some towns did not have a union. It would afford me great pleasure to attend your state convention if it were possible. We in Sparta are entertaining our state convention at almost the same time. It might interest you to know that we own our own building here, in the heart of the business district, renting the first floor for a restaurant; the second floor is our hall where meetings are held. With best wishes for your continued success,
Myrtle McGilton, Sparta, Wis.

I joined the WCTU in 1903 or 1905; Mrs. Garry of Leeds was president of Second District at that time. Please extend my best wishes and congratulations to the convention. Sincerely, Minnie E. Huyck, San Mateo, Calif.

I have been a Life Member since May 16, 1923; it is over 50 years since I first joined. I am 81 years old now. My mother, Mrs. Margaret Porteous, was a Life member too. Hope you will have a wonderful convention.

Mrs. Mary Galloway, Rolla, N. D.

I have been a member of the N. D. WCTU for 49 years, and have many cherished memories of dear friends—Mrs. R. M. Pollock, Mrs. Fred M. Wanner, Mrs. Watkins, Anderson, Wylie, Kate Wilder. At the World's convention in Washington in 1937 I had the pleasure of shaking hands with Mrs. Ella A. Boole and our own Lydia Wanner, both in the receiving line in Constitution Hall. I am happy to see that Mrs. G. A. Hamble and Mrs. Chas. Minard are taking such an interest in the work. I would love to be with you at your 60th anniversary convention. It is hard to be inactive in work one enjoyed for so many years. May I send greetings to my friends and past associates, Elizabeth Beasley, Mrs. Paul Hanson, Mrs. E. E. Clark, Mrs. T. H. Ferber, Mrs. E. S. Bordwell, Bessie Darling, Mrs. C. F. Truax, and my dear Beatrice Willey. May pleasure and profit be the reward of your convention. Love and good wishes. Mrs. Carrie Aasen, Alexandria, Va.

The first N. D. WCTU convention I attended was in Jamestown; Mrs. Anderson presided and Mrs. Wanner was one of the speakers. It seems not so long ago, but time flies! No, I cannot come up, but I am happy to write this note and wish you a fine meeting with a good attendance. I am glad that some of the worthwhile people in N. D. remember me and what I tried to do for the organization and the cause. Gradually I am coming back to health, though I still spend hours on the couch each day. With cordial greetings to each one that I know, and, those who know me, very sincerely Bertha R. Palmer, Wheaton, Ill.

Fargo was my first home when I was a bride, so I think of it with quite a lot of sentiment. In 1919-20, I was president of Fargo union. In my childhood I was an ardent member of the LTL, and that was in 1899, so you see I have been connected with WCTU for 50 years! I am a widow now, and am teaching here at Michigan State College. May you have a wonderful Jubilee Convention, and may God bless you one and all, is my sincere prayer. Yours in His name, Alice E. Leathers, East Lansing, Mich.

I haven't been an active member for a good many years. I started my work as director of an LTL group in Normal, Ill., in 1888; I think I still have my badge and pledge somewhere in the house. I am 80 years old now, and do not do much in any organization except the church. I am well and thankful for a long, busy life. Mrs. F. W. Heidel, Valley City, N. D.

I have been a member of the WCTU for 40 years. While my children were young I was just a member, but singing and helping on programs when asked. For the past 25 years I have been active, serving as state Musical Director in N. D., and here in Washington, where I am still State Music Director, County music director, and director in our Chehalis union. Some of the names on the letterhead are most familiar—Mrs. Mielke, Mrs. Beasley, Mrs. Frisbie and our dear Mrs. Anderson. I feel that my life has been greatly enriched by my association with all these women. If they still remember me, please bear my greetings and love to them. Wishing you a successful convention.

Yours in His service, Mrs. W. B. Simcox, Chehalis, Wash.

It is hard for me to figure accurately how many years continuous membership I have had in the WCTU. As nearly as I can be sure, it is 35 years. I am a member here of the Anna Gordon union. In my move to Los Angeles, I lost out for 10 years. Never thought that could happen to me, but

it did. We are surely having a fight against repeal here in Oklahoma; vote comes up Sept. 27. Most sincerely, Georgie Chambers White. (Mrs. Malcolm C.) Oklahoma City, Okla.

I belonged to the WCTU in Tynehr, Pembina Co., along with my mother, Mrs. Dobie, for three years in the early 90's. I was married in 1895 and moved to Cavalier Co., and there was no work of this kind where I was until 1910, when the Calvin union was organized. I joined then and have been a member ever since. I do not expect to be at state convention, much as I would like to. Am glad the work goes on without us "has-beens." I hope and pray for a good convention. Sincerely yours, Mrs. Elias Porter, Calvin.

My Life Member certificate is dated June, 1915; Elizabeth Preston Anderson was president then. There is no union here any more; I used to enjoy the meetings. I am 78 years old. Good luck to the WCTU.

Yours very respectfully, Mrs. George A. Pratt, Coopers-town, N. D.

I joined the WCTU in 1919; after hearing Mrs. Anderson speak I asked her what I had to do to become a member. I had wanted to join for years but had not been asked. She told me all I had to do was sign the pledge and pay \$1.00. A few days later "Kate" Wilder called me, asking me to a meeting at her home the following week. I have loved the work ever since; also have plenty other church work to do. Lovingly, Mrs. E. C. Watkinus, Glendale, Calif.

The pioneer women who started the N. D. WCTU 60 years ago were women of great faith and have left us a wonderful heritage. We should strive, every one of us, not only to be worthy of this heritage, but to cherish it and so build on it that we will leave it increased in value. May this 60th year be the best one in our WCTU history. With love, Alberta W. Lundhagen, Fargo, N. D.

After I started teaching again in 1942, I had to give up my active work in WCTU. I always enjoyed attending state conventions. I trust your 60th will be the best yet. With greetings to old friends, yours sincerely, Charlotte F. Taylor, Fortuna, N. D.

I am afraid I won't be able to get to Jamestown to the 60th anniversary; it would be wonderful to meet and hear Mrs. Colvin. I try to attend our meeting if possible, and will keep my dues paid as the money can help the cause. I am very anxious that something be done to teach our children the truth about smoking and drinking. May God bless all in attendance at convention, and the work. Mrs. Ada Phillips, Mott, N. D.

Dear friends of North Dakota:

Have just spent 10 wonderful days at our district camp-meeting. We heard some wonderful sermons that made us feel the importance of Christian service; we saw no smokers on the camp ground; there was no drinking of liquor anywhere around. Coming back, we found Chicago and Gary papers, with stories of crimes—murder, rapings and other things, because of drunkenness, with the added information the radio networks were considering hard liquor advertisements. There were only a few tiny items about the National WCTU convention in Philadelphia. The job is big, but we can do it if we will. I am still hoping for a union here, but I have started an LTL with 13 paid members and several more who will soon sign the pledge. I am a Willard member in this state. We are glad to have a part in the Christian work in this suburban community. Pray for us; we often pray for our friends in Dakota. Special greetings to Mrs. Colvin and the officers and people I am personally acquainted with. God bless you, every one. Sincerely, Mrs. W. M. Franklin, Gary, Ind.

THE PIONEER WOMAN

By Ethel Romig Fuller

Upon a jolting wagon-seat she rode
Across the trackless prairie to the west,
Or trudged beside the oxen with a goad,
A sleeping child clasped tightly to her breast.
Frail flesh rebelling, but the spirit never—
What tales the dark could tell of women's tears!—
Her bravery incentive to endeavor;
Her laughter spurring strong men past their fears.

Oh, to her valor and her comeliness
A commonwealth today owes its white domes
Of state, its fields, its highways and its homes;
Its cities wrested from the wilderness;
And bends in memory above the hand
That gentled, woman-wise, a savage land.

—From an Old Scrapbook.

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A Word To The Wise

Our September-October issue was very crowded, and a number of things that really should have been in, were omitted for lack of space. Among them were the President's Recommendations, which every member should study; they are in this issue. We are trying to finish the account of the 60th Anniversary convention, with some other things that you may like to read.

I failed to mention, in the convention story, the interesting old banners that had been brought to the church. From Mrs. Elias Porter of Calvin, came the old First District banner, with its embroidered motto, "Have Faith in God." And also the streamer that was across in front of the organ pipes, saying "For God and Home and Native Land." The Jamestown ladies had found the old Twelfth District banner, which said "The Work is God's, Success Is Sure," which with the other, was hung across the choir railing. A beautiful picture of Frances E. Willard came from Fargo and was on a stand on the platform, with another banner from Jamestown hung just below the picture with the words "For God and Home and Every Land." In a recent letter, Mrs. Necia E. Buck wrote: "I will confess my eyes are misty—I can see those banners from dear old First District. There were so many beautiful banners made in those days. I would like to know who made them; I do not remember who made ours, but I well remember how we always had them at our conventions and proudly carried them to the state meetings." I wonder what has become of the banners of the Fargo and Grand Forks districts; or rather, the old Fifteenth and Sixteenth Districts. I wish they could be located. When we get the file that is planned for the State Historical Library at Bismarck, I think our Historian, Mrs. Leissman, might like to have those banners to put in it, with other things, if the districts no longer care to keep and use them. I do not believe that the old Seventeenth District had a banner; I never saw one. I well remember the banner of the Fifteenth, however, and its motto, "Lift the Torch Higher."

I did not mention the flowers that were in the church and on the tables for the church luncheons either; they were especially beautiful, and added much to our pleasure. The Jamestown members left nothing undone, it seemed. I regretted very much that there was not time for some reminiscences from each of the Fifty Year Club members who were present at the convention; we would all have enjoyed hearing more about the days gone by. Since I got home, I have sent Fifty Year Club badges to all the members who were not there; I had the pleasure of pinning one on Mrs. Annie Catherinewood of Park River in person, at a meeting of their union. None of our women have served more faithfully than she; in accepting the badge, she said, "I have only done what I ought to do." I pray that more of our younger women may see our work in that light!

Owing to the greatly increased expense of printing the state reports, the list of Child Honorary members has not been published in it since 1947. The complete list is in this paper; if you wish to keep it, clip it out and put it in your scrapbook. We are all proud of these little folks, and of the beautiful album of their pictures that Mrs. Darling and Mrs. Hermanson have prepared. Do not forget, you proud grandmothers and other sponsors, to send her snapshots of the new members you have made.

Last summer, as editor of this paper, I received a request to send it as an exchange, to the rather new publication, "Listen," which the American Temperance Society publishes. In replying, I mentioned the fact that I had a copy of Volume I of the published reports of the American Temperance Society, that was printed in 1836, and had belonged to my grandfather. Later I received a letter from the executive secretary of the society asking if I would let them have the book, as it was one they did not have, and they were trying to get a complete record. Of course I have sent it to them, for it will be a help to them; I am glad that it has survived the changes and journeys of its 113 years of existence.

We have snow and ice; November is nearly gone and Christmas is just around the corner. May the story of the coming of the Child stir us all to do something for the children of today. May the season of His birth bring blessings to you all.

Your friend,

ELIZABETH C. BEASLEY.

Treasurer's Report

September 15 to November 15, 1949

Dues: Drayton 3, Watford City 31, Northwood 28, Wildrose 9, Larimore 21, Reeder 14, Grand Forks 9, Mott 25, Napoleon 14, Granville 4, Bismarck 34.

BUDGET IN FULL: Julia D. Nelson, Fargo \$75.00, Larimore \$54.00, Reeder \$14.00, Fargo, \$60.00, Grand Forks \$33.00.

OLD N.E.F.: Nekoma \$10.25, West Fairview \$13.00.

NEW CRUSADE N.E.F.: Parshall \$10.50, Fargo \$30.00, Northwood \$15.00.

LIGHT LINE UNIONS: Nekoma, Fargo, Northwood, Watford City.

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STATE REPORTS: \$16.00.

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From The Corresponding Secretary

Dear White Ribboners:

These beautiful fall days have been very busy ones for us all. The Holdfast Campaign is well underway. Have you gotten your dues for all living resident members of last year to Mrs. Kemis? If you do so before the first of January you have won 10 points toward a Banner union. If this has been impossible, please try to get them in before March first, the deadline; that means five points.

Watford City has 13 new members. Mott reports 10 new members. Keep the good news coming. A highly financed traffic has made use of modern psychology to induce the child to begin the use of alcoholic beverages. Will you not join our forces to help free the world of this unscrupulous business?

We have on hand 8 copies of "The Fabulous 'Dutch' Zellers" by Raymond J. Jeffreys. The thrilling, true, real life story of a daring gangster and notorious bootlegger who spread terror up and down the Ohio Valley in the 'gay nineties' . . . Hit the Sawdust Trail at a Billy Sunday tabernacle meeting . . . then became a sensational crusader for law enforcement. More startling than fiction. By special arrangement we can have this book for \$1.20, plus postage, 10 cents. The price of book is regularly \$2.50. We also have a copy of "Where and Purpose Meet" by Helen E. Tyler, price \$2.00. This is the history of WCTU for 75 years, an inspiring tale well told. Then, too, there are a few copies of Manual One Narcotic Education—Elementary Lessons by Miss Bozeman and Others, for 60 cents each. Please add 10 cents for postage.

The holiday season is near. We approach it with gladness and a deep sense of gratitude for all good gifts from God. The greatest of all the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ.

May your Christmas be a joyous one.

Cordially yours, Mrs. F. T. Brooks.

NOONTIDE HOUR OF PRAYER

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

FIFTY-YEAR CLUB

Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, Fargo.....	1885
Mrs. Necia E. Buck, (Corvallis, Ore.) N.Y.....	1887
Mrs. Barbara H. Wylie, Bowesmont.....	1888
Mrs. D. W. Clark, Valley City.....	1884
Mrs. Katherine Gardner, Wyndmere.....	1888
Mrs. Caroline Omie, Grafton.....	1887
Mrs. Cora Ballenger, West Fairview.....	1889
Mrs. Isabella Morey, Grand Forks.....	1889
Mrs. Annie F. Catherwood, Park River.....	1890
Mrs. Helen H. Porter, Fargo.....	1892
Mrs. Hugh Wright, Valley City.....	1892
Mrs. C. F. Truax, Minot.....	1896
Mrs. Ed Stalheim, Fargo, Julia D. Nelson.....	1898
Mrs. J. W. Scott, Gilby.....	1899
Mrs. Jessamine Slaughter Burgum, Hunter.....	1899
Mrs. John Arman, Grafton.....	1899
Mrs. J. P. Reiton, Grand Forks.....	1899
Mrs. M. J. Bailor, Ray.....	1888

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Oh, come, let us sing unto the Lord:
Let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, and
Make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.

Oh, come, let us worship and bow down:
Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker, for He is our God:
And we are the people of His pasture,
And the sheep of His hand."

A day or two ago I received a letter saying, "It was a dream come true, having you attend the National W.C.T.U convention." Yes, that is the way I feel about it, too. But the dream came true in answer to a prayer. Ever since I have been an active member of the W.C.T.U., I have wanted to attend the National convention, but usually it meets during the school year and I am teaching in the San Antonio schools. This year, however, it came during my vacation and I had the great joy of attending.

On Wednesday afternoon, August 17th, a great crowd of earnest women, and a few men, attended the Worship and Praise Service in the Rose Garden of the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel. This service was led by Mrs. Paul Halladay, National Director of the Spiritual Life Department. Oh! I wish that each one of you could have had the Spiritual feast that we enjoyed in that great service!

The musical prelude was followed by the Call to Worship. Then the hymn, Come Thou Almighty King, Mrs. Colvin, our National president, gave the opening prayer. Next came Expressions of Penitence, Psalm 86, and prayer in unison. With heads still bowed, the great throng of women sang with deepest feeling, "Just As I Am Without One Plea."

Our National Vice-president, Miss Mary B. Ervin, whom we have had at our Texas Conventions, and love, read the Crusade Psalm 146.

Spontaneous Scripture verses from the congregation warmed our hearts. Old favorites were quoted: Rom. 8:28; Isa. 23; Prov. 3:5, 6 and many others. The song following this was most appropriate—Wonderful Words of Life.

Testimony: W.C.T.U. Women witnessing for Him was next. As Mrs. Halladay stood waiting for some one to start this part of the service, there was a short silence, then a Spiritual Life Director rose and said, "I praise God for a Saviour born of a virgin; a Saviour who, the man, was also God; a Saviour who shed His blood on the cross that I, believing in Him might not perish but have everlasting life; a Saviour who rose from the grave that I, too, might rise and live eternally with Him." Then followed testimonies that thrilled our hearts, testimonials, testimonies of healing, praise for salvation, answered prayer and so many words of joy from women, who knew the Lord as Saviour and Friend. Several were standing at one time throughout this glorious testimony service.

Prayer requests from the congregation were given and voluntary prayers were offered.

It was a Mountain Top Experience. No words of mine could make you see it as we saw and experienced it.

—Clevie Bryan in Texas White Ribbon.

Notes From The Unions

The October meeting of the Park River union was held at the home of Mrs. T. F. Meagher, with a good attendance. Mrs. Frank Beasley of Fairdale was present, and gave a report of the National Jubilee convention in Philadelphia, which she had attended.

Members of the Nekoma union went to the school in October, and presented prizes of books to the grade school pupils who won in the poster contest. In appreciation of the work done, they served ice cream and cookies to all the pupils and teachers in the grades. They were happy to be able to announce that the first prize posters had all won places in the state poster contest. This union is furnishing current temperance literature to the high school. In November, they met at the farm home of Mrs. Bertha Flom, near Osnabrock. The Memorial Membership card for Mrs. Sarah A. Orpe, first president of the union, was presented to her daughter, Mrs. J. G. Stewart. The roads were slippery and snowy, so there was not a large attendance, but some visitors were present, and a delightful lunch was enjoyed. Dues were paid.

The Gilby union was another that held a very successful Jubilee Anniversary Tea in August, netting \$13.00 for the work.

On November 14, at an evening meeting in the dining room of the YMCA building, the Julia D. Nelson WCTU entertained the Fargo union, with about 100 persons in attendance. Devotions were conducted by Mrs. Landblom and the women's chorus of Olivet Lutheran, led by Mrs. Tollefson, sang two lovely numbers. Two sound films were shown, with Rev. Hodges of the Baptist Association operating the machine. "Symphony of the Desert," showing scenes and floral beauties of nature, accompanied by appropriate sacred music and Scripture reading, was surpassingly beautiful and a rich spiritual treat. "The Pay-Off," an educational film produced for the National WCTU, was most impressive and should be widely used for young people. A social hour, with coffee and doughnuts, ended a most enjoyable and profitable evening.

The Mott union entertained the teachers of their public school in October, with a very successful meeting. Five new members and four honorary members were secured from this meeting; good work!

Mrs. J. A. Youngman, president of Ransom-LaMoure District, is getting petitions ready to send each of her unions, to secure signatures urging passage of the Langer-Bryson bills. Other district presidents should take note of this and do likewise.

IN MEMORIAM

"Oh, the friends who now are waiting in the cloudless realms of day,
Who are calling us to follow, where their steps have led the way;
We have labored here together, we have labored side by side;
Just a little while before us, they have crossed the rolling tide."

Mrs. Lars Kvigne, a loyal and devoted member of the Oakes union, passed away in September. A member of the Nazarene church, she ever worked for the cause of righteousness in spite of poor health.

Miss M. Inez Lee of Williston, who lived for many years at Epping and served as state director of Flower Mission and Relief, died suddenly in September. A fall in her home gave her a broken hip, and lying helpless for hours before being found, she contracted pneumonia. A woman of ability, Miss Lee was one of the faithful workers of the state, who, because of circumstances was never able to attend state conventions or do many other things for which she had talent.

Among Life Members who have passed away in recent months, are Mrs. J. G. Calderwood and Mrs. John R. Shand, both of Crary, and one time workers in the old First District. Another is Mrs. Elizabeth Suckow, formerly of Bismarck, who had lived in Minneapolis for a time. Mrs. Suckow was state director of Americanization in 1919, and was always helpful in the work. Our sympathy goes out to all who are saddened by the passing of these friends.

Personal Mention

The Minot printer who is getting out the state reports this year writes that his mother, Mrs. John C. Corbett, he thought was the first president of the first organization of the WCTU in Minot. He is not sure that she was president, but he knows that she was the leader of some women who went to the state's attorney, insisted upon action against law breakers, and had Attorney Marcy appointed by the attorney general; he carried the trials to a successful conclusion for the enforcement of the law. Mr. Corbett is another man who can say with pride, "My mother wore the white ribbon."

Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson expects to spend the winter at Penney Farms, Fla., where she and Mr. Anderson enjoyed several pleasant winters.

Miss Mae Halcrow, president of the Bowsmont union, is recuperating at home after a stay of six weeks in a Grand Forks hospital, where she underwent serious surgery. We wish for her speedy and complete recovery.

Mrs. Philip Stolberg of Flasher is teaching again this year; she secured a substitute so as to be able to attend the state convention.

Mrs. Necia E. Buck of Corvallis, Ore., spent four months in California last summer and fall with her daughter, Louise Buck, who was there for part of that time. Miss Buck is with a dramatic company which goes to all the large cities this time on the west coast, so her mother could be with her for a while. It was a happy time for them both.

Mrs. Jessamine S. Burgum was called to Bismarck shortly after the state convention, to attend the funeral of her sister's husband, Mr. Albin Hedstrom.

This anniversary year we are thinking of many of those who have had a share in making our state. One of these, an educator who was also a member of our organization, but was not well known to us all, has left North Dakota for "sunny California." Ye editor is among those who were fortunate enough to know her quite well. The following tribute to her is from the pen of Mrs. T. H. Ferber of Oakes, our director of Temperance Education in Church Schools.

In Appreciation of Grace Brown Putnam

If a North Dakotan were to call at "The Snuggery," 1781 Pine St., Napa, Calif., the genial hostess giving a warm welcome would be our loved WCTU member, Grace Brown Putnam, who lived at New Rockford for many years. This courageous little woman wrought both nobly and well all through the years that North Dakota was her home. Education and writing were her chosen fields, and she broadened and developed the educational and cultural life of the state immeasurably. Herself a notable writer of both prose and poetry, she encouraged others to write and much latent talent was discovered and nourished under her capable leadership.

Mrs. Putnam was the president of the North Dakota poetry society during the 12 years of its existence, besides being editor of "Prairie Wings," the state's only poetry magazine, which was her brain child. It is not possible to enumerate the writer's organizations of which she was a valued contributing member, in this brief tribute; their name is legion. While she is missed by her friends, many of whom have accepted her gracious hospitality, all rejoice that in her later years she is escaping the rigorous climate of North Dakota; according to her own words, her new home is 'a veritable dream, and her flowers a perpetual marathon of bloom.' She is not idle in her bower of beauty; many publications offered her a position on their staffs. She finally accepted the offer of one, and is western editor of The New Athenaeum, Branson, Mo., a quarterly magazine. She says "The work is not too taxing, but will serve to keep me in touch with the activities and people I love."

Grace Brown Putnam, writer, educator, public speaker, champion of the good and noble in life, gracious hostess, dear and understanding friend—greetings from the North Dakota WCTU!

("A rose to the living is more than sumptuous wreaths to the dead."—Editor.)

"The man who says he can 'Drink or let it alone' always drinks; and the man who just, 'takes one now and then,' takes more now than he did then."

PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

In order that we may better accomplish the goals as set forth by the National WCTU, this Jubilee year, and in order that North Dakota WCTU may unitedly work hand in hand with those objectives, I recommend:

I. That definite plans are made to organize a local union in every village, town and city in the state, with a minimum of five members so that contacts can be made by the local, district, and state officers for effective promotional work.

II. That each union increase its membership by half. That October be called a dues paying month, to be climaxed by the November Roll Call.

III. That each union win at least one Elizabeth Preston Anderson award of \$5.00 for organizing a new union, a Y.T.A. or L.T.L.

IV. That we increase our Patron, Life, Memorial, Continuing, and Honorary Membership rolls to help finance organization work in the state. Funds from Child Honorary memberships to be used to promote L.T.L. work.

V. That our childhood and youth be trained in habits of sobriety through narcotic education:

1. By establishing a bookshelf of good reference reading in grades and high school libraries for students and teachers.
2. Through visual education using
 - a. Movies, film strips, and slides
 - b. Flannelgraphs, exhibits, posters, and experiments, illustrated blotters, printed matter and books.
3. That scientific temperance instruction be given in regular courses, through correlation in school work and in assembly.
4. That plans be made now for speech and essay contests in the local schools and Sunday schools.
5. That we recommend that Commitment Day in Sunday Schools and Churches be preceded by a series of temperance lessons and sermons.
6. That we send a teacher from one of our colleges next summer to take the narcotic education course at Evanston.

VI. Consistent work and support in dry legislation locally, in state, and nation.

1. That we secure signatures to petition for the Langer-Bryson Bills to prohibit Liquor Advertising.
2. That we recommend the introduction into the next State Legislative session of a bill which will make it possible to vote out the sale of beverage alcohol in county-wide elections in North Dakota and that we give it our active support.
3. That we encourage temperance broadcasts on church radio programs and if possible arrange special broadcasts on narcotic education.
4. That we protest against wet advertising in papers, magazines, over radio and in motion pictures, but send letters of appreciation to those who do not so advertise.

VII. For the local program.

1. That a program committee be appointed in July to begin to plan interesting and instructive meetings for the year ahead as soon as program guides and helps are obtainable from National.
2. To put local color into our programs, through outside speakers and talent; through different arrangement of subject matter; through special meetings.
3. That local department directors be leaders of programs.
4. That a subscription to the Union Signal be given to the local president.
5. That each union pay for two state Annual Reports as soon as available.
6. To systematically begin to work for Banner Union points.
7. That each union seek to raise additional funds to carry on local work effectively, to help the state work and for a certain amount to be allocated to the National for advertising in the religious press and for the producing of new motion pictures.
8. That every member of our state rearm herself with strength and power in daily prayer so that she may be fortified to do the work of the year ahead with renewed Christian zeal and the help of Almighty God.

May God grant our petitions and make this a great year in His Service is my prayer.

MRS. H. E. MIELKE.

CHILD HONORARY MEMBERS

NORTH DAKOTA WCTU

1944

Jay Justin Darling, grandson of Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, Grand Forks; James Williams Brudevold, grandson of Mrs. Mae Brudevold, Fargo; Daniel Clark Blomquist, grandson of Mrs. Iver Fossum, Fargo; Redge Porter Trubey, great grandson of Mrs. Helen Porter, Fargo; Roy Wilder Holand, Mary Elizabeth Holand, Donald Selby Holand, grandchildren of Mrs. Kate S. Wilder; Patricia Ann Burr, daughter of Mrs. Alex C. Burr, Jamestown.

1945

Eileen Carol Jonas, Fargo; David Nathaniel Mielke by Mrs. H. E. Mielke, Fargo; Charles Adolph Burseth, Jr., Stephen James Burseth, by Mrs. E. G. Tenneson, Fargo; Carol Alice Fagerson by Mrs. Carl Bjorkman, Fargo; JoAnn Jones, by Mrs. Josephine Jones, Fargo; Marilyn K. Peterson, by Mrs. Sanborn Olson, Fargo; Ruby Joan Zook, by Mrs. Charles Zook, Minot; Kenneth Oliver Holter, by Mrs. Lena Everson; Diana Marie Redell, by Mrs. Oscar Westlund, Fargo; Janet Louise Christianson, Grand Forks, Marvel Faith Harris, by Mrs. Frank Beasley, Fairdale; Gay N. Ellis, by Mrs. E. A. Hoare, Williston.

1946

Lester Alvin Zook, by Mrs. Charles Zook, Minot; Robert Danny Brudevold, by Mrs. Mae Brudevold, Fargo; Aileen Sylvia Peterson, Fargo; Lenore Grace Helseth, by Mrs. Lavinia Bignall, Valley City; Ronald J. Darling, by Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, Grand Forks; Janice Marie Groom, by Mrs. Iver Fossum, Fargo; John Leissman Vantine, by Mrs. Charles Leissman, Bismarck; John Van Heuvelen, by Mrs. O. J. Pederson, Park River; Emalyce Easter Mallett and Edwin Jerry Mallett, Ellen Jane Remsburg and Sue Elaine Remsburg, by Mrs. Frank Beasley.

1947

Marcia Kathryn Fisk, by Mrs. Fred M. Wanner, Jamestown; Claudia Ann Potter, by Mrs. J. H. Potter, Fargo; Dalan Lee Rasmussen, by Mrs. O. E. Tweton, Moorhead, Minn.; Rodney Melroy Zook, by Mrs. Charles Zook, Minot; James Michael Harris, by Mrs. H. E. Mielke, Fargo; Robert Gordon Graves and Stephen William Boilstad, by Mrs. Frank Beasley, Fairdale; Marilyn Marie Jonas, by Mrs. Thomas F. Jonas, Fargo; Judith and John Leonard Cowley, by Mrs. George Campbell, Minot; Joan Ellen Larson, by Mrs. O. H. Kjolrie, Fargo; Robert Bruce Hermanson, by Mrs. H. O. Hermanson, Grand Forks; Arden Lee and Randall Mark Flom, by Mrs. Joel Flom, Fairdale; Judith Ann and Bonnie Lou Fossholm, by Mrs. Joseph Fossholm, Fairdale; Bruce Melvin Fish, by Mrs. Dan R. Fish, Williston; Marlene Verle Muir and Carol Lee Mather, by Mrs. George Muir, Gilby; Martha Jean Mielke, by Mrs. H. E. Mielke, Fargo; Mary Louise Halverson, by Mrs. S. O. Nelson, Northwood; Darrel Leroy Zook, by Mrs. C. A. Zook, Minot; Frederick Burgum, by Mrs. J. A. Burgum, Hunter.

1948

Douglas Neal Lyster, by Mrs. O. E. Tweeton; Richard Michael Kemis, by Mrs. Howard Kemis, Fargo.

1949

Stanley Wendell Jonas, by Mrs. Thos. F. Jonas, Fargo; Diane Kay Pruett, by Mrs. W. E. Pruett, Edgeley; Judith Ann Ferber, by Mrs. T. H. Ferber, Oakes; Ralph Nicholas Heinzen, by Mrs. N. R. Heinzen, Plaza; Sharon Ann Arlington, by Mrs. T. F. Jonas, Fargo; Diane Kay Ellingson, by Mrs. T. F. Jonas, Fargo; Carol Ann Grostephan, by Mrs. H. E. Mielke, Fargo; Gary Arlington and Beverly Ferguson, by Mrs. T. F. Jonas, Fargo; Richard Arlen Robb, Douglas Robb Miller, and Donna Mae Ormiston, by Mrs. Frank Beasley, Fairdale; Patricia Lois Salter, by Mrs. Richard Salter, Menoken; David Lee Shelton, by Mrs. Mae Brudevold, Fargo; Charles Owen Carlson, by Mrs. C. F. Truax, Minot; Bruce Lynn Vantine, by Mrs. Chas. Leissman, Bismarck; Stephen Havig, by Mrs. Sophie Swarstad, Grand Forks; Marget Guness, Clark Robert Guness, Scottie Rae MacDonald, by Mrs. J. W. Scott, Sr., Gilby.

Bring the soul of man in touch with God, and keep it there—and lo, there flows forth a power which is far greater than all the powers of this earth.—Henry Hitt Crane.

WANTED! DECLAMATIONS

For use in speech contests sponsored by National Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Ada Mohn-Landis Prize contest, 1950.

Two types of manuscripts are desired.

1. Senior declamations, to be used by adults and youths; 750 to 1,000 words. First prize \$50.00; second prize \$25.00.

Contestants may write upon any of the following themes: 1. Alcohol and Public Health; 2. Alcohol's Effect on a Community. 3. The Church and the Liquor Traffic.

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 \$25.00; second prize \$15.00.

Contestants may write upon either of the following themes: 1. My Parents Do Not Drink. 2. No Alcohol For Me.

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.

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

Requirements

I. Literary Value: Declamations may be fiction or non-fiction. Class I should be appropriate for adults or young men and women. Class II should use vocabulary and thought appropriate to children.

II. Suitability for Platform Use: All selections should have dramatic interest, a central thought so presented as to appeal to both intelligence and emotions of an audience, and a strong climax with a stirring presentation of total abstinence or prohibition as a desirable standard,—all without "pointing the moral" too heavily. No special costumes or properties are permitted in WCTU speech contests.

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, and reference to dragons, snakes, devils, skeletons, bloodshot eyes, etc., impersonations of drunkenness, or abuse of opponents, should be avoided. Quotations must be exact, and reference for quotations, statistics, etc., should be given as footnotes on the manuscript.

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 or an appeal to united community action against the traffic is desired.

V. Title: A brief, interesting title will be considered by the judges in making their decisions. Write on any of the suggested themes. 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: 1. Three copies of the manuscript (two may be carbons). 2. One sealed envelope, bearing on the outside, the title of declamation, and the class entered (and nothing else), and containing: a. A sheet of paper with the same title, and the name and address of the writer. b. A stamped and self-addressed envelope with sufficient postage for return of manuscript no manuscript will be returned otherwise.

4. No letter should accompany the manuscript. Extra trimmings on manuscripts not desired. Fancy clips, ribbons or binders may lessen the chances of a favorable decision.

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 March 31, 1950, 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. Other manuscripts will be returned to the writers if accompanied by return stamped envelopes.

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

PRAIRIE CHRISTMAS

A Christmas on the prairie has a beauty that inspires—
No peaks to break the rolling lines of plain;

You see the smoke uprising from the farmstead's cheerful fires,

And count the pointing fingers of the upward lifting spires
Of little country churches, where the music of the choirs

Brings Yuletide songs in loved, familiar strain.
Yes, Christmas on the prairie is a very special thing,

When golden lights gleam over drifted snow;
When far across the open field you hear the church bell ring,

When by a candle-lighted tree young voices lift and swing—
Ah, memories! How they meet you then, with all that they
can bring

When children sing the hymns of long ago.
But Christmas on the prairie knows its changes year by year,

For children grow and scatter, as they will;
Yet friends invite the lonely folk to share the family cheer;

The mails are full of greetings from the loved ones, far
and near;

While peaceful stars are shining over all we hold most dear,
A prairie Christmas brings us magic still.

—ELIZABETH WILCOX BEASLEY.

The President's Letter . . .

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organizations are expected to be there. We are working for a favorable hearing on this bill.

We urge full co-operation from all the unions in our great program of narcotic education which is the greatest enterprise of our organization in the present year.

This year we will concentrate on the New Crusade plan to produce a new movie each year for five years; to paper out state's with convincing and authoritative literature on the alcohol problem; and to pay for advertisements in Christian periodicals. This five year plan was adopted at National last fall and is based on 50c per member each year for over a period of five years. Each union can decide how to raise this fund, one half of which is retained in the state to supply literature on alcohol to every home in the state and for our narcotic education fund. This is a most commendable project. It is important because we are in the campaign to spread information on the truth about alcohol principally through movies and the printed word.

We are not losing sight of our narcotic education fund plan in our state to send a college teacher to Evanston next summer for the course on narcotic education; to urge the use of proper materials on the subject in our public and church schools. We especially recommend Miss Bozman's new "Manual One—Narcotic Education—Elementary Lesson Plans," for the grades; also we urge each union to begin to add reference materials to their high school libraries—books on narcotics, alcohol studies, repeal and prohibition, National WCTU Publishing House has a long list of excellent books. Let your teachers make the selections from samples.

As we approach the Christmas season may our hearts be filled with gratitude to God for sending His son, the Savior of the world. Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift.

O holy child of Bethlehem
Descend to us we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in,
Be born in us today!

With every good wish for a very happy Christmas day,
Loyally yours,

FREDA P. MIELKE.