

Mrs. P. O. Saetre
710-15 St.

WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN

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

Vol. LIV

NOVEMBER — DECEMBER, 1950

No. 6

We Thank Thee

Not for our lands, our wide-flung prairie wealth,
Our mighty rivers born of friendly spring.
Our inland seas, our mountains proud and high,
Forests and orchards richly blossoming;
Not for these, Lord, our deepest thanks are said
As, humbly glad, we hail this day serene;
Not for these most, dear Father of our lives,
But for the love that in all things is seen.

We thank Thee, Lord, on this recurring day,
For liberty to worship as we will;
We thank Thee for the hero souls of old
Who dared wild seas their mission to fulfill.
O, gird our hearts with stalwart faith in good,
Give us new trust in Thy providing hand,
And may a spirit born to brotherhood
Inspire our hearts and bless our native land.
—Thomas Curtis Clark, in Ohio Messenger

The President's Letter

We are approaching the Thanksgiving season, as we write, with hearts full of thankfulness to our heavenly Father for the many privileges we enjoy in our native land, for the freedoms which are our ours—precious ones—and for our homes. We are reminded so poignantly of our blessings when we think of the want and misery that exists elsewhere in the world; when we think of the unrest, the forebodings of a possible war and the anguish and heartaches it has already brought to many hearts. Each of us has a responsibility to meet in helping to solve our world problems. It is our Christian duty to pray for guidance, for wisdom, for help in our world crisis, for only with the help of God can we hope to find a solution to build a world that is free from aggression and exploitation.

Interesting meetings have been held in the state in November, the dues paying month, where the "dues now due" were paid. The membership dollars paid in November help the state work all through the year ahead. Every member knows that our organization is dependent upon the personal work and contributions of each individual member. When a union has retained all of last year's living resident members on the membership roll by the payment of dues, the foundation is laid for the securing of new members. The beginning of the new year is a fine time to start the drive to interest women to join.

Begin in December to make plans for the membership work in January. We need to widen the influence of our organization and to make it available to more women, also to strengthen the front line work locally. If all membership dues are paid before March 1, of last year's members, you will rate as a Hold-Fast union this year.

Every union will study the state recommendations of your local executive and decide where the strongest emphasis of your local work will be placed and how to apply it to your own local needs. They are based on national WCTU plans and adapted to state needs. The greatest emphasis must be placed on narcotic education work for our young people and our children, through reference materials for the teachers and source books placed on library shelves; through essay and poster contest work and through speech contests. May God give us mountains to climb so that with each step of the way we may become more conscientious and will have a clearer vision of the great need for action. "Study to show thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth."

Since October 11 we have been out in the state on three separate trips visiting unions and doing field service work. Winter has set in early this fall and storms have made some cancellations necessary. These dates will be served at a later time. We have greatly enjoyed meeting our members and speaking at the local union meetings; at Ellendale WCTU, which met in the Methodist church parlors and entertained

How Far In Bethlehem?

"HOW FAR is it to Bethlehem town?"
Just over Jerusalem hills adown,
Past lovely Rachel's white-domed tomb—
Sweet motherhood's young doom.

It isn't far to Bethlehem town—
Just over the dusty roads adown,
Past Wise Men's well, still offering
Cool draughts from welcome wayside spring;
Past shepherds with their flutes of reed
That charm the woolly sheep they lead;
Past boys with kites on hilltops flying,
And soon you're there where Bethlehem's lying,
Sunned white and sweet on olived slopes,
Gold-lighted still with Judah's hopes.

And so we find the Shepherd's field
And plain that give rich Boaz yield;
And look where Herod's villa stood.
We thrill that earthly parenthood
Could foster Christ Who was all-good;
And thrill that Bethlehem town today
Looks down on Christian homes that pray.

It isn't far to Bethlehem town!
It's anywhere that Christ comes down
And finds in people's friendly face
A welcome and abiding place.
The road to Bethlehem runs right through
The homes of folks like me and you.

—White Ribbon Herald, Author not given.

Monango union; at Grand Forks WCTU at the home of Mrs. Bessie Darling; at Gilby WCTU, at the home of Mrs. J. W. Scott where the Larimore union was entertained; at the Grafton WCTU which met in the Lutheran church parlors where Park River and Cavalier unions were entertained; at Langdon, at the home of Mrs. Wm. Overby, and at Hannah at the home of Mrs. M. Rockwell.

We want to thank Rev. and Mrs. Duncan Matheson of Langdon for taking us by car to Hannah for their meeting. Also Mrs. Geo. Muir for arranging for a car trip from Gilby to Ardock to visit Mrs. Geo. Brown who recently moved there from Sidney, Mont. Mrs. Brown accepted to serve as director of Health and Medical Temperance. We were happy to meet Mrs. Brown and to welcome her on our state executive board.

Work was done at Drayton last year during the spring convention time. Eight women joined at that time and Mrs. N. G. Rogers was elected treasurer. Through her fine work eight more members were secured, making 16 members this year. After the Grafton meeting we did work at Drayton and organized a union and elected officers representative of the churches there. Mrs. Mac Halcrow of Bowesmont attended the Drayton meeting also. Thirteen new members were gained and seven members paid dues.

Because of a snowstorm we found it necessary to cancel Edinburg and Park River dates after Hannah, but we will include them in an itinerary in February. Later we were happy to see the Park River members at Grafton, which included the president, Mrs. Carl Larson, and Mrs. Annie Catherwood and others. From Cavalier the president of the union, Mrs. Robert McKechnie, and Miss Fuller attended the meeting also, both sisters of Mrs. Alex Burr, district president of the James Valley district.

Miss Clara Lobben of Fargo, our S.T.I. director, gave excellent talks at the Grand Forks and Grafton meetings and also interviewed the superintendent of schools at Grafton and Mr. Hanson, principal of the Grand Forks High School. We hope you will have the opportunity to hear Miss Lobben sometime.
(Continued on Page 5)

Notes From The Unions

The Hunter WCTU held its annual family church night at the Methodist church in October. A "Smorgasbord" supper was served in the dining room, to all, including guests from Erie, Page and Arthur. The tables were decorated with bouquets of asters and cosmos; grace was said by Rev. Gunter. A program in the church after supper was opened with invocation by Rev. R. E. Holden, the pastor. The address was given by the Rev. H. J. Gernhardt of Valley City, who attended the Pastor's Week at Bloomington, Ill., on Anti-Alcohol Studies and Christian Social Action. The musical program included a vocal duet by Miriam Howells and Margaret Carr, accompanied by Mrs. Carl Howells; a vocal solo by Mrs. Emory Johnson, accompanied by Mrs. R. E. Holden; a violin solo by Mrs. Flon, accompanied by Mrs. Wm. Wedberg. The meeting closed with the singing by the audience of the N. D. WCTU song. Mrs. J. A. Burgum sends us the story of this good meeting.

About 40 women attended the Silver Tea given by the Mott WCTU at the Veteran's Hall in Mott Oct. 24. The meeting was opened with prayer by Mrs. Donald Ashley. Mrs. Clarence Heyd sang two beautiful solos, accompanied by Mrs. Marion Swindler. A duet by Mrs. B. Hanson and Mrs. C. M. Skogley accompanied by Mrs. O. D. Herstein, was much enjoyed. Mrs. F. W. Southam and Mrs. Jacob Jacobson gave reports of the National WCTU convention in Denver, which they attended in September. Out of town guests included Mrs. Clare Stocking, Mrs. Leonard McNeil and Mrs. Chas. Banning of Hettinger; Mrs. B. I. Noark, Mrs. Mary Candee and Mrs. Harold Cook of Dickinson. Ladies from Reeder had planned to come, but were prevented by unexpected happenings. Mrs. C. M. Skogley and Mrs. B. C. Phillips poured at the beautifully decorated tea table resplendent with asters from Mrs. Phillip's garden. We thank Mrs. Jacobson for telling us of this good meeting.

The Watford City union has appointed a full slate of directors for the departments they plan to work this year. State directors, please note, and keep for your records. Local directors for Watford City: Child Welfare, Mrs. Daisy Bergeron; Flower Mission and Relief, Mrs. Celia Van Dyke; Legislation: Mrs. Dora Erickson; Spiritual Life: Mrs. Harriet Harris; STI: Mrs. Martha Rolfsrud; Publicity: Mrs. Margaret Muri. Speech Contests: Jennie Bruins. Mrs. Staley, the president, hopes that the state directors will be sure to send material direct to these local women.

The Minot union met at the home of Mrs. C. F. Truax for the November roll call meeting. Mrs. J. H. Mackley led devotions and they made plans for the coming year. This union held a rummage sale to raise funds to pay budget this year and were very successful.

The Edgeley union is to be congratulated upon the new LTL they have started, with Mrs. Roy Erickson as secretary, assisted by Miss Bonnie Fenno. They held their first meeting Oct. 4, and had 11 members; by the first of November, there were 30 members and interest grows with every meeting. The group meets every Wednesday night at the Methodist church; Oct. 31 they had a party from 5 to 7 p.m. Two WCTU women, Mrs. Anna Sox and Mrs. Augusta Washburn, helped with the serving. For November they are making Health Drink posters, with a prize offered for the best one. The LTL includes children of school age through 6th grade. Many of them were White Ribbon Recruits before. Edgeley union has a wonderful list of recruits; they have 51 now enrolled. Mrs. Zoa M. Dunsdon, to whom we are indebted for the good news of this fine new Legion, is the director in charge of these little White Ribbon Recruits.

The Grand Forks Union met at the home of Mrs. Bessie H. Darling for their roll call meeting, November 10th. Mrs. H. E. Mielke, the state president, was present and spoke.

Members of the Nekoma union met at the home of Mrs. George Sholy, Nov. 15. It was arranged to visit school and present prizes for posters made by grade school pupils. This was done Nov. 20. Book prizes were given in grades 4 to 8, inclusive. Treats of ice cream bars and cookies were given to pupils and teachers of the grade school and previous to this, Mrs. Beasley gave a short talk.

The Langdon union met Monday evening, Nov. 6, at the home of Mrs. Wm. Overby, with the state president, Mrs. H. E. Mielke, as guest speaker. The next day Mrs. Mielke visited the union at Hannah where Mrs. Ray Bassingwaite is the new president. The storm that began that day and continued most of the week, forced the cancellation of the visits she had planned at Edinburg and Park River, to the regret of all concerned.

Ellendale Union had a good audience to hear Mrs. Mielke speak when she visited there after state convention. They have a very good LTL there under the leadership of Mrs. Raymond Nelson.

The October meeting of the Minot union was held at the

home of Mrs. A. C. Christenson, with Mrs. H. L. Nelson assisting. Mrs. Brooks gave a report of the national convention; Mrs. Mackley and Mrs. Campbell reported the state convention. The election of officers was held; the officers are Mrs. C. R. Truax, president; Mrs. Zook, first vice-president; Mrs. Mackley, second vice-president; Mrs. A. C. Christenson, secretary; Mrs. A. S. Dwelle, treasurer.

Personal Mention

Mrs. C. A. Bone of the Langdon union was called east in October to be with her daughter who had just been released from the hospital after an attack of polio.

Mrs. David Ford of Park River, with her husband, made a trip to Minneapolis in November where they visited at the home of their son, Kenneth, for a week. The son, who is a specialist in animal nutrition for a large stock and poultry food company, had come to Park River to speak at the fall fair and potato show there, and took his parents home with him. They had a very enjoyable visit.

Mrs. Charles Liessman, our state historian, had a very wonderful trip with her husband this fall, but with chagrin, ye editor admits that she has mislaid the card received, and does not know where they went! It was on official business and she mentioned cocktails being served at a variety of occasions, where they encountered them.

Mrs. Carl Larson, president of the Park River union, is planning to spend most of the winter in Georgia. As she was ill a great deal of last winter, a warmer climate through the coldest weather seems a wise idea. Her daughter lives in Georgia.

Our former state LTL secretary, Mrs. J. W. Frisbie, and her husband, Rev. Frisbie, who now live at Frazee, Minn., where he serves a nearby church, drove to Minot in October to visit their daughter, Mrs. D. D. Anderson, who lives there. Mrs. Brooks attended a party that was given for Mrs. Frisbie while in Minot. We learned with regret that the Frisbie's younger daughter had a return of the heart trouble that kept her in bed for months some years ago, and was a patient in a hospital again. We hope to hear of her complete recovery before long.

Mrs. Adeline Clarke of Ellendale, in spite of the fact that she was in a hospital for weeks in October, 1949, and then spent three months in bed after getting home, is determined to do what she can to help the WCTU and the temperance cause. Though she was in a wheel chair for three months after she was allowed to sit up, because of arthritis, she has recovered so that she can walk again and cook her own meals. She cannot walk for any distance, but writes gratefully that the WCTU women see that a car comes to take her to their meetings. She has volunteered to remind the women of the time of their meetings, calling those who have telephones, and sending cards to those who do not. Mrs. Clarke was president of the Ellendale union for 12 years but gave it up because of increasing deafness. She continues to read and pray for the work; who shall say that she cannot do much?

Mrs. R. E. Knox, formerly of Ellendale, who now lives with a daughter in Seattle, Wash., keeps up her dues in the Ellendale union, and adds something for budget and local work. Thank you, Mrs. Knox!

Mrs. J. G. Stewart of Nekoma, went by plane to Lancaster, Pa., this fall for a visit with friends of pioneer days. She enjoyed the plane trip of a few hours very much, she writes; it would have required most of three days to have reached her destination by train. She plans to be home again early in December.

Mrs. John Robertson, a former member of the Minot union who now resides with a daughter in Peoria, Ill.; returned to Minot for a visit in October.

Mrs. C. F. Truax has been invited to tell the story of her trip to the World's convention before several audiences this fall. We hope to have her story for the paper another time.

Mrs. Berthalee Broyles, former Park River, N. D., resident and president for a time of the old Seventeenth District — now the Northeast — sent greetings recently. Mrs. Broyles at present is editor of the Alabama White Ribbon.

During the field service work this fall our president addressed five high school groups, three grade groups, one PTA meeting, a young married couple's dinner group, one Sunday morning service, briefly at a Sunday evening musicale, two Sunday School classes, three Sunday Schools, four women's groups, six WCTU meetings where representative groups from five other unions were present. Mrs. Chas. Minard made three addresses and Miss Clara Lobben addressed two groups on this fall itinerary.

IN MEMORIAM

"There is no time, that we could set
For parting. We who must remain
Are never ready for such pain.
Even our prayers would be, 'Not yet;
Not yet, dear God. Another day
With us, let our Beloved stay.'
We must believe, when falls the blow,
That wisely God has willed it so."

—Author Unknown

Mrs. Ada Amsbaugh of Williston, state director of Drama and Pageantry, is bereaved in the recent passing of her sister, Mrs. Grace E. Dean, who lived at Toledo, Ohio.

Mrs. George Moyer, whose home was at DesLacs, passed away recently. As a bright young woman, Mrs. Moyer served as state General Secretary of the Young People's Branch, as YTC was then called, from 1927 to 1931. She was a fine singer, and sometimes sang a solo at state conventions. The loss of her husband in 1938 was a heavy blow to her but she kept her interest in the WCTU to the end.

Mrs. Gertrude V. Titus, a Life member of the N. D. WCTU since 1904, passed from this life late in August at the age of 84. Mrs. Titus was one of the first white children to live in the Grand Forks vicinity, coming to Dakota Territory with her parents in the early '70s. Her father, Frank Viets, was employed by the Hudson's Bay Company at Georgetown, Minn., but he was active in the organization of the new village of Grand Forks and the starting of its schools. After her marriage to Mose S. Titus in 1887, Mrs. Titus lived at Minto, where the family home was maintained until the death of Mr. Titus, and there she was active in the WCTU. In recent years, she had divided her time between the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. C. Bachellor in Grand Forks, her summer home at Bemidji, and Minneapolis. She is also survived by another daughter, Mrs. Frances Plunkett of Bemidji, five grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. B. I. Noark, president of the new Dickinson union, is bereaved in the recent passing of her husband.

Mr. C. C. Barber, husband of a member of the Minot union, died this summer.

From the west comes word of the recent death of Abram Hanson, husband of Mrs. Minnie Hanson, a former president of Fargo district, whose home was at Hatton.

Mr. John G. Stewart of Nekoma, pioneer resident and husband of a charter member of that union, left this world for a better land August 5, after months of suffering. The sympathy of all our women goes out to those who mourn these friends.

Impressions of the National Convention

Attending a WCTU convention was a new experience to me; it proved to be very enlightening, and when I could hear, most interesting. One thing that especially attracted my attention and aroused my interest, was the spirit of sincerity and wholeheartedness which seemed to me to prevail and give meaning to the entire assembly. Those attending, individually and collectively, I felt, were there to do all that they could to advance the purpose of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

I was pleased to see, too, that the younger generation is taking a stand against an evil that is all too evident in the present day. Would that there were more who would see fit to further the fight against this evil that is undermining the stability and morality of youth. It seems to me that it would be a good step forward to enlist more of the younger element in this cause.

One of the programs that first aroused my interest and made me feel the vital interest that the individuals attending had in this work, was the prayer service held on the afternoon of the first day. I was deeply impressed, first with the quotations from the scripture which were given. These made me see that the spirit of God was the motivating force back of the stand the women had taken. These were followed by short prayers which expressed even more fully the feeling that God's spirit was guiding them.

I left the convention feeling that with such a body of women putting their minds and hearts into a cause with such sincerity and courage, the day was not far distant when this scourge on the human race would be lifted.

MRS. ALMA LUESSEN

More Medal News

Mrs. T. H. Ferber, our original Demorest medal owner, has found another in the person of Mr. Frank L. Robbins, now of Forman, who won such a medal in 1888. His wife is a member of the new union at Forman. He lived at Milnor at the time and the contest was held in a schoolhouse at Buffalo Lake. Minnie Jorgenson, who later was Mrs. E. W. Eastman of Milnor, also won a Demorest medal that same year. She is now deceased.

Mrs. Belle McPhail of Grand Forks wrote of another winner of a Demorest medal at her old home town of Langdon, where a series of these contests was held. These were conducted by Mrs. Cora Ross Clark, who was a well known elocution teacher of the '90s. One of the most interesting was for young married women; a large number of contestants entered and as all were well qualified, the contest was spirited. The winner was Mrs. J. B. Boyd, who, with her husband, was a leader in every good cause; her sudden death when she was killed by a cyclone that struck Langdon in 1909, was a great loss. We are told that this contest was one of the first entertainments given in the courthouse at Langdon, when it was the "new courthouse." (It is far from new now.) Mrs. McPhail also spoke of the Good Templars lodge which was active in Langdon in those days and offered much wholesome fun, good companionship and social training to its members.

Our most recent and delightful letter from Mrs. Necia E. Buck of Corvallis, Ore., has this to say: "I was especially interested in the request for information about medal winners of the early days. When First District was really first in many things, we majored in medal contests, to such a degree that we had at least three who won diamond medals. (Who were they? Editor.) I want to give you my personal history: I won my silver medal in a contest at my home church at Bethel. To compete for the gold medal, I went to my first state convention at Lisbon, 1892 (?) (Nelle Burger was guest speaker and presented the medal to me.) The next contest I entered was over 40 years ago at a state convention at Wahpeton (1902) where, much to my surprise, I won first place and Mrs. McKinney, then president of our district, placed second. I competed in a contest for the diamond medal at Park River, but do not remember even getting honorable mention.

To come down to current history, we have a director of contest work in Oregon who just eats and sleeps contests; she held 51 this past year. She wanted a diamond contest at our state convention held in Eugene, Ore., Oct. 10-13, and begged me to take part. I told her that I would if she really needed me to make up the required number. She sent me a selection, and I worked over it now and then, but when I got to the convention she told me that she had six without me so I thought no more about it; went out to dinner that evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Anderson (Mrs. Markell's daughter) and came to the church a little late. Then I found that two of the contestants had failed to show up and it was up to me to keep my promise. I went on, with small hope that I could get through without forgetting—took my paper along so that I could read it if I had to. Well, to make a long story short, the chairman of the judges said "That young lady with the white hair has first place." I was completely flabbergasted, for I had not for one moment thought of such a result. I thought you would enjoy this story and you can report me as an early—and late!—medal winner." Hurrah for our Necia Buck! Still ours, though Oregon is now her home. Evidently she is still just as good a speaker as she used to be. We wonder if some of her great grandchildren will not be winning medal contests before many years have passed.

JAMESTOWN-VALLEY DISTRICT

An invitation from the Jamestown Union was extended to the Valley City union to be guests at their October 24th meeting and their invitation was gratefully accepted. The officers consisting of Mrs. E. G. Quam, Mrs. Stella Kelly, Mrs. Thomas Barnard, Mrs. Elizabeth Worley and mother, Mrs. D. W. Clark, who is a fifty year member, and Mrs. Lavinia Bignall, who drove, were in attendance. The day was perfect for the ride which was one of the enjoyable features of the trip. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. John Schmidt and featured a review of the first chapter of the new study book, "Anti-alcoholic Supplements" given by Mrs. Alex Burr. The Jamestown members were interested in the idea submitted by Mrs. Schmidt to secure a suitable woman to act as bailiff at court sessions. This meeting together and exchanging ideas was good for all present and we of Valley City were grateful for the opportunity afforded us.

WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN

Published bimonthly by Ulsaker Printing Co., Fargo, N. D.

Official Organ of the North Dakota W. C. T. U.

Editor-in-chief—Mrs. H. E. Mielke, 1375 10th Ave. No., Fargo.
Managing Editor—Mrs. Frank Beasley, Fairdale, N. D.

Entered as Second Class Matter at the Postoffice of Fargo, N. D., under the Act of Congress of May, 3, 1879.

All matter for publication must reach the editor at Fairdale by the 20th of the previous month.

Single subscription price to non-members, 50 cents per annum.

NOVEMBER — DECEMBER, 1950

Directory

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS 1950-1951

President—Mrs. H. E. Mielke, 1375 10th Ave. N., Fargo.
Vice President—Mrs. Chas. Minard, Oakes.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. F. T. Brooks, 903 8th Ave. N. E., Minot.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. Frank Beasley, Fairdale.
Treasurer—Mrs. Howard Kemis, 725 Oak St., Fargo.
Honorary President—Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, Penny Farms, Fla.; Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, 231 Conklin Ave., Grand Forks.

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS

BISMARCK.....Mrs. R. A. Salter, Menoken
ELLENDALE.....Mrs. Chas. Minard, Oakes
FARGO.....Mrs. W. E. Bayley, Page
GRAND FORKS.....Mrs. Geo. S. Muir, Gilby
JAMES VALLEY.....Mrs. Alex C. Burr, Jamestown
MINOT.....Mrs. Neva Jones, Parshall
NORTH CENTRAL.....Mrs. H. G. Renfrew, Calvin
NORTHEAST.....Mrs. Bessie M. Ordahl, Edinburg
NORTHWEST.....Mrs. Don B. Fish, Williston
RANSOM-LaMOURE.....Mrs. George W. Green, LaMoure
SOUTHWEST.....Mrs. Jacob Jacobson, Mott

LOYAL TEMPERANCE LEGION

Secretary—Mrs. E. S. Bordwell, 503 7th Ave., S. E., Jamestown
Assistant Secretary—Mrs. Carl Aaker, Larimore

DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS

Child Welfare—Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, 231 Conklin Ave., Grand Forks
Christian Citizenship—Mrs. R. A. Salter, Menoken
Drama and Pageantry—Mrs. Ada Amsbaugh, 422 E. 4th Ave., Williston
Flower Mission and Relief—Miss Grace Higgins, 814 10th Ave. N., Fargo
Health and Medical Temperance—Mrs. Geo. Brown, Ardoch
Institutes—Mrs. T. H. Ferber, Oakes
International Relations for Peace—Mrs. George Campbell, 205 5th St. N. W., Minot
Legislation—Mrs. H. E. Mielke
Natural Fruit Beverages—Mrs. H. G. Poulson, 308 3rd Ave., S. E., Jamestown
Parliamentary Law—Mrs. Will Logan, Clyde
Radio and Television—Mrs. C. F. Truax, 308 3rd St. S. E., Minot
Scientific Temperance Instruction—Miss Clara Lobben, 902 8th St. N., Fargo
Social Morality—Mrs. H. R. S. Diesem, LaMoure
Speech Contests—Mrs. Clarence Framstad, 604 W. 4th Ave., Williston
Spiritual Life—Mrs. Andrew Hay, Crosby
Temperance and Missions—Mrs. Phillip Stolberg, Flasher
Temperance Education in Church Schools—Mrs. Faith Combellick, Ellendale
Visual Education—Mrs. Rollo Winings, Arthur
General Director Departments—Mrs. Chas. Minard
Promoter of Union Signal and Young Crusader—Mrs. Thos. F. Jonas, 1322 9th Ave. S., Fargo
Promoter of Literature—Mrs. F. T. Brooks, Cor. Sec'y.
Bureau of Publicity—Editors of White Ribbon Bulletin
Willard Secretary—Mrs. Iver Fossum, 708 8th St. N., Fargo
State Historians—Mrs. Chas. Liessman, 615 7th St., Bismarck;
Mrs. Barbara H. Wylie, 3701 Bryant Ave., S., Minneapolis, Minn.; Mrs. Peter Garberg, 1025 9th St., Bismarck;
Trustees—Five General Officers—Mrs. P. O. Sathre, Bismarck;
Mrs. J. A. Youngman, Dickey
Organization—Mrs. F. T. Brooks, Mrs. H. E. Mielke.
Field Service—District Presidents

A Word To The Wise

Another year has hurried past, and our early Thanksgiving Day gave us a chance to count our blessings sooner than usual. With the whole world in turmoil, and anxious hearts in every land, it is not quite so easy as sometimes, to be calmly thankful. But our material circumstances here are so much better than they might have been, that we can be grateful on that score, at least. We on the farms are truly thankful for the good weather that permitted the saving of our late crops, and getting fall work done. We — most of us, at least — are living in comfort. Was the enjoyment of good food the highlight of our Thanksgiving Day? Did we think of people who have not enough of any kind of food? Did we remember the first Thanksgiving feast, and the reasons why those first settlers came to this country? How much does our religious freedom mean to us? Enough so that we are willing to sacrifice, to keep it? We have so many blessings which we accept without a thought, that are ours because someone else has sacrificed and suffered for them.

Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet
Lest we forget — lest we forget!"

I want to thank all of you who sent in news and articles for this issue; please keep them coming. We enjoy what you are doing, and our own people are always the most interesting!

A great soul has gone home to Heaven in recent weeks. Her name is not in our In Memoriam column, for she never lived in our state; she was a Southern woman. Those of us who remember the state convention of 1920, at which Mary Armor was the guest speaker, understand why she was called the "Georgia Cyclone". I never have heard another speaker like her; she was unforgettable. It was a privilege to have known her; I still remember prayers I have heard her utter. Someone said "She makes you feel that God is just around the corner — barely out of sight — and that the devil is right at your elbow." Truly she lived near to her Father, and is now with Him. We are thankful for her life.

Our LTL secretary and some of the directors of departments have letters in this issue; be sure to read and act upon them. Also, take note of the Recommendations of our state president, and do your best to carry them out. Mrs. Mielke has been working very hard in the field this fall; she can tell you more about that than I can, but I know that she will minimize the hard work and dwell only on the results of it.

The election is over; the Legislature will meet in January, and measures important to our cause may be considered. Let us pray for our representatives, both at Bismarck and at Washington; pray for them every day, and for the President and his cabinet. That seems to be about the only way we home women can help them, in these days of tension. I know we are all praying for our soldiers overseas; we should pray for their leaders, as well as the rank file and of the army.

Perhaps the most dynamic address that it was my privilege to hear at the Denver convention, was the one given at the banquet by the Rev. Merle L. Edwards, pastor of the North Presbyterian Church in Denver. That address, "That Hand Upon the Wall", is printed in the November 11th issue of the Union Signal. If you do not take the Signal, beg, buy or borrow a copy, and read it. Every citizen should ponder the statements made, though they are not cheerful reading.

Do you have a good start toward being a Banner union, by getting your dues collected and sent in before Jan. 1? I hope so. The state report with the list of points, will be out this month, we hope. Don't forget to pay for yours!

Cordially yours,

ELIZABETH C. BEASLEY.

PARLIAMENTARY LAW

"Let all things be done decently and in order." I Cor. 14:40.
There has been increased interest in the department of Parliamentary Law in our state the past year. We now have 15 local directors. The local union needs a local director, to see that the subject is studied, to have parliamentary drills, and to receive literature from and report to, the state director.

This year we shall continue the study of our constitution and by-laws. Each union should have these fundamental laws close at hand.

Last year 44 members received Awards of Merit for having taken and passed the test questions sent out in the spring. Let us have 100 awards sent out in 1951. Yours for effective meetings.

MRS. WILL LOGAN, Director.

DIRECTORS!

Don't forget that your department letters must be in the next issue, to meet requirements of the Standard of Efficiency. Do it now!

Treasurer's Report

September 15 to November 15, 1950

DUES: Cavalier 2; Monango 10; Dickinson 9, Wildrose 10; Napoleon 6; Crosby 18; Fargo, Julia D. Nelson 65; Watford City 25; Fargo 62; Forman 9; Reeder 16; Minot 26.

Budget: Cavalier \$2.00; Monango \$10.00; Dickinson \$6.00; Crosby \$18.00; Fargo Julia D. Nelson \$75.00; Fargo \$62; Mrs. Catherine Eyresh \$2.00; Reeder \$16.00; Minot \$46.00.

NEW CRUSADE FUND: Williston \$13.73; Bottineau \$11.50; Monango \$5.00; Wildrose \$5.00; Fargo \$31.00; Forman \$2.70; Mrs. Catherine Eyres \$2.00; Reeder \$8.00.

WILLARD MEMBERS: Mrs. C. J. Kuehl; Mrs. Iver Jordre; Mrs. John Kelly; Mrs. Grace Graham; Mrs. Emma Egli, Mrs. Lydia Egli; Mrs. Catherine Eyres. Convention Offerings, \$74.48.

MEMORIAL MEMBERSHIPS: Myrtle Skabo; Mrs. Josie Dixon.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP: Mrs. F. T. Brooks.

CHILD HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS: Mary Elizabeth Lee; Virginia Lynn Graves; Bonnie Lee Ferguson; Mary Elizabeth Mielke. Mrs. Howard Kemis.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER . . . (Cont from page 1)

While in Ellendale district our new vice-president, Mrs. Chas. Minard, took us by car to Ashley where we worked for a number of days and also at Wishek. There are good prospects for organization in both places but more work needs to be done there. Mrs. Minard presented objectives of our work at the Ellendale meeting and also at Forman. We worked at Forman several afternoons but had to go on to some dates north. On November 6, Mrs. Minard organized a union of nine members at Forman. Cogswell already had some members through work done there by Mrs. Minard and the Oakes union, and there may be an organized group there in due time. We want to thank Mrs. Minard for taking us from place to place for many miles in her car and for the good work she is doing in her district.

This is organization year and we plan to use our spare time whenever possible to work in the unorganized districts of our state as soon as weather permits.

Each district president will make a survey of her district on a map, mark the towns for possible unions and work for Willard members where an organization can not be accomplished.

May we remind you of the new crusade Narcotic Education Fund. This fund is based on 50c per member of last year's membership. You send this sum to the state treasurer. She sends half to the National WCTU, (1) for the making of a new film; (2) to advertise in religious paper; (3) for new, timely literature for our educational work. Two-thirds of the half the state retains you will be given credit for locally for new literature for your schools and to augment the temperance materials in the church schools; one-third goes to organization work in the state.

Soon we will be thinking of the happy Christmas season when we commemorate the birthday of the Prince of Peace, the Savior of mankind. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life." John, 3:16.

What a source of comfort and joy the coming of the Son of God has been through the many generations since His birth. He is the Redeemer of the world and we may have to face world conditions which will bring many in contrition upon their knees before Him who sitteth at the right hand of God the Father.

"Tho Christ a thousand times
In Bethlehem be born,
If He's not born in thee
Thy soul will be forlorn
The Cross on Calvary
Can surely save thy soul;
The cross in thine own heart
Alone can make thee whole."

May we turn to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, "for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved." Acts 4-12.

Wishing you all, dear members of the White Ribbon Band of North Dakota, a very blessed Christmas for you and your families, with best wishes and love, your co-worker,

MRS. H. E. MIELKE.

Miss Elizabeth Smart resigned as corresponding secretary, which office was filled by Mrs. Blanche Butts, president of Missouri. Mrs. Ruth T. Tooze, president of Oregon, was elected recording secretary. Miss Smart again heads our legislative work in Washington.

NOONTIDE HOUR OF PRAYER

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

WATERS THAT ARE STILL

The waters that are still reflect the sky;
They hold within their depths, unblurred and true,
The image of the sun, the moon, the stars,
Which restless, troubled water cannot do.

The soul serene in faith reflects heaven's light;

It holds God's image clearly at its core.
The spirit whipped by winds of unbelief
Shows forth its own unrest, and nothing more.
—Adelaide Love in Free Methodist

From The Corresponding Secretary

Dear White Ribboners:

What is the membership of your WCTU? Do you have 12, 20, 30, 50 or more? What per cent can you gain in 1951? Will you set a goal of new members for the year?

In our town there is an organization which divides its membership into two groups to gain new members. At the close of a specified time the losing side entertains the winners. Would you like to try this? The entertainment might be a dinner, a luncheon or the lunch for a regular meeting. It has been suggested that we might offer an inexpensive gift for the woman gaining the most members.

Be prepared to answer questions about our work. Explain our aims. We work through 21 departments. Choose a few of these departments to talk on. Literature, our aim to "paper the state." The Child Welfare department by which the young mother may be interested. Young mothers must enlist for the sake of their children. Flower Mission and Relief, Speech Contest work, the S.T.I. (be ready to explain the reference material to teachers of day and church schools.)

Remember the L.T.L. for children, where good character, temperance and sobriety are taught.

Organized Mother Love, our work is educational, legislative, one of service to God, Home and every land. Know the truth that you may enter every open door. January is a good time to start the membership drive. Plan for it at the December meeting. Have membership cards and leaflets ready for distribution. Please send for them.

May I wish for you a very happy holiday season. May God's richest blessing be with you. Let us forget self; let us give more of service to others and for our Christ.

Yours with love,

MRS. F. T. BROOKS, Cor. Sec'y.

"Cheer Up, I Believe In God"

In her leading devotions Saturday noon, September 16, Mrs. Ruth Tooze, president of the Oregon WCTU, recalled the vivid story of Paul's experience in the shipwreck that all but destroyed him and all with him. She urged that we study this 27th chapter of Acts for its present-day lesson of unflinching assurance and courage. "These," she said, "are needed in our present situation of world chaos and turmoil, more surely even than in the almost tragic interruption of Paul's voyage to Rome nearly 2000 years ago.

In the midst of sailor panic and desperation, Paul successfully challenged the fear-frantic crew with the quite invincible testimony (in our modern speech) "Cheer Up! for I believe in God. . ."

"The whole story is for us right now. Paul's confidence was unshaken—unshakable—so order was restored, and repeated soundings in the storm revealed the wished-for approach to the shore until all escaped.

"After the tragic repeal of the 18th Amendment, we women of the WCTU held on our way." Mrs. Tooze recalled that in 1938-39 we made soundings and found we were still far from shore, "but our faith never faltered. With our keyword 'Cheer Up, I believe in God,' we launched out in a new educational program. In 1921,2,3, new soundings showed us nearer, but not yet arrived at the harbor of our hopes. Today, however, as our President puts it, 'The Tide is Turning.' To avoid the pull of the liquor traffic, we have had to thrust out a little and swim for the shore. Now by faith we see the hoped-for conclusions—our safe arrival, saved by our faith and faithfulness, going straight ahead. Our faith is kindling hope in, and steadying the fearful, too long misled by liquor propaganda."

—Union Signal

Mrs. Mary Ervin of Ohio retired as vice-president to which office Mrs. Glenn Hayes of Kansas was elected.

President's Recommendations

It is with a deep sense of gratitude to God and a pride in the fine work done by the women of our state that I again come to you with the recommendations for the new WCTU year. This past year foundations have been laid for a most profitable year ahead. I'm ready with you to meet the challenge of the unfinished work and the new tasks that lie ahead. I recommend:

1. **Prayer.** That we make this year a year of prayer — in our homes, at our meetings, and in our hearts wherever we are. That we pray for our needs great or small. That we pray for our WCTU leaders; for an increased membership; for the November election; for our President at Washington; for World Peace. Let us be instant in prayer.

2. **Education.** That the Sunday before the third Friday in January (Observance of Temperance Day, Sec. 15—3805 N. D. Revised Code) be set aside as Temperance Sunday in our churches when temperance lessons are taught and temperance sermons preached by the pastors. That on that day total abstinence be discussed and an opportunity given to sign pledges in the various church groups. That the salute to the temperance flag be taught. That the third Friday in January be observed in our schools according to law.

3. That we continue the New Crusade Fund in the state, to meet the three point educational plan for Narcotic Education in state and national WCTU. This New Crusade Fund is based on a sum equal to 50c per member each year, to be divided equally between state and national. Of North Dakota's half, one third will be used for organization work, and the unions will be given credit for literature, in proportion to the amount each contributes. The money from this fund is to be used to 'paper' the states with free temperance literature, for temperance advertising, in church periodicals, and for production of a new movie each year.

4. The WCTU in each community where there is a local radio station, secure the services of a capable and acceptable woman and ask for the regular use of free time upon these stations for the presentation of the temperance cause.

5. That we continue our narcotic education work in the schools under our STI department as one of the important state projects of our work under the direction of our state director, Miss Clara Lobben.

6. That a friendly letter should be prepared by the officers of the state WCTU, addressed to the Official Board, Session, Women's Societies, or by whatever name the responsible officers of the churches are called, asking that the various churches through their Boards, contribute regularly to the work of the WCTU in this state.

7. **Membership**—That we make this a banner year in enlistment of new members. That each union adopt the November Roll Call plan and collect all dues of those who paid last year by Christmas 1950, and that we attempt to increase the membership in each local union by 25%, thereby becoming a Holdfast and Fruitful Union.

8. **Publications** — That we wholeheartedly and expectantly work to double the subscription list of the Union Signal at the new price of \$2.00 per year, two years for \$3.50, and three years for \$5.00.

9. **Organization**—That we send someone to the workshop at Evanston in April who is free and willing to accept field service in our state afterwards, giving one or two months a year of her time in the state visiting unions and organizing L.T.L.'s or WCTU's.

10. That where possible, regional Institutional Workshops be held in the state, preferably in October or November, to report the State Convention and to inform the women of the work. The field worker and a state officer who lives nearest to the group would conduct it.

That each union organize an L.T.L. and another union this year.

12. **Legislation After the November Election**—That we unite in asking our senators and representatives for Hearing to be held early in the year on a new bill which will be introduced in the new congress at Washington, to prohibit nationwide advertising of alcoholic liquors including beer.

13. That we urge the speedy enactment of a bill to make effective the 1901 law in our national constitution which prohibits the "sale or dealing in beer, wine or intoxicating beverage in any post exchange or canteen or army transport or upon premises used for military purposes by the United States."

14. That we continue to work for the future enactment of a Local Option Law in our state, believing that every voter should have a right to determine whether liquor should be sold in his community or not.

15. That we vote and vote wisely in the coming November election and study the history of every candidate as to his status on the liquor question.

16. **Scholarship** — That we offer a scholarship to a teacher in N. Dak. with an M.A. degree, to be selected by the officers of the state WCTU, who will take the narcotic education course next summer at Evanston and who will teach it at summer courses in her college.

17. **Program**—That we follow the lesson plans and study courses as outlined by national, and that each Union appoint a program committee to work out the plans for the year.

18. **District and Union Banner Points.** — That after receiving the new annual report, each union study the Banner points and set a goal of accomplishments for the year in order to become a Banner Union. That the district presidents study the district points.

May many of God's promises be fulfilled in our lives this year, and may He bless the work ahead and keep us in His care is my prayer.

MRS. H. E. MIELKE.

Loyal Temperance Legion

We are launching a campaign for members. This campaign started Nov. 1, 1950, and will end Oct. 31, 1951. The boy or girl gaining 100 new members will be awarded a cash prize of \$25.00. A prize of \$15.00 will be given to the one gaining 75 members; while \$5.00 will be awarded to the person who secures 50 new members. These new members must all be pledge signed and dues paid; smaller prizes will be awarded to boys and girls gaining 15, or even 10 new members. Contestants must see to it that new members sign the pledge card and stub. The stub, properly filled out, along with 10c for dues, must be given to the sponsor. What boy or girl in North Dakota will get this \$25.00 first prize? Get busy; this is not a hard thing to do.

"Our cause is most worth while

We all know that full well —

To build the LTL.

Let's go "all out" these coming months

To make our numbers grow;

Then meet me at convention

And we'll all stand up and crow."

This message just came to me from our National secretary; let's make it ours right now. Last year our dues paid membership was 323. Let's make our goal for this year 650 —and begin right after the holidays. We can build our membership through the Sunday schools, public schools, friendship legions, home legions and regular groups.

We are anxious about our boys and girls today, as they are the citizens of tomorrow. As WCTU women, we must do our part in helping them build a good foundation through total abstinence and loyalty. New literature has been sent out to all known Legion workers. Please study it carefully, and see where we can begin to organize the children in every community. The LTL is our best plan, and fits into any and all places.

The new idea of a chaplain seems such a good idea. Let's locate the boy who can become a capable chaplain and start very soon. Try hard to reach that goal of 650 pledge signed dues paid Legioners by next August.

MRS. E. C. BORDWELL, Secretary.

From The State Historian

Much historical material consists of little more than a record of programs, numbers of opening and closing songs, decorations, teas, and names of participants, but not what they said or had accomplished to rescue or comfort a soul in this smoke-fogged, liquor-crazed world. The shell is given, not the gist of fine speeches and work done. This applies to many secular, as well as church and prohibition reports.

The September-October, 1950, White Ribbon Bulletin is an excellent exception. It has the full address of our state president, Mrs. H. E. Mielke, which contains so many potent points that one feels like clipping them to pin up on the wall where everyone can see them, or to carry in the purse for frequent perusal. Better still, have excerpts printed in the local papers. This Bulletin has many more pertinent suggestions which should come before the general public; why not get them into the local press at once?

Why is the main cause of so many recent burnings of homes and children, shootings, drownings, hunting accidents, traffic tragedies, so often mysteriously withheld? Undetermined cause! Is evil being silently shielded by the great powers that have our nation in their grip?

MRS. CHAS. LIESSMAN, Historian.

(Our historian recently returned from a trip; she promises us an article more concerned with historical matters soon.—Editor.)

DEPARTMENT LETTERS . . .

International Relations for Peace

Dear Co-Workers:

In the receipt of our National literature of this department, for distribution to the unions, has come the much-needed inspiration for this letter. My spirits have been exceedingly low, as yours have been who follow current events. The plight of our boys in the frozen terrain of Korea is serious. It is a situation that cannot be passed up. The customary Peace theme appropriate for our Christmas programs, has become a grim and imperative one now, however much we would prefer to think in a happier vein.

Let us take up the program suggestions given in the National outline and more in detail in the Nov. issue of the Union Signal. From the Source of Materials listed you will receive the first three named. The first one mentioned is new, and lends much to an entertaining discussion of the subject at hand. It is called "Co-operation for What?" The other two also have excellent data for constructive thought. Our great problem now is to ferret out the right course of action, for which these helps have much to offer. There is a fine contribution for our own personal needs in the meditation given with the topic in the Nov. 4th Signal. Contributing thoughts from our various church periodicals offer helps for thinking our way out of chaos. We just cannot leave the important discussions to the political powers any longer; it must come from the Christian minds and Christian standards of the people. These must become the voice of the nation, which has not been sufficiently audible.

Cordially yours,
Mrs. George Campbell, Director.

Soldiers and Sailors

This is a very important department, and I would like to have a director for "Soldiers and Sailors" in every union. Let us ever be mindful of the debt of gratitude we owe to those who have served and are serving their country at this time, in order that we might be free to worship God, and do business and enjoy all the wonderful blessings that we have in our land. Pray for those in the service, and pray that this awful war may end very soon. Have a definite time for devotions; intercede before the throne of grace for our country, for our president, for those in high office who handle the affairs of government in state and nation. Pray especially that the people will turn from their wicked ways and 'seek the Lord while He may be found.' God will visit our nation with wrath, if she keeps on moving away from Him.

Let us endeavor to educate youth in true patriotism. To veterans and their families we can give moral support and sympathy, help, cards, flowers in times of sickness and death. For the blind we can purchase a Braille pocket bible for 25c, and talking book records for those who cannot use their fingers. Before sending anything, be sure to write the supervisor of the Veterans' Hospital for a list of the needs of the veterans, and also as to what will be acceptable.

There is a wonderful pamphlet, "Do You Care?", which is an appeal to thinking members of the WCTU. You may have all you want by sending postage; if you would like some please write to me. Again may I ask, will you kindly keep a record of what is done for our soldiers and sailors, marines and army nurses. Perhaps you are like me—if I do not put down what I have done, (and I don't like to do it, either. I like to do things and forget them) I do forget, but it is hard to make a report when one has forgotten what has been done. Then our National director feels discouraged when the state does not have a good report, especially if things worth mentioning have been done.

We have two veterans' hospitals, one at Minot and the other at Fargo, and also a Soldiers' Home at Lisbon. I received a nice letter of thanks from the commandant in charge of the Lisbon Home, after I sent an afghan and some jelly there. There are so many little things that can be done, but which may mean just as much as some big thing someone else might do. Remember, "Little is much when God is in it." Scuffies are nice to make and are very useful. They are not expensive as they are made out of scraps. Used mattress pads and left over pieces of material, colorfast, so they will not fade when washed) make nice scuffies, and patients do enjoy having them.

"A hero dared one day to die
He shed his life blood, and the world
Pays homage to his memory.

"But other heroes dared to live,
Pain-ridden, heartsick—many a year;
The blind, the amputee, shut in—

For Christ's sake, let us bring them cheer"
Mrs. J. H. Mackley, Dir.

Legislative Department

The Legislative work in the WCTU is basic to the structure of our organization. This spring at our district conventions we used the slogan "Legislate, Educate, Organize."

Legislation determines the personal liberties and the civic rights of an individual citizen. It is a means to an end, the legal instrument by which we govern ourselves.

Every citizen should realize his responsibility. This year our state legislature will meet. We will keep ourselves posted on the laws which will be pending. We will give our support to the passage of good laws, but also to avert the passage of laws which may weaken or nullify those laws which have been a blessing to our state.

The same forces which defeated the local option bill in the primaries will be busy in the coming legislature to weaken public sentiment on the liquor question by introducing laws which will help their program of moderation. Let us be alert and ready to respond immediately when needed.

At Washington we know a new anti-liquor advertising bill will be introduced at the new session of Congress. Be ready to work for this bill also.

At National WCTU at Denver the session approved:

1. The prohibition of manufacture, sale and possession of alcoholic beverages in all federal areas.

2. Re-enactment of legislation protesting armed services in territory surrounding army or navy areas against invasion of alcoholic beverage traffic.

3. Suspension of manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages during periods of emergency and food shortage.

4. Laws holding the seller of liquor liable for expense of victim in highway accidents.

5. Against nationalization or government or municipal operation of any place for the liquor traffic.

We will continue to work for legislation which in whole or in essential principle is in harmony with the national legislative work.

Will you, this year, at your legislative meeting, study our state laws governing the sale of alcoholic beverages and our laws on gambling which are on our statute books?

Very sincerely,

MRS. H. E. MIELKE, Legis. Ch.

Universal Military Training

The Position of the WCTU Regarding It

What most people do not know about the Universal Military Training bills before Congress is that they are by their terms intended for peacetime use. The bill introduced by Senator Tydings provides the program is to go into effect when it becomes convenient to put it into operation after the war is over. Suggestions that it be left open for the President to put it into effect at his direction were made and would probably be adopted.

Both Defense Chief Johnson and General Omar Bradley at the hearing before Senate Military Affairs Committee testified that it could not be safely put into operation so long as the present crisis in Korea continues without damage to the war effort. Officers available to train troops are needed to train men for the front and could not be spared to conduct courses in schools and UMT camps.

UMT is an idea first put forward by the American Legion after World War I. It is being promoted by the American Legion. General Marshall's endorsement of it could well have been Legion-inspired. It has some dangerous connotations. To put it into schools both public and private might well close some of our best private schools and universities which are being conducted by church groups. The Society of Friends and others, which are conscientiously opposed to war and the use of arms.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union is a peace organization. We are opposed to war as a method of settling human affairs both on Christian grounds and because it never settles anything.

Mrs. Iver Fossum resigned last fall as vice-president of our state because of home duties and Mrs. Chas. Minard was elected to fill her place at the state convention. Mrs. Fossum served previously as treasurer of our state for a number of years and as vice-president for three years. Mrs. Iver Fossum has endeared herself to us all and we thank her for her many years of faithful service. Mrs. Fossum will serve as Willard secretary for our state. We will miss her on our official board and executive committee.

Members of the Mott WCTU were hostesses to the unions of Southwest district WCTU at a Silver Tea at the Veterans' Hall at Mott on October 24.

Song For The New Crusade

Written by Mrs. Doris Blount

Tune: Battle Hymn of the Republic"

Let us start another eddy in the "whirlpool of the Lord,"
It will sweep across the nation if we pray with one accord,
For we know the Christian's prayer is always mightier than
the sword, and Truth is marching on. (Chorus)

Think of how our mothers labored for the cause they held so
dear,

Think of all the earnest women who have led us year by year,
Shall we fail them now by shirking, when the Crusade call
we hear,

While Truth is marching on. (Chorus)

Let us rally to the standard of the WCTU—
"God has laid on us a work for temperance" only we can do—
Let us join the New Crusade and help to make each dream
come true,

For Truth is marching on." (Chorus)

Concerning Letters To Congressmen

It is commonly said that in a democracy, decisions are made by a majority of the people. Of course, that is not true. Decisions are made by a majority of those who make themselves heard.

Good citizenship includes persuading high-grade persons to run for public office, supporting them during campaigns and at the polls, and getting others to do likewise. For some, it means the willingness themselves to become candidates.

But this is not enough. The good citizen must also make himself heard, especially on issues which develop after an election and were not debated in it.

At a time when so many powerful groups are organized to put pressure on Congress to serve their own needs, it is all the more important that your representatives be kept informed on the thinking of those who have no personal axes to grind but desire only what they believe best for the general welfare.

Things Your Congressman Likes

(1) He likes to hear opinions from home and wants to be kept informed of conditions in the district. Base your letter on your own pertinent experiences and observations.

(2) If writing about a specific bill, describe it by number or its popular name. Your congressman has thousands of bills before him in the course of a year, and cannot always take time to figure out to which one you are referring.

(3) He likes intelligent, well-thought-out letters which present a definite position, even if he does not agree with it.

(4) Even more important and valuable is a concise statement of the reasons for your position—particularly if you are writing about field in which you have specialized knowledge. He has to vote on many matters with which he has had little or no firsthand experience. Some of the most valuable help he gets in making up his own mind comes from facts presented in letters from persons who really know what they are talking about.

(5) Short letters are almost always best. Members of Congress receive many, many letters each day, and a long one may not get as prompt a reading as a brief statement.

(6) Letters should be timed to arrive while the issue is "alive." If your congressman is a committee member, he will appreciate having your views while the bill is before him for study and action.

(7) A congressman likes to know when he has done something of which you approve. He is quite as human as you.

Things Your Congressman Does Not Like

(1) He does not like letters that merely "demand" or "insist" that he vote for or against certain bill; or that tell him what you want him to vote for but not why. He has no way of knowing whether your reasons are good or bad, and he is not greatly influenced.

(2) He does not like to be threatened with promises of defeat at the next election.

(3) He does not like to be told how influential the writer is in his own locality.

(4) He does not like to be asked to commit himself on a particular bill as the best means of achieving a desired end, until the committee in charge of the subject has had a chance to hear the evidence and dig out all the pros and cons.

(5) He does not like form letters or letters which include excerpts from other letters on the same subject.

(6) He does not like to hear from people from other districts, except when a letter deals with a matter which is before a committee of which he is a member. Congressional courtesy makes him refer letters from nonconstituents on other subjects to the proper persons.

(7) He does not like to be deluged by letters from the

same person on the same subject. Quality, not quantity, is what counts.

—From the Journal of the AAUW.

(The above article was taken from the National Education Journal, March 1948, and was written by Walter H. Judd, member of Congress from Minnesota.)

The Missouri Counselor.

THE UNION SIGNAL

First on Your CHRISTMAS LIST for
Your Favorite

Minister	Educator
Church Leader	Student
Homemaker	Civic Official
Clubwoman	

Each issue contains inspiration and help for all interested in public welfare.

Christmas Gift Announcement Cards Sent on Request

THE UNION SIGNAL

Evanston, Illinois

THE YOUNG CRUSADER

Temperance Educator
For Boys and Girls

A dozen YOUNG CRUSADERS (one each month next year) will educate for abstinence the children you hold dear.

Think of all the boys and girls who will be thanking you if you think enough of them to give subscriptions to

THE YOUNG CRUSADER!

Ten Subscriptions (different addresses).....	\$4.50
Ten Subscriptions (one address)	\$4.00
Single Subscription50

Combination Subscription with
THE UNION SIGNAL

Christmas Gift Announcement Cards Sent on Request

The Young Crusader

Evanston, Illinois

Christmas Gift Suggestions

1951 Scripture Text Calendars
35c Each; 3 for \$1; 12 for \$3.50;
25 for \$7; 50 for \$12; 100 for \$22

FOR ADULTS

Where Prayer and Purpose Meet
\$2.12 (including postage)
The New Leviathan
\$1.37 (including postage)

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Frances Willard of Evanston
\$2.12 (including postage)
Larry—\$2.62 (including postage)

FOR CHILDREN

Pioneer Girl—\$1.08 (including postage)
Christmas Carols—25c
Golden Book of Hymns—25c

PLAYS AND PAGEANT

Blue Angel—30c each; \$3 per doz.
God's Son
4c each; \$1.50 per 50; \$2.50 per 100
The Voice of the Living Christmas Tree
5c each; 50c per doz.; \$3.25 per 100

National WCTU Publishing House
Evanston, Illinois