

Mrs P. O. Sathre,
710 - 15th St.

WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN

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

VOL. LVIII

JULY - AUGUST, 1954

NO. 4

AMERICA

Mighty mountains that climb the sky,
Towering pines that try to brush
The cobweb clouds. A chattering creek.
The swelling roar of river's rush.

Hundreds of little country towns;
Elm trees that line a quiet street;
Towering skyscrapers that hide the sun
And pavements traced by a million feet.

Granite rocks of old New England,
A prim white house, a picket fence;
Hollyhocks in a garden growing;
Dry Yankee humor, and common sense.

Businessmen from east and west—
Mines and mills and factory's hum;
Proud stone mansions crowning a hill.
Shoobox rows in squalid slum.

Tall, white pillars gilded in sunlight;
Dusty hush of hot high noon;
An ancient mule, corn bread and cracklings
Thoroughbreds, darkies, a southern moon.

Prairies stretching beyond the horizon.
Cacti, sagebrush, and desert sand;
Corn, oil, cattle, gold and copper;
Pioneer spirit, wealth of land.

Millions of people, men and women,
Never famous and never news;
Gabble of babies, wages and bills;
The WPA and political views.

Liberty, brotherhood, a golden eagle
Emblazoned on high. But deep in the clay,
People, people, insignificant people
Who live and die the American way.
—Cynthia Sibley, in Penn. Bulletin.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

"They are slaves who fear to speak, for the fallen and the weak,
They are slaves who will not choose, hatred, scoffing and abuse,
Rather than in silence shrink, from the truth they need must
think;

They are slaves who dare not be in the right with two or three."
—Lowell.

Dear White Ribboners,

In response to many of you who asked for my poem,
"Flight," written on June 24, 1953, on the T. W. A. plane to
Paris, here it is.

FLIGHT

The wing light on our plane is twinkling bright,
The moon seems close; and Jupiter and Mars;
We're flying high above the clouds tonight,
And it is true, we're looking down on stars.

A prayer of thanks we breathe for health, no pain.
Dear God, please guide our pilot thru this night;
I love the sound of whirring motor plane,
You set the moon there for his path of light.

And as we travel to the Holy Land,
With anxious feet to walk where Jesus trod,
Oh, keep us in the hollow of Thy hand,
To be fit follow'ers of the Son of God.

—Ruth Ottinger.

The White Ribbon Recruit service at Arthur yesterday
is unforgettable. There were ten young Mothers who dedi-
cated their children to total abstinence. The setting for the
Fargo District meeting was the beautiful new Methodist
Continued on page 2

Convention Guest



MISS ETHEL RIDDLE
National Y. C. T. Secretary

CONVENTION DATES

October 6, 7, 8, 1954

Convention Committees

General Chairman—Mrs. R. J. Darling, 231 Conklin Ave., Grand
Forks.
Housing—Mrs. O. J. Swanson, 805 Cottonwood; Mrs. A. J.
Ulvedahl, 611 Eighth Ave. S.
Banquet and Lunches—Mrs. A. R. King, Mrs. C. J. Sjolund,
Mrs. C. Sondreal.
Transportation—Mrs. W. A. Erickson, Mrs. M. B. Bertheuson,
Mrs. A. V. Sheppard.
Music—Mrs. H. O. Hermanson, Mrs. N. J. Walper, Mrs. R.
Lunsest.
Flowers—Mrs. N. J. Walper, Mrs. A. N. Sorbo.
Post Office—Mrs. E. Kirk, Mrs. A. V. Sheppard.
Tickets—Mrs. H. Halvorson, Mrs. M. Christianson.
Assistant Housing—Miss Margaret Hyslop

ATTENTION!

Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, Director of the Department of
Child Welfare, would like very much to have the Scrapbook
of Child Honorary Members brought up to date. Will all
donors who have not done so please send her pictures—
snapshots are all right—of themselves, and one of each child
they have honored in this way? The book will be on display
at the state convention. Get all your pictures in, right
away, please!

WRITE MRS. HERMANSON

Our state director of Speech Contests is very anxious to
hear from the unions that have held contests and have young
people who might take part in those to be held at the state
convention at Grand Forks in October. Let her know of those
eligible to compete for gold or pearl medals. Her address:
Mrs. H. O. Hermanson, 511 Third Ave. S., Grand Forks, N. D.
Please do not forget this!

The President's Letter . . .

Continued from Page 1

church in Arthur. Mrs. Bagley, Mrs. Burgum and Mrs. Winings had arranged a most interesting meeting. I drove a load from Valley City and we met many friends there. Whom should I spy in the audience but my Sister, Mrs. Roy Johnson, of Casselton. Tomorrow I go to Lisbon and on Friday to Grafton.

Thru the Summer months, when the District Conventions are over, we will be making plans for our Fall programs in all our Unions. We will want to send large delegations to Grand Forks in October to the State Convention. Our members will all want to hear our National Youth leader, Miss Ethel Riddle. She will inspire us to greater activity in Youth Circles and help us, I feel sure, to organize more Y.T.C.'s and L.T.L.'s in our beloved State. We are planning the program around Miss Riddle, for she will be with us for all of our State Convention. She writes, "It is nice to know that I am going to be able to have charge of a workshop for the Y.T.C. on the Friday of the Convention." The Speech Contest will be Friday evening as it has been in the past. Be sure and have an entry. Miss Riddle will speak on Thursday evening, Oct. 7, and conduct a workshop on Friday. Friday evening our Speech Contest will take place. The banquet will be on Wednesday evening, with Dr. Marcus Birrell of Wesley College speaking.

I loved the way that Mrs. Ralph Dunn of Cavalier, reviewed that valuable pamphlet, "Is It Nothing To You?" by R. E. Goodrich Jr. of Dallas, Texas. Be sure and order it as Miss Lobben requested, and use it at your next meeting.

Let us pray for each other that we grow not weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap, and we know that our labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Blessings,

Ruth Ottinger.

Notes From The Unions

The Frances Willard union of Grand Forks sponsored a Silver Medal Speech Contest, which was held the evening of May 7, in the Sharon Lutheran church. Mrs. W. A. Erickson, vice president of the union, presided for the opening service, for which Mrs. Clarence Framstad led devotions. Mrs. H. O. Hermanson, director of the department, presided for the speech contest. Musical numbers were given by Mrs. Harold Nelson (violin), and her daughter Patsy (flute); vocal solos by Mrs. Arnold Havig accompanied by Mrs. R. Lunseth. Mrs. R. J. Darling, State Honorary President, gave a talk and also presented the silver medal to the winner, Pauline Sjordahl. Other members of the class were Sandra Scheldahl, Laverne Svedberg, William Larsen, Carmen Ruddy and Paul Sjordahl. The judges who kindly served were Mr. Palmer Isakson, Mrs. A. G. Eiland and Mrs. Wilson Cape. Another little feature of the program was a special "Good Wishes" greeting to Mrs. Otto Knapp, one of our fine loyal members. With her husband, she is leaving for California to stay for one year. On behalf of the union, Mrs. R. Lunseth wished her God speed and presented her with a little gift. Rev. Clarence Framstad of Sharon Church closed the service with the benediction.

The LTL group of Mott WCTU sponsored a Speech Contest in May for children of the age of 10 to 12, in which six took part, Virginia Roberts won the medal and the other contestants will receive the YOUNG CRUSADER for a year. The program consisted of the opening prayer by Rev. Durban, a duet by Rev. and Mrs. Amundson, introduction of the contestants by Mrs. Thomas Parsons, who is the LTL leader, and who also gave a talk on "What the LTL Stands For"; an accordian solo by Annie Krounbeaur. The medal was presented to the winner by Mrs. Inez Lacy, the district vice president; the Star Spangled Banner was sung, and the meeting closed with prayer by Rev. Amundson.

An institute, held by the Granville union April 23 in the World War Memorial hall, was well attended. The afternoon program consisted of several hymns sung by all, the flag salutes, devotional by Rev. Gerald Mundfrum, talks by Minot District President Mrs. E. J. Huntley on the L.T.L. and Spiritual Life departments, a solo "If I Should Gain the World and Lose My Saviour" by Mrs. Gerald Mundfrum, readings by Mrs. Oscar Folden and Mrs. Walter Trana. Supper was served at 5:30.

The following program was given in the evening: Singing of America by all; devotions by Rev. E. J. Huntley; a bronze medal contest; "Have Courage To Say 'No'" was sung by the W.C.T.U. chorus; the movie, "The Choice Is Yours," was

shown; a duet, "Let the Beauty of Jesus Be Seen," by Mmes. Walter Trana and Harold Morrison; a silver medal contest, and a talk by Rev. Carl Nelson of the United Temperance Movement.

Harlan Trana was the winner of the bronze medal and JoAnn Johnson won the silver medal. Contestants were from five different schools. The medals were presented by Mrs. Huntley.

The Mott WCTU held the annual White Ribbon Recruit Service on Tuesday, May 25, at the Methodist Church. Mrs. Inez Lacy was in charge. The devotional service, Candles of the Lord, was most impressive. Mrs. Mabel Southam and Mrs. Selma Auch read Beatitudes For Children. Mrs. Lacy read an article on the Child Welfare Department of the WCTU. Mrs. Carol Hummel presented an object lesson on temperance which entertained the adults as well as the children.

In the White Ribbon Recruit Service Mrs. Lacy was assisted by Mrs. Jessie Schwartz and Mrs. Selma Auch. The white ribbon was tied on the wrists of 15 children, after their mothers promised to bring them up in total abstinence. The children were Raymond Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vern Rogers; Delphine and Rhonda Schmitt, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schmitt; Dwane and Linda Schaible, children of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Schaible; Walter Heth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Heth; Mary Jane Booth, Tommy Booth and Earl Booth, children of Mrs. Alvin Booth; Dennis and Ronald Hummel, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Hummel; Lynn and Brenda Hummel, children of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hummel; and Patricia and Michael Kirsch, children of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kirsch. A tasty lunch was served by the committee in charge.

Appreciate Our Freedom

An angle on personal freedom and what it means is seen in the following incident related by Dave Thompson, Agricultural Consultant for Grocery Manufacturers of America:

One hot Sunday in Philadelphia, Mrs. Thompson and I searched several blocks before seeing a taxi in which to ride from the University of Pennsylvania campus to the hotel downtown. As we got into the taxi which stopped at our hail, I said to the driver, "You just saved my life." He drove on a few blocks and then said, "I don't save lives . . . but my son does."

His son is a fine plastic surgeon. In service during the war, he performed the miracles of surgery resulting in body healing and rebuilding. Now he is in Hawaii, still in service. As a student, he had earned a scholarship to enable him to acquire much of his medical education. "He saves lives," said our driver, "and my daughter is studying in one of the best art schools — she too is on a scholarship. She will be a fine artist." We said that was very fine — he should be proud of his children. He drove blocks in silence.

Then he said, "I am proud of my country. Nowhere else in the world could my boy become a fine surgeon. Nowhere else could my daughter be an artist. I am a taxi driver. In Europe my son would be a taxi driver, perhaps a doorman. My daughter would be a house maid, or perhaps a chamber maid in a hotel. No place else in the world could they rise above our station. But here in our country, they can become what they have the courage to desire. I am proud of them—but, before that, I am proud of our country."—American Poultry Journal, July-August, 1948.

A MOTHER'S PRAYER

Dear Lord, I pray not for my child tonight,
But for myself, that I may be like Thee.
Thou wise and loving parent of us all;
Tonight I would not want my child to be like me.

Help me remember as day follows day
That everything I am and do and speak,
Is carbon-copied on the precious page
Of my child's life, let not the print be weak.

Help me to be more calm, to speak with care,
To judge more wisely and to live with prayer
Upon my lips, and in my heart the dare
To be so honest with myself and Thee,
That I am not afraid to have my child like me.
—Ruth Brooks.

Personal Mention

Mrs. Howard Kemis, our state treasurer, went to Texas in April to help welcome a new grandson, Stanford James Campbell, who arrived April 26. He is the first child of James and Helen Kemis Campbell. June 11, Mr. and Mrs. Kemis left for North Carolina to attend the annual convention of the Railroad Evangelistic Association. A card says they are having a wonderful time.

A roundabout report reached us that our state director of Parliamentary Law, Mrs. Elsie Hart, has been in a hospital in Minneapolis this spring. Lacking further news, we hope that all is well with her.

Of interest to our women who remember him, are the pictures in the paper of Rev. Robert Herzberg, pastor of the Evangelical United Brethren Church of Casselton, who has assisted with special meetings in Langdon and Grand Forks, helping with the music. He sings and plays the trombone. Some of us recall with pleasure that we saw and heard him as a young boy at Minot in 1941, when he was the winner of the Pearl medal in the speech contest. Our good wishes and prayers are with him.

Mrs. C. F. Truax of Minot was a house guest of Mrs. Bessie M. Darling at Grand Forks during the recent state meeting of the Eastern Star there. We wonder if they could stop visiting long enough to sleep.

Mrs. Elias Porter has returned to her own home in Calvin after spending the winter months at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clarence Olson of Sables. While Mrs. Porter suffered a stroke a few weeks ago, she is much better, and with a good companion-nurse she expects to be happy there, seeing her old friends and neighbors often.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Williams of Grand Forks have moved to Worthington, Minn., to be near their daughter who lives there. After their many years of residence in Grand Forks, they will be greatly missed, especially by the WCTU of which Mrs. Williams was president for a number of years. We wish them friends and happiness in their new home.

Mrs. F. T. Brooks, our state corresponding secretary, spent a few days in Grand Forks in late June, where she accompanied her son-in-law, Mr. Hayden Williams and his daughters, Ruth Ann and Kathy. Leaving there June 19, they drove to Minneapolis to visit for a week at the home of Mrs. Brooks' daughter, Grace, who is Mrs. Carl Pietsch.

Mrs. Otto Knapp, an active member of the Frances Willard union of Grand Forks, has moved to California to spend a year. We all hope she will return then, for she will be very much missed while away.

Mrs. Don Fish, former president of the Northwest District, who moved to Sidney, Mont., about three years ago, where her husband was called to serve a pastorate, is now carrying the burden of the church. Rev. Fish died last February, we are informed. With the help of an assistant, Mrs. Fish is taking over the work of the church. Our love and prayers are with her.

Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson wrote of the happiness it gave her to hear from all the unions and others who contributed to the "avalanche" of cards that came to her in honor of her 93rd birthday. Through the notice that appeared in the UNION SIGNAL, she heard from friends of bygone days, some of whom she had supposed were departed from this life. One was Miss Clara Mann, who was the able office secretary for some time when the state headquarters was located in Fargo. Another was Mr. Van de Bogart, a son of Mrs. Mattie Van de Bogart, who was state corresponding secretary from 1900 to 1904, and who was the first editor of the White Ribbon Bulletin. Mrs. Anderson wishes to thank all of those who wrote her. Through this column, she wishes she could reply personally to all whose messages made her 93rd birthday memorable, but this is impossible. The cards were beautiful and greatly appreciated, and so was the thoughtfulness of Mrs. Howard Anderson, who wrote to Mrs. Hays, the National president, and to Mrs. Ottinger, our State president, without letting our "E. P. A." know about it. We are thankful to hear that she is much better than she was; she recently made a trip out to the ranch with Dr. and Mrs. Anderson. We are all gratified that Mrs. J. Way Huey of Jamestown, an active member of the WCTU there, was named North Dakota Mother of 1954. Mrs. Huey, the wife of a Presbyterian minister, is well known for her work in the church and her helpfulness in general; she is fully deserving of the honor.

Our state president, Mrs. Ottinger, was very busy during the months of April and May, giving talks in various places. She appeared before the meetings of the P.T.A. in four country schools, and had good prospects for organizing a union in one

of them she spoke at Wahpeton, Steele, Jamestown, Arthur, Lisbon and Grafton—possibly more places. Some of these were district conventions.

Mrs. Fred Petchell, former president of the Bismarck union, writes that she is now living in Crosby, N. D., and Mrs. R. E. Cash, V. P., is the acting president at Bismarck. Her address is 203 Cheyenne, Bismarck. We hope that Mrs. Petchell is finding the Crosby WCTU women cordial, and that she is helping them in the work.

It was with regret that the state recording secretary learned that Mr. John A. Corbett of Minot has sold his printing business. Mr. Corbett has printed the Annual Report of the N. D. WCTU for us several times, and his kindness and courtesy, as well as his fine work, have been greatly appreciated. Whatever his plans for the future, we wish him well. Mr. Corbett is a son of the first president of the Minot WCTU, and has followed her teachings all his life.

Mrs. E. J. Huntley, president of Minot District WCTU, has moved from Douglas to Lansford, where her husband has been transferred to be pastor of the Methodist church.

Crime Wave Engulfs America With Liquor Undertones

Declares J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in his report of the crime picture in 1953, released April 15, 1954: "Crime in the period of 1939-53, outstripped the population rise, four to one," and reached a new high of 2,159,080 major crimes during the twelve months, January to December, 1953.

Continuing, Director Hoover said: "While our population has increased 5% . . . crime has jumped 20% since 1950.

"Over \$400 million was lost in property crimes," — "Over 13,000 stolen autos in 1953, worth over \$14 million, remain unrecovered at the end of the year."

Compiled records of 1,174 cities, report 1,791,160 arrests in 1953, which "arrests include Driving While Intoxicated and Negligent Manslaughter, but no other traffic matters." At least 49.3% of persons arrested for burglary were under 18 years of age, and one out of three was not yet 16. Arrests of young people under age 18 increased 7.9% in 1953, while adult arrests increased 1.9%.

1940-1953 Crime Rise

Declares Director Hoover: "These trends show that major crimes have increased over 39% in our larger cities since 1937-39 (Pre-World War II average).

Population in these cities increased 16.2% between 1940 and 1950. No exact figures are available for 1953 for the specific cities represented; however as a matter of interest the projected urban growth for the United States, applied to the cities in this study, indicates a rise of about 22%. (These long range figures are based on reports of 363 identical cities of over 25,000 inhabitants, the 1952 combined population of which was 47,586,587, the 1940 population being 40,951,490.

The consumption of alcoholic beverages increased more than twice as fast as the population. The consumption of alcoholic beverages in 1939 was reported as 1,855,000,000 gallons. Figures for 1953 are not yet available but for 1952, were recorded as 2,926,000,000, an increase of more than 57.73% during this period.

The increase in distilled spirits exceeded 36%; consumption of wines increased almost exactly 80%, while beer consumption shot up more than 58% in the same period.

Meanwhile, for the same period, 1939-'52, arrests for drunkenness as reported in the Uniform Crime Reports increased 88.17% and arrests for driving while drunk increased 171%.

Of course the FBI reports do not give relationship of crime to liquor, but there is one clear-cut piece of evidence which indicates that the parallelism in liquor consumption and increase of crime are not merely coincidental. That proof is found in the crime records of arrests for rape, which in nearly 100% of such cases, beverage alcohol is a primary factor.

According to the FBI reports in 1937-'39, there was an annual average of 3,543 arrests for rape. The record of 1953 topped every other record of the whole repeal period, reaching a peak of 6,534 arrests. And the tabulation reveals that this peak was reached by a steady increase in arrests for this crime, almost without exception, year by year from 1939 to 1953 inclusive.

Computing the percentage from these figures we find that the annual arrests for rape have increased 84.42% from 1939 to 1953, inclusive.

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. A. D. Ottinger, 473 5th Avenue, S. W., Valley City, N. D.

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 by the 20th of the months of Feb., Apr., June, Aug., Oct., Dec.

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

JULY - AUGUST, 1954

DIRECTORY

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS 1953-1954

President—Mrs. A. D. Ottinger, 473 5th Ave. S.W., Valley City
 Vice President—Mrs. Jacob Jacobson, Mott
 Corresponding Sec.—Mrs. F. T. Brooks, 419 8th St. N.W., Minot
 Recording Secretary—Mrs. Frank Beasley, Fairdale
 Treasurer—Mrs. Howard Kemis, 725 Oak St., Fargo
 Honorary Presidents—Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, 2216 Main St., Miles City, Mont.
 Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, 231 Conklin Ave., Grand Forks

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS

Bismarck District—Mrs. R. A. Salter, Menoken
 Ellendale District—Mrs. Chester Molm, Ellendale
 Fargo District—Mrs. W. E. Bayley, Page
 Grand Forks District—Mrs. Geo. S. Muir, Gilby
 James Valley District—Mrs. E. G. Ranum, Valley City
 Minot District—Mrs. E. J. Huntley, Douglas
 Northeast District—Mrs. Benjamin Gorder, Grafton
 Northwest District—Mrs. M. L. Dordal, Hanks
 Ransom-LaMoure District—Mrs. George Green, LaMoure
 Southwest District—Mrs. Olaf Bakke, New England

BRANCH SECRETARIES

Loyal Temperance Legion—Mrs. Leonard Bilden, Northwood
 Youth Temperance Council—Mrs. Aaron Boom, 228 N. W. 8th, Valley City

DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS

Child Welfare—Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, 231 Conklin Ave., Grand Forks
 Christian Citizenship—Mrs. Andrew Haibeck, 613 8th St. S., Fargo
 Drama and Pageantry—Mrs. Josephine Jones, 1111 9th Ave. N., Fargo
 Flower Mission and Relief—Miss Grace Higgins, 814 10th Ave. N., Fargo
 Health, Medical Temperance and Social Morality—Mrs. George Brown, Ardoch
 Institutes—Miss Celia Ulness, Oakes
 International Relations for Peace—Mrs. Geo. Campbell, 205 5th St. N. W., Minot
 Legislation—Mrs. A. D. Ottinger, 473 5th Ave. S. W., Valley City
 Literature—Mrs. F. T. Brooks, 419 8th St. N. W., Minot
 Natural Fruit Beverages—Miss Borghild Bue, Aneta, Rt. 4
 Parliamentary Law—Mrs. Elsie Hart, 716 W. 1st Ave., Williston
 Radio-Television—Mrs. C. F. Truax, 308 3rd St. S. E., Minot
 Scientific Temperance Instruction—Miss Clara Lobben, 902 8th St. N., Fargo
 Soldiers and Sailors—Mrs. J. H. Mackley, 908 2nd S. N. E., Minot
 Speech Contests—Mrs. H. O. Hermanson, 511 3rd Ave. S., Grand Forks
 Spiritual Life—Mrs. A. G. Martin, 920 8th St. S., Fargo
 Temperance and Missions—Mrs. Philip Stolberg, Flasher
 Temperance Education in Church Schools—Mrs. K. R. Thorntson, 803 Griegs Ave., Grafton
 Visual Education—Mrs. R. G. Winings, Arthur
 General Director of Departments—Mrs. Jacob Jacobsen, Mott
 Promoter of Union Signal and Young Crusader—Mrs. R. A. Salter, Menoken
 Willard Secretary—Mrs. Iver Fossum, 708 8th St. N., Fargo
 Bureau of Publicity—Editors White Ribbon Bulletin
 State Historians—Mrs. Chas. Liessman, 615 7th St., Bismarck
 Mrs. P. O. Sathre, 710 15th St., Bismarck
 Trustees—General Officers, Mrs. J. A. Youngman, Dickey;
 Mrs. P. O. Sathre, Bismarck
 Organization—Mrs. A. D. Ottinger, President; Mrs. F. T. Brooks, Corresponding Secretary
 Field Service—State President, District Presidents

A Word To The Wise

Summer is here, though frequent chilly mornings do not seem very summery. For some of you, the season means vacations, and a rest from regular work. May you enjoy every minute of your good times! On the farm, it is the busy season, and the long days are full, too full, it seems sometimes. I like a verse sent me by Miss Clara Knutson, one of the newer members of the Tower City union; she did not say who wrote it:

"Christ never asks of us such busy labor
 As leaves no time for quiet resting at His feet;
 The waiting attitude of expectation
 He oftimes counts a service most complete."

This is the season of accidents, too; every issue of the paper tells of injuries and deaths. Drownings, car accidents, tractor accidents, keep happening in our own state. Many children suffer while playing. I know from experience how difficult it can be to keep an active child's play under constant supervision, but those responsible for them should try to check frequently. To me, there is a special tragedy in the death of a child from hanging or from suffocation, as happens at times. Then too, the thought of eight Grand Forks children left motherless after a car took the lives of their mothers and the driver, in late May, is a haunting thing, the sadder because of the possibility that liquor was in part responsible.

Hearings have been held in Washington, D. C., on both the Bryson Bill (H. F. 1227) and the Langer Bill (S. 3294). At present I have not heard what action either committee has taken in the matter. Letters to our representatives at Washington, and petitions are still needed, Miss Smart says. Have you thanked Senator Langer for introducing his bill in the Senate? It is the companion bill to the Bryson Bill, and gives another chance for a possible vote on this subject. It was interesting to me that when the hearings were held on the Bryson bill, and crowds of people went to hear what was said, our daily paper reported only what arguments were put forth by those who oppose the measure; evidently opposition to liquor advertising is not news!

In this issue, we have reports of most of the district conventions; I received such good reports, and wish they could be used in their entirety. We regret that the others have not come yet. It was my privilege to be in two of these meetings, and I was happy to receive greetings from some of the others. Thank you!

Have you asked your pastor to write and deliver that temperance sermon? My own says he is working on it. When you read this, the Primary election will be over. Did you go and vote? I hope that all our women will never fail to exercise their right to vote; it is a privilege that cost our older members too much for us to hold it lightly.

Our state convention is coming before long—at least it is my belief that it will come before we get all the things done that we should. Do see to it that your obligations are met, if possible—dues and budget, New Crusade Fund, to the state; list of officers for new year sent to the corresponding secretary; list of members to state treasurer. Do you look at Page 2 in the state report, to remind yourselves of things to remember? Let us not neglect our work because it is summer. Did you ever think of having a picnic for your white ribbon recruits of past years? One of our unions did that, I recall, and from it started a fine LTL.

May this be a happy summer for you all.

Cordially yours,

Elizabeth C. Beasley.

LET US PRAY

The Victories won by prayer,
 Ey prayer must still be held.
 The foe retreats—but only when
 By prayer he is compelled.
 Their fortune standeth sure,
 Unconquered they abide,
 Who plead the precious, saving blood
 Of Christ the Crucified.

Something happens when we pray,
 Powers of evil lose their sway;
 Sin, disease and fear give way;
 Therefore, let us pray!
 —The Harvester, Organ of Friends Mission
 of Guatemala, S. A.

Sent by Mrs. J. H. Mackley

Treasurer's Report

April 8 to June 15, 1954

DUES: Lydia Wanner (Jamestown) 6; Napoleon 2; Edgeley 2; Beach 2; Menoken 2; Lisbon 2; Oakes 1; New England 2; Dickinson 1; Ellendale 1; Minot 3; Bismarck 6.

BUDGET: Dickinson \$1.30; Bismarck \$6.00.

N. C. F.: Sawyer \$3.00; Cavalier \$16.00; Napoleon \$7.00; Gilby \$2.00; Lisbon \$3.00; Nekoma \$4.50; Watford City \$25.00; N. E. District \$10.00; Mott \$14.00; Dickinson \$1.00; Bismarck .50.

DISTRICT PLEDGE: Ransom-LaMoure \$25.00; Fargo District \$30.00; Grand Forks District \$25.00; Bismarck District \$25.00; N. E. District \$15.00; N. W. District \$20.00; Minot District \$25.00.

L. T. L.: Prosper 15; Dickinson 12; Northwood 6

WILLARD MEMORIAL: Jamestown, Lydia Wanner \$2.00.

LILLIAN STEVENS FUND: Jamestown, Lydia Wanner \$2.00.

LIGHT LINE UNIONS: Nekoma, Douglas; N. E. District; Larimore; Bismarck District.

BEACON LIGHT: Epworth Sunday School, Valley City.

DISTRICT CONVENTION OFFERINGS: James Valley District \$16.00; N. E. District \$25.00.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS: Life, Mrs. Anna Sox by Ransom-LaMoure District; Child, Stanford James Campbell by Mrs. Howard Kemis.

TOTAL PAID FOR STATE REPORT TO DATE: \$48.25.

In the March-April Bulletin, Grand Forks was credited with dues for 60 members. This should have read Frances Willard Union of Grand Forks. I apologize to Frances Willard Union for this error.

Mrs. Howard Kemis.

From The Corresponding Secretary

Dear White Ribboners:

July is the month of patriotic celebrations. We are remembering our heritage of freedom. Flags remind us of our duties as members of this commonwealth. Are we doing all that we can to keep our nation free and outstanding for God's plan?

Family picnics are in order, let's have that lady who has been undecided about joining WCTU sign the pledge; "80 MORE IN '54" is our goal; we hope to go past in membership, but it will take all our efforts.

Then come the lazy days of August when we relax from some of our summer duties. We need relaxation but remember the opponents do not slumber. In July the annual report blanks will be sent to each union. The seed has been shown; some fell on barren ground; some made a start but was choked out by weeds, of indifference, or pleasure and possible other worthwhile things. But good seed has been sown on fertile ground and been well nourished and we can report a good harvest. The reports are due in August or, this year, in early September.

I trust that many of you will be in Grand Forks, October 6, 7 and 8 for the state WCTU convention. The two local unions of Grand Forks are splendid hostesses. You will want to meet our special guest, Miss Ethel Riddle, National secretary of Y.T.C. You will enjoy her and her message of her work with the young people.

May God bless your efforts as you are closing the fiscal year and are planning for the September meeting. Our school work should begin with the school year for best interest.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. F. T. Brooks.

"THANKS, I DON'T USE IT"

When big Colonel McGadd
Mixed a drink for the lad,
Saying "It's all right to drink
If you don't abuse it"—
The handsome young lad
Very casually said,
"Thanks, I don't use it."

What a change has come;
Our young folks are not dumb,
And it makes us glad.
Wise to the liquor ad
Both lassie and lad
Quietly refuse it.

"Thanks, I don't use it."

—Jessamine S. Burgum, Arthur, N. D.

NOONTIDE HOUR OF PRAYER

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

GOD CARES

(1 Peter 5:7)

Trust God, it is enough He bears
Our throbbing, aching head upon His breast,
His love doth ever feel our cares,
And longs our troubled minds to rest.
Why probe the future? It is but a dream
We cannot fathom if we try our best;
We search and look and long and hope in vain,
Far, far beyond us still our foolish quest.

The past, thank God, is far behind us spent;
We dare not turn its well-thumbed pages o'er;
The present dawns, as new day only can.

Let's trust in God to make the future more;
Let's trust Him now e'en when we cannot trace;
Let's trust Him when the outlook seems quite black.
I dare not doubt my precious Friend so true,
Who never yet has let me know a lack.

Tho' house, tho' friends and loved ones all be gone,
My love for Him shall ever prove the same;
He loved me ere I even knew His voice;

He drew me, and He called me by His name.
Ah! what are house and lands and friends and wealth
Without the fellowship of Christ so dear?
Go pleasures, fortune, friendship, love and all—
Forbid me not His loving voice to hear.

—Author not given.

(Sent by Miss Clara A. Knutson, Tower City.)

THE LORD GOD PLANTED A GARDEN

The Lord God planted a garden
In the first white days of the world,
And He set there an angel warden
In a garment of light enfurled.

So near to the peace of Heaven,
That the hawk might nest with the wren,
For there in the cool of the even
God walked with the first of men.

And I dream that these garden-closes
With their shade and their sun-flecked sod
And their lillie and bowers of roses,
Were laid by the hand of God.

The kiss of the sun for pardon,
The song of the birds for mirth,
One is nearer God's heart in a garden
Than anywhere else on earth.

—Dorothy Frances Gurney, in Kansas' Our Messenger.

MY STATE

My State! I search in vain for words,
Her virtues to define,
But this I know, with heart aglow,
I love this State of mine.
My State! O, Father, shed Thy light
Upon this State of mine;
Win her to Thee that she may be
Not only mine but Thine!
Oh, may her laws be just and right,
Her people strong and fine;
May all her ways be righteous ways,
This dear Home State of Mine!

—Exchange.

HOW LONG AMERICA — HOW LONG? \$17,000 A Minute For Liquor

The American people are spending twice as much per minute for liquor as they are for religion, charitable and educational institutions.

That was one of the findings, released by the family economics bureau of the Northwestern Life Insurance Co. in Minneapolis.

The bureau says that based on the fact that there are 525,600 minutes in a year, the American people spend \$8,500 a minute for religious, school and charity work but spend \$17,000 a minute for alcoholic beverages.—The Spotlight.

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

NORTHWEST DISTRICT

The forty-first annual convention of the Northwest District WCTU was held May 4, 1954, in the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Wildrose, North Dakota. Mrs. M. L. Dordal, district president, led the meeting. The guest speaker was Mrs. F. T. Brooks, State corresponding secretary of the WCTU.

The meeting was opened with an organ prelude by Mrs. Art Olson of Wildrose. Reverend Leland led in Scripture reading and prayer after the audience had sung "This Is My Father's World." Mrs. Dordal led the flag salutes. The welcoming greeting was given by Mrs. Odell Moelling of the Wildrose union and the response by Mrs. Lorena Kingstad.

Routine business was conducted. Mrs. Brooks presided at the election of officers, which resulted in the re-election of all of the incumbents: President, Mrs. M. L. Dordal; vice-president, Mrs. Harry Johnson; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Henry Roen; recording secretary, Mrs. Lorena Kingstad; and treasurer; Mrs. Elsie Hart.

After the singing of a hymn by the audience, Mrs. Thomas Baillie conducted the memorial service. The following departed ones were remembered: Mrs. Hayden Williams and Mr. F. T. Brooks, daughter and husband of our guest speaker, Mr. L. E. Hennigar, Rev. Don Fish, Mrs. William Hamman, Mrs. H. H. Olson, Johnnie Skaar, Gordon Johnson, Andrew Johnson, Mrs. Jarvis Johnson and Mr. W. E. Gjesvold.

Mrs. Hennigar, Mrs. M. L. Dordal and Mrs. P. J. Foss spoke briefly on the international and national WCTU conventions which they attended in Vancouver, B. C., and Seattle, Washington.

Mrs. Henry Roen led in the noon-tide prayer. Luncheon was served by members of the Ladies Aid of the host church.

The afternoon session opened with the singing of a hymn and Scripture reading and prayer by Mrs. Jerry Johnson. Mrs. Olaf Erickson spoke on "Legislation—the Bryson Bill and Advertising" and a paper by Mrs. Carla Becken, "What Is Our WCTU Doing?" was read. Members of the Williston union presented the skit, "Diagnosis." Mrs. Jerry Johnson rendered a vocal solo.

Mrs. F. T. Brooks delivered a very interesting and inspiring address.

A group of young girls from Wildrose sang a song after which Mrs. Brooks conducted the White Ribbon Recruit service, assisted by Mrs. Harry Johnson. The following children were enrolled: Diana Jane Haukedahl, Carrie Lynne Gillund and Joan Carolyn Swenson.

After the offering, reports of the committees and resolutions, the meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. The group adjourned to the church parlors where the film, "Public Enemy Number One" was shown and a social hour was enjoyed with coffee served by the Ladies Aid.

MINOT DISTRICT

The annual convention of the Minot District was held at Parshall, May 14, in the auditorium of the Congregational Church. The convention was opened by the district president, Mrs. E. J. Huntley. The devotional service of the morning session was led by the Reverend Mr. Amel Whitwer, who also welcomed the convention. The response was given by Mrs. A. C. Christenson of Minot. The guest speaker, Mrs. Jacob Jacobsen of Mott, was introduced by Mrs. Huntley.

Five unions, Granville, Parshall, Douglas, Minot and Sawyer answered roll call and gave reports. Present were 35 members, three honorary members and two visitors.

Mrs. Truax of Minot conducted the memorial service for seven friends who had passed to their reward this past year.

Mrs. Zook of Minot conducted the devotions which opened the program of the afternoon. The skit, "I Would If I Could," was very ably given by the Douglas union and enjoyed by all. Mrs. Brooks of Minot gave a very informative talk on "What the WCTU Is Doing," and Mrs. Aarnes of Granville talked on "The Bryson Bill and Advertising."

Patty Jones and Ardis Huus of Parshall brought a very interesting skit followed by a reading by Lorie Huus. Mrs. Sandborg of Douglas gave a very excellent talk on "Will Our Children Forgive Us?"

Mrs. Brooks conducted the service for the White Ribbon Recruits with Mrs. Johnson tying the ribbons on eight little ones.

A poster contest was held at the convention with a good number of entrants and some excellent posters.

Mrs. Jacobsen brought us a very interesting account of her trip to both the National and the World Conventions. We were inspired to know we were part of so great an organization which stands for truth and right the world over.

A solo, "Star of the East," was sung by Mrs. Menholm

of Parshall. The convention decided to give twenty-five dollars to the State budget.

The closing song, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," was sung as all joined hands around the auditorium.

FARGO DISTRICT

The 63rd annual Fargo District WCTU convention was held in the new Methodist church at Arthur May 11, with the district president, Mrs. W. E. Bayley of Page, presiding. Delegates numbering 54 registered, representing all the unions in the District—Prosper, Page, Arthur and the two Fargo unions.

Morning and afternoon worship services were led respectively by Mrs. W. E. Bayley and Rev. Emory Roy.

The highlight of the all day session was Mrs. A. D. Ottinger's inspiring talk on "The Hope of the Nation," saying this hope lies in our young people, and each live local union is a center of moral and spiritual power. The idealism of women's thinking changes things. Following her address she gave a vivid description of her trip to the Holy Land last summer. A wonderful display of her souvenirs attracted much interest.

Reports were given from all the unions showing much activity and progress. The district voted to increase its pledge to the state organization.

Ten White Ribbon recruits were presented by their mothers in a lovely service conducted by Mrs. M. Gangness. Mrs. Ottinger tied on the white ribbons. Mrs. Rollo Winings was invited to tie the ribbons on her two grandchildren. Those dedicated were Robert, Janet and Cynthia Monroe of Amenia. John McConnell of Casselton, Donna Jean Swanson of Gardner, Marsha Baumgarten, Virginia Telken, Douglas Winings, Gregory Lako and Timothy Radcliffe of Arthur. Little Miss Elise Bettschen sang a solo. Mary and Jeanne Williams sang a duet.

At the Memorial Hour conducted by Mrs. Nellie A. Hicks tribute was paid to Mmes. Carl Arntson, Elmer Swartz and Victor Pehrsson of the Julia D. Nelson union in Fargo and to Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Warner of Page. Mrs. Robert Bettschen sang "Prayer Perfect."

Mrs. Clarinda Walker and Mrs. A. D. Ottinger of Valley City, accompanied by Mrs. Lloyd Williams, sang "It Is No Secret What God Can Do" following the afternoon worship service.

Miss Clara Lobben, state director of LTL, had a display of literature and exhibits, and spoke on the work of her department. Other subjects discussed were: Finance, Mrs. Landbloom; Flower Mission and Relief, Miss Grace Higgins; Natural Fruit Beverages, Mrs. Haibeck; Visual Education, Mrs. Winnings; Legislation, Mrs. Ottinger; White Ribbon Recruits, Mrs. Gangness.

District officers elected are: Mrs. Iver Fossum, Fargo, president; Mrs. Amil Lund, Fargo, vice-president; Mrs. W. E. Bayley, Page, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Rollo Winings, Arthur, recording secretary; Mrs. Chas. Hagman, Prosper, treasurer.

The W. S. C. S. of the host church served a good, hearty luncheon at noon. The Frances Willard union of Arthur served a lovely silver tea in the Fireside room at the close of the meeting with Mrs. W. E. Bayley and Mrs. J. A. Burghum pouring coffee and tea.

The district WCTU convention was the first meeting held in the new Methodist church, with the exception of regular church services, and many favorable comments were heard on the attractive interior, conveniences and artistic design of the building which will be dedicated in June.

The Frances Willard union thanks all those who gave their time, their work, their talents to making the district convention an outstanding success.

GRAND FORKS DISTRICT

The 44th annual convention of the Grand Forks District was held in the City Hall in Larimore June 1, 1954. Delegates were present from the Gilby, Frances Willard (Grand Forks), Northwood, Grand Forks and Larimore unions.

The convention was called to order at 9 A. M. by our district president, Mrs. Geo. S. Muir. There was assembly singing, the salute to the flag, the Crusade Hymn and the Crusade Psalm read in union.

Rev. Geo. Fitch led the worship service taking his theme from the 14th chapter of St. John. Mrs. Muir gave her report and a splendid address. Mrs. Beasley was made an honorary member of the convention. The District officers followed with their reports. These were followed by the local president's reports. Plans for the state convention at Grand Forks were discussed. This is tentatively set for October 6, 7, 8.

Mrs. S. J. Njaa of Northwood conducted the Memorial

service and Mrs. Ross Mutchler and Mrs. Oliver Bilden of Northwood sang "Behold a Host Arrayed in White" and "When Comes to the Weary a Blessed Relief."

Mrs. Urness of the Larimore union gave the address of welcome and Mrs. C. E. Aaker of Northwood responded. Mrs. Beasley said Grace and the Larimore union served a delicious luncheon.

The afternoon session convened at 1:15 with Devotions led by Rev. Hermanslie of Northwood. He took his theme from 1 Timothy, verses 11 and 12.

Election of officers was then held. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Arnold Olson (Larimore), president; Mrs. C. E. Aaker (Northwood), vice-president; Mrs. M. B. Bertheuson, Grand Forks (Frances Willard), recording secretary; Mrs. Parnel Bates (Larimore), treasurer. Mrs. Olson was introduced and Mrs. Muir told how she had enjoyed her work during her fourteen years as District President. Next a song, "Hold Thou My Hand," by Virginia Hendrickson of Larimore, accompanied by Mrs. Martin Johnson. Mrs. Darling conducted a symposium, "Making Our Opportunities Count"; Mrs. Olson talked on "The WCTU Dollar-Rock of Ages Women"; Mrs. Leonard Bilden on "Our Opportunities With Children"; Mrs. O. J. Swanson on "Our Opportunities in Temperance and Missions." A discussion followed.

Following the symposium, Karen Mundt and her brother of Larimore rendered a beautiful duet, "Concerto in A Minor." A White Ribbon Recruit service was held with Mrs. Beasley tying the white ribbon on the wrist of little Jadene Gilderhus. The audience sang "When He Cometh."

A Speech contest under the direction of Mrs. Hermanson, our state Speech director, was held. Five young people from Northwood took part and Wayne Halvorson received the Silver Medal. Mrs. Hermanson announced a Pearl Medal contest at the State Convention this fall. Two girls from Larimore furnished some special music.

Mrs. Beasley gave a very interesting address with much food for thought; she cited several reasons why we should continue with our work; she said the doctors are beginning to wake up to the dangers of alcohol and tobacco, and said 70% of the cases of coronary heart trouble are caused by tobacco. The Nekoma union, she said, is giving "Alcohol at the Wheel" to all their 1954 high school graduates. We will not quit till the liquor quits."

There were several prize winning posters shown from the Northwood school.

Resolutions were offered urging greater use of prayer and to put more thought and love into our fellowship with our youth, inspiring them to the highest ideals of life and service. Be it also resolved to call on all Christian people to assume their responsibility in this fight for righteousness and for the promotion of total abstinence for the individual and prohibition for our country. Our day closed with the benediction by Rev. Hermanslie.

Mrs. M. B. Bertheuson, Rec. Sec.

JAMES VALLEY DISTRICT

The 45th annual convention of the James Valley District WCTU was held in the Presbyterian church, Jamestown, April 23, 1954. Delegates from Tower City, Sanborn, Valley City and Jamestown were in attendance. The meeting opened at 9:30 with Mrs. E. G. Ranum, Valley City, presiding.

Miss Helen Stowell led in the salute to the flags. Mrs. Edgar Preston, Tower City, gave the Scripture reading and prayer, reading Romans 12. Mrs. John Schmitt, president of the local union, welcomed the delegates to Jamestown. Mrs. Marian Voorhees, Tower City, gave the response. Mrs. Tarno of Jamestown sang "It Was Love Sent the Savior," accompanied by Mrs. Ira Herzberg at the piano. Committees were appointed.

District officers and unions gave their reports which were accepted. They showed fine constructive work being done all the time.

The Nominating committee reported. There being no other renominations from the floor, the following officers were duly elected: President, Mrs. E. G. Ranum, Valley City; vice-president, Mrs. Marion Voorhees, Tower City; recording secretary, Mrs. H. G. Poulson, Jamestown; treasurer, Mrs. John Schmitt, Jamestown.

It was voted that we continue to send the Union Signal to Marie Heinmann, a missionary in the Belgian Congo by paying the \$7.75. This makes us a Beacon Light district.

Miss Helen Geisler, Mrs. Ranum and Miss Helen Stowell presented the skit "Old Mrs. I Would If I Could." Mrs. A. D. Ottinger, state president, was introduced and spoke briefly on some WCTU projects.

Mrs. Walter Sahr conducted the memorial service reading from Psalm 90 and Revelations 21:4. The names of the de-

parted members were: Mrs. Jay Gibson, Mrs. Pearl Krug, Mrs. Abe Eckel, Valley City; Mrs. P. W. Eddy, Mrs. Fred Wolfer, Jamestown; Mr. William Clard and Mr. Christian Knutson, honorary members, Tower City. Mrs. William Guymor of Jamestown sang "Whispering Hiope," accompanied by Mrs. Ida Herzberg at the piano. Lunch was served at 12:00 noon by the Presbyterian women.

The afternoon session opened at 1:15 with devotions led by Mrs. A. M. Miller, Jamestown. The convention joined in singing "Holy, Holy, Holy," after which Mrs. Miller spoke on the theme of "Finding God." If we care enough we can find God. Interruptions in our work may be an opportunity in disguise or God's voice telling us something we should know. Mrs. Ed Grosz and Mrs. Ole Berge sang a duet, "It Took a Miracle of Love," accompanied by Mrs. Ira Herzberg at the piano. Greetings were ordered sent to Mrs. Bordwell in Minnesota and Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson; and a note of thanks to Mr. George Berg for the lovely bouquet.

Mrs. A. D. Ottinger gave an address entitled "Are You Crusaders or Quitters." She told of a certain highway where 14,000 empty beer cans had been picked up by the maintenance crew. A certain hotel in Philadelphia is advertising free beer with meals instead of coffee and doing it under the guise of being a fine place to eat. But we will not be deterred from our purpose of serving God, home and family. They are slaves who will not choose the truth. She closed her address with a request not to be discouraged but to continue our work because we know God is on our side.

Mrs. Alex Burr gave a very fine talk on the new literature now available on Alcohol Education. Mrs. Aaron Boom, Valley City, told of her work with the Youth Temperance Council. Mrs. Ottinger sang "Precious Jewels" as Mrs. Ralph Kraft of Jamestown presented the White Ribbon Recruits. The following children were dedicated at the service: Richard 5, David 4, Steven 2, children of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Doer of Jamestown; Leroy 5, Ruth 2, children of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reather; Mary 4, Lois 2, children of Mr. and Mrs. Kraft, Jamestown. Mrs. H. G. Poulson read a letter from Governor Brunsdale regarding the program for juvenile care and safety.

Resolutions were adopted stressing the power of prayer, opposing liquor advertising, urging support for the Bryson Bill, emphasizing the importance of teaching total abstinence in Vacation Bible Schools as well as Sunday Schools, and expressing appreciation for the fine way the convention was entertained. An offering was taken. The meeting closed with the benediction and all joined in singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

The Jamestown union served fruit nectar and cookies.

Helen Stowell, Secretary.

NORTHEAST DISTRICT

The 64th annual convention of the Northeast District WCTU was held in the fine new Lutheran church at Grafton, May 14, 1954. Mrs. Benjamin Gorder of Grafton, the district president, called the meeting to order. "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee" was sung, and after the reading of the Crusade Psalm and prayer by Mrs. Frank Beasley, the flag salutes were led by Mrs. Elmer Anderson. The three beautiful flags, National, Christian and Temperance, stood on a table where all could see them.

After a beautiful vocal duet, "Dear Lord, Forgive," by Mrs. Ray Halcrow and Mrs. Will Morrison of Drayton, Mrs. Gorder introduced the guest speaker, our state president, Mrs. A. D. Ottinger, who gave a talk on "The Hope of the Nation." Beginning with a brief prayer, she emphasized the need for more prayers for our work. She gave information about many hopeful signs of progress, including the successful drive for new members, at Valley City, and quoted Evangeline Booth's arraignment of drink. Mrs. Sena Thompson gave a musical reading, "A Mothers' Love."

Reports from the unions at Drayton, Cavalier, Langdon, Grafton, Nekoma and Bowsmont showed that the work is progressing. The reports of the district officers and directors were good, and all business was taken care of promptly. It was a treat to hear Mrs. Ottinger sing "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross," after which Mrs. Beasley conducted the Memorial service. Names of those remembered were Mrs. D. M. Upham, Mrs. John Arman and Mrs. George E. Dike, all former members of the Grafton union; Mrs. Elizabeth Swensrude of the Edinburg union; Mrs. Will Atchison of the Hannah union, and Mrs. David Ford of Park River. After prayer, Miss Christine Gjevre of Nekoma played softly "In the Sweet By and By."

After a fine noon meal served in the dining room, the delegates examined a display of posters and literature there. Mrs. Ottinger's exhibit of the souvenirs and articles she ac-

quired on her trip to the Holy Land were shown in a room of the sanctuary, and were most interesting.

Rev. T. H. Megorden, pastor of the hostess church, led the devotional service in the afternoon. Again we had fine music: Ina and Sylvia Egeland played a saxophone duet, Marilyn Wralstad played a piano solo, Mrs. T. H. Megorden sang, and the Misses Gjevre from the Nekoma vicinity played a piano and organ duet, to give the program special enjoyment. Mrs. Ralph Dunn of Cavalier gave an excellent review of the leaflet "Is It Nothing To You?" The Rainbow Questionnaire proved that all the unions are doing important things; Nekoma took the banner, with one more point than the others.

Mrs. Ottinger's story of her trip to the Holy Land last summer, was greatly enjoyed, not only because of its religious significance, but for the vividness with which she presented it as well. Her husband, Dr. Ottinger, showed the colored pictures taken on the trip, after she finished speaking.

A White Ribbon Recruit service, conducted by Mrs. Chester Thompson of Grafton, was another pleasant feature of the afternoon. Before a table decorated with candles, flowers and a fine large picture of Christ and the children, the baby son of Pastor and Mrs. Megorden, Daniel Jonathon; the two little sons of Rev. and Mrs. Vanderpool, Daniel Dean and Timothy Alan; and little Linda Narveson were dedicated and promised temperance teaching by their parents.

Resolutions were adopted and greetings were arranged for some who were not there. "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" was sung, and Rev. Dale Vanderpool gave the closing prayer and benediction. All officers were re-elected with the exception of the treasurer. Mrs. John Evenson, who has served well for several years, asked to be excused, and Miss Christine Gjevre was named in her place. The officers are Mrs. Benj. Gorder, Grafton, president; Mrs. Clarke Johnson, Drayton, vice-president; Mrs. Bruce Watson, Cavalier, secretary; Miss Christine Gjevre, Nekoma, treasurer. A lunch was served by the Grafton ladies after the meeting.

About Time

One of the lines in which the Woman's Christian Temperance Union has worked during nearly the whole 80 years of its existence, has been to secure adequate instruction for school children about the danger to health of tobacco as well as alcohol. Even when state laws require such instruction, it may be ignored by teachers who smoke, and the example of teacher or parent carries more weight with a child than a short paragraph in a book.

In the past year, the possible connection between cigarette smoking and deaths from lung cancer, have been mentioned in the daily papers, and extensive research has been undertaken. In the past few days, the radio and newspapers have carried a report from the American Cancer Society that is disturbingly important to smokers. The findings of Dr. E. Cuyler Hammond and Dr. Dan E. Horn, director and assistant director of statistical research of the society, were given to the American Medical Association now, because they felt that they were too important to withhold till the research was complete, which will not be for some time.

Their studies, involving more than a hundred thousand men, indicate that cigarette smokers between the ages of 50 and 70 are almost twice as likely die of cancer and heart attacks as those who do not smoke. Heavy smokers are hit hardest. Deaths from heart attacks by men who smoked a pack-a-day were double those of non-smokers, in certain age groups. The figures are still preliminary, but they indicate that deaths from lung cancer are at least three times more common among cigarette smokers than non-smokers, and the rate may be much higher. The doctors urged parents to teach their children not to smoke.

June 13, the paper carried the story that an eleven-year-old Chicago boy who smokes cigarettes and drinks whisky at times, admits that he flipped a cigarette butt into some rubbish in a stair well. The resulting fire in the tenement building took the lives of seven, and injured nine others.

A Bismarck, N. D., hotel was damaged to the extent of fifty thousand dollars, 78 guests were forced to leave their rooms at 3 A. M., some having to be carried down ladders, when a bed caught fire from a lighted cigarette. The man responsible was arrested. Fortunately, no one was killed. Such stories can be duplicated frequently, which concern loss of life and property from fires caused by careless smokers.

It should be a great help in the fight against cancer and heart disease, if people will take this warning by the medical profession seriously. These doctors who reported, have stopped smoking; all doctors should do likewise, for their example has great influence. We are informed that the American Medical Association has discontinued all advertising of liquor

and tobacco in its publications, which is consistent. We commend them for this action. If all doctors would join in the effort to teach the children that the cigarette is a definite menace to their health in years ahead, as well as when they are growing up, what a difference it would make! We think it is about time they did.—E. C. B.

HELPS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

August 15, 1954

LESSON LEAFLET FOR ALL DEPTS.

"Self-Discipline For Growth"—

75c per 100, 40c per 50; 2c each

PRIMARY HELPS

With Your Child Over Mountain Trails—

75c per 100; 40c per 50; 2c each

JUNIOR HELPS

Tobacco Tryout— 50c per 100; 30c per 50; 2c each

Prominent Abstainers—35c per 100; 20c per 50; 2c each

INTERMEDIATE-SENIOR

How To Say No— 35c per 100; 20c per 50; 2c each

These Troublesome Triplets— 75c per 100; 40c per 50; 2c each

Strip Film, "He Ran a Race".....\$2.25

YOUNG PEOPLE-ADULT

Why I Believe In Total Abstinence—

75c per 100; 40c per 50; 2c each

What Shall It Profit a Man?—

50c per 100; 30c per 50; 2c each

National WCTU Publishing House
Evanston, Illinois

THE UNION SIGNAL

Temperance Semi-Monthly

Containing instructive, inspiring and informative material for all thinking citizens.

Color is beautifully used on the cover, and to emphasize special facts and features.

If you are not already a subscriber,

ORDER TODAY!

Two Dollars a Year

With **THE YOUNG CRUSADER**, both
for \$2.35 a year.

THE UNION SIGNAL

Evanston, Illinois

THE YOUNG CRUSADER

Children's Temperance — Monthly

Helps Mother

Teacher

LTL Leader

make more permanent the work of the
W. C. T. U.

It presents Loyal Temperance Legion plans and
programs

aids Bible study

provides stories and poems

offers handicraft projects

Only Fifty Cents a Year

With **THE UNION SIGNAL**, both for
\$2.35 a year.

ORDER TODAY

THE YOUNG CRUSADER

1730 Chicago Avenue
Evanston, Illinois