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A Clean Page

The snow had fallen softly, deep and white,
Through windless hours of a December night,
And morning showed, as wreaths of smoke up curled,
Unmarked, untracked, a stainless new white world;
But soon the tracks of busy working men,
Wrote stories in the snow, as with a pen.

The New Year gives a page, unstained and white
To every one of us; what shall we write?

—Elizabeth C. Beasley.

President's Letter

A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches,
and loving favor rather than silver and gold. Prov. 22:1.

Dear Workers,

It was good to see so many of you at our State Convention in Jamestown. Thanks for your letters. To you who were not there and who may not have read the Convention address, may we repeat what our National President told us in Atlanta, "If you do not support your state treasury, you are killing the goose that laid the golden egg." "A penny a day to keep liquor away" from each member is our slogan for this year. The penny a day is gladly given for God's work by our members who know the need and He blesses our prayers and the Truth; the truth and prayer are the two weapons which the liquor traffic does not have and cannot use. It gives us courage and strength to know that these are our exclusive weapons.

Mrs. Hays recommends that each State WCTU adopt Mother's Day 1957 as the Concentration Goal for organization of new unions, also membership gains. Please pray for new unions in Carrington, New Rockford, Velva, Cando, Riverdale, Newton, Casselton, Wahpeton, Medina, Wimbledo, Belfield and any other place that comes to your mind. We have already done some ground work in Carrington. If by May 27th, we have five new unions, National will pay a round trip coach fare to Madison, Wis., for a member from our state. Let's work for it.

Our former Ellendale District President, Mrs. Chester Molm, is now teaching in Belfield and we feel certain that she and Mrs. Olsrud of Beach will organize a union in Belfield. Please pray for it. Mrs. Inez Minard of Oakes is the President of the Ellendale District now. Mrs. Minard has already helped me by a long distance telephone call.

A heartfelt thanks to each of you who responded to my request for names of your friends in towns where we hope to organize. Please send me a card giving the name, as well as writing a note to your friend, one you feel will help us in this big task. "The power behind us is greater than the task before us." Be sure and remember that. Our watchwords: Pray and legislate, pray and educate, pray and agitate, pray and organize. Always remember to pray first and then work as though it all depended on you.

We are grateful to Miss Helen Stowell, Mrs. Maryann Tucker and Mrs. Elsie Noltmier who spent the day with me in Carrington, representing the Congregational, Catholic and Lutheran Churches. We all had dinner at the Federated Church sale and met ladies from all the churches there. They invited us to return on a date to be set later.

Mr. Will Young of Drayton sends a letter of thanks and encouragement. He finds the Convention address inspirational, also Bessie Beasley's article which quotes Mr. Barard Larson. He plans to cut a stencil of paragraphs five and six and send them to the twenty Superintendents of Sunday schools in Pembina county. He is the Director of Temperance Education of the Interchurch Council.

My husband and I have just returned from a second funeral of relatives in Two Harbors, Minn. The first one was last August for Richard Gauche, 26 years of age, killed when struck by a car driven by a teenager. Yesterday we returned from Richard's mother's funeral in Two Harbors, her death hastened by the shock of losing her son. We learned now that the brother of the teenage driver made a written state-

IN WINTER

God gave us hills,
White hills in the moonlight;
And lacy gray shadows
That quiver and run;
And light, fluffy snowflakes
That sift in the dusklight,
To a world veiled in stillness
As night is begun.
God gave us waters,
Ice-bound and frozen;
God gave us little white
Tracks in the snow;
And little, fat sparrows
That sleep in the church-tops;
And bells that peal out
To the stillness below.

—The Ansgar Lutheran.

Reprinted from The Bond.

ment that his brother was under the influence of alcoholic beverages when driving, when Richard, alone in his car, was killed, and also the two boys in the other car. None of our tears can bring them back but we can help eradicate the evil. Richard's mother, Mrs. Paul Gauche, was a Willard member of our union. She praised our work when here on her brief visits, and wished she were able to do more to help us.

Five drops of alcohol to one thousand drops of blood in the blood stream are fatal.

Seventy out of a hundred alcoholics started drinking during their teenage.

One out of every nine drinkers becomes an alcoholic or a habitual heavy drinker.

Total abstinence is the only guarantee against alcoholism. Cause of alcoholism—consuming of alcohol.

Cure or prevention of alcoholism—total abstinence.

—A. C. Ivy, Ph.D., M.D., D.Sc., LL.D., Professor of Physiology, Head of Dept. of Clinical Science, University of Illinois.

There is an article from "Tap and Tavern," Aug. 6, 1956, which I hope we have room to print in this issue. It is about our legislative work in 1956. It was printed in the Denver "Messenger" with "Now who's scared?" at the end of the article.

A man of distinction speaks: "The liquor traffic is a cancer in society, eating out its vitals and threatening destruction, and all attempts to regulate it will aggravate the evil. There must be no attempt to regulate the cancer; it must be eradicated, not a root must be left behind, for until this is done, all classes must continue in danger of becoming victims of strong drink."—Abraham Lincoln.

Remember that we must "be able to withstand the evil day, and having done all, to stand." Ephesians 6:13.

Blessings,

Ruth Ottinger.

EVERLASTINGLY DOING

(Author Unknown)

"How does the corn bear its golden ears?"

It keeps everlastingly growing.

How does the earth move round the sun?"

It keeps everlastingly going.

How do the miners gather our gold?"

They keep everlastingly mining.

How does the sun warm this dreary old world?"

It keeps everlastingly shining.

Thus shall we accomplish our heart's desire—

Thus capture the prize we're pursuing.

If we fix our eyes on the goal just beyond,

And keep everlastingly doing."

—Home Guards.

Notes From the Unions

The Prosper union met at the home of Mrs. Chas. Hagman in September, with Mrs. Steve Hagman assisting hostess. They had election of officers, in which all officers of the previous year were retained. Visitors were present. They made plans for the work for the ensuing year, both for the program and the department work, and arranged for their Speech contestants to go to the state convention to take part. A period of Bible study was held, and the new members were given white ribbon pins. The October meeting was held at the home of their student pastor, Mr. Arnold Johnson, with Mrs. Melvin Gangnes helping. At this meeting voting was discussed, and the attitude of candidates toward liquor was learned. They plan to make posters for us in churches and schools, and also to emphasize the department of Spiritual Life in their church schools.

The Grand Forks union met with Mrs. Bessie M. Darling November 9; she reports a very good attendance and a good meeting. Mrs. Ernest Kirk led devotions, and Mrs. Emily Gunnell offered prayer. Mrs. Darling told about the state convention, and all present joined in giving reasons for thankfulness this year. There was a fine response to the November roll call for dues.

The November meeting of the Minot union was held at the home of Mrs. C. F. Truax, with Mrs. C. A. Zook and Mrs. N. O. Nelson as hostesses. Those who attended the state convention gave reports, and all enjoyed the afternoon together.

The ladies of the Beach WCTU entertained their husbands and the teachers of the high school and grade school at a dinner November 13 at the Congregational church, of which Rev. Pruitt is pastor. Rev. Lee Birdsall gave the table prayer, and Rev. Marvin Buck led group singing, with Miss Phyllis Bakke as accompanist. The welcome was given by Mrs. Joe Zinsli, Mrs. M. Buck and Miss Abrahamson sang a duet, and the local president, Mrs. Chas. Slocomb, gave a reading, "Our First Prohibitionist." Mrs. O. L. Olsrud gave a talk on "America's No. 1 Problem," and Mrs. Obert Peterson gave a statistical ribbon demonstration, "On This Foundation." Mrs. R. T. Pruitt showed slides and gave a very interesting account of her recent trip to the Soviet Union and Europe as a member of a group sponsored by the Congregational churches.

The Watford City WCTU held a public meeting the evening of November 27th, at which the following program was given: Chorus singing, led by Mrs. Davidson; devotions led by Rev. Davidson; prayer by Rev. Ydstie; film, "A Day in Court;" solo, "I Will Pilot Thee," sung by Mrs. Norstog; film, "The Choice Is Yours;" skit, "Bible Light on Temperance," given by nine little girls from five different churches; film, "Drunken Driving;" sermonette on Temperance by Mrs. Helle; closing prayer by Rev. Davidson. After the meeting, doughnuts and coffee were served to 100 people. We are glad to have the account of this good meeting from Mrs. Agnes Bond; perhaps some more unions will be able to do the same kind of thing. "Pray and Educate," as our song goes, is of first importance in our work.

The Northwood LTL has resumed its work again for this year, with the aid of some of the teachers of the school. An opening party was given for old and new members December 7th after school. Members of the Northwood union contributed toward a Christmas gift for the two local girl missionaries who are serving at the Navajo Indian Reservation at Rock Point, Arizona. This union planned to give a program at the Swarstad Chapel, and serve supper to the residents of the Old People's Home and Hospital during the holiday season.

Personal Mention

An interesting letter from Mrs. Phillip Stolberg of Mandan, our state director of the department of Temperance and Missions, says that she is teaching a rural school ten miles north of Mandan. Their children are scattered, one in Texas, one in California, one in Oregon and two in Alaska, but the mothers of their five grandchildren brought them home to see Mr. and Mrs. Stolberg last summer, which helped. They attended a Stolberg family reunion at Racine, Wis., last July, at which all nine brothers and sisters were together, and visited in Iowa also. The Stolbergs both teach Bible classes at the State Training School, take some of the young people there to church with them, and Mr. Stolberg is on the Youth

for Christ board. We thank them for all these worthwhile things that they are doing.

We regret that Mrs. F. A. Landblom of Fargo, whom we gladly welcome back to North Dakota, suffered a fall in October which resulted in a broken arm for her. We hope that she has recovered fully by this time.

Mrs. C. F. Truax, our Radio and TV Lady, kindly sent in the bulletin for the Sunday when the cornerstone was laid for the new building that her church, the Presbyterian, has under construction. Mrs. Truax helped assemble the contents of the cornerstone, presenting a picture of the present church. She also sent us a very good newspaper picture of herself, with her arms full of toys, ready to "baby-sit" on election day so that housewives could go to the polls and vote. The Minot WCTU joined with others in offering this service that day.

Mrs. F. T. Brooks made a trip to Parshall, November 7, when she had been invited to attend a buffet dinner that the union there gave for the teachers. It was arranged for her to go the day before, riding with some other people who were driving there. The roads were very bad, it was stormy, and not long after they left the pavement, the car was stalled in the snow. With the help of some of those in the car, and some young men who came along, they got out of the drift and returned to Minot. By the next day the roads were cleared to some extent, and they made the trip without trouble, arriving at Parshall in time for a fine chicken supper. She gave a talk to the teachers, on Scientific Temperance Instruction, and showed some of the helps available. Such educational work cannot fail to be of help; we know she gave a good talk.

Mrs. H. J. Empie of Oakes wrote of her regret that she was unable to attend the state convention or to continue as director of the department of Institutes; she was grateful to be remembered with greetings, in her absence. She reported that Mrs. Ottinger gave a talk and showed her Holy Land pictures in Oakes soon after the state convention, at a meeting sponsored by the young adult group of their church, and that all enjoyed it and many hoped that she would come again.

The name of little Stewart Michael Kemis, who was made a Child Honorary member at the state convention by his adoring grandmother, Mrs. Howard Kemis, was somehow omitted from the convention story, to the great regret of the secretary. The complete list this year to date, appears in this issue. Note that Mrs. Mae Brudevold also has thus honored Mark Andrew Shelton.

Mrs. T. H. Ferber of Oakes writes cheerfully of her enjoyment of the programs of Radio Station KFNW, of Fargo. Though her health is not all we wish for her, our Sara lives alone except for help once a week. She wishes she could see one of the calendars of which Mrs. Ottinger spoke in her annual address; calendars with religious pictures upon them, which are put out by liquor-selling establishments. She says, "I really would like to have one, to augment my "private lectures." She never forgets to use all opportunities to help the temperance cause in every way she can, and encourages all of us.

Mrs. Obert Peterson, an active member of the Beach WCTU and who was a delegate to the Jamestown convention, is the mother of ten children. The youngest is five years of age. Good for Mrs. Peterson! May we have more busy women who feel our work is important!

Rev. and Mrs. O. L. Olsrud of Beach attended the wedding of their son Harold at Lambert, Minn., November 24. Harold is a public accountant in Minneapolis, Minn. The two other sons and three daughters of the Rev. and Mrs. Olsrud were all present and had a part in the wedding. We are glad to hear of the marriage of this fine young man, and wish for him and his bride a long and happy life together.

Our state president is continually called upon to "rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep." Dr. and Mrs. Ottinger were called to Minnesota the second week in December to attend the funeral of Mrs. Paul Gauche, who was a Willard member of the N. D. WCTU. She was the wife of a cousin of Dr. Ottinger, and had visited at their home some months ago, with her husband and a son. The loss of another son, who was killed in a car accident last August, was a deep sorrow to all the family.

It takes 50 cents in actual cost to reach a child for Christ, whereas, it takes \$1,000.00 to reach a man on Skid Row.

Rule No. 1: To prevent alcoholism NEVER take the first glass.

Power of Purpose

Mrs. Glenn G. Hays of Evanston, Ill., president of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, in her presidential address here at Atlanta, Ga., urged a mass movement of good citizens to "help eradicate new and growing drink-created blights in new areas of society."

Mrs. Hays, addressing the organization's 82nd annual convention, declared that the new problems call for new plans of action.

"While the drink issues which caused the organization of the WCTU remain grave, unchanged and continuing," Mrs. Hays said, "the new ones are the result of current, insufficiently challenged practices."

She said the "growing drink blights" to which she referred have become national threats in the last decade, and include:

- 1—Traffic fatalities and injuries due to drinking;
- 2—The growing number of women alcoholics, and
- 3—Drink created juvenile delinquency.

Mrs. Hays charged that "these conditions have arisen under a back-drop of unrestricted advertising in which the alcohol traffic has been permitted to promote drink and drinking."

"Predatory strength of the liquor traffic, today," Mrs. Hays said, "is our issue. This strength results largely from traffic's self-assumed security against restrictive legislation, and its leaders have defied congress to impose restriction."

The speaker declared that human failure rather than mechanical failure is the important factor in traffic accidents, and cited National Safety Council reports showing that motor accidents in which a driver had been drinking increased from 20 per 100 to 22 per 100 in the last year.

She urged more states to legislatively adopt the use of chemical tests to detect drinking drivers, and said that Virginia recently became the 22nd state to do so. Driver lessons in high schools, she added, will be worthwhile if they do no more than impress youngsters that they cannot drink and drive.

"In contrast with the days when women were out of place in the saloon," Mrs. Hays said, "women alcoholics are an increasing problem. The number of women alcoholics has increased from 870 per 100,000 population in 1940 to more than 1,320 per 100,000 presently.

"The number of male drinkers is reported to have increased 41 percent in the last 15 years and the number of women drinkers 96 percent. This is the result of a deliberate campaign by the drink makers to promote home drinking."

Mrs. Hays declared that increasing juvenile delinquency of today is an appalling part of the alcohol problem; that today's delinquent "carries a knife and is more often than not the product of parents who 'do not care' in a home where 'beer belongs'."

"No one will be able to tell you," Mrs. Hays added, "what percent of delinquents, juvenile or otherwise, come from drinking parents, but there is an ominous interlocking between delinquents and drink in our law enforcement records.

"All this, and drink associated juvenile murders, too, exist while the brewers' spokesmen claim that there is no cause-and-effect relationship between drinking and juvenile delinquency."

Mrs. Hays said that the alcoholic beverage traffic is increasingly "bragging about its growing strength, presently," but declared that WCTU workers have the advantage of "power of purpose" (the subject of her talk) to eliminate the new drink-created conditions.

She declared that the church remains the most outspoken opponent of the liquor traffic because of the conditions that alcoholic beverages create.

Miss Riddle's Request

(The National YTC Secretary, Miss Ethel Riddle, asks to have the subscription blank below in our paper. We gladly print it and hope it will be used. Editor.)

Youth Temperance Council,
1730 Chicago Avenue,
Evanston, Illinois.

Enclosed is 35c. Please send the YTC Bulletin for one year to:

Name

Street and number.....

City..... State.....

Contest For Young Mothers

Topic—I believe in Total Abstinence for Every Home.

Article—Write article not to exceed 500 words. This is to be based on scientific facts concerning the effects of beverage alcohol on the human body, on character and society. The winning article will be published in the Union Signal.

Judging—This will be based on reader interest, subject matter, composition and factual material concerning beverage alcohol and its effects.

Awards—Three awards of \$10.00 each (ten dollars) will be given by National Child Welfare Department to the three winning contestants.

State Contests—We suggest state awards be given in preliminary contests. We also suggest that state winner read article at state convention and that it be printed in the state WCTU paper. We believe publicity should be given this project.

Time Element—We urge plans for contests be sent all Unions in January and that contestants be required to send entries to state director by September 15th. We ask state directors to send results and copies of the entries to national director not later than October 15th but preferably by October 1st.

Reason for Contest—Our prayer is that through the writing of these articles more young parents may obtain a realization of the true nature of beverage alcohol and its effects and resolve to keep it out of their homes—using their influence to this and among their friends.

—National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Child Welfare Department, Ethel Bliss Baker, Director.

CHILD HONORARY MEMBERS RECEIVED AT CONVENTION

Bruce Lindsay Poulson, given by Mrs. Poulson.
Mark Andrew Shelton, given by Mrs. Mae Brudevold.
Darrell Floyd Brudevold, given by Mrs. Mae Brudevold.
Donald Bruce Miller, given by Mrs. Beasley.
Susan Marie Herzberg, given by Mrs. J. E. Herzberg.
Keith Everett Huntley, given by Mrs. Huntley.
Dale Jason Huntley, given by Mrs. Huntley.
Mary Louise Ottinger, given by Mrs. Ottinger.
David Douglas Steen, given by Mrs. Ottinger.
Mary Elizabeth Dickson, given by Mrs. W. G. Dickson.
Ginnie Lorraine Barlow, given by Mrs. J. A. Youngman.
Robin Noel Wills, given by Mrs. Elsie Hart.
Philip Jonathan Campbell, given by Mrs. Kemis.
Stewart Michael Kemis, given by Mrs. Kemis.
Loren Dosland Wright, given by Gertie and Clara Lobben.

WILLARD MEMBERS

Dear Willard and WCTU Members:

A Blessed and Happy New Year! Our new year for the WCTU has begun, and as November is our dues-paying month I have written to all Willard members who responded to my request to send their dues in to the state treasurer last year. Thank you!

Several of my letters were returned to me because of insufficient address, some dear members had passed away, others moved out of our state. We are very happy that those who sent in their dues realize how very important our work for temperance has become; the liquor interests are constantly trying to increase their forces by various means. The Willard dues, and prayers of consecrated Christian women will help our cause very much. In prayer we have a wonderful weapon for our organization, and no matter how near the sunset of life we may be, we can still pray. I am asking each of you faithful Willard members to continue in prayer for our great cause; we know that Right must eventually triumph. Most sincerely,

Martha W. Nelson, Willard Secretary.

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Brooks, Corresponding Secretary.

A Word To The Wise

Dear Friends:

This is a grey day, here in Illinois, where I am visiting at the home of my sister. It has been rainy and foggy for several days, interfering with travel, especially by plane. This morning's paper reports that one large airport in Chicago was closed all day, and another at three o'clock yesterday afternoon, as the fog was too dense for plane travel. Cars along the lake shore and other routes were moving, bumper to bumper, at ten or fifteen miles per hour; perhaps the number of accidents will be lessened.

My sister and I have been having a wonderful visit; she is a good deal better than she was when I arrived. She is able to attend church in the morning now, and we went to the December meeting of the Woman's Fellowship, had a fine pot-luck lunch and heard a delightful program of music. I have enjoyed meeting a number of friends whom I knew here as a girl.

The annual reports of the N. D. WCTU are being mimeographed this year; we hope they will be ready to send out soon after Christmas. Mrs. Kemis, our state treasurer, has very kindly taken the material to the firm that is doing the work, for me. When I was reading and arranging the reports of departments, the face of each director came before me, and I thought how much we owe to these fine women who give their time to this work. Mrs. George Campbell of Minot has served as a state director for many years; I do not remember just how long, and I do not have my file of state reports here, so I cannot look it up. Mrs. Campbell is having trouble with her eyesight, and felt that she could not continue to serve as director. We thank her for her long service, and hope that her sight may improve. Mrs. Axel Olson of Parshall is taking her place. It was necessary to cut all department reports, to some extent; I hope the directors will not mind. May God bless the efforts of all of them, this year; our department work is highly important, and one can never know just how far it reaches. I was much impressed with the report of a remark made by one of the young people who took part in a speech contest; he said "I didn't win the medal, but I believe every word that I said."

The methods of the liquor interests to induce people to buy their products cover a wide territory. I have been noticing how often the pages for women, in the Chicago paper that comes here, refer in some way to the use of liquor, making it sound attractive. Recipes for Christmas cookery included brandy cakes, wine cookies, and similar things. How much is spent to promote the sale of beverage alcohol, and how little, comparatively, to help people to know the truth about this great destroyer!

Congress will soon be in session again; will you write to our men who represent us in Washington, D. C., and urge them to help get the liquor advertising stopped? That is important; just lately I talked with a mother of young children, who was distressed about the beer advertising on TV with the songs and pictures that her little boys enjoyed. Keep track of what goes on at Bismarck, too, in our N. D. legislature. Speaking of advertising—are you doing your share to advertise our work, by wearing a white ribbon or pin on your coat, where people can see it, on the street? There is no easier way to give publicity to our cause. Mrs. Norman Swanson, who sends us the news of what the fine Prosper union is doing, told of children in her Sunday School class who asked her the meaning of the white ribbon she wears. Such a fine opportunity this was, to explain the relationship of total abstinence to faith in Christ and consequent Christian behavior; she gladly told them about it. Maybe you will have a similar chance.

My husband has driven here in the car, and we plan to go on farther south very soon, where it is warmer. I am not sure what our address will be, but mail will be forwarded to me, so keep on writing me about what you are doing. It will be 1957 when you read this, and we will 'turn over a new leaf' on the calendar, and perhaps in the things we do. If you make resolutions, make one to send more news for our paper! Miss Swartzback, who is editor of the Maryland White Ribbon Herald, quotes some lines from a poem about

"Turning the leaf when the New Year dawns—" and what is written on the new leaf.

"It's writing that counts in the book of life,
It's the message you pen each day;
It's whether the page be rosy-hued
Or touched with a sullen gray;
It's what we may teach as we humbly write, and
And what we, please God, may learn;
What really counts, as a new year dawns,
Is what comes after the turn!"

Your friend,

Elizabeth C. Beasley.

Treasurer's Report

October 15 to December 15, 1956

DUES: New England 8, Napoleon 12, Steele 16, Bismarck 3, McKenzie 10, Grand Forks 26, Northwood 5, West Fairview 12, Minot 28, Julia D. Nelson (Fargo) 70, Oakes 20, Crosby 14, Tower City 11, Sheldon 4, Fargo 47, Lydia Wanner (Jamestown) 14, Edinburg 9, Larimore 30, Cavalier 33, Prosper 21, Edgeley 22.

BUDGET: Fargo \$51.00; Steele \$16.00; Bismarck \$3.00; West Fairview \$12.00; Minot \$40.00; Julia D. Nelson (Fargo) \$35.00; Drayton \$3.00; Tower City \$12.00; Sheldon \$1.20; Lydia Wanner (Jamestown) \$14.00; Edinburg \$9.00; Larimore \$30.00; Cavalier \$33.00; Prosper \$35.70; Edgeley \$22.00.

CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP CRUSADE: New England \$2.00; Bismarck \$.75; Grand Forks \$6.75; Minot \$10.00; Julia D. Nelson \$15.50; Mrs. Mabel Jordre \$1.00; Tower City \$3.00; Lydia Wanner \$3.00; Larimore \$7.50; Cavalier \$8.25.

WILLARD MEMBERS: \$11.00.

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LIFE: Mrs. Benjamin Gorder, Mrs. Oscar Moen, Mrs. Alfreda Classon.

CONTINUING: Mrs. Laura Brooks.

MEMORIAL: August Hanson, Martin Jones, Mrs. Christ Sydness, Att. Christian G. Dosland; O. G. Adsero; Att. Peter Garberg; Mrs. Inga Baldwin; Mrs. Ray McCain; Mrs. Fred G. Knealand, Gust Steen, Mrs. Nels Peterson.

CHILD: Bruce Lindsay Poulson, Donald Bruce Miller, Susan Marie Hersberg, Ruth Everett Huntley, Dale Jason Huntley, Mary Louise Ottinger, David Douglas Steen, Mary Elizabeth Dickson, Ginnie Loraine Barlow, Robin Noel Wells, Stewart Michael Kemis, Philip Jonathan Campbell, Loren Dosland Wright.

LIGHT LINE UNIONS: Napoleon.

CONVENTION OFFERING: \$91.46.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION: \$90.00.

WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN FUND: Northwood \$10.00; Napoleon \$2.00; Larimore \$2.00; Cavalier \$10.00.

GIFTS: Cavalier \$15.00; Oakes W.S.C.S. \$20.00; Heron Lake, Minn., Methodist Church \$13.58.

MEMORIALS: Mrs. Ottinger \$5.00 in memory of Mrs. Paul Gache. Larimore union \$2.00 in memory of Mrs. Mollie Paulson.

MISSIONS: Larimore \$8.00.

Mrs. Howard Kemis.

From The Corresponding Secretary

Dear White Ribboners:

When you read this, the busy happy days of Christmas will be gone. We have listened to carols, enjoyed the "Messiah" and all of the choirs, choruses and others over the radio and on television. We have participated in the many celebrations of the Christ Child's birth and have enjoyed, with the children, giving and receiving.

The new year is beginning and many have made resolutions for 1957. We will remember the work of the WCTU. It is time to plan for and obtain, now, new members. We would work early in the year. Mrs. Tooze, our new National WCTU Corresponding secretary, says, "There is no substitute for membership, the local union and the local member, the unit of power and the life line of district, state, national, and world organizations."

Our recent record of Safety on the Highway in December was not good. Moderation does not work. We are con-

stantly reminded that there can be no alcoholism without alcohol. We will pursue our purpose of total abstinence.

North Dakota WCTU has the following films: The Vicious Circle; Public Enemy No. 1: The Choice Is Yours; Any Boy—U. S. A.; It's the Brain That Counts; What About Alcohol? You may have any of these, if you will ask ahead, that you may not be disappointed in date. The rental is \$1.00, which helps pay for repair. Slide films are also available at no cost. You will find these listed in the catalog.

At the close of the fiscal year, you will be asked, "How many Rock of Ages" members do you have? These are they who pay "a penny a day to keep liquor away." Regular dues are \$1.00. Rock of Ages members pay \$2.65 more. This helps with funds, etc., and other expense of the work.

Shall we put first things first this year? May it be a prosperous and happy one, with good health for each one.

With love,

Mrs. F. T. Brooks.

TWENTY-FIVE WORDS

This is a day and age when twenty-five words may win you a car, a freezer, a trip to the tropics, or a year's supply of soap chips.

"Here's all you have to do," the announcer says. "Finish this sentence in twenty-five words . . . or less . . . mail your entry together with one box top from the large economy size package, and who knows, you may be the lucky winner."

You may be, of course. Your chances, however, are pretty slim.

But here's one sentence of twenty-five words which has been bringing the best, the finest, the richest, and the most enduring rewards to mankind down through the years.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

This is the Gospel in a nutshell. It has blessed and brightened and beautified life and living for millions and millions of people. It can do the same for you today, this very hour, this very moment.—The War Cry.

PRAYER AND POWER

No answer comes to those who pray,

Then idly stand

And wait for stones to roll away

At God's command.

He will not break the binding cords

Upon us laid,

If we depend on pleading words

And will not aid.

When hands are idle, words are vain

To move the stone;

An aiding angel would disdain

To work alone;

But he who prayeth and is strong

In faith and deed,

And toileth earnestly, ere long

He will succeed.

—The Alabama Baptist.

Reprinted from Md. White Ribbon Herald.

ARE YOU IN EARNEST?

Seize this very minute!

What you can do, or dream you can, begin it;

Boldness has genius, power, and magic in it;

Only engage, and then the mind grows heated;

Begin, and then the work will be completed.

—Goethe—N. Y. Temperance Work.

TODAY

This day I pray God give me strength anew

To do the task I may not want to do,

To yield obedience, not asking why;

To love and own the truth and scorn the lie.

To look a cold world bravely in the face,

To cheer for those who pass me in the race,

To bear my burdens gaily, unafraid,

To lend a hand to those that need my aid,

To measure what I am by what I give—

God give me strength that I may rightly live.

—Arthur Guiterman.

Reprinted from Alabama White Ribbon.

Department of Institutes

CHILD WELFARE

Dear Co-worker:

The memories of our state convention remain with me, and the renewing of old friendships is always a pleasure; but now we must face the new year and there is still much to be accomplished.

I would urge that every union follow these plans for this department:

Every union appoint a local director who will keep an accurate record of all local white ribbon recruits from year to year.

Hold at least one dedication service this year.

Send names of all white ribbon recruits—date of birth including year, parents' name and address to state director immediately after dedication service.

Secure at least one new member for the local union through this department. It is an ideal way to interest young mothers.

Co-operate with other worthwhile organizations who are interested in promoting child welfare work.

Teach the necessity of total abstinence from the use of beverage alcohol and other harmful narcotics in maintaining Christian homes. Spiritual and moral training are as essential as good health habits in the life of a child and will do much to safeguard the paths of little feet.

Devote at least one meeting to this department with a good speaker—a playlet or a panel discussion on the subject of child welfare.

Have a Christmas or May Day party for all white ribbon recruits and their mothers. Combine it with Loyal Temperance Legion Party and let the children put on the program.

When promotion certificates are issued to graduates or children who have reached their sixth birthday, efforts should be made to organize a Loyal Temperance Legion so they can be enrolled at once. Please see that each child receives his or her promotion certificate.

Realizing the large percentage of unchurched homes, let us endeavor to interest parents in church membership and urge that they accompany their children to church and Sunday School.

Please read rules for the contest conducted by our National Director of Child Welfare, Mrs. Ethel Bliss Baker. You will find them in this issue of our paper. Let North Dakota have a part in this contest this year. Yours in service,

Bessie M. Darling, Director.

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HEALTH, MEDICAL, TEMPERANCE, CHARACTER EDUCATION

Dear Friends:

I have a different department this year: the department of Health and Medical Temperance, combined with Character Education. I will mail the plan of work to each union as soon as I can after I receive the list of presidents or directors, and their addresses.

Please take the plans to at least one meeting and read them carefully, so that each member will understand the work; then you can decide what you can do. I realize that small unions can not work all the departments, but you can do something. There are leaflets as cheap as 50 for 20 cents. Please order several and give to the school children. Most teachers would be happy to have interesting material that would appeal to the children. Maybe some of the teachers would put on a 15 to 30 minute program some Friday afternoon and invite the parents. The children might write stories and make posters.

Be sure to report at the end of the year, and also, please pray for me. I wish you all a very happy year of hard work and accomplishment. Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. R. A. Salter, Director.

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SPEECH CONTESTS

I am sending Plan of Work for Speech Contests, and other helpful leaflets now; in addition to the plan of work. Read them carefully and save them for future use. Do start planning for Speech Contests, using methods best suited to your own community.

If we work hard, by state convention time we shall have the required number of winners for one or more contests. Let us try very hard, and may I hear from many. I shall be looking for the little certificates. Thank you, and God bless you. "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver." Proverbs 25:11.

Mrs. H. O. Hermanson, Director.

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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS FOR PEACE

"A city that is not of God, the watchman watcheth in vain."

This department aims for us to use our influence, though slight, about freedom from war; to attract to the temperance cause well informed and spiritually minded women; to add interest to our programs and to grow in grace through pursuit of a lofty ideal.

For this department we could have a peace pageant, public meetings, distribution of departmental literature, articles against compulsory military training, and letters to Congressmen protesting against such compulsion. We could send food and clothing to war-torn areas.

Some interesting United Nations material is obtainable from 144 Constitution Ave. N. E., Washington, D. C.; and some about Conscientious Objectors from 2006 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Pa. These would make interesting discussion for a meeting. The department recommends the following books: Gregg's "Power of Non-Violence," "The Dagger and the Cross," "Wake Up or Blow Up," "The New Testament Basis of Pacifism," and "The Christian Response to Atomic Crisis."

Could we have at least one Peace meeting this year? Watch for current articles and radio broadcasts. "Humble yourselves therefore in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up."

Mrs. Axel Olson, Director.

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SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE INSTRUCTION

Dear Co-workers:

The first thing each Union should try to do is to get a director of Scientific Temperance Instruction. That, Dr. Moore, our national director, places first in her Plan of Work. According to our reports we had only six last year, but someone has been doing some good work as we had a good report. So if you do not have a director read this letter to your members and let them see the suggested leaflets and all can help.

Another thing she suggests is to set aside a fund so that there will be material available. Then read the rest of the Plan of Work and look at the questions for the Annual Report and see how much you can add to it.

The book this year is "High School Hurdles." It is a compilation of the material that appeals most to the middle teenagers taken from the following books: "It's Smarter Not To Drink," "Alcohol and Accidents," "Alcohol at the Wheel," "Alcohol and Lawlessness," "What About Smoking," and "The 'Dope' on Dope."

A good leaflet is "Smoking . . . And Then . . ." I think if we could get the high school pupils to see the evils of smoking they might not start the bad habit. Another one is "Modern Habits That Ruin Health." This has only pictures, so appeals to the eye and must be seen.

The leaflet "The Teacher and the Narcotic Problem" has a little mix-up of lines in the first paragraph. I think the suggestion for teachers "Some Things You Can Do" are very good. There is much food for thought in the entire leaflet.

"How Miss Jean Taught Temperance" is a detailed but simple account of how one elementary teacher used an accident as a basis for a project in safety. Through clippings brought to school and questions to parents and other adults, the children came to their own conclusions about the relationship of alcohol to accidents. The leaflet "Benjamin Franklin's Experience with Beer in the Printing Shop" is from his own story of his life. It shows the effect of beer on the physical strength, and also of the expense. The last paragraph on "Temperance" brings out some good points on "What Temperance Can Do."

The new film "What About Alcohol" is very good. Let's try to use our visual material more, but order early, from Mrs. F. T. Brooks, 903 5th Avenue N. E., Minot.

Best wishes for a successful year.

Sincerely yours,

Clara H. Lobben, Director.

The Answers

(The following skit was presented at the recent state convention by Mrs. R. A. Salter, who prepared it, assisted by Mrs. Leonard Bilden, who asked the question. Use for your March meeting. May it help you to secure subscriptions. It could be condensed, if wished.—Editor.)

Pastor—I am a pastor; where can I find helps? Where can I find additional material for a sermon I plan to preach about "Redemption Through Christ"?

Answer—In every Union Signal there are helps for any and all sermons. For your sermon, you will find on page 4 of the August 25 number, a short article on the "Secret of Serenity" that is very fine. This article will prove a blessing to all who read it.

Housewife—I am a busy Housewife; I like to have some reading I can pick up to refresh my mind and spirit as I snatch an occasional five minutes to relax between jobs.

Answer—The Union Signal is what you need; it has short articles and lovely poems.

Teacher—I am a teacher. Where can I get authentic news articles about alcohol and tobacco?

Answer—The Union Signal is what you want, and besides these, the "Washington Letter" page is especially valuable to teach children about law-making and Congressional committees.

Member—I am a WCTU member; where can I get program material?

Answer—The Union Signal is the best source.

Club Woman—I am a club woman; where can I get material on social problems?

Answer—Every issue of the Union Signal has information that will be helpful.

Member—I am a WCTU member; I was unable to attend the National convention. How can I get some good from that great meeting?

Answer—Several issues of the Union Signal, following the National convention, carry some of the speeches in full and excerpts from others. They will give you information and inspiration.

Temperance Speaker—I am a temperance speaker; where can I get authentic, concise and complete statistics on the liquor problem?

Answer—In the Union Signal, in the column called "The States Face the Liquor Problem," written by Mr. Squires, Research Counsel for the National WCTU.

Woman—I am a "Status of Women" director in our church society. Where can I get articles about outstanding women for our scrap book?

Answer—Nearly every issue of the Union Signal will have one or more articles that are just what you want.

Church Worker—I am a church worker in several departments; I do not have time to read many magazines. Is there one magazine that will be valuable to me?

Answer—Yes, the Union Signal will be a great help.

Student—I am a high school student; I have 10 minutes to get to school and must have an authentic news item of current interest.

Answer—Take this Union Signal from the morning mail; it will have several news items of latest interest.

Student—Where can I get theme material on social problems that interest us?

Answer—In the Union Signal.

Doctor—I am a doctor; what has the Union Signal for me?

Answer—In the Union Signal are printed quotations from the most famous physicians and surgeons in the world. They tell of the danger of using alcohol for medicine, and the relation of alcohol and tobacco to disease.

Member—I am a WCTU member; how can I learn about our work in other countries?

Answer—Read the Union Signal!

Member—I am a member. People ask me what the Woman's Christian Temperance Union does. Where can I get information?

Answer—In the Union Signal and Young Crusader. You can no more tell what you don't know than you can "come back from where you ain't been."

Question—If I am a policeman, a lawyer, a merchant, a farmer, a business man, a truck driver, does the Union Signal have anything for me?

Answer—Yes, of course. It has articles about the effects of alcohol and tobacco, and about drugs that are sedatives and stimulants that are dangerous in any type of work.

Man or Woman—Where can I find good reading, no matter what I am?

Answer—In the Union Signal.

Grandmother—I am a grandmother. What can I give my grandchildren that will please boys and girls up to ten or twelve years old?

Answer—The Young Crusader is what you want. The children love the stories. The truth is presented with simplicity and interest.

YTC Member—I am a YTC member; where can I get devotional material?

Answer—In the Union Signal, on the page written for you.

Child—I am a child. I want a magazine of my own.

Answer—The Young Crusader is written just for children.

Teacher—I am a teacher; I want nature and health stories.

Answer—Both are in the Young Crusader. "Scamp," the squirrel is a real live pet.

Sunday School Teacher—I am a Sunday School teacher; I want stories of interest that are character building.

Answer—Look in the Young Crusader.

Mother—I am a mother. Where can I get interesting stories for my children, that teach the evils of alcohol and tobacco?

Answer—In the Young Crusader.

Mother—I am a mother. Where can I get stories that will inspire my children to be helpful and obedient?

Answer—In the Young Crusader.

Father—I am a father. Where can I get good interesting stories for children?

Answer—In the Young Crusader.

Question—We who are parents, teachers, friends, relatives of children, ask, what does the Young Crusader have for us?

Answer—Fact and fiction stories, games, poems and prayers that children love. The material in the Young Crusader is carefully and prayerfully selected.

Leader—I am an LTL leader. Where can I get program material?

Answer—In the Young Crusader.

Member—I am a WCTU member. Why is it important for me to take the Union Signal?

Answer—It is your only source of National and World WCTU news. It contains material for programs and devotions. It is interesting and informative; every statement has been checked several times for accuracy. All the articles are carefully selected for interest and information.

Member—I am a WCTU member; I wanted to go to the National convention, but did not know where it was to be held or when. Even if I had known that much, I knew nothing about the hotels in that city.

Answer—Several months before conventions, the Union Signals contain all the information any member could use.

Member—I am a WCTU member, but I am tied down at home. What can I do to help?

Answer—Read the Union Signal; study Miss Smart's Washington Letter and write to members of Congress as she requests.

The Union Signal is the light of knowledge after the darkness of ignorance; it is inspiration after depression of spirit; it is encouragement after feelings of futility; it is clarity after confusion. It is challenge, it is the truth, it is attractive. It is the tie that binds the members together, but if we do not continue to support our publications, they cannot continue to be published. That would be a death blow to the WCTU, and a cause for rejoicing for the liquor interests.

SPIRITUAL LIFE DEPARTMENT

The Spiritual Life Department is not just another department of our organization, it is the department upon which all of our work depends, and I would urge each member to dedicate herself to prayer this year in behalf of the work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. We need a time of prayer and meditation in our meetings, but more important are the daily prayers of the individual members that we may be made alert to the opportunities that come to us as Christian women.

The Union Signal gives a significant place in its pages for this part of our work.—its suggestions will be helpful.

"Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts." Zech. 4:6.

Mrs. Iver Fossum, State Director.

RADIO AND TELEVISION

Dear WCTU Members:

The theme: "Go, set a watchman; let him declare what he seeth."

Radio and TV have become the main source of family entertainment and information, so members of the WCTU will act as "watchmen," declaring what they see and hear. Are the programs we hear and see educational, uplifting, and good entertainment for our children? The hearing and seeing of these programs mold the thoughts of our families today and affect the character and behavior of our citizens of tomorrow; the thinking of the whole nation is influenced by what they see and hear on the Radio and TV. Let us encourage parents to give more attention to the kind of programs the children are absorbing.

Our National Director, Mrs. Reum, tells us: "Declare what you see and hear to those who can help the situation. Your church, the Parent-Teacher's Association, the Federated Woman's Club, or any organization that is interested in child welfare. With their help you can persuade the stations to furnish good wholesome fare for the children." In the Plan of Work she also said, "One more thing we can do is pray. Pray for the success and growth of our WCTU broadcasts, for the elimination of objectionable programs and advertising, for general improvement in the quality of programs seen and heard on Radio and Television." Let us do these things.

Mrs. C. F. Truax, Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF INSTITUTES

Did you conduct an Institute last year? If so, was it worth your while? Did you meet the standard of the National Director of Institutes? Did you send her a complete report?

A letter including leaflets on how to conduct a successful institute has gone to each Union and District President in the state. Why not plan to have a District Institute this year. It would bring to your Union an exchange of ideas and activities which is always helpful.

May the coming year be for you a year of real satisfaction in the progress you have achieved.

Mrs. Iver Fossum, State Director of Institutes.

PARLIAMENTARY LAW

Dear WCTU Members:

Greetings and best wishes for 1957.

Our department is doing excellent work. Let the good work go on. Emma Arnold, our National Director, writes: "Make room for the new material, a packet bargain is offered at ten cents. From these leaflets I will prepare the quiz. Order packet from National. See catalog. These are the numbers, 1310, 2733, 2732, 2731, 2723 and 1031. Ask women to order packet and make a scrap-book for ready reference."

Success to you,

Elsie Hart, Director.

Helps For

Jan. 27 Sunday School Lesson

"NEEDS THAT JESUS MEETS"

Lesson leaflet for all departments—

90c per 100; 50c per 50; 10c singly

Primary

Health Brigade.....60c per 100; 35c per 50; 10c singly

Junior

Quizzer Quiz.....60c per 100; 35c per 50; 10c singly

Intermediate

Modern Habits That Ruin Health—

\$7.50 per 1,000; \$1 per 100; 75c per 50; 10c singly

Bible Pledge Sticker.....25c per 100

Young People-Adult

Alcoholism . . . a Habit . . . a Disease—

\$1.25 per 100; 65c per 50; 10c singly

Alcoholism Is One "Sickness" Still Rampant—

60c per 100; 35c per 50; 10c singly

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WHAT DOES IT MATTER

It matters little where I was born,
Or if my parents were rich or poor;
Whether they shrunk at the cold world's scorn.
Or walked in the pride of wealth secure.
But whether I live an honest man
And hold my integrity firm in my clutch—
I tell you, brother, as plain as I can,
It matters much.

—Noah Barker.

TWO THINGS YOU CAN DO

When a member says she is going to resign or will not join the WCTU because she cannot do anything, tell her every-one can do two things:

1. She can wear her white bow at all times. What an influence she may have by just doing this one thing.

2. She can keep the trusting hour and pray to her Lord every day at noon for the work of the WCTU.

We can all do these two things, and if we do these conscientiously we can't help but do more. When we pray for something every day of course we will work to help our prayers come true.

Alcohol in the radiator Helps the car along;
Alcohol in the operator Makes the car go wrong.

Studing thousands of liquor advertisements in these 24 years of Repeal. their general purpose boils down to one of three things: (1) Start non-drinkers to drinking; (2) Turn moderate drinkers into immoderate drinkers; (3) Give the alcoholic stimulus to drink all he can buy. THERE WAS NO LIQUOR ADVERTISING PERMITTED DURING THE PROHIBITION PERIOD 1920-1933.

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