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"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH"

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THANKSGIVING GRACE

By Dudley J. Dunning

We thank thee, Father, for this day,
And for the feast it brings;
For all the mercies we enjoy,
For harvests and for springs.
With humble hearts we ask thy grace,
Be with us now in prayer;
May all the blessings of our land
Be scattered everywhere.
Bless hungry, sad, downtrodden souls,
Wherever they may be.
Make want and poverty to pass
In lands beyond the sea.
And grant, O God, right shall prevail,
That wars come not again.
Guide leaders' minds to serve mankind,
Through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

President's Address

THE STORY STILL GROWS

This is our 72nd Convention. It was in the year 1891 that the Grand Forks Union was host to their first state convention. Eight years later, in 1899, this body of Christian women banded together for the protection of the home, the abolition of the liquor traffic and the triumph of Christ's golden rule in the customs of the people and the laws of the land, again entertained the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. From then until now, in years 1905, 1910, 1919, 1927, 1936, 1947, 1954, Grand Forks invited the group to convene here. It was nine years ago that you elected me state president, and seven years ago that the Convention in the Methodist church here was opened by using this olive wood gavel purchased in Bethlehem the previous June on a tour of the Holy Land. The years since have been busy and rewarding.

We greatly appreciate the privilege of meeting here in Grand Forks, the site of our State University. It is fitting that our Convention is in the Presbyterian church, since in 1873, in a Presbyterian church, Dio Lewis, a doctor, spoke in Hillsboro, Ohio. Dio's father was a drunkard and he remembered his mother's suffering because of it. He begged the women in the church to meet and pray and do something about this traffic. At the next meeting 70 were present. They prayed and read the 146th Psalm, sang hymns and went out two by two, to the saloons in Hillsboro; with their prayers they closed the saloons. Women in surrounding towns, caught the fervor, went out and did the same and their saloons closed. In the winter of 1873 to the late spring of 1874, in 255 towns in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, the saloons closed their doors because of praying bands of women. It is known as "The Whirlwind of the Lord."

Up in Evanston, Illinois, a young man by the name of Oliver Willard was editing a daily paper and carried the story on the front page about this praying band of women. His sister, Frances Willard, was Dean of Women of a female college. One night at a prayer meeting a woman said to Miss Willard, "Miss Willard, I think God is calling you apart to take these kneeling women off their knees, put a slogan in their mouths and send them out to fight the liquor traffic." Miss Willard had a widowed mother to support and her



Mrs. A. D. Ottinger

teaching salary was used for this. On her desk at that time was a contract from a New York University offering her \$2,400 to teach a year in this University, a marvelous salary for a woman in that day. But in her autobiography, Miss Willard says she couldn't get away from those words, "God is calling you apart." She struggled with it for several days and finally she knelt and prayed, "Lord, let's settle it." It seemed to her the room was lighted and she heard a voice saying, "Trust the Lord and Thou shalt be fed." and she knew at once that she had won the battle but who would take care of her widowed mother? Miss Willard started out walking the next day and organized women until eventually some woman undergirded her with expenses and a small salary. But Miss Willard never again, even as National President, had a salary of \$2,400. If she had signed the contract and gone to New York to teach, we possibly would have heard of her as one of the finest teachers, but today more monuments are erected around the world to Frances Willard than to any other human being with the exception of Abraham Lincoln. Miss Willard died at 58 years of age from overwork and anemia. She traveled three times around the world and organized 50 of the 70 nations now affiliated with the World Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

We are glad that we are an interdenominational group and that we are non-sectarian. We believe that the words of our beloved organizer, Frances Willard, are as true today as the day she uttered the words, "The liquor traffic would destroy the church if it could, the church could destroy the liquor traffic if it would." The power of Jesus Christ is greater than the power of evil. The churches in action, working together, can accomplish the impossible. All things are possible with God.

North Dakota is still the envy of many states because of our initiated measure, the Liquor-Food Divorcement Law, Senate bill 285. We were able again, thru another legislative session, to keep this law and

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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS—(Continued)

we are grateful. With God's help we will continue to keep it. We are a community of churches which, under God, is meant to overcome principalities and powers. North Dakota had prohibition 31 years before the 18th Amendment was enacted; for 13 years it was in force and for three years after that, 47 years in all. Nearly half a century and we are proud of it. North Dakota never voted to repeal the 18th Amendment. We know that the finished product of the brewers art undermines health and destroys happiness in our homes. We deplore the establishment of a brewery in North Dakota. We are not proud of this industry which degrades the consumer of its product and causes untold misery and suffering in the homes. It deprives the little children of milk. Three billion, 295 million dollars are spent for milk annually, and eleven billion, 220 million for liquor.

There was strong opposition to the proposal of a brewery in Bismarck, North Dakota. The Christian population is against it. Hundreds of protests went to the men who were behind it, in various parts of our state. But there have been other times when it seemed as if moral force was defeated; when Christ was crucified, but then there was the Resurrection, the acceptance of Christianity, Christian martyrs died in Roman arenas. We, who made the trip there, held devotions in the Coliseum in Rome and saw where the Christians were thrown to the lions for just professing their Christianity. "If my people which are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face, then will I hear from Heaven and forgive their sin and heal their land." II Chronicles 7:14.

Last June we held our third Y.T.C. Camp with 65 students and five teachers in attendance at the Bible Camp at Cooperstown. Teachers from Minneapolis and Fergus Falls came to help us. We were thrilled again with the results of our labors. The pledges signed by the young girls and boys assured us that much had been accomplished. We wish to thank each and every one who helped by sending donations to these worthy young people. We feel that these citizens of tomorrow need this girding of temperance teaching to help them thru the days ahead. They need the total abstinence program for no total abstainer ever became an alcoholic. Here are some of the benefits of prohibition that could still be ours;

Health improved; a decrease in the death rate. A million lives were saved! Economic conditions improved; The country's wage account increased eight billion dollars in 1920-1925. More and better homes; The sale of small homes tripled. They were better furnished, children were better clothed. More Food: Milk consumption increased 6 hundred million gallons. Crime Decrease: Many jails were closed. Keeley Cures went out of business. Drunkenness decreased 500,000 per year. Alcoholic insanity was reduced 66% in the first three years. Deaths from alcoholism decreased 3,300 per year. Drinking in Colleges: The poll indicated a decrease in drinking by youth at large, and 233 college presidents reported improvement. Besides all this, bootlegging could have been squelched with strict enforcement. Communistic influence could have been eliminated. Taxes would have been much less. Delinquency and crime would have been almost out-moded and immoral chaos on TV and radio unheard of. The above are just some of the benefits of prohibition that could still be ours. The ones who speak against it must weigh this and realize how much worse conditions are today than during prohibition years. They must not idly repeat what they "heard" without studying the facts. Remember that "Vice is a monster of such

frightful mien, which to be hated needs but to be seen, but seen too oft, familiar with her face, we first endure, then pity, then embrace." We believe that the bottle is deadlier than the bullet. We believe that alcohol-caused casualties maim more than bullets.

Americans who defended their country in both World Wars and the Korean action will suffer more casualties by the year 2,000 from alcoholic beverages than they received from disease and at the hands of their foreign enemies, the Germans, Japanese, Italians, Koreans, Chinese and others. The bottle is proving to be more deadly than the bullet. This prediction is made by the American Business Men's Research Foundation of Chicago upon the basis of a new Veteran's Administration report on treatment of veterans for alcoholism and alcohol psychosis for the period 1849-1958, and from other data. Too often, it seems, the oldsters are largely responsible for the juvenile delinquency.

Dr. Caradine Hooton writes, "The most decisive issue before the American people today is the quality of the moral response they will make to the problems they face. One of these problems, and related to many others, is social drinking. This is a malignancy which tends to destroy personal as well as national freedom. If we are not willing, as a people, to accept a certain discipline, to rediscover the real purpose and direction of our existence, we shall not be free. Our nation, under God, will not survive half drunk and half sober." And I ask you again as your State President of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, how can our nation survive half drunk, and half sober?

Many years ago Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick said, "The liquor traffic is for everything we are against, and against everything we are for. At the heart of the Christian conscience there is the conviction that the liquor traffic and the Christian gospel stand for two diverse and contradictory conceptions of personal and social life." Abraham Lincoln said, "The liquor traffic is a cancer in society, eating out its vitals and threatening destruction. There must be no attempt to regulate the cancer, it must be eradicated, not a root left behind, for until this is done, all classes must continue in danger of becoming victims of strong drink."

Surely, if Christian women realize how much we need their help, they would be banded together with the "drys" of the nation. There are one third more alcohol outlets than churches in America and five times the amount of money that is given to churches is spent for alcoholic beverages. American families spend \$1.30 on liquor for every dollar spent for milk! Now for the first time in history, brewers are sponsoring every major league baseball team on radio and TV. Alcohol advertisers spend four hundred million dollars for time and space alone. Thirty three brewers and distillers rank among the top 100 outdoor advertisers. As a so-called public service, some dealers furnish calendars with the picture of Christ or the Last Supper, with the name and address of the local liquor store prominently printed below.

Our local Iota Sigma union, newly organized in Valley City, made posters showing that one out of three is a woman. In Los Angeles more persons are arrested for drunkenness than for any other offense. For every dollar collected in liquor taxes, some areas are spending \$8.00 in handling alcoholics. Do you stand by and murmur faintly, "too bad," or "nothing I can do" when the American people spend 11 billion dollars annually to bring about the conditions listed above?

Our Educational program in the schools is of vital importance. In the Capitol in Washington a record is kept of how many members the WCTU has. They use

this as a yardstick to determine the attitude of America against the liquor traffic. We have been called the Conscience of America. Such an honor, such a responsibility! Liquor forces watch our numbers and draw conclusions. They write about us in their journals. They blame us for certain investigations, legislation and laws that make it harder for them. They are against us. They fear us. They know we are a well organized group of Christian women, with able leaders, and a membership that knows how to pray! So let us advance. Even if you cannot attend meetings, you can stand up and be counted. You can increase the numbers recorded in Washington. You can help win others. With a million members we can get any legislation we want! Let us work for victory, God is our great leader and with Him, all things are possible.

Frances Willard was haunted by the words of the woman in the church who, placing her hand on her shoulder, said, "God is calling you apart." Could it not be for such a time as this that "God is calling you apart?"
—Ruth Cooper Ottinger (Mrs. A. D.)

President's Recommendations

DOORS WIDE OPEN

"A great door and effectual is opened unto you, and there are many adversaries." I Cor. 16:8. Frances Willard said, "We have no more need to be afraid of the step just ahead, than we have to be afraid of the one just behind us." A great challenge offers itself this year as we step to the wide open door, ready to take that step ahead. Move out now through the—

DOOR OF SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS: A mad rush of affairs engulfs us. We get mired down in and with things. I recommend we begin the day with God, that the quieting, deepening, strengthening, sustaining power of the Holy Spirit may surround and empower us individually for the daily tasks. We urge the observance of the trysting hour at noon, that the sweet incense of prayer may continually ascend to the Heavenly Father in behalf of our cause.

DOOR OF SOCIAL FREEDOM: We stress the winning of freedom from the social tyranny of alcohol drinking customs and removal of the social obligations to serve or use it. We need to bring our social drinking customs into line with modern inventions, high speed traffic, and intelligent behavior. I recommend that the WCTU seek the cooperation of all church groups and work to:

1. Make available to the public more information as to the value of the Natural Fruit Beverages.
2. Distribute recipes for blending and preparation of Fruit Drinks suitable for various occasions.
3. Promote demonstrations to show how attractively fruit drinks can be prepared and served. Such demonstration will help prove that alcoholic beverages are NOT needed to lend beauty and charm to any social function.

DOOR OF MEMBERSHIP: The foundation of the work is the consecrated individual woman. It is, therefore, recommended that this year, and especially during MEMBERSHIP WEEK, November 12-19, 1961, that a carefully planned effort be made to secure the renewal of the membership of every woman who ever belonged to the WCTU as well as enlisting new members. **DOUBLE DO IN '62!** Membership in the WCTU is the yardstick by which DRY sentiment is measured in our country.

DOOR OF LOCAL UNIONS: The local union is the important unit of power. The program of the WCTU is second to none in the temperance field. Many do not realize the wide scope of the organization and

its program. I recommend the continuance of the **DIVIDE TO MULTIPLY** plan, that each member and each union may be conversant with the State and National plans, and the leadership informed and aggressive. With the Lord's help, the program will not be delayed in accomplishment. Each and all will have the opportunity to go through the door at least once a year to participate in the local union program. The WCTU is like a ponderous machine in its activities. If one part does not function, the whole is hindered. Divide responsibility and multiply activity.

DOOR OF YOUTH: We would continue placing stress on the promotion of the Youth's Temperance Council and Loyal Temperance Legion for greater increase in organizations. I recommend that a strong program of instruction in Alcohol and other Narcotics be set up in the Council meetings, Legion meetings, and camp programs.

I also recommend increased effort in behalf of **YOUTH TEMPERANCE EDUCATION WEEK**, April 8-12, 1962. Let the YTC take the lead, backed by the WCTU, to ever widen the field of endeavor.

DOOR OF EDUCATION: Emphasis on the Scientific Instruction Program must continue. We must not relax any educational endeavor to reach the public with the facts regarding alcohol. I recommend that local unions purchase sets of the graded school packets and present them to the school authorities in each community, that the teachers may have the opportunity to peruse content of the same and be able to order intelligently the materials needed to help in their teaching of this subject.

DOOR OF OFFICIAL PAPERS: Information of vital importance is compiled and disseminated through the pages of our Official Papers, **The Union Signal** and **The Young Crusader**. Many who need this enlightenment are not obtaining it because we have not introduced them to the source of such information. I recommend a ten per cent increase in the circulation of both papers in the coming year.

Carlyle said, "Our grand business is not to see what lies in the distance, but to do what lies clearly at hand." The foregoing recommendations when considered and approved by the Executive Committee and adopted by the State Convention, constitute our work sheet for the year and are to be considered as a solemn obligation to be carried into effect in the year 1961-62, to the best of our ability and with the help of the Lord. **DOORS OPEN WIDE** for all who push.

Mrs. Fred J. Tooze Mrs. A. D. Ottinger
President National WCTU. President N. D. WCTU.

The Hettinger union reports their meeting held August 15 in the basement of the Methodist church, where the coolness was appreciated that very warm day. The 23 women present, representing five of the six Churches in which they have members, enjoyed the films "The Choice is Yours" and "Fact or Fancy." Officers elected at this meeting for the ensuing year are: President, Mrs. Vera Vander Ploeg; V. P., Mrs. E. W. Brandt; Secretary, Mrs. Grace Olson; Treasurer, Mrs. Bertina Olson. Members of this union have done good work in enlisting new members, as Mrs. Helmine Kvanvig and Mrs. Vander Ploeg each won six. Mrs. E. W. Brandt three, and Mrs. Linfred Konkler and Mrs. E. C. Thomas each secured one. The union provides **The Union Signal** and **Young Crusader** for seven local churches, to be used in their church groups, Sunday Schools and the parsonage. What fine interdenominational fellowship they are able to enjoy! We are grateful to Mrs. Vander Ploeg for reporting to us.

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Mrs. J. J. Rue, a long time member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, celebrated her 95th birthday anniversary at her home in Bismarck with her family and friends on September 20, 1961. The American War Mothers entertained Mrs. Rue at a birthday party on their meeting date, Sept. 19. Congratulations!

A Word To The Wise

Dear Friends:

It is approaching the end of October as I write; the harvest of baled straw, and whole stacks of hay being moved behind a tractor are every day sights on our country roads. The flowers are gone except for a few brave little pansies, and some sheltered chrysanthmums that have survived the frosts. The trees that were gloriously bright with their golden leaves two weeks ago, now are bare, but their traceries of twigs and branches against the sky have a beauty of their own.

Our state convention is over, and you will find something about it in this issue, but one has to be there to get the inspiration from it. The young people on Youth Night gave us that; a climax to the rest of the meeting. For one like myself, who has attended many state conventions, thoughts of absent ones came often. Greetings were sent to a number of them, a special card with a number of written messages from her friends going to Mrs. H. E. Mielke, Honorary President. Each delegate had a special souvenir, in a copy of a song, the words for which were written by Mrs. Ottinger. The music was a gift from her friend, Mrs. Amy V. Anderson of San Diego, Calif., whose son Paul had written the music before his death in his early twenties. Mrs. Anderson is a Willard member of the N. D. WCTU.

High school carnivals are with us again, and we hear of the sale of 'chances' on something, in violation of the state law. We hope that the education our young people are receiving will help them to become good citizens; surely to encourage any form of gambling is not the right way to do that. It was interesting to note in a recent newspaper, that county and state officials in Kentucky are giving 'knockout blows' to gambling in the city of Newport, Ky., where syndicate-controlled crime and vice have been rampant for some time. The paper said "If Newport is reformed, major credit must go to the ministerial association, whose members have preached against local vice for a frustrating decade."

The latest issue of The Union Signal - Oct. 28 - carries a plea from the president of the World's WCTU, included on the President's Page. Mrs. Tooze says:

A letter just received from Miss Isabel McCorkindale, president of the World's WCTU, is headed, "The International Crisis a Call to Prayer." The officers of the world's WCTU are deeply concerned at the seriousness of the international situation, and the awful consequences that would follow the outbreak of hostilities. They realize that there is not time to consult the national unions and so take the responsibility for sending out a call to prayer to White Ribboners in all lands.

"Let us pray for the leaders of all nations, and for their advisers that they may be saved from making decisions based on misunderstanding and in a spirit of hate and ill will; that the love of humanity may prove stronger than the love of power; that Christian nations may help to create an atmosphere of tolerance, patience and good will, making it possible for the Spirit of God to influence those in whose hands rests the destiny of the human race."

Let us all heed this request; it is one of the important things we should DO, for surely all mankind needs wisdom now that is only to be given from Above.

When I write to you again, it will be just before the Christmas holidays. May it be a happy season for all of you. How much I hope that the constant advertising of liquor as a suitable gift for Christmas, may not cause unhappiness in any of 'our' homes. We must continue our efforts to have such advertising outlawed.

Cordially yours, Elizabeth C. Beasley.

Treasurer's Report

August 15, to October 15, 1961

DUES: Rolette 6, New England 3, Dickinson 4, Wild Rose 2, Steele 15, Williston 1, Minot 10, Bismarck 17, Northwood 25, West Fairview 1, Hettinger 8 for 1960-61, 26 for 1961-62.

WILLARD DUES: 14.

BUDGET: Steele \$15.00; Minot \$10.00; Bismarck \$17.00; CCC FUND: Bismarck \$4.25.

LIGHT LINE: Benedict.

ANNA GORDON FUND: \$2.25 from Benedict LTL.

MEMORIALS: Granville \$4.00 for Mrs. Ludvig Seveland and Mr. Hartvig Jacobson; Larimore \$2.00 for Mrs. Mary Davis; Parshall \$1.00 to the Camp Fund, for Mrs. Florence Lillibridge.

LITERATURE: \$6.65.

FILM RENTAL: \$2.00.

WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN: Subscription \$5.00.

CONVENTION: Registrations \$83.00. Offerings \$43.77, \$63.14. Literature sold \$23.22.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS: Life, Mrs. C. O. Osland by Northwood Union; Mrs. L. O. Grondahl by herself. Continuing, Mrs. Sarah Cameron by Julia D. Nelson Union. Memorial, Mrs. Minnie Brown by Williston Union; Mrs. Necia E. Buck and Ernest N. Wilcox by Mrs. Frank Beasley. Child Honorary, David Weaver by Mrs. Iver Fossum; Ida Marie Lahargou and Julia Lahargou by Mrs. Frank Beasley; Charles Huntley by Mrs. E. J. Huntley; Kathleen Arlys Carlson by Mrs. C. M. Carlson; Kevin Carl Skime by Mrs. Benjamin Gorder; Amy Harriett Ottinger by Mrs. A. D. Ottinger; Thomas Arlenn Thorstenson by Mrs. K. R. Thorstenson.

Mrs. L. O. Grondahl, Treasurer.

Corresponding Secretary's Letter

Dear White Ribboners:

"Everyone DO-ing Something!" Frances Willard said, "Alone we can do little. Separated we are units of weakness; but aggregated we become batteries of power." Today, I write about membership; and the new membership contest. The DOORS are open wide, The state and National Contest is during the month of November, with emphasis upon the days between November 12 and November 19, 1961. A careful plan is needed; perhaps dividing the union to increase interest.

One of the recommendations at the state convention is to secure the renewed membership of every member who ever belonged to the WCTU, as well as obtaining new members.

The goal set is 10% gain over last year's membership. In the year just closed our membership was just three less than 1,500, including WCTU's, Iota Sigma's and Willard members. Ten per cent means a gain of 150. Can we DO it? Yes! We can DO it! If each union will gain 10%, that will DO it. Perhaps we should gain 12 or 15 % to make up for any loss. Also we are to have new unions. Each district will organize at least one or more. We now have two new unions for this year. One in Rolette, with Miss Bertina Strand, the president; and another at Hannaford, with Mrs. Mabel Benson, president. A new district is planned for the Bottineau area. Let's strive to make the goal. We can DO it, DO it, if we TRY.

The state in the Midwest Area which reports the largest number of new members gained during the month of November will receive: Registration fee and \$20.00 on lodging for one person attending the National Leadership Training School, March 28 - April 4, 1962 in Evanston, Ill.

States in the Midwest Area are: Colorado, Arizona, Kansas, Oklahoma, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, New Mexico, Texas Sojourner Truth and Oklahoma Sojourner Truth.

Noontide Hour of Prayer

"It is always noontide somewhere, and across The awakening continents from shore to shore Somewhere our prayers are rising evermore."
"Lift up a standard for the people. Isa. 62:10."

THANKSGIVING FOR THE LITTLE JOYS

by Martha Haskell Clark

Dear God, from my small world of commonplaces, Of homely tasks and dear-loved circling faces, This day of stubbled fields and steel-blue skies, While on the hills Thanksgiving's mantle lies, I bring to you my garnered treasure store Of happiness and count my harvest o'er. Not for the great things, Lord—you know so well My thanks for these no stumbling words may tell— But for the little things, dear God, that came to bless, I bring to you my need of thankfulness: The morning sunlight on my kitchen floor, My collie's leap of welcome at the door, The sound of children's laughter as they pass; Fern traceries on frosted window glass, Pale-primrose dawn light stealing through the firs, The first soft crib-sweet murmuring that stirs, My cookstove's coal-red comfort bulking warm Against the whirled, white wilderness of storm, The scent of wood smoke drifting keen and sweet From low, frost-silvered roofs along the street; Geraniums that flame with scarlet bloom, And lamplight folding close the quiet room, The kitten purring soft—each tiny touch Of home-sweet joy that makes the total much. The little joys that bless the everyday— For these, dear Lord, in grateful thanks I pray.

—Union Signal.

STATE POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

Grades 1 and 2

1st prize - Sandra Wilson, Ardoch, N. D.
2nd prize - Lorraine Lanz, Ardoch, N. D.

Grades 3 and 4

1st prize - Randl Pratt, Northwood, N. D.
2nd prize - Judy Jones, Parshall, N. D.

Grades 5 and 6

1st prize - Cathleen Schafer, Amenia, N. D.
2nd prize - Donna Dunlop, Grafton, N. D.

Grades 7 and 8

1st prize - James Fenstad, Valley City, N. D.
2nd prize - Sara Carlson, Grafton, N. D.

Judged by:

Rev. C. J. Schaeffer.
Bill Sigurdson
Mrs. Howard Kemis.

Mrs. Ralph Kraft,
State Visual Education Director

It was a pleasure to meet so many of the women of WCTU in Grand Forks. Our hostesses went all out to make it a happy and profitable convention. I would like to say "Thank you" to all who took part on the program and who helped in many other ways. They are too numerous to mention here.

May God bless each and every one of you who attended and will take back to your home WCTU the inspiration gained.

Yours sincerely, Mrs. F. T. Brooks.

Order supplies for Membership Drive from state headquarters; My address after November 1st is: Willis Apartments, Apt. 2, Minot, N. Dak.

Y T C Sparks

"Holly wreaths, silver bells, and of course a green pine tree,
Are the cherished old traditions which we all like to see.
But the true joys of Christmas - peace, good will and love -
Are all within the hearts of men, good gifts from God above."
—LTL Bulletin.

Thanksgiving and Christmas, the two festive seasons of the fall are soon to be here again. We in the total abstinence work have been challenged to "Double Do in '62;" now here are some 'DO's' for the local YTC:

1. Hold regular meetings. (At least 10 during the year.)
2. Have an attendance at meetings to average 75% of the membership.
3. Have dues paid in time and strive to win new members.
4. Have a definite period of alcohol education at each meeting.
5. Participate fully in YTE activities and Service Projects.
6. Provide a copy of the YTC Plan of work for each member.
7. Hold at least one annual training meeting for all YTC officers.
8. SEND REPORTS to YTC state secretary ON TIME.
9. Complete the study of one book from the APPROVED list.
10. Sponsor at least one program in an effort to organize a new YTC.

May you experience a grateful Thanksgiving Day as you count your many blessings, and may the deep and abiding peace of Christ be yours this Christmas season.

YTC-ly yours,
Mrs. Melvin Gagness, Secretary.

Department Letters

CHILD WELFARE

Dear Co-Workers:

This department is one of the most important in our work so I want to present its aims and procedures. "Children are a heritage of the Lord" - Psalms 127-3. "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it" - Proverbs 22-6. Aims: To dedicate pre-school children to the principles of purity and abstinence as little White Ribboners (White Ribbon Recruits).

First, appoint a local director who will keep an accurate record of WRRs dedicated each year. Select some one who is interested in the welfare of children, supply her with plan of work and informative literature. She should mail a list to state director giving name of child, date of birth including year, and parents' name and address, immediately after the dedication. This is very IMPORTANT as state director keeps a record of all birthdays and sends out birthday greetings and promotion certificates when children reach school age. She should also notify state director of any change in address. You can see the importance of active, interested local directors.

She can implement this dedication by—

Inviting young mothers to join the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Conducting a May tea for mothers. Giving an annual party for the White Ribbon Recruits. Distributing department literature when occasion permits. Promote the Story Contest for Young Mothers. Bring the department activities before the members often. When promotion certifi-

YTC President's Letter

Dear Friends:

Now that Autumn is in full swing, school is, too. Going back to school means being with our friends and other young people the greater part of our day. Because of this fact, I'd like to give you a few words on "What YTC Means to Me, A Teenager."

Being a teen I like to do what most teenagers do; have fun. My idea of fun is to be with people, talk with them, laugh with them, and of course eat with them. That's exactly what goes on when I'm with persons who believe as I do, and that is: fun is not really fun if I must resort to the dreadful habits of drinking and smoking to get so-called pleasure. In my work with the Youth Temperance Council the last four years in North Dakota and Minnesota, I have learned various facts about the alcoholic and narcotic problems; but just as important, I have been reassured and the fact has been confirmed that alcohol and tobacco aren't necessary for having a good time. Since my first visit to YTC Camp, I have been trying to get others interested and informed as I was and am.

When temptations confront me, as they frequently do to all youth of our day, I remember the teachings and principles of YTC. But we must remember that no temptation can be overcome by our own power or will, but only by the help of God who keeps and watches over us by His Grace.

In YTC Work, we learn to know many people of all Faiths, races, and ages, some of which become lifelong friends. Our theme is "Having a Good Time With a Purpose" which holds true every time a fellow-YTCer and I get together. Yes, I have made a lifelong friend - my YTC.

Yours in Christ, Jo Anne Hanson.

ates are mailed out by state director be sure that the children get them. Awarding the certificates at a meeting with mothers present is a nice gesture. Make every effort to enroll each child in a Loyal Temperance Legion. These graduates make a nucleus for a new Legion and should be organized at once; thus the total abstinence program will be continued.

As we face 1962 let us 'Double Do' in this department so we can safeguard the paths of little feet by teaching the necessity of total abstinence from the use of beverage alcohol and all narcotics, in maintaining a Christian home.

If you are interested in Child Honorary membership and the scrap book, send in your pictures of child and donor.

Yours in service, Bessie M. Darling, State Director.

Legislation

Dear Co-Workers:

I enjoyed seeing so many members of the WCTU at the recent State Convention in Grand Forks. Everyone was so interested in our motto "Double Do in '62." As we are starting another year, let us remember our motto.

This is not a legislative year in North Dakota, but we can do what we can to see that the laws that were enacted by our legislature at the state capitol in Bismarck are obeyed. Many important bills were passed by our legislators in 1961. Let your senators and representatives from your district know that they did a good job for the people of North Dakota.

Many of you wrote to our U. S. Senators and Representatives in Congress. They appreciate hearing from the people in North Dakota. Unless we let them know what bills we are interested in having them support, we can't expect them to do good work for us.

Our U. S. Senators are Milton Young and Quentin

Burdick. Our U. S. Congressmen are Don Short and Hjalmar Nygaard.

Every local president should appoint a Legislative Chairman and all letters and material pertaining to this office should be turned over to her. The Legislative Chairman should receive the Union Signal. If she doesn't subscribe for it the local union she belongs to should see that she gets it. Mrs. Hays writes the **Washington Letter** for the Union Signal. She requests that you read this article whenever you receive the magazine, as it will keep you posted on legislation and information dealing with beverage alcohol and other phases of the legislative program. One of your meetings should be on legislation, with the Chairman of legislation in charge of the meeting. You might ask a minister or a legislator or both to be on your program.

Keep a record of the work of your department. Get a 9x12 folder or envelope and label it **Legislation - 1961-62**. Under this, type or write the name of your chairman for the year. In this folder put all letters on Legislation received from your State Director of Legislation; Legislative letters in the White Ribbon Bulletin, letters you write to our U. S. Senators and Congressmen in Washington and their replies. Also letters to our Senators and Representatives in our North Dakota Legislature and their replies. Then of course newspaper clippings of interest to this department. A scrapbook on Legislation is good too.

As your report on National Legislation will go to Mrs. Andrew Haibeck, Fargo, Christian Citizenship Director, that information could be compiled from your Legislative file.

Remember, that a well planned program works for greater efficiency when carried out.

Cordially,
Miss Judith H. Rue, Director.

Speech Contests

Dear Mrs. Ottinger, District Presidents and Friends:

May I first of all thank you for making our state Speech Contest at Grand Forks a success. We all know that only through working together can we make a success of any project. The feeling was good, the response was great. Let us keep working!

According to my state report we held 17 contests the past year. This is not the best record, but it is a beginning. If all local presidents could push just a little harder in an attempt to produce leaders for a speech group, many doors could be opened towards teaching Total Abstinence to our youth.

Our National director has informed us that a new Junior Speech Contest book of readings, "Total Abstinence Teaching in Recitation and Story No. 3" will be ready the first of the year. Any union is qualified to receive this book free, if they hold seven or more speech contests during the year. Also, the National director, Mrs. Allie A. Matzigkeit, has informed us that again you may enter the Ada Mohn-Landis prize contest. This contest, sponsored by the late Mrs. Ada Mohn-Landis of Reading, Penn., is conducted annually to obtain original material suitable for platform contests. For further information, contact the National Speech director.

As most of you know, February is designated Nationally as Speech Contest Month. But, let us not wait until that time to start getting contestants; start pushing now! Soon you will receive a letter and leaflets concerning speech contests, and also the Plan of Work, which is a 'must' to any speech leader.

If you have further questions, contact me and I will try to help you. Thanking you again for your cooperativeness, may we look forward to an even more progressive and blessed year. May God bless you.

Mrs. Margaret Erickson, Director.

Temperance Education in Church Schools

Greetings from your Director of Temperance Education in Church Schools:

Attention all union Presidents and Directors. I will be mailing to you soon, our plan of work with a few leaflets. Our Theme is again "Open Doors - Great Doors." What door is more important than the Church and Church School?

Please do not lay this material aside but study and carry out as many suggestions as possible.

I would call special attention to No. 3 "Acquaint Church with Materials" and No. 4, "Establish Friendly Relations."

If you have not already done so, please appoint a Director, one who is interested in Church Schools, give her the material and plan of work. Interview the Pastors and Teachers. Make up a few little packets, a catalog included and a membership slip on top and give to them.

November 19 is Temperance Sunday. This Quarterly Temperance lesson will be found in the October 14th Union Signal.

In your Program Guide the November lesson gives emphasis on Temperance Education in Church Schools. Please see that it is given time in your meeting.

Last, but not least, PRAY that Our Heavenly Father will open the church doors to reach His little ones with the message of Total Abstinence.

Mrs. E. G. Ranum, Director.

Personal Mention

Mrs. J. H. Mackley of Minot returned from her trip abroad just before the state convention, but was too weary and sad from the loss of a near relative to feel able to attend the meeting. We hope she is rested and comforted by now.

Mr. and Mrs. George Rust of Prosper went on the WDAY scheduled tour of Europe during October. It is anticipated that they will have many experiences and pictures to share with the neighbors at home, after their return the last of the month.

Two of those who were expected to be at the state convention in Grand Forks went to hospitals instead, to the disappointment of many who had hoped to see them. Mrs. E. O. Lerberg of Parshall, the state director of S.T.I., is convalescing at her home after major surgery; JoAnne Hanson, the state YTC president, is working hard to catch up on her school work after two weeks off for an appendectomy. We hope both of these will soon be entirely well and strong again.

The Valley City Times Record has a column called "The Mainstreeter" which everybody reads, and it is pleasant to know that an excellent description of James Fenstad's first prize winning poster appeared there. James made a poster for the state contest depicting a glass of beer, a shot glass of whiskey and a glass of wine, with the title "Alcohol, the great remover." "It will remove a good reputation; A man's business; A man's friends; A happy look from children's faces. As a remover of things, alcohol has no equal."

Our state president, Mrs. A. D. Ottinger, was a guest speaker at the Michigan state convention Oct. 12. She enjoyed riding from Valley City to Ludington, Mich., where the convention was held, with the National treasurer, Mrs. H. F. Powell, on the latter's return from the West Washington state convention. Mrs. Ottinger's experiences included a visit to the National Headquarters in Evanston, Ill., a ferry boat ride from Ludington to Milwaukee, Wisc., and many pleased comments upon her address from people whom she met at the convention.

The State Convention

The 72nd annual convention of the North Dakota Woman's Christian Temperance Union met in the First Presbyterian Church of Grand Forks September 27-29, 1961. The first day was taken up with business meetings of the General Officers, the Executive Committee and the Official Board, with the annual banquet in the evening. Beautifully served in the basement of the hostess church by a group of their women, both the dinner and the program following it were much enjoyed by the crowd that attended. Dainty programs in blue ribbon-decorated covers with "Open Doors to Total Abstinence" upon them, were at each place; officers and special guests received lovely corsages.

The Rev. John S. Shew, pastor of the church, gave the invocation and later welcomed the delegates. Mrs. Alex C. Burr of Jamestown was toastmistress, and group singing was led by Mrs. Gerald Morwood. Greetings were received from the city of Grand Forks given by the president of the City Council, F. C. Bundlie. Dr. Richard Barnhart, Superintendent, spoke for the Grand Forks Schools; the Rev. Willis Potratz, pastor of Grace Baptist Church, spoke for the Ministerial Association. Mrs. Gerald Morwood, the district president, welcomed the delegates to Grand Forks District; the two local presidents, Miss Margaret Hyslop and Mrs. A. Vere Sheppard, gave welcomes from the Grand Forks and Frances Willard unions respectively. Mrs. Andrew Haibeck made response to all these kindly greetings. Musical numbers enjoyed by all were given by James Roller who sang "I'd Rather Have Jesus" as a solo, and with a friend, Mr. Wallets from the Air Force Base, gave two duets, "In Times Like These," and "Deep Down In My Heart." The church organist, Paul Lundquist, was their accompanist. Mr. Neal Snow, accompanied by Mrs. Snow, sang "There's a State In the West," the N. D. WCTU song. Mrs. J. H. Grostephan of Minneapolis, the guest of honor, gave an interesting talk on "Doors Open - The Past, Present and Future of the Work."

Thursday morning the meeting was called to order by the state president, Mrs. A. D. Ottinger of Valley City; Mrs. Iver Fossum, the state director of Spiritual Life led the opening devotions. The flag salutes were led by Mrs. M. B. Bertheuson of Grand Forks, after which "America" was sung. Mrs. Benjamin Gorder of Grafton, the state recording secretary, called the roll of the members of the Executive Committee, 34 of whom were present at some time during the convention.

Reports of the corresponding secretary, treasurer and auditor were given and accepted. Mrs. Brooks presented the awards to Banner unions and districts, and Life Line unions. The usual business of the convention was transacted. The Memorial service was conducted by Mrs. Frank Beasley, for which Mrs. Richard Capes of Grand Forks sang beautifully the Hallelujah Song. As the long list of names was read of members or their close relatives who have passed away since the last convention, Mrs. Brooks placed a gold-colored flower in a golden vase for each one named. The service closed with silent prayer as Mrs. Gerald Morwood softly played "In the Sweet By and By."

The transaction of usual convention business was interrupted at times by the making of Child Honorary and other memberships, one of which was the naming of the first great-grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. Iver Fossum of Fargo. Another interruption was a very lively skit presented by Mesdames Forde, Bilden and Malm, which demonstrated up-to-date literature 'Hot off the Press.'

Thursday afternoon the vice president, Mrs. E. J. Huntley presided, and Mrs. Clarence Beard, Williston, offered the opening prayer. District presidents gave

good reports from the eight districts represented. Miss Hyslop and Mrs. Sheppard, representing the two hostess unions were introduced and cheered. Mrs. Ottinger and Mrs. Henry Nelson gave some highlights of the National convention at San Francisco. A skit demonstrating the value and use of the Union Signal was well given by Mesdames Holt, Tverberg, Gorder, Strand and Score, all of the Grafton Union. Mrs. Leonard Bilden spoke on the LTL. Following adjournment, a coffee hour provided by the kindness of the Northwood union, was enjoyed by all those present.

(To be continued.)

Mrs. Melvin Gangness, of the Prosper union, reports that the YTC campers from the Arthur, Fargo, Harwood, Amenia, and Gardner areas, gave a fine account of camp in an original skit, "A Day At Camp," at the annual family night supper held at the Prosper gym. The skit rounded out the full day's activities while at camp and they closed their program with the campfire scene.

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