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SPRING ON THE PRAIRIE

My heart is on the prairie with the growing green
of things -
The glint of yellow cow-slips smiling up from
meadow streams
That whisper of adventure as they run their wind-
ing course
Through tasseled alder thickets and tangled hardy
gorse.
My heart is on the prairie in the meadow lark's
glad song,
That catches up my spirit on pinions swift and
strong
To higher realms of vision, that I may plainer see
That spring and all its beauty are works of Deity.
—Angela Boleyn, Fargo, in *Prairie Wings*.

Ruth's Ramblings

"Be not deceived . . . for whatsoever a man soweth,
that shall he also reap." Gal 6:7.

Dear Comrades:

1. We are in a war, not a battle.
2. "The flowers of tomorrow are in the seeds of today."
3. The candy for children, with liquor in the center, imported from Italy is deceptive. Be on the alert. Let's help the children learn to live and live to learn. Let's teach them what Dr. Charles Mayo has pointed out, "That alcohol is a poison—as much a poison as arsenic, strychnine, or sulphuric acid." "Each poison seeks out one part of the body in preference to all others. Lead goes to the wrists, mercury to the mouth, manganese to the liver, arsenic to the stomach and intestines, strychnine to the spinal cord, and alcohol to the brain." "And it's the brain that counts."

Without increasing our membership we cannot make our homes more home-like. How many members have you won? Yours truly can call 24 new members by name in 3 towns where she has worked recently. How about you in your town? Here's a quote from **The Iowa Champion** whose editor the Rev. Emma Arnold we know and love. If you do this (omitting the words "Iowa" and Executive Committee") we'll be well over the top and VERY happy! Here it is: "Have you noticed our 'Good News' column? I'm anxious to be able to write this item: 'Every member of the Iowa WCTU Executive Committee has secured at least 12 new members and is herself, a Rock of Ages member.' Wouldn't that give our work a boost? Let's do it!"

In North Dakota three districts have each organized a new Union. Seven will now plan and go and do it with spring coming to assist them?

Mrs. Hays in the *Union Signal* says, "The 18-year-old law in the state of New York has become a national scandal because of the difficulty and destruction it causes in neighboring states. New York is the only state in the union which provides for legal sale of distilled liquor to teen-agers. Hawaii legalizes sale to 20-year-old youth. All other states require legal buyers to be at least 21 years old. New Jersey has appealed repeatedly for a New York age limit conforming with that of other states. The Hartford Times, Connecticut, reported on September 14, 1961, that the governors of the New England states are deeply concerned at the

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From left to right, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Topp, of Juanita, N. Dak.; LaRayne Hansen, Wayne Hansen, Scott Stromme, of Bismarck, N. Dak., and Governor William Guy.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the future of our state and nation lies in the hands of the youth today, and

WHEREAS, in order to insure a stronger and better America, the subject of abstinence from beverage alcohol and other narcotics merits the utmost serious attention and study by all concerned citizens, and

WHEREAS, North Dakota citizens who are aware of the present day need for giving our young people wholesome aid and guidance are whole-heartedly interested in such education, and

WHEREAS, groups and organizations which devote themselves to this objective deserve and merit public cooperation and support.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William L. Guy, Governor of the State of North Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of April 8 - 15, 1962, as

"YOUTH TEMPERANCE EDUCATION WEEK" and ask that the attention of all citizens be focused at that time and continuing throughout the year, on the importance of abstinence from alcohol beverages and narcotics. I further urge all to participate in observances designed to promote this cause among our youth for the purpose of promoting good citizenship and a sense of responsibility in our society.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of North Dakota here in my office in the State Capitol at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 26th day of January, 1962.

William L. Guy
Governor.

ATTEST:
Ben Meier
Secretary of State
By Demos A. Ginakes
Deputy.

ease with which teen-agers can obtain liquor in New York state.' Governor Dempsey of Connecticut said that a bad traffic safety situation is created in his state by this disparity in laws."

The wets in North Dakota have tried to change the voting age to 18 years and bring about the above, but so far have failed. Thanks to our faithful workers of years past and present.

Mrs. Bessie Darling, 231 Conklin Ave., Grand Forks, wrote me a lovely letter of thanks for the pictures of our seven grandchildren, honorary child members—did you see that Scrap Book in Grand Forks? She and Mrs. Hermanson have done a meticulous piece of work in that State Book. She wants the pictures of all the honorary child members—**Do send yours!**

Mrs. Ralph Kraft, Box 63, Jamestown, has information on Posters and all visual aid projects.

Mrs. Joel Erickson of Steele has Speech Contest information, just as Mrs. J. W. Northridge of Valley City has Natural Fruit Beverages information—she's glad that your State President has served N.F.B. to 136 people since December and asks that you tell her **how many**, no matter how few—this is the only way she has of making up her report! Remember? "**Report it and we will Report!**" says Mrs. Laura Brooks.

Robert Chase Erskine, of Oregon, says — "Our pennies may not seem much compared with the millions being spent to promote drink and to influence the editorial policy of the publications which carry drink advertising. But right is mighty to prevail. Lift up your hearts. David slew Goliath with his little sling, and we are not alone."

Jo Ann Hansen of Englevale, Y.T.C. President, and Mrs. Melvin Gangness, State Y.T.C. Sec'y., remind us of Y.T.C. Week in April. Dennis Topp, Y.T.C. Camp Manager, and his bride will manage the camp, next summer.

When we seek God's guidance in the morning, the new doors open and we feel an inner warmth of strength through "The Call to Prayer" via Mrs. Simcox, our National Director, from The World's W.C.T.U. because of the international situation. We, here in Valley City, sent out one hundred copies (100) when Mrs. Simcox asked for 4. It seemed most challenging and urgent to us, so we didn't let a day pass. Prayer and truth are our greatest weapons . . . even a child prefers the truth. Jesus said, "If ye abide in my word, then are ye truly my disciples; and ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32.

Blessings, Ruth Cooper Ottinger.

P. S.: Columbus, Ohio, has been chosen for the place of meeting of the National WCTU Convention in 1963. A teacher reports - Samuel J. Williams, Columbus, O., "A big, healthy, rosy-cheeked boy who narrowly escaped death in a car wrecked by its drinking driver at a speed of 95 mph. brought this 'Confession' to class, given to him by his grandmother:

I'm the greatest criminal in history.

I have killed more men than have fallen in all the wars.

I have made untold homes unhappy.

I have transformed many ambitious youth into hopeless parasites.

I destroy the weak and weaken the strong.

I make slick the downward path for multitudes.

I have filled prisons and reformatories.

I make the wise man a fool and trample the fool in his folly.

The abandoned wife knows me; hungry children know me.

I have ruined millions.

I am **ALCOHOL!**

... from the **Ohio Messenger.**"

Y. T. C. Sparks

Dear YTC Friends,

Are you a "live-wire" YTC? Or are you a "live-wire" union? If so, let these challenges be yours for YTE Week, April 8-15: Share the governor's proclamation with schools, churches, and civic organizations. Speak up for an alcohol-free way of life. Secure places for YTC and LTL posters in public places. (Order the two new YTC posters from the Signal Press, Evanston, Ill., 15 cents each.) Conduct speech contests. Let your pastors and the leaders in your church know that you are counting on their support. Distribute leaflets. "Youth Takes the Count For Total Abstinence," and "You Can Help Youth To Know About Beverage Alcohol," can be ordered from Signal Press. Use films, filmstrips from the State WCTU office. Survey the chemical Test Laws of North Dakota. Contact police department for statistics concerning arrests the past year for traffic accidents in which drinking was a factor.

Then, as a gentle reminder to the local YTC's—Have you sent in a contribution to the National YTC Fund for the production of a new filmstrip, "For a More Charming You?"

Please, remember to report to me the number of these challenges that you met, and any others not mentioned. **PRAY—PLAN—PREPARE—PARTICIPATE—PROCLAIM**—that this YTE Week may reach out to our YOUTH!

Sincerely, Mrs. Melvin Gangness, YTC Sec'y.

Notes From The Unions

The Cooperstown WCTU had a tea for the local teachers at the Grace Lutheran Church in October, with Mrs. Ralph Kraft of Jamestown, the state director of Visual Education, as guest speaker. She gave a demonstration of the work of her department. In November they observed Family night, with a good turnout and a good program, for which Myron Nevland sang solos, the film "Behind the Skyscrapers" was shown and a tape recording of a talk by Mr. Roy Lund of Valley City, concerning the responsibility of the churches on the liquor question, was played. Following the program, lunch and a social time were enjoyed in the parlors of Bethlehem Evangelical Free Church, where the meeting was held. For their December meeting, the members went to the Rebecca Rest Home in Cooperstown, taking lefsa, cup cakes, and a bag of fruit and candy for each of the aged in the home. They sang carols and had a short devotional service. The secretary of this union, Mrs. Lisa Loge, sends us this report of good work.

The Valley City Iota Sigma met in the home of Mrs. Henry Van Bruggen Tuesday, January 23 at 8 P.M.; she also presented the devotions. Mrs. R. D. Atkinson played a piano solo entitled "The Hands of Jesus" by Roger C. Wilson. Mrs. Ruby Northridge gave the second half of a lesson entitled "It's The Brain That Counts." Discussion followed. The Iota Sigma group was cordially invited to attend the Frances Willard Tea, to be held in the First Baptist Church February 9 at 2:30 in the afternoon. In the newspaper report of the meeting, the following announcement was included: "Call Mrs. Allan Anderson if you have a child of six or under you would like to present at the White Ribbon Recruit service." After the meeting, Mrs. Van Bruggen, the hostess, served a lovely lunch for the fifteen present. We are grateful to Mrs. R. D. Atkinson, the secretary, for news of this fine group of young women.

At the meeting of the Langdon Woman's Christian Temperance Union held Jan. 22nd, at the home of Mrs. John Dietz the matter of the Temperance Poster

contest was discussed, and final plans made.

The meeting opened with the singing of the hymn, "O Master Let Me Walk with Thee," followed by devotions and prayer by President Mrs. Roy Denler. Theme of the evening's devotions was "Never Lower the Flag." Following the reading of the poem, "What Is Prayer," Mrs. James Ford showed the film, "Behind the Skyscrapers." Mrs. Robert McFarlane, who was in charge of the program read an article on "Christians Do Not Need To Drink," from the Union Signal. Members were urged to write to TV stations protesting to the spot advertising. Mrs. A. Mukomela read the secretary's report and Miss McDonald gave the treasurer's report. It was decided to contribute \$15 to the Youth Temperance camp held each summer at Red Willow lake. The meeting closed with prayer and the doxology, and lunch was served by the hostess.

The Frances Willard Union of Grand Forks held their Annual Christmas meeting at the Valley Memorial Home on Dec. 29, 1961. Mrs. A. V. Sheppard presided, Mrs. Duane Springer led the devotions. There was a trumpet solo by Russell Schaeffer, Mr. Near Snow sang a number of songs accompanied by Mrs. Snow. Capt. Olson of the Salvation Army brought a group who presented both vocal and instrumental numbers. Capt. Olson then gave a talk taking as his text selections from Psalm 16. Russell Schaeffer gave the speech "A Certain Young Rich Man" with which he had won the silver medal at the State Convention last fall.

The entire program was enjoyed by a large number of the residents of the Home as well as members of the local Union. The hostesses for the lunch which followed were: Mrs. O. T. Ness, Mrs. C. Bernhardson, Mrs. A. Rude, Mrs. John Hesketh, Mrs. A. N. Sorbo, and Mrs. Corella Halvorson.

The Max WCTU held its local fall institute Nov 30, in two sessions. The afternoon meeting was at the home of the Gordon Lushenkos, with 21 ladies present. The meeting opened with scripture and prayer by the president, Mrs. Fannik. After singing two hymns, the president introduced the first speaker, Mrs. Everett Johnson, the district president, who gave a timely message on our responsibility as WCTU women. A group of ladies sang the Gospel Medley, after which the second speaker was introduced. She was Mrs. F. T. Brooks, our state corresponding secretary, who brought out challenging points about several branches of the WCTU work, and what each can do to be on the winning side of the WCTU. After that Mrs. A. Geinger, our Study Course chairman, presented a lesson from the book "Today's Deceiver" in a very interesting and informational way. Mrs. Johnson was in charge of a White Ribbon Recruit service, at which four babies were dedicated. The afternoon was climaxed with a skit "About Sally" which was given by Mrs. Fannik, Mrs. Semchenko and Mrs. Vinarski. The hostesses, Mrs. Geinger, Mrs. Strilcov and Mrs. Lushenko served a delicious lunch.

The evening meeting was held at the City Hall,

Personal Mention

Our state president, Mrs. A. D. Ottinger, did quite a lot of "Rambling" after convention, working in several towns in the central part of the state to stir up interest and secure new members. In December she had a close schedule of meetings in her home the first two weeks, and after that the preparations for their family Christmas with their children and grandchildren there, kept her well occupied.

Mrs. Martha Nelson of Northwood had a sick spell after convention, but we are happy to know that she is fine again. She does not go out much because of icy streets. Her 80th birthday was well celebrated by her family and friends September 21st.

Mrs. Charles Liessman of Bismarck and Mrs. D. F. Douglas of Gilby are two others of our long time members who were in attendance at the convention. One day a group of those who had celebrated their Golden Weddings this year were introduced; included were Mrs. R. G. Winings of Arthur, Mrs. E. G. Ranum of Valley City, Mrs. Walter Morwood of Ardoch, and Mrs. H. O. Hermanson of Grand Forks.

A number of our members made trips in 1961. Perhaps the most extensive not mentioned before, was that made by Miss Marjorie Lillico of the Nekoma union, who went to Europe in June with friends. In the fall Mrs. Wm. Overby accompanied Mrs. Hugh Work, both members of the Langdon union, to Omaha, Nebr. They went to see Mrs. Ida Hartman, formerly of Langdon, who was there from her home in California, visiting her son. She went with them to Gibbon, Nebr., to see a former Presbyterian pastor in Langdon, Rev. Brunn and his family. Also taking advantage of the fine fall weather were Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Gorder of Grafton, who visited relatives in Minnesota and Wisconsin, enjoying it greatly. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kemis of Fargo, went to Wisconsin to spend Christmas with their son and family, and Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Darling to Casper, Wyo., for the holidays with their son and family.

Rev. and Mrs. E. J. Huntley of Rolla stopped in Minot for a brief visit with Mrs. F. T. Brooks the last week of January. They were on their way back from Douglas where Mr. Huntley had been called for a funeral service at the church he had served there formerly.

Mrs. A. D. Ottinger went to Bismarck by train Feb. 6, to speak at the annual Frances Willard Tea given by the local union there. Her subject was "Homes More Homelike." She hoped to be able to do some field work in nearby towns while there.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Vance Flewell in Portland, Ore., was the scene of a happy family reunion recently, when children, grandchildren and great grand children of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Fritch, numbering 20 in all, met there with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Fritch are former residents of Valley City, and she was an active member of the union there. Mrs. Andrew Fritch who is a member at Valley City, attended the reunion with her husband.

While in Bismarck, Mrs. Ottinger called upon Mrs. Chas. Liessman at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jack Vantine, and found her surrounded with Historical materials. Mrs. Liessman, our state historian, was still not strong enough to attend the Willard Tea, since she had an illness in December, but she sent a lovely rose each to Mrs. Ottinger and the local WCTU president, Mrs. P. O. Sathre.

A wedding of interest to all our membership took place in the Methodist Church of Juanita, N. Dak., the evening of Dec. 31, 1961, when Clara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Bosshart, became the bride of Mr. Dennis Topp, who was the first president of the State Youth Temperance Council. We offer hearty congratulations and all good wishes to this fine young couple.

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S. O. S.

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

NEW POSTAL RATE INCREASE

Each returned incorrect address will cost the
North Dakota WCTU 10 cents instead of 5 cents here-
after. So—Please notify me of any change BEFORE
you move. By so doing WCTU dimes can be used for
much needed work. —Mrs. L. O. Grondahl, Treasurer.

A Word To The Wise

Dear Friends All:

North Dakota is sharing with other states the cold
and stormy weather that used to be expected in winter
but has not seemed so prevalent in recent years. Bus
drivers and mail carriers are having their struggles
with icy roads and deep snowdrifts, but the sun shines
a little longer every day, and thoughts are turning to
springtime and Easter. May that be a season of bless-
ing for us all.

I hope you all have read carefully the letters from
the directors of departments in previous issues, as well
as those in this one. I have been impressed many
times, by the fact that each director considers her own
department the very most important one in our work.
Through their study of the plans and helps, they see
the many things that can and should be done, and if we
women will study the material sent us, we will realize
better the opportunities we can find.

In April 8 - 15, will come Youth Temperance Edu-
cation Week, and I hope every union will help achieve
its purpose. The advertising in this issue lists some
fine leaflets and other printed matter that will help to
give the message; can your union buy some, and give it
out, to the groups of young people in your churches?
Sunday School classes, Young People's organizations,
by whatever name, should have a chance to know the
facts. Recently I read the 12 laws of the Boy Scouts;
they certainly are fine. I have wondered if those who
lead the boys are careful to impress upon them that
abstinence from alcohol and tobacco will help every
boy to be a clean Scout, in mind and body. Some of
our literature might be welcomed by Scout Masters,
and also the leaders of Girl Scouts, Campfire Girls, and
4-H Clubs for both boys and girls. Are those some of
the "Open Doors" that we can DO something about?
Let us try!

Will ALL of you please heed the plea of our Cor-
responding Secretary and the treasurer, and send Mrs.
Grondahl notice of a change of address BEFORE you
move? WCTU dimes are not so plentiful that we can
afford to spend them unnecessarily, in paying for post
office notices of White Ribbon Bulletins that cannot
be delivered because of wrong addresses. Each one
of such notices costs ten cents now, and ten of them
cost a dollar! Please help in this matter. Remember
that the same cost applies to undelivered Union Signals
and Young Crusaders. Have you complied with the
request of our National President, Mrs. Tooze, to write
to our U. S. Senators, Milton Young and Quentin Bur-
dick, in protest against any unreasonable increases in
postal rates for our publications? The House of Rep-
resentatives has passed the bill proposing such in-
creases, already. Hurry!

Please do not forget the Call to Prayer issued by
the officers of the World's Woman's Christian Tem-
perance Union. Cordially yours, Elizabeth C. Beasley.

Treasurer's Report

December 15, 1961 to February 15, 1962

DUES: Grand Forks 16, Oakes 1, West Fairview 9, Bottineau 26, Wildrose 1, Drayton 19, Mylo 11, Dickey 4, Benedict 10, Sawyer 24, McKenzie 16, Cavalier 29, Lucca-Nome 5, Williston 20, Watford City 27, Cooperstown 48, Lisbon 28, Tower City 11, Larimore 25, Crosby 3, Minot 5, Edgeley 14, Parshall 27, Max 8, Grafton 40, Glover 15, Prosper 21, Langdon 22, Nekoma 8, Granville 17, Gilby 12, Arthur 9, Valley City 141, Fargo 1, Dickinson 7, Bismarck 13, Frances Willard Grand Forks 45. Willard members 14.

BUDGET: Benedict \$16.00, McKenzie \$15.00, Cavalier \$27.00, Sawyer \$24.00, Williston \$34.50, Cooperstown \$51.00, Lisbon \$28.00, Grand Forks \$16.00, Tower City \$11.00, Larimore \$25.00, Frances Willard Grand Forks \$45.00, Valley City \$75.00, Parshall \$27.00, Edgeley \$16.00, Grafton \$15.00, Glover \$15.00, Prosper \$21.00, Langdon \$23.00, Nekoma \$7.00, Granville \$17.00, Gilby \$12.00, Arthur \$9.00, Bismarck \$13.00, West Fairview \$9.00, Watford City \$27.00.

CCC FUND: Frances Willard Grand Forks \$11.25, Benedict \$2.50, Sawyer \$5.25, Lisbon \$7.50, Cooperstown \$12.75, Tower City \$2.75, Larimore \$6.75, Edgeley \$4.00, Minot \$12.00, Max \$7.75, Parshall \$6.75, Glover \$3.75, Cavalier \$2.25, Napoleon \$4.00, Lucca-Nome \$1.25, Prosper \$5.25, Nekoma \$2.00, Granville \$4.25, Arthur \$2.25, Bismarck \$3.25, Bottineau \$6.50, Valley City \$35.25, Dickey \$1.00, Northwood \$13.25, Langdon \$5.50, Steele \$3.50.

WILLARD MEMORIAL FUND: Frances Willard Grand Forks \$2.00, Benedict \$2.00, Parshall \$5.00, Max \$2.00, Edgeley \$2.00, Oakes \$2.00, Grand Forks \$2.00, Dickey \$4.00, Dickinson \$2.00, Northwood \$2.00, Julia D. Nelson Fargo \$5.30, Napoleon \$5.00, Fargo \$2.00, Bismarck \$5.00.

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STATE REPORTS: Grand Forks 2, Benedict 1, Nekoma 1, Max 1, Watford City 1, Bismarck 2, Edgeley 1, Sawyer 1, Larimore 2, Napoleon 1, Frances Willard Grand Forks 1, Dickey 2, Fargo 2.

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HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS: Continuing- Mrs. Sarah Cameron, given by Julia D. Nelson Union; Mrs. Andrew Robbie, given by Cavalier Union. Memorial member: Mrs. Lars Christianson, given by Julia D. Nelson Union, Fargo.

MEMORIAL GIFTS: For Mrs. Grace Phillips by Lucca-Nome Union, \$3.00. For Mrs. Walker by Sawyer Union, \$3.00. For Mrs. Elizabeth Jordan who would have been 100 years of age next May, by Larimore Union, \$2.00. In memory of Mrs. Donald Dike, a gift of \$10.00 for the YTC Camp Fund, given by her family. In memory of Mrs. Lars Christianson, a gift of \$6.00 for the YTC Camp Fund, given by Mmes. Alma Brandt, H. Massey, K. S. Erdahl, Frank Weiser, C. A. Pederson and E. F. Galvin. The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Valley City Methodist Church made a gift of \$40.00 for our work.

YTC CAMP FUND: Hoopie Iota Sigma \$15.00; Grand Forks \$10.00; Napoleon \$5.00.

Mrs. L. O. Grondahl, Treasurer.

Noontide Hour of Prayer

"It is always noontime 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.

A THOUGHT ON MATTHEW 27:34

They gave the Master vinegar to drink
Mingled will gall, to dull the frightful pain
Of crucifixion, or to ease the strain
Or to benumb the mind that needs must think
Of its own suffering; but He would not sink
To easing mental agony, or gain
Surcease from anguish by a fuddled brain,
And, having tasted it, He would not drink.
O blessed Lord, who hung upon the cross
With mind unclouded, six long hours for me,
Help me to keep my mind and body free
From alcohol's attendant mental loss,
Help us to face life's problems unafraid
Nor dull our minds with alcoholic aid.

—Florence Stellwagen

Reprinted from The Calvary Caller,
Organ of Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.

Corresponding Secretary's Letter

"Did you think of us this morning
As you breathed a word of prayer?
Did you ask for strength to help us
All our heavy burdens bear?
Someone prayed, the way grew brighter
And we walked all unafraid,
In our hearts a song of gladness,
Tell me, was it YOU who prayed?"

(Author Unknown)

Dear White Ribboners;

From the returns (which I feel were incomplete) the first of January I could report 70 NEW WCTU members. All dues of last year's members are not in to the treasurer. Mrs. Grondahl is anxious to have them.

As the weather is better, we shall look forward to the word of new organizations. One more in each district. Pray for consecrated leaders.

Plan in April for the district conventions. We need the knowledge and help from each other.

Work now for the goals of the Life Line union. All presidents will receive blanks very soon. Please do not mislay them. Our state funds include, aside from dues, Budget of \$1.00 per member; Christian Citizenship 25 cents per member, both of these are based on last year's membership. We also have White Ribbon Bulletin Fund (any amount) and Y.T.C. Camp Fund, as much as you can.

State projects include: (a) organization of new unions (b) membership drive (c) L. T. L. (d) Y. T. C. (e) Social Hour of Freedom (f) Work in schools, might be posters, speech contests, film showing. At least one of the above.

May I ask you who are changing your addresses to let Mrs. Grondahl know at once. The Post Office now charges 10 cents for each White Ribbon Bulletin returned unclaimed. You would be shocked to learn how much we had to pay in 'postage due' this last issue.

We will observe the World Day of Prayer, especially this year. May your Easter be a blessed one.

Sincerely,
(Mrs. F. T.) Laura G. Brooks.

Department Letters Publicity

Dear Co-Workers:

Greetings to you in this new year of 1962. As our National Director, Mrs. Vera M. Biddle, has suggested to us, "As we endeavor to Open and Enter Doors for Total Abstinence in 1962, let us publicize in every way possible 'The Hour of Social Freedom' project. Help interest church women in the practice of Total Abstinence and in getting the Declaration of Purpose before the members of their Church School classes, Missionary or other church organizations. Remember our slogan - 'Let the People Know'."

I have mailed each president several leaflets which I hope will be helpful to you. There are many doors by which we may enter, the Press being the most effective medium for this purpose. Then we have Radio, TV, Exhibits, Essays, Posters, and Speech Contests. Knowledge begets Interest, Interest begets Activity, Activity brings Results." Five doors we can open: Door of Conception of drink and related problems; Door of Conviction of personal responsibility; Door of Cooperation in Education and Legislation; Door of Compassion for Drink and Drug Addicts; Door of Consecration in Enlistment of New WCTU Members.

Five Keys to unlock the doors: Know WCTU - program, activities, departments, and publications; Know your Community Church and Club leaders; Know newspaper and church editors, in person if possible; Know the basic rules for good publicity; Know when and how to commend as well as to protest.

Remember doors are open for Service, Education, Agitation, Legislation. I would like to have clippings of articles you may have had published in your local press.
—Mrs. C. F. Truax, Director.

THE UNION SIGNAL & THE YOUNG CRUSADER

A Challenge: "A wise man will hear; and will increase learning; and a man of understanding will attend unto wise counsel." Proverbs 1:5.

Publication is the basic co-ordinator of all efforts of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union to Open the Doors of Information in relation to all WCTU objectives. It is the most accessible, most enduring, and most economical medium of personal use and for reaching the general public with the latest authentic facts and figures in the various areas of WCTU activities. Much of its literature can be used effectively to combat the glamorous advertising and propaganda of the liquor traffic in the press, the magazine, the films, and on the air.

The Union Signal cannot be surpassed as an aid in carrying on the work of the WCTU. Therefore let us utilize the national organ in every field of our enterprise. Our national twice-a-month publication, The Union Signal, only \$2.00 a year or 10c a copy. The Young Crusader, a regular month-after-month education for children, offers instructive and entertaining material for children, essential to their training, which will lead them toward becoming righteous citizens. This youth publication is just 60 cents a year. Together the two may be had for \$2.45 a year.

The latest report from the Circulation Department is as follows: The Young Crusader as of October, 1961 — subscriptions 201, a gain of 17 over September. The Union Signal as of November, 1961 — subscriptions 358, a gain of 27 over October. We are thankful for this gain, and may we have even a greater gain in subscriptions during the ensuing year. Yes, let us "Double Do" our subscriptions - in '62.

NOTE:- Look for your "expiration reminder" on your magazine address label. Submit your remittance at least 3 weeks in advance of expiration date. Thank you, and may the Lord give us all a blessed year.

Mrs. A. Vere Sheppard, State Promoter.

Facts and Figures

Crime Reported as Related to Alcohol

Dr. Lois Higgins, Director of Illinois Crime Prevention Bureau and President of the International Association of Women Police, reports: "More than half of all arrests in 1960 were alcohol related." Dr. Higgins quotes Dr. Ralph Banay, chief psychiatrist at Sing Sing Prison, as saying that 25% of the inmates were imprisoned for offenses related to excessive drinking, and adds, "This is a conservative estimate. Many prison wardens have given figures as high as 80-85%."

"The FBI Uniform Crime Report for 1960 is a shocking document. A serious crime was committed every 15 seconds — a murder, forcible rape or assault to kill every 3 minutes. Serious crime increased 98% since 1950. One out of every 26 young people in the country between age of 10 and 17 was arrested during the year." Dr. Hutchinson in September Progress.

Automobile Fatalities

A drunk has 55 times as much chance of a fatal accident as a sober person according to the Evanston, Illinois Survey — generally accepted as a reliable, scientific standard. According to government data, there were 36,000 motor vehicle fatalities in 1960. Conservative estimate that 25-30% of automobile accidents are alcohol related, one can figure how many lives may have been lost in 1960 because of drunk or drinking drivers in motor vehicles. The National Safety Council in Accident Facts, 1961 edition, estimates that the cost of all United States vehicle accidents in 1960 was six billion, five hundred million dollars. These costs include wage loss due to temporary inability to work, lower wages when returned to work due to disability, present value of anticipated earnings in the case of permanent disability or death, medical expenses, overhead cost of insurance, etc.

Alcohol Among Women

Robert Pritchard, former Chairman of Alcoholics Anonymous, reported that there are more than 600,000 female alcoholics in the United States today; also that one out of every four confirmed alcoholics is a woman.

Public Aid, Relief, Etc.

Quoting from Report, March-April, 1961: "Cook County, Illinois operates a tremendous relief program. On February 26, 1961, authorities estimated that relief in Cook County in 1960 cost the taxpayers 159 million dollars. Today, public aid or relief, is the third largest business of government. The cost of relief is exceeded only by the military and education." (It would be interesting and probably most revealing if the relation between drinking and dependencies were the subject of a survey, authoritatively made.)

—Mrs. C. V. Biddle, National Director of Publicity.

ALCOHOL AND VIOLENCE

Alcohol has been blamed as a factor in many of the nation's traffic deaths, but two New Jersey researchers say it also figures prominently in other violent deaths.

Dr. W. C. Wilentz, chief medical examiner for Middlesex County, N. J., and J. P. Brady, a toxicologist, analyzed the data covering 2,008 violent deaths in the county over a 27-year period.

Writing in the American Practitioner, they said alcohol was a contributing or responsible cause of death in 828, or 41 per cent of these cases.

Alcohol was a factor, they said, in 49.6 per cent of the automobile casualties, 31 per cent of the homicides, 36 per cent of the suicides, and in 36 per cent of other accidents such as airplanes, burns, drownings, electrocutions, carbon monoxide, falls, industrial and train deaths. —Associated Press report in Focus On Health, Grand Forks Herald, Feb. 4, 1962.

IN MEMORIAM

"I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth on me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." John 11:25.

Mrs. M. B. Bertheuson of the Frances Willard union of Grand Forks, is bereaved in the sudden passing of her husband January 29, 1962, at the age of 74. He was a prominent farmer of Brenna Township near Grand Forks, active in community and agricultural affairs for many years, and helpful in his church. He is survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter, three grandsons and two granddaughters.

Mrs. Clara Grosshans, who helped to organize the Glover union, served as the president for a time and later as treasurer, died late in January at her home in Long Beach, Calif., where she had lived in recent years with her stepson. She was nearly 85. She was very active in the Glover union and was president of the district at one time.

Mrs. John Robertson, 92, formerly of Minot, died Jan. 24, 1962, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Arvor Paulson of Seattle, Wash. She had been a faithful member of the Minot WCTU, and a neighbor and friend of our Mrs. F. T. Brooks. Born in Ontario, she came to the Red River Valley with her father as a young woman, was married to Mr. Robertson in 1889, and they homesteaded near Willow City, moving to Minot in 1923. They were charter members of the Presbyterian Church in Willow City. Mr. Robertson died in 1936. Her funeral was held in the First Presbyterian Church of Minot, of which she was a member, as well as belonging to the Royal Neighbors and the WCTU. She is survived by three sons and seven daughters, 12 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren.

Mrs. Reinhart G. Dahl, a charter member of the Frances Willard WCTU, Grand Forks, has been called to her Heavenly Home. Mrs. Dahl died very suddenly at her home February 5, 1962, at the age of 89 years, two months and two days.

Though she had been ailing for some time, she was active in her home duties and always loved to attend the meetings of her union. Mrs. Dahl is survived by her husband, a niece and a nephew. She was buried from the United Lutheran Church of which she was a member. She will be missed by her friends, but our loss will be her Eternal gain.

Those who remember the Rev. and Mrs. Albert E. Place, who served churches in several Red River Valley towns and in other places in North Dakota some years ago, will sorrow with them for the death recently of their youngest son, Dr. David Barton Place, M. D. Funeral services were held at the First Methodist Church of Burlington, Wash.; Dr. Place, 32, had practiced medicine there for a year before he became ill and was hospitalized last September. Cancer was the cause of his death. Rev. Place delivered the sermon at his son's funeral; burial was in the Veteran's Cemetery at Burlington. Dr. Place is survived by his wife, the former Wesley Sue Woodward; a son, Barton Woodward Place, 2, his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Albert E. Place, Chiloquen, Ore.; a brother, Stewart, Eugene, Ore.; and his maternal grandmother, Mrs. David Sharon, Syracuse, N. Y. Some Grafton people may recall that when Rev. Place was a pastor at Grafton, in 1943 this gifted boy, at age of 14, conducted the church services at Grafton, Minot and Forest River for his father, one Sunday when both parents and older brother were ill and a substitute could not be obtained. WCTU women remember the helpfulness of the Places at many times, and extend their sympathy to them, and to all who mourn those mentioned here.

Miss Lillico Travels

(Miss Marjorie Lillico, a Rock of Ages member of the Nekoma Union, has been employed at San Haven for several years, doing clerical work.)

I am going to risk boring you with a brief account of my wonderful 1961 vacation. It was my rare good fortune last summer to visit Europe with my friends, Dr. Ludmilla Kundert and her son Ernest. We boarded our jet plane at Chicago O'Hara Air Field on the evening of June 15. Eight hours later, our non-stop flight set us down in Frankfurt, Germany. Here the Kunderts have relatives, a brother of Ernest's father, who with his family made us welcome to their home. What an opportunity for me to be a guest in many different "real" homes in this foreign land, and how fortunate for me that the average German who has attended High School has studied English for several years. Thus, I was able to communicate directly with one or more members of each family in whose home we visited.

In Frankfurt, our rented Volkswagen was awaiting us at the Airport, and after a few days in this city, with Ernest our capable driver, we spent the next ten weeks traveling a total of more than 6,000 miles through Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland and France. Our five weeks in Germany were divided between Frankfurt, Hamburg, Luchow (the Kunderts former home town), Hanover, Wolfsburg, Furth, the Bavarian Alps country, and at a typical country village near Stuttgart. Here we were guests of a large and complex farm family, which included an American soldier from Texas. (His German wife was surprised to hear how different the English language is when spoken with other than the Texan accent!) It was hard to break away from these kind people who begged us to stay "one more day." I loved the beautiful German countryside with its luxuriant vegetation and profusion of roses; the cozy homes; our varied experiences — visiting palaces and cathedrals, exploring castles, climbing mountains and descending into salt mines. One of our hosts took time off from his work, and with his wife accompanied us for several days, leading us to interesting places that we might never have found with only our tour guide-books to direct us. For genuine, whole-hearted hospitality, I would certainly recommend the German people highly. Of course "the lady from America," (myself) received special attention, was first served, seated in the best chair, etc. I think I came home a bit spoiled.

After Germany we entered Austria, with an overnight stop at Salzburg, and on to Vienna where we spent several days. Italy came next, with our first stop of any length at Venice. Although we had long known that the streets of Venice were canals, it still came as a surprise to learn that we must park the car at the entrance to the city, and from there proceed by a choice between gondola or motor boat. We enjoyed our lovely hotel on the Grand Canal with its outdoor dining room right at the water's edge, and spent a happy week sightseeing, poking about the shops, deciding on a few of the many lovely things to take home as mementos. My favorite purchase was several water colors of typical Venetian street scenes. One of them, framed, hangs over the desk in my living room. Then came Florence, where we spent a day enjoying some of the treasures of art housed in the Pitti Palace, and next Rome, where we had to maintain a lively pace in order to visit the highlights of historical and scenic interest in a week's time. Here we took advantage of the guided tours everywhere provided for visitors, and how we envied some of our guides their ability to slip from one language to another - Italian, English, German, French, Spanish - with no apparent difficulty. We saw the Roman Forum, the Colosseum, the Catacombs, the

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Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains with Michael Angelo's famous statue of Moses, St. Peter's in the Vatican City, and took an all-day guided tour to Naples and Pompeii.

Leaving Rome, we traveled to Pisa for a look at the famous Leaning Tower, then followed mountainous roads along the Mediterranean to Genoa. Next came the Riviera, with its beautiful beaches and succession of seaside resorts. Just touching France at Marseilles, we went on to skirt Switzerland on the west, stopping at Geneva, Vassel and Bern. This is lovely scenic country, but our sightseeing was handicapped by constant rainy weather. From Basel we drove through the French countryside, busy with harvest operations, with Paris our destination. Had we not been weary from much traveling, I think we could have more fully appreciated the attractions of Paris. But weary or not, one must see the Arch of Triumph, the Champs Elysees, Tuileries Gardens, Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, the Louvre, the palaces at Fontainebleu and Versailles. We attended a ballet performance, and spent an evening at the Folies Bergere Theater.

On our way back to Germany, we stopped over at the interesting old city of Freiburg, in which we did some of our most satisfying shopping. My prize is a coffee set of Bavarian porcelain. We took a quick side trip to see the falls of the Rhine at Schaffhausen, and went back by way of the forementioned country village to Frankfurt, then home by plane, arriving August 25.

I fully agree with the poet's words:

"'Tis fine to see the Old World, and travel up and down," but —

"It's home again, and home again: America for me. My heart is turning home again, and there I long to be."

However, I should like to go back some day, to fill in the gaps of places and things I missed on this trip.

Marjorie Lillico.

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—Jessie Ross Brown, Fargo, in Prairie Wings.

SENT BACK TO KNOWN ADDRESS

He didn't have to be told again what his "legal rights" were—this 44-year-old man who had faced the Grand Forks police magistrate on drunk charges so many times he'd lost count long ago. He just pleaded "guilty" and the judge responded "60 days."

Police couldn't find a "permanent address" for Floyd Grina, the defendant, except maybe "part-time, county jail."

But when Grina shuffled into court again Monday, one of the officers went to the records and came up with these tabulations:

Eighty-five arrests for drunkenness, open bottle, etc., since Feb. 1, 1955, and committed to jail on the various charges for a total of 962 days — about half of the expired time since the offenses came to the attention of the law.

—Grand Forks Herald, Nov. 14, 1961.

Heard at The National Convention

Alcohol has been the source of more crime, political dishonesty, blackmail, broken lives, broken homes, traffic tragedies, etc., than any other single factor. It is strange how we swear by the scientific laboratory in just about every area of life but this. We just don't believe it when the scientist says that alcohol is a narcotic and is in the same class as ether and chloroform. . . . If you want to argue that alcohol in any form, is not an injurious narcotic, don't do so with the preacher or the WCTU—quarrel with the test tube of the scientist.

—Dr. Curtis R. Nims.

OUR PUBLICATIONS

Dear Friends:-

The Union Signal and The Young Crusader are of great value to all of us, and it behooves us to preserve their values in all ways.

(1) One way to preserve these values is to be sure that, when sending subscriptions to the National Headquarters, each name and address is correctly, and clearly, printed or written. There is hardly a day passes that we do not receive notices from the Post Office marked "unclaimed;" "no such address;" or "no such street;" "unknown." On January 10th the cost of such notices advanced from 5c to 10c each. This means that we are going to be paying out a great deal of money here at National Headquarters for the postal notices which, many times, could be avoided if the correct name and/or address had been sent in the first place. Perhaps in the future more responsibility in this matter could be taken, and a double check of each subscription could be made.

(2) Another way to preserve our publications' values is to be sure that when subscriptions are sent on their way to the National Headquarters the correct amount of money is sent along also. (The rates for each publication are listed on the inside cover page.) To send money and subscription together will lessen the load on the staff of the Circulation Department (thus the "girls" will have less bookkeeping to do and will be able to process subscriptions more quickly); keep the subscription from being held back while waiting for the money to arrive; save on postage for you and National Headquarters.

Will YOU be a committee of one to help in these projects? "Togetherness" will accomplish a great deal more than "individualness" . . . will YOU help to prove it?

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