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TOAST TO THE FLAG

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Here's to the flag! How we love every thread of it!
Love every stitch from the foot to the head of it,
Loving the blue and the white and the red of it
Floating so free!
Well may the traitor and spy have a dread of it,
Guardian of you and of me.

—Edward B. Seymour.

Ruth's Ramblings

Dear Comrades:

What did you do this week? We need 45 dues sent in from each district to equal last year's membership. Are you just slow in sending them in, or haven't you been gathering them in? A member said to me, "I read your letter in the White Ribbon Bulletin; it isn't too long to read." Then a silent prayer went up "Dear Lord, give me wings to get to the point." You have work to do and time is short.

On March 28, Mrs. Lloyd Brudevold and I went to Dazey in a fierce dirt storm; we met Mrs. Carl Hetland of Cooperstown and a load of faithful members there, and organized the Dazey-Rogers union of 12 members and one honorary member.

Surely if Larimore, Grassy Butte, and Oakes each can organize an Iota Sigma union, so can Grand Forks, Bismarck, Mandan, Jamestown, Fargo and Wahpeton. Lay your plans, and tell us when you are going, so the prayer-chain can be working. It helped us at Dazey, and also that day — Feb. 13th — at Bismarck. Remember?

Letters from friends we never have met keep coming, rejoicing over our victory. Remember to daily praise and thank the Lord, for without Him we can do nothing.

What union will be No. 5?

Praise, pray and peg away.
Blessings, Ruth Cooper Ottinger.

THE BLIGHT OF ALCOHOLISM

"The blight of a tragic sickness touches the majority of families across this broad land. The sickness, alcoholism, the uncontrolled and seemingly uncontrollable drinking by five million Americans. It robs human brains, destroys homes, marriages and careers. It is the nation's fourth greatest health problem. There is no miracle pill to ease its miseries. It's estimated one in every fifteen teen-agers is likely to become an alcoholic." —Alton Blakeslee, Assoc. Press Science Correspondent.

(Strange, is it not, in view of such recurring statements and disclosures, that we continue as a nation to allow the cause of this "sickness" to be glamorized in advertising, socially accepted and seemingly often made necessary to social acceptance? Alcoholic cocktails are used in thousands of homes of church members who may themselves continue controlled drinking but who set a pattern and example for their children and others unworthy of one who is told as a Christian to be "a pattern of godliness." Science never has determined, and probably never will be able to determine in advance, who is and who is not a potential alcoholic.)

Mrs. C. V. Biddle.

Youth Temperance Council

Dear Y. T. C.'ers,

"Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Proverbs, 22:6.

What a wonderful guide and inspiration this can be for parents in this day when there is so much corruption and evil. Children are exposed to this on TV, in magazines, on radio, and in their everyday living. So, to keep from falling into a deep, dark pit, the child must be taught in the home about a way of life that is free and wonderful — the real Christian life. This personal blessing and deep security is reflected from parent to child, brother to sister. From now on, instead of just saying we're Christians, let's show it by our actions and attitudes. Maybe we can be "just what it takes" to lead others to Christ.

Let this be our prayer: Dear Lord, make me a blessing to someone today so they too may find the wonderful way to Christ, Heaven and Home.

In Christ,
Jo Anne Hanson, State YTC Pres.

**YOUTH TEMPERANCE COUNCIL
REGISTRATION BLANK
YTC CAMP, COOPERSTOWN BIBLE CAMP
COOPERSTOWN, N. DAK. - JUNE 12-16, 1963
PRICE — \$7.50**

Name _____
Address _____
Parents _____
Church _____
Age _____ Grade _____ Phone _____
Camp Sponsor _____

If at all possible, please mail camp registration to Mrs. Melvin Gangness, Harwood, N. Dak., by June 1. Registration fee of \$2.00 should be included, the balance of \$5.50 to be paid when you enroll at camp.

Bring own bedding, towels, swimsuit, Bible, notebook, pencils, heavy sweater or coat, flashlight, and your very BEST spirit of cooperation. We are looking for contestants for the silver and gold medal speech contests. Please contact Mrs. Joel Erickson, Steele, N. Dak., if you are an entrant. Special musical numbers for our camp programs are much in demand. Remember to bring your music for both instrumental and vocal selections.

YOUTH 12 years and older with Christian ideals, and who have potential leadership ability, should be encouraged to learn more about YTC by coming to camp. We emphasize every good and wholesome social activity and high personal standards for the benefit of our members and their all-around development. We discourage the wearing of shorts by our members while in attendance in camp. May we all cooperate to carry our motto, "A GOOD TIME WITH A PURPOSE."

Mrs. Melvin Gangness, Secretary.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

April 15, 1963

Dues paid members _____ 1059
Budget Dollars received _____ \$872.50
We are BEHIND 212 members.
We are BEHIND \$124.00 on Budget.
Are YOU included here?

Notes From The Unions

The Fargo union held the January meeting at the First Methodist Church and invited all unions in the district to attend. Mr. Larry Kindle, the executive director of the United Temperance Movement, was guest speaker, and the film, "Behind the Skyscrapers" was shown. The February meeting of this union was held at the home of Mrs. Fred Pile. Mrs. Andrew Haibeck gave a wonderful talk on the "Woman's Crusade" and the part Frances Willard took in it. The Misses Grace and Edith Higgins showed a copy of the Union Signal dated March 10, 1898; which was the Memorial number for Frances Willard. The copy of the paper was sent to them by their sister in Nebraska, who had found it being thrown away. The members of Fargo union are taking turns reading it. A recent meeting was held at the home of Mrs. C. E. Webster, whose daughters, Miss Florence Webster and Mrs. Debree were delightful hostesses. At this meeting the Misses Grace and Edith Higgins told of their trip to Bismarck to attend the hearing on SB 225. Mrs. Webster, who is 98, told some of her early day experiences; in her native state of Michigan she belonged to a Blue Ribbon society for youth, and after coming to Dakota Territory, she has belonged to the WCTU. She remembers Frances Willard's visit to Fargo. She has been a member of the Baptist church for 83 years and a Sunday School teacher for 50 years. While her daughter Florence was a missionary in China, Mrs. Webster made a trip to visit her, and at this meeting some wonderful handwork and other articles made in China were shown to the interested women present. Mrs. J. T. Warne is our reporter.

The Valley City Iota Sigma WCTU held their February meeting in the home of Mrs. Eldwyn Van Bruggen with Miss Diane Viseth leading the devotions.

Highlights of the meeting were the reports of the days spent at YTC camp last June by Diane Viseth and Janice Sundstrom. They spoke highly of the effective leadership by Dennis Topp, state YTC camp director and a staff of counselors.

Tuesday, March 19, at the home of Dr. A. D. Ottinger, the Valley City Youth Temperance Council held its regular monthly meeting.

The temperance movement of North Dakota recently triumphed in causing the failure of the Food-Liquor Bill before the state legislature. Mrs. Ottinger told the group of her experiences at the legislative hearing in which she played a major role.

Business consisted of preparation for Youth Temperance Education Week. Gov. William Guy has officially proclaimed this week to be observed April 21-27. Many plans and projects were put into beginning stages under the leadership of the local adviser, Mrs. Curtis Kvilvang, local president of the Iota Sigma. Mrs. Ronnie Bruggen, and the State WCTU President, Mrs. A. D. Ottinger. Following the meeting, lunch was served. This good report was written by a YTC member.

The Sawyer union held a Frances Willard Memorial Tea in February, at which Mrs. Arthur Vix, local president, who attended the Hearing in Bismarck on SB 225, told about the events of that busy afternoon. Entertainment for the tea included duets by Mrs. Reuben Schnebel and Mrs. J. O. Coughlin, and by Mrs. Joe Streeper and Mrs. Charles McClain. Mrs. Paul Hrichena read a poem. Tea was served by Mrs. Vernon Forthun and Mrs. Sam Lang.

The Grand Forks and Frances Willard unions held a joint meeting Feb. 22 at the home of Mrs. S. L. Pettit, 619 Reeves Drive. Mrs. Corella Halvorson, the vice president of the Frances Willard union, presided. America was sung by the audience, Mrs. Mitchell, president of the Grand Forks union, read scripture, and Mrs. Halvorson offered prayer. Mrs. R. Lunseth gave a

piano solo, and also was accompanist for her daughter, Mrs. Arnold Havig, who sang two solos. Mrs. Bessie M. Darling gave a short, interesting talk and Mrs. H. W. Vacey of Larimore, the district president, gave a most informative and interesting talk on Frances Willard. A pot luck lunch was served at attractive tables. The fruit drink served before the program was a real treat. Prayer and singing "Blest Be The Tie That Binds" closed the joint Frances Willard Memorial program. Mrs. H. O. Hermanson, Cor. Sec.

The March meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Valley City was held at the home of Mrs. E. G. Ranum. Assisting hostess was the Rev. Laura Meyer.

Devotions were conducted by Miss Alma Luessen.

A varied program was presented. Mrs. R. M. Jensen reviewed an article on driving regulations in Norway. Several items from the Union Signal were also reviewed. Following the meeting refreshments were served by the hostesses.

On Monday, March 11th, at 6 p.m. at the Methodist Church, the Steele WCTU group was hostesses to area youth at a pizza supper, which included other refreshments.

Youth interested received information concerning the local WCTU speech contest. Much work has been done locally in the district and state levels in the speech contest. Steele has contestants in the bronze group (9 to 12 years); silver group (12 years) and Gold group winners, of silver awards. To date Steele claims two state Pearl winners. An interesting temperance film was shown, Steele Ozone Mrs. Joel Erickson, State Director of Speech Contests, who lives and teaches at Steele, planned this entertainment for their local youth. Editor.

The Jamestown WCTU has had some interesting meetings this year. In November a panel, composed of local law enforcement officers discussed "Alcohol and its Relation to the Rising Assident Rate in the State." C. L. Robertson, Jamestown College professor, served as moderator of the panel composed of Sgt. John M. Horner, state highway patrol, Mrs. Hattie Austin, county sheriff's office, and Wm. M. Bennett, chief of ponice. This meeting was held at the Congregational Church. Rev. Wm. Wilcox, pastor of this church, had the worship service.

The Christmas meeting was held at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. N. E. McCoy where Mrs. K. K. Koth of the EUB church introduced the McCoy's new organ to the group.

In January, Mrs. Grace Meeker presented a paper on the Constitution.

In February the Frances Willard supper for the public school teachers and the ministers of the community was held in the new EUB Church of which Rev. K. K. Koth is the pastor. The honorary members for the second time served to over 100 people. Dr. Alex C. Burr was the guest speaker, stating that the crux of the beverage alcohol program is economic—human beings willing to make money off the weakness of their fellow men. He paid tribute to Francis Willard, a noted teacher and the foremost leader of the Woman's Christian Temperance movement in the last century, in whose memory the supper was held. In expressing special appreciation of the present day teachers, he emphasized the significant rôle they play in not only instructing youth in the facts of narcotics as required by law, but also in properly motivating youth because of their dedication to the truth. Rev. Ronald Erickson, chaplain at the State Hospital, led the worship service and Rev. N. E. McCoy led in group singing.

DENNIS D. TOPP
1938 — 1963



President, N. D. YTC
1959 — 1961

Dennis Topp went to be with the Lord on Tuesday March 5, 1963, after nearly six months of illness, thus bringing to a close the earthly life of one who has been very active in many kinds of youth work. Dennis was born in New Rockford, N. Dak., on August 30, 1938, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Topp. He attended high school in Glenfield, N. Dak., and also attended Valley City State Teachers College at Valley City, N. Dak., and Briercrest Bible Institute, Caronport, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Dennis became a Christian when he personally received the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior at the age of eight. He was baptized in the spring of 1946 by Rev. J. Ralph McNeil in the Juanita Methodist Church, Juanita, N. Dak. All of his life, Dennis has wanted to work with children, which led him to teach for two years in Cherry Lake and Lucca. He worked with the Youth Temperance Council Camps in Minnesota, and started the North Dakota YTC Camp. He has also worked with other camps and youth programs.

For the past five years he has made plans to establish what would be called the Double L Ranch for boys and girls who are homeless. After his marriage to Clara Bosshart in December, 1961, these plans were given greater attention. It was at the time when plans for the ranch were in the making, that Dennis was taken sick. Dennis was a certified lay speaker in the Methodist Church.

Mr. Topp is survived by his wife and daughter, Cindy Lou; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Topp, Juanita; two brothers and two sisters, Laverne of Jamestown and Leonard of Juanita; Mrs. Keith (Eleanor) Carlson, Sterling, N. Dak.; and Mrs. Allan (Della Mae) Anderson, Valley City.

May his life be a joy to remember, and to the glory of God.

Written by the Rev. Keith Carlson, brother-in-law of Dennis.

TRIBUTES

We are working for YTC camp minus Dennis this year, and I miss him sorely, but we just can't give up the work that he gave so much for. When I thought of YTC without Dennis Topp to lean on, I became almost dismayed. He did so much of the actual 'legwork' for camp, work that I just didn't have the time for. I could do the correspondence, but we need a young man desperately, in camp work, and how the boys loved Dennis! We need to pray without ceasing.

—Mrs. Melvin Gangness, N. D. YTC Sec.

STATE PRESIDENT

How little I dreamed, when we happily took off for YTC Camp in Minnesota that summer of 1957, that Dennis would be so inspired as to become our own YTC president and be manager of our own camp. How he did enjoy the National WCTU conventions he attended and meeting YTC boys and girls from all the states. Out of these experiences, some very fine friendships grew. Dennis went with the car load my husband drove to Washington, D. C., in 1958 and in 1959 North Dakota had our first YTC camp. With his friend "Jim," now the Rev. James Balwebber of Finley, N. D., he took turns driving the car that took Mrs. Dorothy Nelson, Mrs. L. O Grondahl and myself to San Antonio, Texas, when the National meeting was there, and when two loads went to the convention held in Portland, Maine, he drove one car. It was his wish, expressed more than once, that JoAnne Hanson, now the state YTC president, might go to the National Convention to be at Columbus, Ohio, this year.

Now Dennis is "Absent from the body - present with the Lord." Many were sad and disappointed when a change in the date of his funeral from Saturday to Friday prevented them from attending as planned. Young people from Fargo, Harwood and other places had intended to take loads of his friends to the services. His family understands this. May God bless his memory.

—Mrs. A. D. Ottinger.

FROM MINNESOTA

God bless "Tex's" memory. We laid our dear "Tex" to rest March 8th, near his home in Carrington, N. D. His first contact with YTC was at our camp six years ago, when he rode over with Mrs. Ottinger, state president of N. D. WCTU. For the last five years he acted as Minnesota Camp Dean of Boys, and last June he was crowned "King of Temperance" because of the contribution he had made towards YTC in Minnesota. He took his YTC enthusiasm to his home state and became the promoter and then the manager of N. D. YTC Camp. He will be remembered always for his example of righteous living, for his deep spiritual understanding, and for his friendly interest in people, especially youth. His influence will live on in the lives of hundreds he contacted through the YTC camps in both states. Pallbearers included two boys from each YTC camp, Minnesota and North Dakota. Besides the youth, six staff members from the Minnesota Camp attended the service, some traveling more than 400 miles to show their love and respect.

—Mrs. Frances Poston, Minn. YTC Secretary.

We sorrow with the wife and family of Dennis Topp, our beloved young YTC leader, who was called from this life March 5, 1963, after a recurrence of the illness from which he suffered last fall. To some of us older women, who saw him only once a year, his appearance at our state conventions was like a ray of sunshine. We will not forget his infectious smile and warm handclasp, nor the enthusiastic energy with which he promoted the work for our young people. We feel, as Mr. D. H. Elliot, managing editor of the Minnesota White Ribbon once wrote — "Dennis is one in a million." We do not know what tasks awaited him 'beyond the river' but we are sure he is busy with something planned for him there, and for which the things he did here were but a preliminary. In Isaiah 55:4 are these words: "Behold I have given him for a witness to the people, a leader . . ." Truly Dennis was God-given to our work; may there be some who were inspired by his life who will help carry on the camp work he began for the YTC.

—Elizabeth C. Beasley.

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ONE DRINK CAN BE TOO MANY

A motorist who consumes as much as one drink should be classified as a drunken driver, says Dr. Geoffrey T. Mann, Virginia's chief medical examiner. Dr. Mann declares that a completely drunk motorist is usually apprehended before he creates too much trouble. But one drink, he says, may have an "exhilarating effect" on a driver and thus constitute the gravest danger of all." —Listen, December, 1962.

A Word To The Wise

The meadowlarks had reached my home community some days before we arrived, the afternoon of April 4th, but I think those in the southern part of the state must have found it chilly, for there was snow from Madison, Minn., all the rest of the way till we were almost home. In Fargo, where they were busy cleaning streets and sidewalks, the piles of snow were higher than the top of our car, in places. Since arriving, there has been wind and dust, but we are glad to be home. A sleet storm had put the electricity out of commission two days before we got here, so the two old kerosene lamps I still keep, were used again, as well as candles.

It had been unseasonably warm in Arkansas just before we left, and flowers and other vegetation were earlier than usual. I was glad to be able to see the blossoming dogwood trees and some fruit trees making the world beautiful for many miles, as we drove north the first day. The second day we had a very strong wind to combat, and that night a little snow fell, but we had no trouble in travelling. My husband and I both are thankful that we stayed very well nearly all the time we were away; we each have had a flu-y cold since we returned, but are recovering.

I wish to thank all of you who have sent in news of your activities for the paper; we all like to know what is being done. I have been saddened by the long list of members and friends who have died recently; I hope the many decedents of some of these dedicated women will live by the principles they stood for. The 'brainwashing' methods of those who make money from sale of alcoholic beverages and other narcotics cannot fail to have an effect upon children and youth, but the example of the parents is the strongest deterrent from forming habits that enslave. We thank God for every white ribbon mother, and fathers who are total abstainers.

I was glad to learn that the recent session of the state legislature 'plugged the loophole' in the state law forbidding possession or purchase of alcoholic beverages by a minor. The wording has been changed to substitute 'alcoholic beverages' for 'intoxicating liquor,' and reduces the required alcoholic content of such beverages to one half of one per cent. This needed change in the law should make it possible to secure convictions more readily when arrests are made for sales to minors.

June and YTC Camp time will be here before we know it. How I wish that every union, especially the ones in the eastern part of the state and thus not far away, will be able to sponsor young people for camp this year. Can you realize how seldom many young people hear anything in opposition to the constant flood of advertising of beverage alcohol and cigarettes? Surely they deserve a chance to see the other side of the picture. Talk about the camp in your union right away! It will be in the same place, near Cooperstown, as it was last year; the place and date are in this paper.

For the sake of our beloved Dennis Topp, who gave so much of his time, spiritual strength and youthful energy to helping our young people, let us push the YTC camp and the things it stands for, all we possibly can.

Cordially yours, Elizabeth C. Beasley.

The neighborhood grocer was telling a customer about the new minister who had just taken over duties at the local church. "He's wonderful," the grocer explained, "And his sermons are tremendous! Of course I haven't heard him yet."

The customer looked bewildered. "If you haven't heard him, how do you know he's so wonderful?"

"Oh, I can tell by the way his parishioners are flocking in here to pay their bills," the grocer replied.

—Wilfred E. Beaver.

Treasurer's Report

Feb. 15 to April 15, 1963

DUES: Julia D. Nelson, Fargo 21, Larimore 1, Langdon 1, Dickinson 4, Minot 7, Jamestown 3, Crosby 1, Lisbon 1, Willard Members 3.

CCC FUND: Julia D. Nelson, Fargo \$5.25, Fargo Union \$8.25, Langdon 25c, Steele \$3.25, Oakes \$5.50, Jamestown 75c, Northwood \$12.75, Edgeley \$4, Marion \$2.50.

BUDGET: Julia D. Nelson, Fargo \$50.00, McKenzie \$16.00, LaMoure \$15.00.

STATE REPORTS: Napoleon \$1.00, Grafton \$2.00, Valley City \$2.00, Jamestown \$2.00, Northwood \$2.00, Granville \$1.00, Cooperstown \$1.00, Minot \$1.00, Fargo \$1.00, Park River \$1.00, Lisbon \$1.00, Marion \$1.00.

STEVENS LEGISLATIVE FUND: Edgeley \$2.00, Fargo \$2.00, Steele \$4.75, Grand Forks \$2.00, Grafton \$2.00, Minot \$2.00, Northwood \$2.00, Gilby \$2.00, Crosby \$2.00.

WILLARD MEMORIAL FUND: Edgeley \$2.00, Fargo \$2.00, Lisbon \$5.00, Steele \$2.00, Larimore \$2.00, Grand Forks \$2.00, Grafton \$4.00, Cooperstown \$10.00, Valley City \$20.00, Dickey \$4.00, Lisbon Iota Sigma \$2.00, Minot \$2.00, Jamestown \$3.00, Tower City \$4.25, Northwood \$2.00, Crosby \$2.00, Sawyer \$2.00, Arthur-Hunter \$2.00, Marion \$3.00.

LIGHT LINE: Fargo, Steele, Valley City, Larimore.

WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN: Edgeley \$2.00.

YTC CAMP FUND: Grand Forks \$10.00, Dickey \$5.00, Fargo \$10.00.

YTC MEMBERSHIPS: \$9.50.

MEMORIAL MEMBERSHIP: Mrs. Sara E. Ferber, by Oakes Union.

MEMORIAL GIFTS: For Dennis Topp by Mrs. Benj. Gorder, \$5 for Camp Fund. For James Bohnski by Grace Kelley \$2.00.

CHRISTMAS CARDS SOLD: \$5.00.

FILM RENTAL: \$3.50.

ERRORS IN LAST WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN: Dues for Valley City should have been 112. CCC payment of \$29.50 was omitted. Budget for Bismarck should have been \$11.00.

DONATIONS: in response to special letter were received from Mrs. Victor Fisher, Mrs. Mattie Truax, Mrs. J. J. Anderson, Mrs. J. N. Quello, Mrs. E. J. Huntley, Mrs. F. E. McCurdy, Mrs. Marian Waa, Mrs. Lewis Coit, Mrs. Laura Brooks, Mrs. Christine Lund, Dickinson Union, Englevale Union. The total now is \$418.20. The total in last White Ribbon Bulletin should have been \$400.50.

—Mrs. L. O. Grondahl, Treasurer.

Corresponding Secretary's Letter

"Never Flag in Zeal, be aglow with the spirit, serve the Lord." Romans 12:11, RV.
Dear White Ribboners:

We now have four months to finish the year's work. Our National Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Herman Stanley asks us for the number of NEW WCTU members won this year. I will need the report from each union by June 5th. (Remember the dues must be sent to the State Treasurer, Mrs. L. O. Grondahl, 1037 Fifth St. N., Fargo, if members are to be counted).

The member winning the largest number of NEW WCTU members will receive from National WCTU, free subscriptions to the Union Signal and The Young Crusader, and from the state a WCTU pin.

Life Liner Reports are due June 30th.

We have a new Iota Sigma WCTU in Larimore, one in Grassy Butte; others in the making, one in Dazey, N. Dak.

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.

THE PATRIOT

The flag went by. He doffed his hat
And asked no praise for doing that
He never boasted: "I am true!
I love the old Red, White and Blue!
I love my children and my wife;
Mine is a most unusual life,
Because it happens, don't you see,
I am what I'm supposed to be."
He never said: "Who looks at me
A law-abiding man will see."
When we by bars are not enclosed
Respect for law is presupposed.
He could be trusted at his post
But never thought of that to boast,
And if you mentioned it, he'd say
A man's supposed to live that way.
He did his best and let it go,
Without desire for pomp or show;
Those manly traits which marked him most
He never raised his voice to boast.
He played the neighbor, played the friend,
Was true to all men to the end,
And I should choose him from the lot
For what I'd call a patriot.

—Exchange.

THE CONSTITUTION and OUR COMMON DEFENSE

We talk much about our "common defense." The liquor traffic inevitably conflicts with every one of those sacred rights which our United States Constitution was created to observe and to conserve. Every assertion of federal protection, embodied in the preamble, is constantly and persistently defied by the traffic in and consumption of alcoholic beverages. Its legalization promotes disunity; it violates justice; it destroys domestic tranquility; it cripples and undermines the common defense; (read the recent report of number of alcoholics in the armed forces being treated for alcoholism); it undermines and destroys the general welfare.

We rejoice over the victory in retaining the Liquor-Food Divorcement Act, through the efforts of our president, Mrs. A. D. Ottinger, who spoke at the Hearing, the U.T.M., ministers and other interested people. Many letters were sent in by WCTU members, churches and friends. This illustrates the need of an organization in every community and what it can do to "influence people." A new WCTU or Iota Sigma WCTU is urged in each district. Let's not delay! God will help if we but ask Him. We can "do all things through Christ who strengthens us." Depend on His leadership.

Attend your district conventions. Help with the business of Total Abstinence. You will gain in knowledge, inspiration and fellowship in proportion as you give.

Please remember the dates: June 5th for NEW member reports and June 30th for the Life Liner reports.

May this year bring you into the NET gain bracket.

Sincerely yours, Laura G. Brooks.

Legislation

Dear WCTU Friends:

I want to congratulate you on the splendid way you responded and worked to kill SB 225, an amendment to our Liquor-Food Divorcement Law in North Dakota.

Mrs. Mildred B. Harmon, Rep. Bureau of Legislation for the National WCTU has informed me about several bills that she would like you to write to Senators and Congressmen in Washington about. National has approved S. Res. 19 and H. R. 817. S. Res. 19, sponsored by Senator Morse, is almost the same as last year's S. R. 325. Address letters to:

Senator B. Everett Jordan
Chairman, Senate Rules Committee
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

asking that early attention be given the bill so it can be brought out on the Senate floor for consideration. H. R. 19 is the same as last year's H.R. 2297. It is sponsored by Congressman Siler. It is a bill to prohibit the transportation in interstate commerce of advertising of alcoholic beverages. Write to:

Honorable Oren Harris
Chairman of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce

House Office Building, Washington, D. C.

asking that he either hold a hearing on the Bill or consider the 1955 record on the bill and urge the Committee to quick consideration so it can get out of Committee and on the floor of the House.

Do not indicate that the letter was directed; no form letters, no carbon copies.

Read your Union Signal concerning these bills. It is important that you act right now.

Yours sincerely,
Judith H. Rue, Director,
Legislation, North Dakota W. C. T. U.

LOOPHOLE PLUGGED IN BEVERAGE LAW

A loophole in the state law regarding the purchase or possession of alcoholic beverages by a minor has been plugged, according to word received Wednesday by the Grand Forks County juvenile court from Helgi Johanneson, North Dakota attorney general.

Johanneson explained that a law signed by Gov. William Guy on Saturday amends many sections of the law relative to intoxicating beverages.

The law now reads: "Minors—Possession or purchase of alcoholic beverages unlawful. It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of 21 years to purchase or have in his or her possession in this state any alcoholic beverage as defined by section 5-01,01," Johanneson informed juvenile court here.

Where the words "alcoholic beverages" are used now, formerly the word "liquor" was used.

Need for a change in the law became apparent in the case of State vs. Lloyd Anderson in Stutsman County. The Supreme Court of North Dakota, acting on an appeal from Stutsman County, held that 5-01-26 of the North Dakota law, regarding purchasing liquor for a minor, would require proof that the beverage furnished in evidence must contain more than 4 per cent of alcohol by weight.

The amendment reduces the content requirement of alcohol to one half of one per cent.

Authorities here said the loophole caused dismissals in county court here after juvenile court had waived jurisdiction.

—Grand Forks Herald.

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Conscience dissolves in alcohol.

LOYAL TEMPERANCE LEGION

"Attention Loyal Temperance Legion Leaders!"

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We've learned while having fun
Together in our groups at LTL.

Our winter has gone and spring is here — which brings us to thoughts of a "Day Camp." Let us start planning now for an LTL Day Camp this summer. We would like to give every LTL member a chance to attend. Why not each local Legion conduct a Day Camp in their own locality, to be held in your city park or some place suitable. I know your WCTU will help you. Each child can bring his own lunch if preferred and the beverage — fruit juice or pop can be furnished by the Union. Day Camp lesson material can be secured from our National WCTU Publishing House, 1730 Chicago Ave., Evanston, Ill. Series I. This will give you an idea how to conduct your meeting. Choose some work which is simple and you know can be completed in brief time allotted. Devotions and singspirations, Narcotic Education Class, etc., swimming of course if convenient.

Arrange the time and length of session to best advantage. Northwood is planning for their third year of "Day Camps." Last year they were privileged to have a large group from Larimore attend.

Be sure to explain that Day Camps are for ALL Children, ages 6 to 12, whether LTL members or not. Always invite visitors. I would like to know what your plans are?

"Let's have a good time with a purpose."

Sincerely,
Mrs. Leonard Bilden, Secretary.

Personal Mention

Dr. and Mrs. A D. Ottinger, with her sister and husband, Mr and Mrs. Oscar Forde of Bismarck, attended a luncheon at the Bismarck Country Club April 20th, honoring all the women who were nominated for North Dakota Mother of the Year 1963. Mrs. Ottinger was one of the 19 women nominated for this honor, which was given to Mrs. O'Connor of St. Thomas, the mother of 12 children. It was a real honor to be one of the nominees.

We are glad to report that Mrs. Stella Gorder of Grafton, the sister of our state recording secretary, Mrs. Benjamin Gorder, has made a good recovery from the critical illness from which she suffered at state convention time last fall. She received a very good report following a recent check-up at Rochester, Minn.

Mrs. C. E. Webster of Fargo, 98 years young, recently had the meeting of the Fargo WCTU at her home, where her two daughters served as hostesses. Though she suffered a broken hip some three years ago, Mrs. Webster rarely misses church or WCTU meetings. Not long ago, when the union met at a home without a piano, the president asked who would start the song "This Is My Father's World." Mrs. Webster said, "Oh, I can," and did so promptly and correctly, singing all the verses perfectly from memory. Splendid!

A man who drinks now and then, usually drinks more now than he did then.

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Building clinics for Alcoholics does not eliminate the liquor curse.

IN MEMORIAM

"I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you." John 14:18.

Mrs. Andrew Robbie, long a member of the Cavalier union, died March 14 at the age of 93 years. She is survived by a son, two daughters, 12 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. John A. Frette, Grand Forks, who was a member of the Frances Willard union there, died Jan. 21, 1963. Her husband survives, with two sons, Lowell and Luther, who have done well in music and speech contest work. She was a member of Bethel Lutheran church and Ladies Aid.

Mrs. J. Arthur Engen, Treasurer of the Bismarck WCTU is bereaved in the passing of her husband after a short illness; Mr. Engen, who was State Tax Commissioner, had been admitted to a hospital only a few hours before his death. Besides his widow, he leaves five daughters and a son.

Mrs. Addie Bowers, a faithful member of the Bottineau WCTU, was born Addie Amsbaugh in Ohio May 28, 1892. She came with her parents to Bottineau county in 1900, and in 1913 was married to Frank Bowers. They farmed until Mr. Bowers' death in 1950, and after that she moved into Bottineau, where she lived till her death last winter. She is survived by five daughters and two sons, 25 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. She became a member of the WCTU soon after she moved into Bottineau.

Mr. Augustine Jansick, 78, who formerly lived in Jamestown and was an honorary member of the WCTU there, died March 8 in Concord, Calif., where he had gone a year ago to live with his daughter, Mrs. Rachel Hanners and her husband. An elder of the Jamestown Presbyterian Church, his funeral was held there March 13, and burial was in Highland Home Cemetery near there.

Mrs. H. O. Jeglum, 80, who died March 1st in Grand Forks where she and her husband had lived since they retired in 1953, was a former resident of the Fairdale community where they lived and farmed for many years. When the Fairdale WCTU was alive, Mrs. Jeglum was most faithful and active in the work. Mr. Jeglum, three sons, two daughters, 16 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren survive her.

Mrs. Howard Coombs, 71, a Willard member of the N. D. WCTU, who was born Anna Erickson, formerly lived in Moorhead. She was a singing evangelist before her marriage and worked with the Fargo Union Mission under the direction of the Rev. O. E. McCeacken. Mr. and Mrs. Coombs lived and farmed near Picardville and McClusky, N. D. She did Sunday School work until her health began to fail. She is survived by her husband, a daughter, a grandson, three sisters and four brothers.

Mrs. Bertrude M. Farnsworth, 56, a former teacher who had been a resident of the Edgeley community and village since 1920, died March 11 in a Fargo hospital. She was a member of the Methodist church, the WSCS, the Eastern Star, the Golden Glen Homemakers, and the WCTU. She sang in the choir for many years, but her health had failed in recent months. The loss of her son Kenneth by drowning in 1953, and of her gifted daughter Mary Lee in 1961 were heavy sorrows bravely borne. She is survived by her husband, two sisters and two half-sisters.

Kathy Buck, ten-year-old daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Buck of Valley City, was killed in a car accident near there Feb. 1st. Her father, who is pastor of Salem and Dazey Methodist churches, was seriously injured as was his 7-year-old son Randy. Kathy was dedicated as a White Ribbon Recruit some years ago.

Mrs. Mary King was a pioneer resident of the Woodworth community and came to Jamestown after the death of her husband to live with her son, the late Nelson P. King. After her son's death she went to Helena, Montana, to live. She died there the second week in January, having resided there since 1957. Burial was in the Gem cemetery at Woodworth. She was a member of the Congregational Church while living in Jamestown and belonged to the Lydia Wanner Union there since 1930. She was a most faithful member and kept up her membership after leaving.

Mrs. John Schmitt belonged to the WCTU since the early twenties. During the years she had been local president at three different times, and was Mrs. Fred Wanner's chief assistant during the forties, being very generous with her time and her car at all times, in the promotion of the WCTU. She served the James-Valley district as treasurer and was made a Continuing member by the district. She died January 1, 1963, survived by her husband, a daughter, Mrs. T. J. Hayes and two granddaughters.

Mrs. Kenneth Kvanvig, 33, of Crosby, who died early Thursday morning, April 11th, while sleeping, was born Alice Mae Bakke July 28, 1929 at Dickinson. She attended high school in New England, North Central Bible Institute in Minneapolis, and graduated from Central Bible Institute at Springfield, Mo. She taught school near New England and was married there to Kenneth Kvanvig May 29, 1961. They went to Crosby in 1948, when Mr. Kvanvig became business manager of the Crosby Clinic. Her death was apparently caused from a rheumatic heart, with which she had been afflicted for some time. Surviving are her husband, her three sons, Timothy, Jonathan and Paul; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Bakke of New England, N. D., a brother, Rev. Marcus Bakke of Scranton, two sisters, Jewell of Crosby and Phyllis who is a missionary in Iloilo City in the Philippines.

Charles Liessman, husband of the historian of the N. D. WCTU, died in a Bismarck hospital the morning of Feb. 16, 1963, after an illness of a few days, with heart trouble. Born at Hildesheim, Germany, Sept. 24, 1878, at the age of 16 he went to sea, serving in the merchant marine service of various countries, and in the U. S. Navy from 1900 to 1909. He was a member of the personal staff of the commander-in-chief of the U. S. Pacific Fleet from 1905 to 1909, when he resigned and came to North Dakota. He married Viola A. Stramblad at her homestead north of Tuttle, June 23, 1909. The two had met first in London, England, a few years before while she was traveling in Europe with her mother and brother. They lived on her homestead, farmed the land, and their house became a pioneer center of business and cultural activity. Later he was admitted to the bar; they moved to Bismarck in 1916. He served a term as states attorney of Kidder county, was in charge of military draft operations in 1917-18, was secretary of the State Board of Regents, and became the first executive secretary of the State Board of Administration when it was created in 1919. He served 22 years as a member of the office staff of the N. D. secretary of state and was deputy secretary of state for over 20 years. He had worked as legal adviser in the State Tax department from 1957 up to the time he was hospitalized. Mr. Liessman was an elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Bismarck and had represented the Eldership at the baptismal font for over 20 years. He belonged to many groups. There is not space to mention the many ways in which he was helpful to people, especially youth. He is survived by his wife, a son, Emerson, a daughter, Mrs. Jack (Thelma) Vantine, two grandsons, Liess and Bruce Vantine, all of Bismarck; and a brother, Herman Liessman of Munich, Germany.

A PAGE FROM NORWAY'S BOOK—

I knew from reading statistics on the subject that Norway's figures for accidents due to drunken driving were way down but didn't realize the facts of legislation back of the figures until seeing the article by Joseph Kaselow in a recent issue of This Week magazine.

The author, on a visit to Norway, began to wonder what was back of the frequent statement he heard when he suggested a drink. "No thanks, I'm driving." The answer was very simple: Norway has a law which says if you get picked up for drunken driving, you are put in jail and you stay there for three weeks.

The legislative angle is of prime importance but the fact that it is rigidly observed is what makes the difference. Not only do they rigidly impose the sentence in case of accidents but frequently stop cars coming from a party where they suspect drinking has been going on.

The police may stop any suspected driver and impose the blood test (not any problematical balloon test) and if it tests .05 per cent, he not only stays in jail 21 days, but his driving permit is revoked for at least a year. If the driver refuses to submit to a blood test, his permit is revoked for a minimum of two years. If the driver has been convicted of drunken driving within the past five years, his license will be revoked permanently.

Indeed the law is respected to such an extent that if an individual has had a few drinks and thinks there is any possibility he may be "within the law" he leaves his car where it is parked and takes a cab home.

Meanwhile the slaughter goes on on American highways, with an occasional over-night stay in a jail, and now and then a license is revoked; but there is such a wide latitude of chance that the drunken driver won't suffer anything more than a fine and the effectiveness is lost.

Recent figures from the National Safety Council disclose that, varying in different states, from 50 per cent to 62 per cent of auto deaths involved at least one person under the influence of alcohol.

The strictness of the Norwegian legislation and the zeal with which it is enforced gives many a person who really doesn't want to drink or drink much, an easy out—he or she can always say, "Sorry, I'm driving."

If every one of the 50 states of the United States would take a page out of Norway's book, there would be many people alive in 1965 who would otherwise be dead, the consumption of liquor would go down, and parties could be enjoyed in a normal atmosphere without distasteful scenes from those who "are under the influence."

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TRAINING COURSE

The Leadership Training Course held at Fargo early in March for district presidents or their representatives, was held at the Graver Hotel where a room was made available for their meetings. Eight of the ten organized districts were represented, and a number of new presidents were pleased to have the opportunity to ask questions and receive help and information about their work. A tape recording of the hearing on S. B. 225, which was held at Bismarck in February, was very interesting to the 16 women who attended. The mid year meeting of the General Officers of the N. D. WCTU was held also, while they were in Fargo.

"DON'T THROW THE BABY OUT WITH THE BATH WATER!"

There is a saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water." The quotations from current newspapers in regard to the study of teen-age drinking in New York (YTC column) make one think of this saying. We can't control teen-age drinking by forbidding the sale of liquor to minors, so let's throw out the law entirely! Of course, by so doing we will throw out the teen-ager with the law. But that doesn't matter to the men who fatten on the liquor industry.

What chance does a teen-ager today have for protection against the vicious narcotic drug called alcohol? Does he have the protection of the law? Of his home? Of his school? Of his church? (Yes, does he have the protection of his church?) This is something for every truly Christian man and woman to consider carefully and prayerfully. And then translate prayer and thoughtful consideration into action! Children and teen-agers look to older people for guidance. What kind of guidance are they getting?—M. B.

—N. Calif. White Ribbon Ensign.

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