

Ruth's Ramblings

MAY — JUNE

Let us remember now that, "We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but Against powers, against principalities, against the rulers of darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Eph. 6:12. Dear Comrades,

North Dakota must keep her good laws for we are the envy of many states that have legalized pari-mutuel gambling. (The name implies betting among ourselves) and states that have liquor served in dining rooms and wherever food is served.

On June 30th, 1964, the voters of North Dakota will determine whether or not there shall be an amendment to the North Dakota constitution to legalize pari-mutuel gambling on horse racing and dog racing. Said question being proposed by an association in North Dakota known by the formal title, "North Dakota Track Association," Michael K. Guildemann, Minot, president. The association has circulated petitions and filed same with the Secretary of State's office in Bismarck, acquiring the minimum number of signatures, (twenty thousand). The North Dakota Track Association will carry on a public campaign to enlist support for the passage of the measure. One step has already been taken in addition to circulation of the petitions cited above; the participation on a radio program known as "Viewpoint," aired on WDAY, Fargo, February 6th, 1964. On this program the guest is interviewed by the radio news director and listeners are invited to participate by telephoning the radio station to talk directly with the participants on the program.

Your President feels that gambling is a disease, second only to alcoholism, the two outstanding features being moral and monetary. People gamble to realize monetary gain and the result of their gambling affects the lives of others. Money that is spent at the race track is not available for use with the main street business, the savings and checking accounts, etc. If the North Dakota Track Association is correct in its estimates, the turnover in North Dakota would have to be almost 33 million dollars to realize a return revenue to the state of one million dollars as anticipated. Wherever a state has legalized pari-mutuel gambling, that state is in the gambling business. A recent congressional investigation of pari-mutuel gambling in Arizona revealed that for every dollar bet legally, sixteen dollars were bet illegally, draining more than 52 million dollars off the economy of Arizona. On a comparable basis, can North Dakotans afford pari-mutuel gambling? This is just a forerunner of securing of 20 thousand signatures to change our laws on the liquor-food divorce bill and to have it on the September ballot. We too, must put forth the good things that the supper-hour closing of liquor outlets would do for our families and homes in North Dakota. Winnipeg has a 7:30 to 8:30 closing. We must all work diligently not only to keep the good laws we have, but to bring about a supper-hour closing so that many more of the Daddys will come home with the full pay check.

Your President and Treasurer will be making a long trip soon - to Tioga the 20th, New Town, Velva, Berthold, Parshall, Benedict and Garrison. They will

GOD SMILED

God smiled upon the earth and suddenly
The sullen lowering skies were clear and blue,
A thousand birds caroled their joyous songs,
A thousand flowers bloomed, of every hue.

God smiled upon the sea, and suddenly
Its dark and stormy waves were hushed to rest,
Calmly the splendor of the sunlight fell
In golden radiance on its peaceful breast.

God smiled upon me as I sat alone,
And then He thought of such a lovely thing,
He put your hand in mine and gently said,
"My child, forget your grief! See! It is spring!"

—Grace Bush.

THE SOUL'S SPRING HOUSECLEANING

Clean out the brain's deep rubbish hole,
Soak every cranny great and small,
And in the front room of the soul
Hang prettier pictures on the wall.
Scrub up the windows of the mind,
Clean up and let the spring begin;
Swing open wide the dusty blind
And let the April sunshine in.

Plant flowers in the soul's front yard,
Set out the new shade and blossom trees;
And let the soul once frozen hard
Sprout crocuses of new ideas.
Yes, clean your house and clean your shed
And clean your barn in every part;
But brush the cobwebs from your head
And sweep the snowbanks from your heart.

—Sam Walter Foss.

be speaking on April 28th at the Methodist church in Williston where the Northwest District holds its meeting. The coming of our National Secretary, Mrs. Irene Curtis in early May, is being well advertised and a YTC Rally is planned on May 2nd in Valley City at 2 p.m. at the Congregational church. She will speak in Fargo on May 1st, to the Grand Forks and Fargo Districts. On May 4th in Bismarck and on May 5th in Dickinson, Southwest and Midwest Districts. We know that thru her coming to us, our Youth program will advance and the Camp program will be strengthened as it could be in no other way.

In the months of May and June, we trust that each Union will become a Crusade one by gaining nine more members than they had last year. Please, will you tell your District President that you will help her organize a new Union by giving her the name of one who will be of help to her. Are you a Rock of Ages member?

"And this is sure, let come what may,
Who does God's work will get God's pay."

Blessings,

Ruth Cooper Ottinger.

Corresponding Secretary's Letter

Dear Co-workers,

"And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Gal. 6:9.

We were most fortunate to have our National YTC Secretary, Mrs. Irene Curtis at several of our District Convention. This is indeed a rare privilege and I trust all of us have been inspired to press on in the work among our youth.

I was happy to receive a report from Mrs. Lester White, President of the Bismarck District of a new union at Tappen which was organized on Mar. 31. The officers are: Mrs. Lettie Makin, President; Mrs. Jake Reiker, Vice President; Mrs. Edwin Inzlinger, Secretary; Mrs. Jacob Doerr, Treasurer. We extend a hearty welcome to this new union, and wish them much success in their work.

Be much in prayer for our YTC Camp to be held at Cooperstown Bible Camp, June 10-14. Has your union remembered the Camp Fund? We hope you are making plans to send several young people to camp from your area.

I trust that each union is striving to be a Lifeline Union. You will note on the score sheet that there are three goals for general excellence, all of which must be reached to qualify. They are: 1, At least 9 regular meetings during the year. 2, Having at least 3 department directors. 3, Use of Program Guides and Study Book. I am looking forward to receiving many reports by June 30th.

As I am writing this I am reminded of our state motto: I am but ONE, but I am one; I cannot do EVERYTHING, but I can do SOMETHING. What I can do, I OUGHT to do, and what I OUGHT to do, by the grace of God I WILL do. May we always keep this in mind.

Sincere Greetings,
Ragnhild Lima,
Corresponding Secretary.

YOUTH TEMPERANCE COUNCIL REGISTRATION BLANK YTC CAMP, COOPERSTOWN BIBLE CAMP, COOPERSTOWN, N. DAK., JUNE 10-14, 1964 — 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 1st. Registration fee of \$2.00 should be included, the balance

WHAT TO BRING—Bible, notebook, pencils, bed of \$5.50 to be paid when you enroll at camp. ding, towels, heavy sweater or coat, flashlight, and your very best SPIRIT OF COOPERATION. Remember that we need your talent in music and in drama. Please contact Mrs. Joel Erickson, Steele, N. Dak., if you plan to participate in any of the speech contests. We are planning silver, gold and pearl contests at camp on Wednesday and Thursday evenings at eight o'clock. May we have a full class in each.

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 out our motto, "A GOOD TIME WITH A PURPOSE." Camp opens at 2:00 p.m. on June 10th.

Mrs. Melvin Gangness, Secretary.

Loyal Temperance Legion

"Attention Loyal Temperance Leaders!"

L is for loyalty

T is for trust

L is for laughter

Which with LTL is just a must.

We're young, but we are strong and true,

Choose our path well;

We've learned while having fun

Together in our groups at LTL.

Our winter is 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 fruit juice of 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. If you have held a day camp and used Series I - there is also No. II and No. III. Choose some work which is simple and you know can be completed in brief time allotted. Devotions and inspirations, Narcotic Education class, etc. Swimming if convenient.

Arrange the time and length of session to best advantage. Northwood is planning for their fourth year of "Day Camps."

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? Be sure and report to me, when you have had your camp and also whatever else you have done.

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

Sincerely,

Mrs. Leonard Bilden, Secretary.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

I Remember Mama

Why do I belong to the WCTU? First and foremost of all other reason, "I remember mama." When very young one of my first memories is the little bow of white ribbon on each of mamma's best dresses. I began to wonder just what that little bow of ribbon white stood for. And one day I asked her. She took me on her lap, brought out a little white fur bonnet bordered with plaited blue ribbon and said: "This is the little bonnet you wore when a baby in my arms at an altar Frances Willard pinned a white ribbon bow on my dress as I joined the WCTU in a city in Illinois. Then I watched her grow quiet and still at each noontide hour when the Hoe and Tool Factory whistle announced it and I learned that she was observing the WCTU time of noon-tide prayer. As I grew older I wanted mamma's mantle of earnestness, of concern for others welfare and happiness, of courage and devotion to the cause of total abstinence, which principle was observed in practice in the home. And when that mantle fell on my shoulders I was strengthened and encouraged by the memory of that home. Yes, I remember mamma. But what of the mammas of today? Where are our future White Ribboners coming from? Let us in 1963-64 "Advance the Line — Gain Nine." And let us try to win young mothers to our cause in purpose and in prayer.

—by Vera M. Biddle

Excerpts from a sermon by Dr. Charles A. Trentham - Knoxville, Tennessee.

—From The Michigan Union.

IN MEMORIAM**REMEMBRANCE**

"Another leaf has fallen, another soul has gone,
But still we have God's promises in every robin's song;
For He is in His Heaven and though He takes away
He always leaves to mortals the bright sun's kindly
ray.

He leaves the fragrant blossoms and lovely forest green,
And gives us new found comfort when we on Him
will lean."

Word has been received that Mrs. Lewis Steele of Medina, North Dakota, passed away March 24, 1964 in Minneapolis, after suffering a heart attack. Funeral services were held March 28th in the Community Methodist church in Monticello, Minn., where she was buried.

Mrs. Steele was the former Dorothy Quinby, born April 10, 1910 at Glenwood, Minnesota. She attended school in Glenwood and was married there to Mr. Peter Longley who passed away in 1950. In 1956 she was married to Lewis Steele of Minneapolis. They moved to Jamestown where they resided for three years before moving to a farm near Medina. While they lived in Jamestown she was a member of the Lydia Wanner Union there, also a member of the Jamestown Free Methodist church. She is survived by her husband, seven children and nine step-children.

Mr. Charles Hagman, an Honorary member of the Prosper Union, passed to his reward April 9, 1964.

Our sympathy goes to those who have lost these loved ones.

Mother Of The Year

The Iota Sigma of Larimore sponsored Mrs. Harry W. Facey of that city as a nominee for North Dakota Mother of The Year. She was selected by the Committee in charge of the annual statewide contest for this high honor and received her award from Governor Guy at an awards luncheon at The Country Club in Bismarck, April 25th.

On the 26th of April the Larimore Iota Sigma and the Homemakers club, to which Mrs. Facey belongs, were hostesses at a Silver Tea in her honor in the Methodist Church. The Governor proclaimed that week in her honor.

She and her husband will go to New York City May 3 - 8 where she will compete for National honors. The Larimore Iota Sigma is placing a 4 x 8 foot sign on highway (2) north of Larimore designating Larimore as the home of the 1964 Mother of The Year.

Mrs. Facey has been a WCTU member since 1945, is serving her second term as district president of the Grand Forks district WCTU. She has been a local WCTU president and was instrumental in organizing the Larimore Iota Sigma.

Mrs. Facey has raised five children, two of her own and three step-children. She is the former Berthelda Ballentine, born July 26, 1905, in Inkster township. She graduated from the Inkster High School, attended the University of North Dakota and taught school for three years.

Besides being a homemaker and District WCTU president, she is bookkeeper for her husband's service station and bulk oil business.

CONGRATULATIONS, MRS. FACEY!

NOTICE!

Remember our year of 1963-1964 ends June 30th. All reports must be in by then. Our WCTU year begins Sept. 1st and ends June 30th. This makes it possible for state and national officers to get their reports in order before the Annual meetings.

Department Letters

Dear Co-workers,

Total abstinence can spread only through our own contagious example. This means that our work as Christians is not complete when temperance has entered our hearts, for we have a personal stake in that "no one is saved 'til all are saved." However dedicated as we may be, we bear the marks of an "undedicated social order." These marks cannot wholly be removed from us 'til society itself is redeemed.

To fill the new graduates' friendship cups, try—

ORANGE BLOSSOM PUNCH

(40 to 50 servings)

Boil 3 cups sugar and 3 cups water for 5 minutes. Cool.

Add — 1 46 oz. can grapefruit juice

1 46 oz. can orange juice

1½ cups lime juice.

Chill the juice and water mixture. Just before serving add 1½ quarts chilled ginger ale. A decorative ice ring is very pretty with this. Also for a distinctive flavor, try my husband's No. 1 recipe:—

GRAPE REFRESHER (about 20 servings)

One hour before serving, combine—

2 cups grape juice

1 cup orange juice

½ cup honey

1 tray of ice cubes

Be sure the honey is mixed well in the mixture. This need not be put in the refrigerator. At serving time slowly pour 2 large bottles of well chilled ginger ale down the side of bowl. Add more ice cubes if needed.

Let us remember that God does not permit the work of his servants to be of no effect.

Best wishes,

Mrs. Robert McCleary, Director

Legislation

Dear WCTU Members:

Mrs. Mildred B. Harman, our National Legislative Director, urges ALL of us to write to the President of the United States, whose address is, The President of the United States, The White House, Washington, D. C., regarding the Narcotic Bureau. The President's Advisory Commission on Narcotics and Drug Abuse has recommended that the Federal Bureau be abolished as an agency of the Treasury, transferring the law enforcement functions to the Justice Dept. and the regulatory function to the Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare. The Bureau of Legislation of the WCTU has evaluated the report and suggests that we write the President and urge that the enforcement functions and the regulatory controls of the Bureau of Narcotics be permitted to remain in the Department of the Treasury. See the UNION SIGNAL for Feb. 22, '64 - PP 7.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Alex C. Burr, Legislative Dir.

CRUSADE HONOR SCROLL

This is a National award.

Every local union that reported a "net gain of nine or more by December 23, 1963" will be listed in the National Crusade Honor Scroll to be displayed at the National Woman's Christian Temperance 90th Convention in 1964. (States will be listed according to the percentage of unions reaching this goal. Where will WE be?)

"Do you feel the urge to quit when you have failed once or twice in effort to make your plans work. The great Edison failed a thousand times before he made the incandescent light work." —Michael Gore.

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Pen Points

Dear White Ribboners:

After a winter of snow and cold wind and a very
chilly spring, with much sickness all about us, I'm
looking forward to the warm days of summer when I
can say with James Russell Lowell in, "The Vision Of
Sir Launfal,"

"And what is so rare as a day in June?

Then, if ever, come perfect days;

Then Heaven tries earth if it be in tune,

And over it softly her warm ear lays;

Whether we look or whether we listen,

We hear life murmur, or see it glisten;

Every clod feels a stir of might,

An instinct within it that reaches and towers,

And, groping blindly above it for light,

Climbs to a soul in grass and flowers;—"

Since mentioning June, I wish to remind you of
the primary election which is June 30th when each of
us must get out to vote against having Pari-Mutuel
gambling in our state. Not only we must get out but
get as many others as you can to get out and vote
against it. My husband talked to a pastor friend who
had been to South Dakota where they have Pari-Mutuel
gambling and they are very sick of it. The income to
the state is not what they expected and the damage
done far exceeds the income. They warned North Da-
kota to stay away from it. Let's also vote for the
"Supper Time Closing Hour" bill which would help
more workers to take home more of their pay check
and not leave so much at the tavern.

The month of May is the month to secure "White
Ribbon Recruits." Don't forget to send the names and
birthdates, also pictures if possible, of the new recruits,
also names and addresses of the parents to Mrs. Bes-
sie Darling, our state Child Welfare director. These
are very necessary for her to have.

June is also the month to report names and ad-
resses of all new members gained, to the state Corres-
ponding Secretary. This is also "Flower Mission"
month.

Is yours a "Crusade Union?" See elsewhere in
this issue what is required to be one, that is to be on
the North Dakota Honor Scroll.

"Keep Looking Up!"

Your managing editor,

Hazel Huntley.

Personal Mention

Steven Lynn Ptacek, age ten months, became a
White Ribbon Recruit at the March meeting of the
Glover Union. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn
Ptacek.

Mrs. Oscar Julke has spent the winter in Oregon
with her son Robert and family.

Our state president and treasurer, Mrs. A. D. Ot-
tinger and Mrs. L. O. Grondahl are leaving the latter
part of April for the western part of the state to speak
at various points. The object is to encourage present
unions and to organize new ones where possible. They
plan to be gone a week. Our prayers and best wishes
are with them.

There has been so much sickness this spring. Mrs.
Bilden, our state LTL secretary reports that both she
and her mother have had the flu twice, her brother-in-
law also was very ill but is recovering now. She also
reports the recent death of an uncle. Our sympathy
is with you, Mendora.

Treasurer's Report

February 15 to April 15, 1964

DUES: Williston 18, Belfield 15, Benedict 3, Grand Forks Frances Willard 2, Julia D. Nelson 7, Lisbon 2, Grand Forks 1, McKenzie 13, Bismarck 7.

CCC: West Fairview \$2.50, Oakes Iota Sigma \$2.25, Benedict \$1.00, Julia D. Nelson \$1.75, Lisbon \$1.50, Oakes \$7.75, Grafton \$10.50, Williston \$9.00, Bismarck \$4.00.

BUDGET: Williston \$18.00, Oakes Iota Sigma \$9.00, Julia D. Nelson \$25.00, Belfield \$15.00, McKenzie \$12.00, Bismarck \$4.00.

WILLARD MEMBERS: 19.

STATE REPORTS: Williston \$3.00, Belfield \$1.00 Benedict \$1.00, Grafton \$3.00, Cavalier \$1.00, Fargo \$2.00.

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LILLIAN STEVENS FUND: Oakes Iota Sigma \$2.00, Williston \$2.00, Tower City \$2.00, Benedict \$2.00, Sawyer \$2.66, Gilby \$2.00, Cavalier \$5.00, Edgeley \$2.00, Grand Forks \$2.00, Larimore \$2.00, Grafton \$4.00, Belfield \$2.00.

LTL: Sawyer \$1.80.

YTC: Camp Fund from Fargo Union \$10.00.

LIGHT LINE UNIONS: Bismarck, Cooperstown, Grand Forks, Williston.

DONATIONS TO GENERAL FUND: \$8.00.

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TOTAL MEMBERSHIP: 1264.

Letter from our Worlds' WCTU President

Richmond, 34, Va.
April 6, 1964

Dear Mrs. Huntley,

Since I have had a number of letters from our members, North Dakota and one other state in which your article was copied regarding a change in name of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, I thought you would be interested in knowing that no mention has been made of changing the name of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union by deleting the word 'Christian.' Some of the women got this mistaken idea altho' I am sure that your article was clear on this point.

When the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union Convention was held in New Delhi, India in November of 1962 some discussion was held regarding the selection of a name which would include all abstaining women of the world. No action was taken on this as a large number of the delegates thought that this was covered in the Constitution under Object - 'without distinction of race, color or creed.'

In our local communities we work with people of other races and creeds on moral and social problems and I believe that we can continue to follow this plan in the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

With best wishes for continued success in the work of the North Dakota W.C.T.U.

Sincerely,
Virginia Quarles Jarrett,
President.

"It is always too soon to quit."

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 CHILD

"In the breast of the bulb is the promise of spring;
In the little blue egg, there's a bird that will sing;
In the heart of a seed is the hope of the sod
In the soul of a child is the Kingdom of God."

Notes From The Unions

The Williston Woman's Christian Temperance Union met at the First Methodist Church, February 28th. The program was dedicated to the memory of Frances Willard. Mrs. Harry Johnson, president, called the meeting to order. Two songs were sung by the audience. Devotions were given by Rev. George Brown who spoke from the Scripture, James 1:12, where it says: "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; For when he is tried, he shall receive the Crown of Life, which the Lord has promised to them that love Him." The film "Theobald Faces The Facts" was shown, which brought out the action of alcohol on the body and how Theobald learned the hard way. Mrs. Charles Grile was program chairman. She gave her testimony of thankfulness to her Lord for being spared the great curse of alcoholic beverages, she also gave a reading about the work and prayers of Frances Willard. Mrs. Elsie Hart told of her visit to Washington, D. C., where she saw the statue of Frances Willard in Statuary Hall of our National Capitol. Mrs. Charles Grile gave a reading about a once successful business man who, because of alcohol, lost everything, even his family. Later in life he was converted in the church where his son was the pastor and became a completely changed man - one of our Lord's miracles. A reading was given by Mrs. Harry Johnson concerning some of the travels and work of Frances Willard who said that a strong union can be organized with seven members and a weak union with seventy members. Next was a solo by Mrs. P. J. Erickson and a reading, Hold The Torch High, by Mrs. George Brown. Closing prayer was also given by Mrs. Brown. The Doxology was sung by all, after which a delicious luncheon was served on a beautifully decorated table, with Mrs. H. Johnson pouring. The total offering was \$28.65.

The Prosper Union held their February meeting at the home of Mrs. Marie Hagman. Mrs. Walter Olson was program chairman. The theme of the day was, "Thy Neighbor as Thyself." The study was on Character Education. The group voted to buy ten books of "Mind If I Smoke" to be placed in the schools of the community.

The Annual Frances Willard supper given by the Lydia Wanner Union for the public school teachers was held the 25th of February in the Methodist Church. Mrs. Wm. W. Morrison acted as chairman for the occasion. Donald F. Wanner, son of the late Mrs. Fred M. Wanner, past vice-president and president of the State WCTU, was the speaker. He had visited Rest Cottage at Evanston during the Christmas holidays so he described it and paid high tribute to Frances Willard. The honorary members of the WCTU and friends served the meal to over a hundred people.

The film "The Choice Is Yours" was shown after the supper under the direction of Mrs. Ralph Kraft, State Director of Audio-Visual Aids.

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NOTES FROM THE UNIONS—

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The Larimore Iota Sigma held a public meeting on April 24th, at which there was both a Bronze Medal Speech contest and a Poster contest, and the winning essays written in the high school were also read. After the program lunch and fruit punch were served.

The Prosper Union met March 18th at the A. W. Rudquist home with Mrs. George Rust assisting hostess. The program topic was "Gambling in The Churches." Mrs. Oscar Johnson gave an excellent review on the booklet "Gambling in The Church" with question and discussion period on gambling following.

On April 15th the union met with Mrs. Carl Swanson. Mrs. Ed Rust was assisting hostess. Mrs. Melvin Gangness who was program chairman used the topic "Our Field-Youth." The Proclamation was read, also "A Daughter Reports," "Family Faith" and "A Living Faith."

Our District meeting will be May 1st at Bethel Evangelical Free church in Fargo with Mrs. Irene Curtiss, National YTC Secretary, as guest speaker.

A memorial was given in memory of Charles Hagman, an honorary member of the Prosper union who passed away April 9th.

This comes from the Hunter union. "Let No Man Despise Thy Youth" was the thought of the April WCTU devotion given by Mrs. Kent Hodgson Thursday afternoon, April 16 at the home of Mrs. August Nelson. The scripture was taken from I Tim. 4:12-16. She also presented the lesson topics "Satellites and Postcards" and "Open Doors Need Screens." There was a discussion on ways to promote total abstinence through means of visual aids, newspapers, speech contests, the use of the governor's Proclamation, Television, Radio and YTC Camp. Mrs. Rollo Winings added to the newspaper interest by showing a January, 1888 issue of "The Brown County "Seitinel" edited at Columbia, Dakota Territory. Items of special interest included one on Frances Willard, founder of the World WCTU, who was a guest speaker at Jamestown and also an account of the 1888 blizzard.

Members were all urged to attend the district WCTU meeting Friday, May 1, at the Bethel Evangelical Free Church at Fargo. There is to be a Bronze Speech Contest at 3:30 p.m. Young people 12 years and over are invited to attend the Interdenominational YTC Camp at Cooperstown June 10-14. The cost is \$7.50. Transportation will be provided. Mrs. Nelson served tasty refreshments. Mrs. Floyd Quaipe and Mrs. Ebba Levin were guests.

CORRECTIONS

In the January-February issue of our paper the names of Mrs. Olaf Bakke of New England and Mrs. Marcus Bakke of Scranton were given as president and vice-president of the new Mid-west District which is an error. They are president and vice-president of the Southwest District and Mrs. William Kruger of New England, is president of the new Midwest District. Sorry to have made this mistake.

— A L S O —

In the lists of memorials given for Mrs. Bessie Ordahl of Edinburg which came out in the January-February issue, the name of Miss C. Gjerve was given while the name of her sister, Myrtle Gjerve, who also contributed to the memorial, was not sent to the editor and therefore was omitted. We are sorry to have this happen.

A Word To The Wise

Dear White Ribbon Friends:

Just a hint of green is beginning to show in the grass where the snowdrifts rested till recently, and there is a special pleasure in hearing the notes of the meadowlarks, who sing even when the wind is cold. In this northern tier of the counties of our state, we have to wait longer for our spring birds and flowers than those who live farther south. The little dark grey juncos are visiting us right now for a few days, before they go on north to their summer nesting places. It has been too cold here, except for a very few days, for me to feel the urge to plant anything in the garden.

Next week will be Youth Temperance Education Week, according to the proclamation of the governor, and I hope it will be widely observed in our state. No crop we can raise is so important as that of the young people just growing up to take our places. May we all do our part, to protect them from the influence of false but glamorous advertising.

The June Primary election, with its quota of proposed changes in the laws of our state, will be here in a little while. Apparently even the suggestion of any shortening of the hours for legal sale of beverage alcohol is to be met with demands for greater opportunities to get people to drink. The 'love of money' prevails, without regard for what it may do to those to whom they hope to sell the extra amount of the ruinous liquids. May every WCTU woman go to the polls and cast her ballot for the right, on every proposed measure, and may she also see to it that every voter of her household does not neglect this privilege of citizenship in our country. I think of these pioneer workers for Woman Suffrage whose efforts finally gave women the right to vote; my mother was one of them. How lightly we hold this duty of citizenship; we sometimes allow a coffee party or a bit of housework that could easily wait, to keep us from voting. Let none of our women be guilty of this sin of omission!

Will your union sponsor some young folks to go to the YTC Camp this year? It may be the most important thing you can do for them. I hope this will be pushed, at every district WCTU convention this year, and I also hope that every union will have some members in attendance at their district meeting. We need to get together.

My husband's health does not improve; he is enduring the 'hardness' of constant pain like a 'good soldier of Jesus Christ' as St. Paul wrote to Timothy. I am most grateful for the many kind letters that I have received from our women, and wish I could answer them all. Will you continue to pray for us, that 'our faith fail not?'

Your friend, Elizabeth C. Beasley.

State Honor Scroll

Plans are now being prepared by the artist for the "State Honor Scroll" to be presented to the National Convention by each state. The goal for your WCTU — a net gain of NINE by August 1st, 1964, will put you on North Dakota's Honor Scroll as a Crusade Union.

Quotes Worth Quoting

Mrs. Biddle, National Director of Publicity, has this to say: "There has never been a time when the Woman's Christian Temperance Union more sorely needed to publicize the facts relative to the drinking of intoxicating beverages." For some of these facts read the column "Quotes Worth Quoting" in the issues of the WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN.

FACTS AND FIGURES

Mrs. C. V. Biddle, Director of Publicity, National WCTU RESEARCH PROJECT MADE IN GRAND RAPIDS

This study disclosed that a person with a .15 alcohol blood concentration is 19 times more likely to have an accident than a person who has had nothing to drink. And that a teenager or person not used to drinking after even one drink is ten times more apt to be involved in an accident than if he had not had a drink.

ALCOHOLISM AND ABSTINENCE

PIONEER FOUNDATION INC., of Pomona, Calif., highly praised by the California Dept. of Health and other groups for its splendid research work and consultation service in a crash program for the rehabilitation of trained personnel afflicted with alcoholism, said recently: "Estimates show that the country's alcoholics are off job a total of 475,000,000 work days a year" and that on a conservative average wage or salary per day basis, this absenteeism cost amounts to a total of \$9,500,000,000 per year nationally.

Fred Geigle, Exec. Director of Pioneer Foundation, Inc., says that "In addition to off-the-job absenteees there are millions of 'border line' drinkers who drag through millions of unproductive hang-over days as 'half-men'. They alienate customers, make serious mistakes, get into accidents and provide a major source for tomorrow's alcoholics." —Reported in Bulletin of L A Marol and Civic Foundation, Jan., 1964.

CIGARETTE REPORT

The report of the Advisory Committee to the Surgeon General of the Public Health Service on "SMOKING AND HEALTH" has been given wide coverage by the press, radio and television. Ten men designated by the Surgeon General of the United States, aided a staff of eight professional people and a technical and secretarial staff have given a carefully documented report on the close relationship of cigarette smoking to cancer, emphysema, heart diseases and other ailments. Senator Maurine Newberger of Oregon has introduced two bills, one of which is called the Cigarette and Labeling Act. It would require all cigarette packages to contain a warning that habitual smoking of cigarettes is injurious to health and to eliminate advertisement that is intended to interest children and youth in smoking. The WCTU has been in the forefront in the field of Education for years saying just what the recent Report has said as to harmful effects of smoking. Carefully read THE WASHINGTON LETTER in UNION SIGNAL and the GLOSSARY in Bills which WCTU favors. Then get busy and let your Senators and Representatives hear from you.

100 PER CENT RESPONSE

Four Methodist Colleges in Ohio have removed the cigarette vending machines from their campuses. The No. East Ohio Conference in 1963 called upon all Methodist institutions in Ohio to refrain from granting space to vendors for placement of cigarette machines. The response was 100 per cent. Washington Letter, Union Signal.

"The reason we are on earth is to help others, said a teacher to the boys and girls. A thoughtful youngster raised his hand and asked, 'What are the others here for?'"

"If you want a thing done, ask a busy man to do it. The others have no time."

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

BLESSED are they who have in memory
A mother whose white spirit was aflame
For Righteousness—who gave them eyes to see
The glory of an everlasting Name,
The splendor of a highway to be trod
Straight to the great and loving heart of God.

BLESSED are they whose mother is today
A living presence walking by their side;
Whose love enfolds them as she kneels to pray,
Pleading for ONE to be their strength and guide.
Who has a mother in their desperate need,
Ah, truly, such a one is blest indeed!

Upon this day the children of the earth
Honor those Christlike ones who gave them birth.
Grace Noll Crowell.

YOUR GARDEN

May I suggest that you plant a little garden—such as this:

"First plant four rows of peas: Presence, Promptness, Preparation, Perseverance.

Next plant three rows of squash: Squash Gossip, Squash Indifference, Squash Criticism.

Then plant five rows of lettuce: Let us be faithful to duty, be loyal, be unselfish, let us obey rules and regulations and let us love one another.

No garden is complete without turnips: Turn up for meetings, Turn up with a smile, Turn up with New Ideas, Turn up with determination to make everything count for something good and worthwhile.

Tend this garden well, so that you may have a part in BUILDING boys and girls, rather than MENDING men and women."

SOME IMPORTANT DATES

With a very recent letter on hand from Mrs. Tooze, our National President, some dates and facts are given that are hereby passed on to you. June 22 - August 1, Narcotic Education Course, Evanston, Illinois.

Aug. 10 - Aug. 21, Narcotic Education Course, Chautauqua, New York, Sept. 11 - Sept. 15, National WCTU Convention, Rochester, New York.

Plan now to attend this convention. Highlighted by its 90th Anniversary observance it will meet in the Manger Hotel in Rochester. Make this your summer's vacation trip, with visits to Niagara Falls and the World's Fair in New York!

Write Now!

Show the power of the woman through the power of the pen - are the words of the National President as she urges us to pick up that pen and WRITE. Since many of our WCTU members do not read the UNION SIGNAL we give you her data as to these bills:

S. Res. 19 — Senator Wayne Morse's bill. This bill would prohibit the serving of alcoholic beverages within any portion of the Senate side of the Capitol or any public portion of the Senate Office Building. Your letters are needed to YOUR State Senators urging their support of this resolution. Also address a letter to Senate Rules and Administration Committee, Sen. B. Everett Jordan, Chairman, requesting action on this bill.

H. R. 817 introduced by Representative Eugene Siler (Kentucky). This bill has to do with prohibiting the advertising of all alcoholic beverages through all media. It is in the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee. Write YOUR Representative in Congress and also the Chairman of this Committee, Rep. Oren Harris, urging a report of the bill and favorable action by house members when it comes to the floor of the House.

Special Notice From National

Dear Friends:

Greetings to one and all from your co-workers in the Circulation Department at National. Our letter to you comes as the outcome of several experiences we have had in the Circulation Department in the past several weeks, and we would like to ask your cooperation in overcoming past experiences and helping the work here to be completed as quickly as possible and with the minimum work that all subscriptions may be placed into file as soon as possible after receipt.

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THIRD, long ago the policy of "free subscriptions" for sending a list of ten names was discontinued, but we often receive lists of names with the notation that the "free subscription" is to be sent to the sender. We trust this reminder will help in the future the need to write "Sorry, we do not give 'free' subscriptions and have not for many years."

FOURTH, several times recently we have received lists of names and addresses from persons interested in wanting others to read certain issues of The Union Signal, and these lists have been sent asking that we send a copy of a stated issue (usually current) to each of the persons listed. This takes time, especially if there is a list of 15 names, as we just recently received, and uses valuable time which should be used in processing subscriptions. If you wish copies sent to individuals we will be glad to send the desired number to you and you can send the copies to those whom you wish. (Usually the request does not include the cost of the copies of The Union Signals nor the postage used in sending out the copies requested. This amounts to quite a sum when there are several names listed.)

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We are here to serve you, but we need your help to expedite matters regarding the processing of subscriptions. We trust that all will help us and we thank you for it.

Sincerely yours,
Evelyn M. Marden,
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