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THANKSGIVING THOUGHT

Our forefathers came to this fertile land,
With strength of heart and soul,
A God-fearing energetic band,
With freedom and homes their goal.
Leaving behind all the things they knew,
Unshaken their faith in God,
They carved out their homes in a country new
And conquered its untamed sod.
They were men of peace, of desire in life
To better the needs of man,
For liberty, peace, and freedom from strife,
They established a definite plan.
For the fruits of their toil in that early day,
For the blessings they received,
They offered their thanks on Thanksgiving Day
To the God in whom they believed.
Today in a world that is mad with hate
And we slay our fellow men,
We pray to the God who has made us great
That our thoughts may turn again
To the wisdom, fortitude, and love,
And the democratic way
That our fathers drew from the Powers above,
In a gallant yesterday.

Henry E. Mendenhall.

Ruth's Ramblings

Dear Comrades:-

My heart-felt thanks to you all for the splendid work you did, which made me so proud to carry the North Dakota flag and to present our National Honor Scroll at Rochester, New York. My husband says, "Yours was the finest of them all." Yes, 29 crusade groups and a national gain and a Crusade State you were.

The late Dr. Roy L. Smith said these words in a sermon we heard him give in Los Angeles a few years ago—and we believe it to be True: "God's greatest gift to man is that He draws a curtain on tomorrow."

Had we known at the beginning of this W.C.T.U. year, all the bereavements in the households of our members; had we known of all the changes which had to be made in our official family; had we known of the car accident (a hole in the railroad) on April 5th, which caused severe head-aches for three months and many hours in the dentist's chair (cracked teeth) for yours truly, we never would have thought the work would be possible for us. but God, still has work for us to do. He has promised that He will never leave us comfortless and that He will sustain us through our trials.

You will read in this issue about the new program set-up. Am sure you will be glad about it and we, with National help, will work it out together.

"Be one in a Million" by winning a new member and sending one dollar to National Treasurer. You are then entitled to wear the "One in a million" button. In 1974, Centennial Year, we trust that North Dakota will have done her share, as she has always done in the past.

Thanking you all,

With love and prayers,
Blessings, Ruth Ottinger.

State President



"You And Your Shadow"

1964 - Address - Mrs. A. D. Ottinger, State President
FARGO STATE CONVENTION - OCTOBER 28, 1964
Pontoppidan Lutheran Church

Fargo, our host city, entertained the Woman's Christian Temperance Union first in 1897—again in 1904, 1907, 1914, '22, '23, '40, '43, '45, '51, and '58, and now in 1964, Fargo again invited us.

From 1890 until today (74 years) there are two cities listed as being host inclusive to the state convention in the 1890's, that recently have organized Unions, Larimore and Park River. In reading the history we note that Carrington, Cando, Devils Lake, Hillsboro, Wahpeton, and Mayville each was host to convention and that now we have no Unions in these six towns—is there not someone here who has a friend who cast a shadow in these towns and do you care enough to go and contact these Christian women and start, a small group even, to work against the lies and wiles of the liquor traffic?

We talked with a young mother living near a town where we organized. She agreed that "You ladies are right—it is wrong to have liquor in our home, and I will pray about it." At this point in the conversation her little son begged to be held in her arms and we left her with these words. "For his sake, do pray about it and decide to cast your shadow, your influence, on the dry side.

"This learned I from the shadow of a tree
That to and fro did sway against a wall
Our shadow-selves, our influence may fall
Where we ourselves can never be."

These lines came to me last winter, in remembering the short life of our own Dennis Topp—for four years, our Y.T.C President and Camp Director. The

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camp is growing steadily for the good of our young people and why? Because one young man cast his shadow so that in years to come, nothing but good emanates from his life and the lives of the boys and girls who saw the light because of his good example. He cared enough to go out of his way to help these young people. He set an example which they were able to follow. Isn't it a wonderful thing that at the early age of eight years, Dennis gave his life to Christ and was able to lead so many to Christ, though he was but 24 years of age when he left us?

Our Training Course was held in Bismarck and was an increase in attendance with representatives from most of our eleven Districts. The next high light was the coming of Mrs. Irene Curtis, National Y.T.C. Secretary. She did us much good and all our lives were enriched by her coming. Though frail in body, (it seemed) she was anything but frail in spirit. The youth loved her and so did the grown-ups. At one place where she spoke, a Y.T.C. leader (to be) asked for material to start a group learning and working that very day! (Other groups formed since?) Not only that but our "hearts were strangely warmed" by her presence. One member wrote to me. Quote: "As Mrs.

_____ and I returned home that night we agreed that never had we been so spiritually blest. We agreed that it takes true Christians to take up this fight against liquor. A moderate Christian would accept this evil as something we can do little about." As Mrs. Curtis spoke and yes, as your President spoke—we were inspired it seemed as applause broke from the audience from time to time. This was true also at the James Valley District Convention where Ransom, La-Moure, and Ellendale came as our guests and heard our National Secretary of Youth speak. Mrs. Curtis enjoyed her Fargo audience too and also the Dickinson group where in the evening "The largest crowd of youth came to any place yet" and she wrote, "Was I glad?" An Inter-Varsity Group—College and High School.

Recently a woman praised us for the work being done in a youth camp. "Are you a total abstainer?" we asked, "Well, in a way." I take a beer now and then." Then she heard that the alcohol in the bottle of beer was the same as in the glass of wine and the jigger of whiskey—that it went to her brain, gave her double vision and that "tis the brain that counts"—says she, "I'll remember what you said"—never do we expect to see her again but hope she remembers—she was a reporter sent out by a leading Minneapolis news paper to write an article on the Youth Camp. The unexpected information, that this alcohol, (about 1/2 oz.) went to her brain seemed to surprise her but if at a future time it reminds her to refrain, then we are glad. She was rather young and we doubt that she had ever had the privilege of attending a youth temperance camp." "Where there is no vision the people perish," but God had given us the vision and we must rescue the perishing.

My Bible says: "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, That addeth thy venom and maketh him drunken." (Hab. 2:15) And does not this mean voting it to him as well as handing it to him? In Isaiah we read "Your covenant with death shall be annulled and your agreement with hell shall not stand: When the overflowing scourge shall pass then, ye shall be trodden down by it." And what does the Bible say about raising revenue from the license of wrong? "Woe unto him that buildeth a town with blood and establish a city by iniquity". On Feb. 13, 1963, when certain Fargo restaurants were mourning their loss of business because of North Dakota's good law—the Liquor-Food Divorcement Law—they were forgetting the above admonition contained in the good book. What about our

internal revenue system? "Woe unto them that decree unrighteous decrees; to turn aside the needy from justice to rob the poor of my people of their right; that widows may be their spoil and that they may make the fatherless their prey." Isaiah 10:1, 2.

What does your Bible say about electing liquor advocates to office? "The wicked walk on every side when vilest is exalted among the sons of men." (Psalm 12:8) Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. (Ephes. 5:11) In Psalm 94:20 Concerning legalizing wrong? "Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee, which frameth mischief by a statue?" What does your Bible say about being your brother's keeper? What is the Christian Law of Brotherhood? "It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor to do anything whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak." Romans 14:21 What Bible battle cry should we adopt? "Be not ye afraid of them; remember the Lord, who is great and terrible, and fight for your brethren, your wives and your houses." Nehemiah 4:14.

To this end was the Son of God manifested, that He might destroy the work of the devil. John 3:8b "To Him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to Him, it is sin." There still may be a little time. God help us to live now, today, in the light of a real tomorrow—"every tree, therefore, that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." St. Luke 3:9.

Places that sell whiskey are saloons, no matter by what name they are called. Men who sell whiskey care more about money than they care about men's souls. The Good Book says that the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil.

The true story of the little boy who shot and killed his father because his father had been drunk for three days and abused the boy's mother, is reason enough for me to fight against this evil. The young lad of 11 years—appeared before the judge and said, "I loved my daddy when he was not drunk." There is no one to pay for the shame this little boy must bear. He must go through life, as the "boy who killed his father." Does the saloon-keeper who sold the liquor to his father go free and without blame?

The sacrificial lives that my parents lived have made this work easy for me for when at times the work seems heavy and my spirits are low, (as when we had no Corresponding Secretary for three months) I turned to the Bibles in our household and read the marked passages. When, last May, out in Benedict (Minot's District meeting) the wind and rain all but blew us away on the church steps—I thought of my father and his record of organizing more Methodist churches in North Dakota, than any other minister, according to the church annals, and this in the horse and buggy days and the rugged North Dakota winters—some of the strength and courage of our parents, the rugged pioneers of North Dakota, surely has truly been passed on to us—for—while the wind blew the posters out of our arms and caused us to drop the brief case, it didn't succeed in dimming our spirits. The Minot News gave us front page coverage of that meeting and called us "clear-eyed and clean faced" and "some, with children in tow." The headlines were: "Alcohol and Narcotics and Gambling Lambasted." We won out on the gambling issue and now again on November 3rd, the wets are coming up with amendments to the liquor-food divorcement measure. Do get out and vote and see that all your neighbors and friends cast their votes against this insidious initiated measure which they put on the ballot to undermine our good law. We defeated them in '59 and in '63 in the Big Hearing room in our State Capitol and WE CAN DO IT AGAIN AT THE BALLOT

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BOX—WE NEED THE VOTE OF EVERY DRY IN NORTH DAKOTA!

Paul Harvey says: "We have made two mistakes in dealing with the younger generation. We have told our youth that his country was 'earned' out of the wilderness. The truth is, it was hammered, hoed, chopped and clawed out of the wilderness by men who fought and died and gave themselves without thoughts of 'What's in it for me?'"

"Then we have told them that it is a wonderful thing to be an American. But we have forgotten to tell them what a difficult, demanding, and dangerous thing it is to be an American . . .

"Youngsters today yearn to ally themselves with a cause. They need something to be for; they need to have a reason for being."

One who knew about the killer, alcohol, Errol Fynn said, "Alcohol is a far greater killer than all opiates. You can buy alcohol on any street corner in the world. It gets your brain, your liver. It destroys your morals, your ability. Alcohol makes man mad, leads to such strange behaviourism. Drinker that I am, I think essentially I am a victim of an addiction that is here in the world, revealed to all, exposed to all. We who are weak take to it and are destroyed by it, but it is essentially a weakness of governments to allow this poison to circulate like a river through the bloodstreams of the human race. As one of the heaviest drinkers in the world, I speak with a voice of authority."

Dr. Howard A. Kelly of Johns Hopkin's University says: "There is no disease in the world for which alcohol is a cure. It does undeniably cause thousands of cases of disease. Its use is ruinous to the kidneys, liver, heart, and smaller blood vessels and gives rise to that most common fatality—high blood pressure."

"You have no enemies, you say?"

Alas, my friend, the boast is poor;

He who has mingled in the fray

Of duty, that the brave endure

Must have made foes. If you have none,

You've struck no traitor on the hip!

You've dashed no cup from perjured lip!

You've never turned the wrong to right,

You've been a coward in the fight!"

North Dakota, the Peace Barden State, home of the only International Peace Garden in the world, strives for the protection of the home, the abolition of the liquor traffic and the triumph of Christ's Golden Rule in custom and in law.

NATURAL FRUIT BEVERAGES

Dear WCTU Friends:

Here are two delicious fruit drinks for your youth and childrens meetings as well as for your own 'get togethers.'

Patio Cranberry Cooler

14 half cup servings)

1 pint bottle cranberry juice, chilled.

1 6 oz. can frozen lemonade concentrate

2 cups cold water

2 7 oz. bottles lemon-lime carbonated beverage, chilled. Combine first three ingredients. Add ice cubes. Just before serving add carbonated beverage.

HOT LEMONADE CRANBERRY PUNCH

(40 to 50 servings)

4 pints cranberry juice

4 6 oz. cans frozen lemonade concentrate

1/2 tsp. salt, 1/2 tsp. cinnamon

1 tsp. whole allspice

4 cups water

Combine all ingredients; bring to just below the boiling point. Strain and serve.

Mrs. Robert McCleary, Director.



Mrs. J. J. Rue

Personal Mention

Mrs. J. J. Rue, mother of our former State Legislative Director, Judith Rue, celebrated her 98th birthday, September 20, 1964, by being guest of honor at several parties given by her daughter Judith at their home at 711 Ave. A. Bismarck. Mrs. Rue wore a corsage given by her great-grandchildren, Milton Rue III, Claudia and Gretchen Rue, at each of the parties. The picture of Mrs. Rue was taken on her 95th birthday and friends say she has changed little since then.

For many years Mrs. Rue was an active member of the Bismarck WCTU, being its president for several years. She is a Memorial Life member of the WCTU but is not able to be active in her local organization though she is still interested in the work.

Mrs. Rue is also a member of the McCabe Methodist church of Bismarck and a Life member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of that church.

At 98 years of age, Mrs. Rue is well and alert and enjoyed greeting her birthday guests.

LET US BE SILENT

Grace Noll Crowell

Let us be silent for a little while

This holy night;

Let us go out where the silver winter stars

Hang still and white,

And let us find His star, and stand beneath

Its drenching light.

We will be calmer for the while alone

Where still things are;

We will be stronger than we were before,

And clearer, far,

For the brief time beneath the showering light

Of one white star.

And O, I think if we wait, and if we watch,

That star will pour

A radiant silver light along the hills;

Will go before

And lead all earnest seekers for the Christ

To His very door.

A good citizen will respect and obey all laws. Sunshine magazine.

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Organization—All District Presidents and State Officers.

Music Director—Mrs. Oscar Forde, 600 Ave. D., Bismarck.

Mrs. H. F. Powell, National treasurer, declared that Americans are currently spending \$1,484,018 an hour for alcoholic beverages. She said Department of Commerce statistics show consumption last year was as follows: "Distilled spirits (whiskey and other hard liquors) 259 million gallons; wine, 175.9 million gal-

Pen Points

"Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable Gift."
II Cor. 9:15.

Dear White Ribboners:

In a short time you will be gathered with your relatives and friends to give thanks to the Almighty for all the blessings He has showered upon you, and this is as it should be. But to many, I fear, this will be just another feast day, a day for more drinking and debauchery, a time when the Giver of All Good Gifts is not even thought of except in profanity. This is not only grievous to our Heavenly Father but to us as well. We who love Him and are conscious of all the beauty He created for our pleasure, of those things we have for our comfort and enjoyment, of His constant guidance and presence in our time of need, can't help but be filled with gratitude to our Maker. Looking back upon my own life I'm also grateful for the hard things which have come to me, like the storms to the trees, to help make us both strong. Our God is all wise, praise His Name!

I still haven't mentioned His greatest Gift to us — our Lord and Saviour, the Babe in the manger, His unspeakable Gift. Isn't it a coincidence that our Thanksgiving Feast should be so close to the time of the giving of the greatest Gift of all? How grateful the humble shepherds were for the coming of their long looked for deliverer, Saviour. We, like them, are also filled with gratitude that God so loved us that He sent His only Begotten Son to take upon himself our sins that we might be able to stand in the presence of God cleansed and made whole. Let us fill the time between the Thanksgiving Feast and the time of the Advent of our Lord, with extra praise for God's unspeakable Gift to us, and to the whole world.

Your Managing Editor,
Hazel Huntley.

Tribute to Ralph J. Darling

With sorrow we note the passing of Ralph Justin Darling, beloved husband of our Honorary President, Bessie M. Darling. He would have been 72 in October. Mr. Darling was a man whom it was good to know. He came to Grand Forks with his wife and son in the 1920's, and worked as a salesman in North Dakota for over 40 years. When "Our Bessie" was state WCTU president, she accompanied him on some of his trips, visiting and encouraging unions and helping to start new ones. He was always interested in the work of the Methodist church, of which both were members, and in the Temperance cause. Mr. Darling was very fond of flowers; his yard was a beautiful sight from early spring till the fall frosts. His unfailing kindness to visitors often included a gift of flowers. The church furniture was nearly hidden by beautiful blossoms at his funeral, gifts from his many friends. For awhile, he spent much spare time in constructing fine bird baths of cement inset with interesting stones he had picked up; he gave one that he made to Mrs. Lydia S. Wanner, who was then state president of N. D. WCTU. His wife, his son and family have a heritage of happy memories of him, to help ease the loneliness that is theirs since he left them. The sympathy of all our women goes to them all.

—Elizabeth C. Beasley.

lions; package beer, 76.3 million barrels of 31 gallons each, and 17.4 million barrels of draft beer of the same gallonage."

Treasurer's Report

August 15 - October 15, 1964

DUES: Julia D. Nelson 12, Williston 1, Grafton 4, Belfield 3, Fargo 1, Tioga 8, Bismarck 32, Oakes 8, Minot 10, Wild Rose 9.

CCC: Julia D. Nelson \$3.00, Grafton \$1.50, McKenzie \$2.00, Bismarck \$8.00.

BUDGET: Grafton \$8.00, Bismarck \$30.00, Minot \$40.00.

WILLARD MEMBERS: 3.

LITERATURE: McKenzie \$1.00.

STATE REPORTS: Cooperstown \$2.00.

PROGRAM PACKET: Jessemine Burgum \$2.50.

LTL DUES: Grand Forks \$3.00.

YTC DUES: Steele \$1.20.

LIGHT LINE: Belfield.

CAMP FUND: Belfield \$5.00.

DONATIONS FROM GRACE KELLEY: \$1.00 for General Fund.

MEMORIAL MEMBERSHIP for Mrs. Elias Carter, a charter member of the Calvin union, given by her daughter, Mrs. C. J. Olson.

MEMORIAL: The Julia D. Nelson union gave \$3.00 for Mrs. Chris Erickson, to be used for the Youth Camp; Mrs. L. O. Grandahl \$1.00 for Mrs. Chris Erickson to be used for the Youth Camp.

WILLARD MEMORIAL FUND: \$3.00.

MEMBERSHIP: 1475.

Mrs. L. O. Grondahl, Treasurer.

Notes From The Unions

The Prosper Union met September 16th at the home of Mrs. Minnie Lindsay with Mrs. Bowman assisting. The devotions were led by Mrs. Carl Swanson who read Luke 8:5-11 and John 15:11. Mrs. George Pearson was in charge of the program. Her topic was "The Three Branches of Government." Mrs. George Rust read the pamphlet, "Before You Vote."

It was decided to place 100 each of the pamphlets "Before You Vote" and "Ye Are Not Your Own" in each of the churches in that community.

The Fairview WCTU celebrated its 75th Anniversary with a tea and program in the Fairview Lutheran church, September 22nd. All of the unions in the Ransom-LaMoure district were guests. Mrs. Harry Anderson, the state Vice-President and Mrs. Eva Peet, the district President, were honor guests. The program consisted of talks by Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Peet, and special music.

A very pretty blue and white decorated birthday cake centered the tea table. The afternoon was greatly enjoyed by the large group who attended the tea.

The Prosper union met with Mrs. Melvin Gangness, Oct. 21st. The theme for the day was "Teach me Thy way O Lord," Psalms 27:11. Mrs. Rudquist read the scripture from II Timothy 2:1-7, also the meditation and led in prayer. Mrs. Gordon Langseth program chairman, spoke on Temperance Education in the Church School. She read the article "Scripturally Speaking, What about Wine" by Mrs. Watson. Mrs. C. Hagman read, "Discipline On A Date." Fruesta and lunch were served.

Correction

It was stated in the account of the Grand Forks District Convention on page 2 of the September-October issue of the White Ribbon Bulletin that Mrs. Njoo and Mrs. O. Stenmo were made Life members. The correction is, Mrs. Njoo of Northwood made Mrs. Stenmo a life member at the convention.

Mrs. Oscar R. Moen, Rec. Sec., Grand Forks Dist.

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

SING TO ME

Sing to me soft in the twilight
Sing to me sweet and low
Stars in the heavens are shining
Watching the world below,
Hush! 'tis the voice of the children
Weary are they of play;
Safe in the slumberland folded
Dreaming of Christmas Day.
Sing to me soft in the twilight
Tell of the Christ child dear
Coming to earth as a baby
Bringing His glad good cheer.

—Old Christmas Hymn.
Sent by Mrs. H. E. Mielke.

Promotion Secretary's Letter

By the time you read this the 75th Annual State WCTU Convention will be history.

At the National Convention in Rochester, N. Y., the "Ten Year Program" was launched and now it is up to each local union and the individual member to help work it out. I urge you to read carefully the brochure, "Be One In A Million," as well as the other materials, in order to become familiar with the plan. Each member is to secure a new member for her union, and the one securing the new member is to give \$1.00 as her contribution toward the Million Dollar Fund. When she has done this she may take a "One in a Million" button to wear. How many buttons will we see at each local union meeting? All should be wearing them. May I also urge that many of you be Rock of Ages members. (3.65).

"ONE IN A MILLION"

Will you be "One in a Million"
And get a new member each year;
To add to our group of workers,
And help bring victory near?
Will you be "One in a Million"
And give an extra dollar each year,
Until in nineteen-seventy four,
We can shout "victory" loud and clear?
Will you be "One in a Million"
And pray each day for success
In this great undertaking,
Which we know our Lord will bless?
Yes, I'll be "One in a Million,"
And do the best I can
To bring to full fruition
Our "On to the Century" plan.
I'll try to get a new member
And an extra dollar will share,
Then I'll be "One in a Million"
And be given a badge to wear.

The re-alignment of the departments was also adopted at the National Convention. We now have eight departments and this should serve to simplify our department work.

As the new WCTU year lies before us may we go ahead with renewed interest and enthusiasm, looking to the Lord to guide us.

Yours for a year of united progress,
Ragnhild Lima, Promotion Secretary.

IN MEMORIAM

PROMOTED

"I am the Resurrection and the Life."
The soul, released, rises triumphant
o'er this earthly strife,
And, like a homing bird, turns toward
the perfect day.

"I am the Truth, I am the Way, the Life."

Ralph J. Darling, 71, passed away at his home in Grand Forks, Saturday, August 29, 1964. He had been in ill health for several months previous to this.

Mr. Darling was born in Worthington, Minnesota, October 7, 1892. He received his early education there and married Bessie Erickson at Anoka, Minnesota, November 27, 1913. They resided in Minnesota until 1925, when they came to Grand Forks. He was a salesman in North Dakota for 40 years, representing several firms.

Survivors include his wife, Bessie, who is a past State WCTU president and is at present State Director of Child Welfare in WCTU, a son, Ronald J., two brothers, two sisters and three grandsons.

Mr. Darling was a member of the First Methodist Church and the North Dakota Peony Society.

Mrs. Archie Sillers, 83, of Calvin, who was a member while the WCTU was active there and later a Willard member, died May 4, 1964, from a heart attack in a Moorhead hospital where she had been taking tests and was preparing to return home. She was a woman of fine abilities, a former teacher, a great reader and a fine singer. She was very helpful in the various groups to which she belonged. She wrote wonderful letters. She is survived by three sons and ten grandchildren.

Mrs. J. C. Carlson of Langdon, long a Willard member of the N. D. WCTU, is bereaved by the death of her husband, Jacob Christian Carlson, 82, August 4, after a brief illness. Born at Eid, Norway, Sept. 23, 1881, Mr. Carlson came to this country in 1897 and to the Langdon vicinity in 1909. He farmed there 55 years before retiring. Active in church and community affairs, Mr. and Mrs. Carlson had a host of friends. When they celebrated their Golden Wedding in July, 1962, more than 450 neighbors and friends gathered at their farm home for the occasion.

Mrs. Elias Porter of Calvin, who was 90 Dec. 25, 1963, passed from this life in Grand Forks Sept. 7, 1964. Born in Auburn, Ontario, in 1873, she came with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Dobie to Tynes, N. D., and was married there to Elias Porter Dec. 25, 1895. In 1897 they came to the vicinity of Calvin, where they homesteaded, later moving to town where Mr. Porter had a hardware and implement business. For more than 50 years, Mrs. Porter was active in church and community work; she wrote the news of the neighborhood for the county paper, a weekly, for many years. She was the efficient president of the local WCTU for years, and also served as district president for some time. When her health was impaired and she suffered a fractured hip in 1953, the deafness by which she was handicapped grew worse and her eyesight failed. But she never lost her keenness of mind and memory, and her interest in church, community and temperance work continued to the end. She lived her last few years in the Valley Memorial Home in Grand Forks, where she died eight days after suffering a severe stroke. Her husband and two sons preceded her in death. She is survived by five daughters, 16 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and three brothers, to all of whom her life and principles have been an inspiration.

Mr. Christian A. Egge, husband of a member of the Nekoma WCTU, died unexpectedly Sept. 11, 1964, from a heart attack. He was working in the field when

he became ill, stopped his tractor and lay down on the ground to rest. A man was in the field with him, to whom he said that he did not feel well, but told him to continue working. Before the helper got back to where he was resting, Mr. Egge had died. He had lived in Mayville, graduating from high school and college before his marriage to May Stewart of Nekoma in 1943; he served his country in the navy from 1942 to 1945. He had farmed near Nekoma since 1947. He would have been 60 in January. Mrs. Egge and their daughter Jane Elizabeth survive him, with his three brothers and two sisters; his parents and a son who died in infancy, preceded him. He was a member of the Nekoma Presbyterian church, and the building was not nearly large enough to seat the friends who gathered there for his funeral.

A Word To The Wise

Dear Friends:

Will this season of 1964 in North Dakota be reached as "The Year without a Summer?" It is true that we had a few hot days in July, but the chilly winds that have prevailed for some time no whave about erased the memory of the short time that it was uncomfortably warm. We have had frost several times, and tender plants are killed, but a few flowers are still blooming bravely.

As this month of October passes swiftly, the coming election is very much on the minds of all of us. We continue to pray that our good law that forbids sale of liquor where food is sold will not be weakened in any way, and that all the public officials who are to be elected will be men of good character and ability. All really good citizens will take the time to go to the polls and vote their convictions November 3rd.

The first week of October has passed as I write, and as usual the days will go by me with incredible swiftness. I hope very much that many letters to newspapers are being written by our women; short letters, but right to the point. They reach many people with truth, people we may never meet, but who are influenced by what we write. "Take your pen in hand." If the members of your union have not paid their dues for the coming year as yet, remind them gently that they are now past due, according to the plans of the National WCTU. I regret that our state convention has to be late this year, but we hope for a good attendance of women who will receive new inspiration to be doing things for the cause of temperance. An old friend of mine used to get a supply of small printed leaflets, such as the National WCTU has for us, and put one into each letter that she wrote. It made her correspondents think about our work.

It was fine to see the picture of our state president and her family in the last White Ribbon Bulletin. We are happy that Dr. and Mrs. Ottinger made a safe journey to Rochester, N. Y., for the National convention and home again, after doing some sight-seeing while away.

When the paper in which this letter is printed reaches you it will be nearly time for the annual Thanksgiving Day observance; may it be a happy day for all of you, with real joy in the prayers of thankfulness that will come from all appreciative hearts. Though every year has its disappointments and sorrows, there is always something for which to be grateful. How many of you are familiar with the hymn I learned to sing as a young girl - "Count Your Blessings?" If you have a family 'sing' after your feast, try that one; it is in many hymnals. Thanksgiving Day should be more than just an opportunity to over eat!

Cordially yours, Elizabeth C. Beasley.

"THE TEN YEAR PLAN"**"ON TO THE CENTURY MARK!"****1,000,000 Members****\$1,000,000 Dollars****PURPOSE**

This is a nation-wide mobilization of the members of the WCTU to secure 1,000,000 members and 1,000,000 dollars in the next decade — moving toward the CENTURY MARK, 1974.

NAME:**"THE CENTURY FUND."****PERIOD COVERED:**

Ten (10) years - 1964 - 1974.

PROPOSED METHOD:

Every member of a local union is asked to do one thing - to be "ONE IN A MILLION" by securing one member a year and giving one dollar (\$1.00) a year — totaling ten members and \$10.00 over the ten year period.

Every member of the local union is to be conversant with our program and seek to arouse public interest in, and build public sentiment for, total abstinence.

CHANNELS FOR USE OF FUNDS:

1. Find, train and employ Field Workers.
2. Production of Films.
3. Scholarships for Teachers.
4. Temperance Sermon Contest in Seminaries.
5. Extend National Exhibit Program.
6. Train and Pay Department Directors.
7. T.V. and Radio Programs.
8. Research Counsel.
9. Modernization Program, to include preservation of Willard Home and historical contents.

DEVELOPMENT:

These nine channels of activity require multiplied personal effort and substantial financial expenditures. It is proposed that the following amounts designated be set aside for use in each of the nine avenues of the program. Tentatively we plan an expenditure of \$100,000 total or \$10,000 per year for each of the nine phases of the plan. All funds to be raised in this effort are to go through the regular channels to the National Treasurer.

EQUIP AND EMPLOY FIELD WORKERS: \$100,000

We require a staff of trained FIELD WORKERS, women conversant with the program and able to organize and establish local unions, — Iota Sigma WCTU, YTC's and LTL's. Women who will accept this challenge and responsibility must be hand-picked, trained and offered salary and expenses in full time employment. We must be realistic about this field of endeavor. We desperately need this work and these workers. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into His harvest."

PRODUCTION OF FILMS: \$100,000

Sound Motion pictures and film strips have met with wide acclaim and demand. Fourteen movies and thirteen slide films are now available. National WCTU is constantly besieged for more new films to be produced. The project needs only the necessary funds for production. Will you help us to meet these requests?

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TEACHERS: \$100,000.

Bringing Alcoholic Education to the general public through the various avenues of communication in popular usage is, of course, only a part of the program necessary to promote this work. Equally as important is the training of the coming generation. This can be done only through the schools, and means that teachers must be trained to give instruction in what alcohol is and what alcohol does, with the same basis of information and technical training that these educators have for teaching English, Mathematics, History, or any other subject in the curriculum. Teachers are responding

to the courses offered, others would come were help offered in partial or full scholarships from National and States.

TEMPERANCE SERMON CONTEST IN SEMINARIES: \$100,000.

There is a woeful neglect in the training schools for ministers in the matter of discussion and emphasis on the temperance question. Rules will be drawn up and submitted to all Seminaries in the United States for a sermon-writing contest in the schools. Suitable prizes will be awarded and the winner of the National contest will receive national recognition.

EXTEND NATIONAL EXHIBIT PROGRAM: \$100,000

There is probably no more effective means of promoting any subject of general interest than through exhibits placed where they meet the eye of the "man on the street," so to speak. Calls are coming to us for such displays at National conventions, such as National Education Association and its branches, National Association of Evangelicals, National Council of Churches. Denominational conferences make request for exhibits but limited funds preclude our entering these open doors.

TRAIN AND PAY DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS: \$100,000.

We have nine main channels in our re-alignment program. Specialists will be needed to head each area. We must find women able to give time and talent in their field of interest, these to come to headquarters for training and planning their work that all plans may be correlated in the overall program of the organization. Remuneration must be offered these women to assist them in promoting their work.

T.V. AND RADIO PROGRAMS: \$100,000

When it comes to Radio and T.V. it is impossible to estimate the number of persons reached. Thousands of broadcasts over radio, both free and paid time, have gone on the air. Spot announcements are now being made and the responses to these have been most gratifying. We desire to enlarge this program by producing and releasing a series of scripts for radio, and extend it, if possible, to the television field.

RESEARCH COUNSEL: \$100,000.

More and more do we realize the need for a Research Director in our work. Demands are made upon us for information and materials, details of which only one familiar with Research techniques could adequately fill. A Research Counsel, together with our excellent Research library facilities, would make a team in this field, second to none in the temperance field.

MODERNIZATION PROGRAM, TO INCLUDE PRESERVATION OF WILLARD HOME AND HISTORICAL CONTENTS: \$100,000.

Items of great interest and historic value, both in the Willard Home and the Headquarters Building, especially in the Willard Library, should be enclosed in air-conditioned cases and/or an air-conditioned room for preservation. Time and the elements are taking their toll unless protection is given soon. All of the properties need to have work done on them to preserve them, as well as modernize them for the best possible service to our organization and the field which it serves.

For any contingency which may arise, the last \$100,000 of the Million dollar total which may be expended, will be kept in reserve.

This is one of the greatest undertakings of the organization in its ninety year history. The goal is a large one. The purposes for which the fund is to be used will have the greatest influence on the public attitude toward temperance. Success will challenge the liquor interests, and will make the WCTU even more a leader in the cause of temperance. We must treat it as

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our supreme task this year and throughout the decade; by so doing success will be easier and assured. Will you be a "million-heir" in the "ONE IN A MILLION" campaign?

MRS. FRED J. TOOZIE, president
NATIONAL WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN
TEMPERANCE UNION.

HEARD AT THE 90TH NATIONAL WCTU CONVENTION — SEPT. 9-16, 1964

Mrs. Fred J. Tooze, National president, told an executive session that current Uniform Crime Reports list last year's arrests for drunkenness and drunken driving at 1,725,204, nearly 40 percent of the year's 4,510,835 arrests countrywide. . . Polls show that the ratio of drinkers in today's population is 63 per cent, she said, and drinkers now spend \$12½ billion for alcoholic beverages with the number of alcoholics reportedly increasing at a rate of 250,000 a year.

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Miss Jean Hansen, National Loyal Temperance Legion general secretary, said grade school agers are supporting the war on cigarette smoking and predicted "a new trend toward temperance and less juvenile drinking." She said 3,661 children of 15 or under are shown by Uniform Crime Reports to have been arrested for drunkenness and 103 for drunken driving last year. She said "social drinking" and "chain smoking" by parents and careless control of television viewing for children in the same environment increases the problem.

Resolutions adopted by the delegates included: Urging all churches to issue a call to members for exemplary living free from the use of beverage alcohol; a continuing effort toward Christian solutions for international and national tensions; the appointment of a commission to study the beverage alcohol problem and its effects on health, welfare, economy and morals; strengthening chemical tests laws set at a level of .10% as minimum alcohol blood content for driving.

Also, continuance of teacher training programs on alcohol; permissive exercise of Bible reading and prayer; an educational program warning of dangers of cigarette smoking; that radio and TV delete drinking scenes, criminal acts and degrading episodes from their productions; the promotion of good literature and clean movies; and work toward the U. S. ratification of the "single convention" on narcotic drugs.

Special Resolution - passed by Delegate Assembly on Sept. 14:

WHEREAS, statistics clearly indicate that the cost of beverage alcohol to the people of the United States has created great economic problems in traffic accidents, moral degradation and illegitimate births, aid to dependent children, rehabilitating alcoholics and in caring for those who, because of beverage alcohol have become wholly or partially wards of the state mental institutions, and

WHEREAS, industry suffers continuous losses in man-hours of labor and in injuries and other accidents created by the use of alcoholic beverages, and

WHEREAS, the income derived through alcoholic beverages taxes does not compensate for the public monetary expenditures nor the personal losses which are caused by the use of alcoholic beverages,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we call upon the President of the United States - in implementing the War on Poverty Program - to recognize that no campaign for the elimination of poverty can be successful without the elimination of the advertising and sale of alcoholic beverages.

Safety sign at Meremac Caverns on U.S. 66: "A tight driver is much more dangerous than a loose wheel."

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