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In the name of our God, we will set up our banners

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BLOW BUGLE!

By THOMAS CURTIS CLARK,
in *The Christian Advocate*

Blow, Bugle!
But call us not again to strife,
To deadly battle.
Blow, blow, but waste no mortal's breath
In summoning our lads to death.
No more shall they be driven cattle!
Their war, and ours, is now for life.

Blow, bugle!
Predict the dawn, a friendly world—
For peace our labors!
Blow valiantly, to stay our hopes.
Blow, blow, though mankind blindly gropes.
All lands shall yet be friends and neighbors.
Today, let battle flags be furled.

Blow, bugle!
The world, repentant, longs for peace,
And needs your cheering.
Blow, bugle, lift a heavenly strain
That shall bring hope to life again.
Blow, as that sun-crowned day is nearing
When war and strife at last shall cease.

State President's Letter

Dear Co-Worker:

Already half of our WCTU year is gone, and we are not getting the new members that we need to keep our budget at \$1.00 per member. How many of you have invited at least one woman to join our organization this year? Every active member has been asked to secure at least one new member in order to attain our goal. April is special Membership month, so let us all do our part and try to double the membership of our local unions. See that every woman gets a membership card and is urged to bring it back to the May meeting signed by a friend or relative.

Mrs. Bratton's Meetings

Mrs. Bratton of Southern California spent five weeks in our part of the state during February and March, helping us to enlarge our membership. She showed her pictures and spoke at 33 meetings in 11 of our counties and bi-counties, and secured 92 women and 36 men for our organization, a total of 128. Others are expected to join as a result of these contacts. Due to the fact that in some places the attendance and offerings were small, she received an average of only \$12.40 for the 38 days she spent in Northern California, just about enough to take care of their heavy expenses. We appreciate the privilege of having her here with no financial obligation to us, and are grateful for the new members received. We thank the county and

local presidents who cooperated in carrying out her itinerary, and am sure you enjoyed her visit with you.

The Capper Bill

Cards have been sent to local and county presidents notifying them of the new petition blanks sent to us by National with the number of the Capper bill, S.265, on them. We are asked to secure as many names as possible and mail to our Senators, William F. Knowland and Sheridan Downey, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C., and not to Senator Capper.

All the temperance forces are uniting to secure a large attendance at the Hearing by the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee of the Senate, to be held some time in April, and at the same time present thousands of signatures on petitions.

National asks that we go all out to win on this proposition. We urge you not only to circulate the petitions, but to write personal letters to Senators and Congressmen asking that liquor advertising be prohibited to stop the terrifying increase of drunkenness and alcoholism, particularly among women. Do not forget in these letters to protest the system of Universal Military Training and the conditions of drinking and venereal disease that prevail in the Army and Navy today.

Also, write Senator Wallace H. White, Jr., if you have not already done so, and urge that his committee speed up the hearing on the Capper bill.

Re-Vitalized Unions

We are happy to report that at least two of our unions that were becoming inactive for lack of leadership have been revived.

Mrs. Myrtle I. Jones, formerly of Southern California, is the new president of the Roseville Union, which was recently reorganized with nine members, due to the efforts of Mrs. Jones. They have decided on the first Thursday of the month for their meeting day, at the First Baptist Church, and each member is planning to get some other woman to join in order to build up the union.

Mrs. Laura Gray, formerly president of the Stockton Union, as well as president of San Joaquin County WCTU for some years, has consented to take the leadership of the Santa Cruz Union, which has had a difficult time during the past few years in getting a president. With the help of the Tri-county Vice-president, Mrs. Boroughs, they held a successful meeting recently, at which time a full corps of officers was elected.

We are thankful for our consecrated leaders of local unions and the contribution they are making to our cause. We trust that other weak unions may find adequate leadership and become active once more. Pray that some of our capable Christian women will be willing to use their time and talents in this way.

Mrs. D. Starr Jordan
330 Serra
Stanford University
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The Cigarette Menace

Word has come to us that two cigarette companies—Lucky Strike and Phillip Morris—have had representatives on the campus of one of our Teachers' Colleges, distributing samples of cigarettes to college boys and girls, and also handing them out in a local candy store of that town.

Investigate and see if this is being done in your town, and if so, write letters of protest to these companies, and get influential people of your communities to write.

We are told that last year cigarette production attained a new high, with a total of 351,000,000,000 units, an increase of 18,300,000,000 or 5.5 per cent over 1945, and that Lucky Strike continued to lead the field with a gain of 45.8 per cent. Still they are not satisfied, but are seeking to make victims of our boys and girls who have not already formed this debasing habit.

Uncle Sam's Umpteers

The Umpteers, according to an article in the *Oakland Tribune*, are members of a battalion of 664 teen-age soldiers, part of the new universal military training experimental unit. Cursing, crap games and other gambling are strictly forbidden. Drinking is out. Top sergeants are firm—but not hard-boiled. The Post Exchange does a big business in candy bars, but sells no beer. Classical music is served up daily in a big, carpeted room devoted to music alone. There are high school and college classes and social events galore to fill off-duty hours. Discipline is maintained by a court made up of Umpteers themselves. The chaplain is just about the most important man in camp.

According to General Devine, "All training consists of three phases—mental, physical and moral. And we're not going to make any bones about moral training." For the first four Sundays of their training, the Umpteers were required either to go to church or attend a lecture on "citizenship." The first week all but one went to church, and he went the next week.

Officers claim they are trying to prove they can make something besides cannon fodder, and General Devine said he expects the Umpteers to be much better citizens because of their military training.

Doubtless the protests in regard to the evil conditions in the army for teen-age boys are responsible for this experiment.

Dry Newspapers

The National Research Bureau of the WCTU advises that the following prominent newspapers of the country, with a circulation of 4,452,675, refuse to accept advertising of any alcoholic beverages:—*Chicago Daily News*, *Des Moines Register and Tribune*, *Kansas City Times and Star*, *Minneapolis Star-Journal*, *Tribune* and *Times*, *The*

Deseret News of Salt Lake City, *Harrisburg News and Patriot*, *South Bend Tribune*, *Jackson Clarion Ledger* and the Gannett chain of 26 daily and Sunday papers in 19 cities of New York, Connecticut, New Jersey and Illinois.

Teen-agers Get Action

"Led by Miss Eileen Abbott, pretty 21-year-old city recreational employee, teen-agers of Las Vegas, Nevada, have set out to stop the sale of liquor to minors in the community. 'If our parents and ministers can't do anything but talk about how terrible it is that the liquor interests are so powerful, we will show them how to get action,' said a 15-year-old. Three high school youngsters from 15 to 18, and all obviously juveniles, aided by Miss Abbott, set out to gather evidence against establishments ranging from grocery stores to fashionable resort hotels.

"They purchased bottled goods in 13 places and bought drinks over the bar in 17 others. Only once were they questioned, and then the liquor was wrapped and delivered to them when they said they were 21. Public opinion rallied to the youngsters and their leader. The local evening newspaper gave its full support to the teen-agers, carrying their story under a 6-column banner headline. Parents kept Miss Abbott's phone humming with pledges of their support."—*Watchman-Examiner*.

Similar conditions prevail in our California towns, and it would be a good project for your YTC members to investigate and get some action as these young people have done.

Distribution of the Bible

The Gideon Organization has given out to date 2,500,000 Bibles and 10,500,000 copies of the New Testament.

The local board of education of Moline, Illinois, rejected a plea of a Jewish Rabbi, that the board stop the distribution of New Testaments in the public schools of the city. They decided that acceptance by the students of the New Testaments, gift of the Gideons, is purely voluntary and does not involve teaching or promoting any particular type of religion.

We are told that missionaries in Nanking, China, gave New Testaments to Japanese soldiers, and at first the officers were very gracious in their expression of gratitude for the kindly act. Later, however, they went to the missionaries with the words, "Please do not give our men any more New Testaments. When they read this book, it takes the fight out of them; they do not want to fight any more."

"The entrance of thy word giveth light"—Psalms 119:130. May we help to give that light to a needy world.

Sincerely yours,

IDA A. STINE.

News From Santa Clara County

The Palo Alto Union had a very impressive and attractive Hospitality Tea at their February meeting. Mrs. Elsie Raven impersonated Mrs. Ella A. Boole, World's WCTU president. She carried out the idea of the World's Convention to be held in Asbury Park, New Jersey, next June, and what a privilege it was to meet the delegates from other countries. Then different members took the parts of delegates and told of their work in their countries. The playlet was written by the local president, Mrs. Pearl Webb, who got her information from the *Union Signal*. At the close of the "Convention" we were led to the dining room where the table was decorated very appropriately with its dainty lace spread and pretty spring blossoms. In the center of the table was a large globe tied with white ribbon. Sandwiches, cake and tea were served and the collection was \$19. The thirty in attendance were happy to have had the opportunity to attend the "Convention."

Mrs. Norma Malcolm, of the Palo Alto Union, has secured a speaker from the Division of Narcotic Enforcement, State of California, to speak to the student body of the Palo Alto Union High School. On March 6th the speaker was Chief W. R. Creighton, who told the students that alcoholic drinks are narcotics as well as opium, heroin, etc. The only way not to become addicts was never to taste or touch. He emphasized the great danger and menace in smoking the marihuana cigarette. The students showed a great deal of interest and asked many questions.

VIOLA HAINES.

In Memoriam

A good member of the Dinuba Union, Mrs. Mary L. Fulbright, passed away recently at the age of 83. She was a life-long member of the Christian Church and an ardent supporter of the WCTU. She is survived by five children, thirteen grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.—*Marion O. Brubaker*.

On February first, Madera Union lost one of its faithful members in the passing of Mrs. Dora Cravens at the age of 77. She had been a member for over 20 years and was a firm believer in temperance. Although years ago she moved to a nearby town where there was no union, she continued to pay her dues to Madera. Members of this union will hold her in loving remembrance.—*Maude Peime*.

Mrs. Matilda Mary Lanphear, member of the Della Hill Union, Tehama County, is at rest at the age of 89 after an illness of ten months. She was an earnest Christian woman and always ready to help forward a worthy cause. She joined the Woman's Christian

Temperance Union many years ago and took an active part in the work of the local union. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. Psalm 116:15.—*Jessie Deming.*

Rev. J. C. Bolster, retired minister who recently moved from Santa Cruz to 1019 S. 7th St., San Jose, died suddenly on Dec. 13. Born in Ohio in 1861, he came to California in 1895 and two years later married a native daughter, Lottie J. Chamblin of Calistoga, who, with their four children and two grandchildren, survives him. All his life he had been an ardent worker for the cause of temperance, at times in the face of great opposition. For many years he was an honorary member of the WCTU. An eloquent and enthusiastic speaker, he was often called on to speak at rallies and conventions. He also gave of his musical talent, using his rich lyric tenor voice with his wife in duets and also as a member of the "Prohibition Male Quartet" with the late O. R. Sheppa, Frank B. Werner and Roy Smith. His slogan was, "Remember me at my best."—*L.J.B.*

The Santa Rosa Union lost one of its members, Mrs. Trubey Grubb, who passed away Jan. 13. Mrs. Grubb was ever ready to lend a helping hand to those in need, and was a strong temperance worker with strong faith in God. She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Trubey, in her 94th year, and her daughter, Mrs. Edna Williamson, who will greatly miss her.

The Santa Rosa Union also extends sympathy to Mrs. Nellie Sibert, one of our most faithful members, in the loss of her life companion, who passed away very suddenly in December. May God richly bless and comfort her, is our prayer.—*Nona K. Gurley.*

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Director.

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations." Matt. 28:19.

In these perilous and restless times what could be more challenging than to go and teach? The bonds and cords of Brotherhood are snapped at the least strain of opposition; Missions of Good Will seem all in vain; even a war to end war makes us wonder if the dead have died in vain.

But above the din of war, the restless moving of the multitudes, the yearning for a peaceful habitat, we hear the challenge—"Go." Never before has the field offered such opportunities. Lands that were closed to the gospel message are now saying—"Come over and help us—teach us; give us of your young students who are doctors, nurses, ministers, dentists, scientists, and such."

Though they go they must needs combat the ever present enemy—sin. It lurks in the home of the wealthy and educated. It stalks through the streets where poverty and ignorance hold sway. It is no respecter of person: old and young fall as victims to its allurements. And in these strange lands alcoholic beverages and the havoc they wrought are no exception. Those whom we send must needs be prepared in all ways to combat this evil.

You and I can help send them forth and equip them with authentic facts which they in turn will teach to those whom they reach. The women in the local WCTU should endeavor to get together all women in their community who are interested in the mission field and present the needs of the workers—backing them with the scientific facts that you and I know. Prepare a program: present the needs of these workers as well as their accomplishments in this battle.

Many interesting leaflets of this department may be obtained from State headquarters for your program.

To further help these workers on the field, an offering of \$5.00 should be sent, with \$1.75 for a subscription to the *Union Signal*—our National paper with many authentic statistics, interesting articles and other facts. This total offering of \$6.75 makes your local Union a Light Line Union.

There were several new names added to the list of Light Lines last year, let us make it 100 per cent this year and all share in this challenge, "Go ye."

Note: I have a few of the "World's White Ribbon Bulletin." Anyone wishing one for use in a program, please write me. "First come, first served." (Address Box 255, Winters, Calif.)

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"Friendships are better than wars."

Outstanding Girls and Stalwart Youth

The plan of Outstanding Girls and Stalwart Youth is an enrollment of Christian young women and young men (preferably between the ages of 13 and 20 years) who neither drink nor smoke. Upon the endorsement of a WCTU member, a young person fulfilling the above qualifications is awarded an Honorable Recognition Card.

A public recognition or dedicatory service adds to the significance of the project at which time the young people may render musical numbers and readings followed by a brief inspirational talk from some adult, along character-building lines. Mention should be made of the Youth Temperance Council at this meeting with the hope of forming an organization. A candle-light dedicatory service and a social half hour makes an impressive climax to the occasion.

The local union should plan for a rally at an early date at which the YTC pledge and program may be presented. Where possible, organize this group into a YTC and plan for meetings or occasional rallies. The signing of the YTC pledge and payment of YTC dues will affiliate each person with the State and National YTC even though they may not hold regular meetings.—*The Ohio Messenger.*

Note: Recognition cards may be secured from WCTU Headquarters, 1815 Telegraph Ave., Oakland 12, at 3 cents each. Sample YTC Pledge card and leaflets will be sent free, upon request.

**First to Report
Orland WCTU**

Outstanding Girls:

- Margaret Rychtera
- Fay Sealey
- Harriett Lindon
- Jean Lindon
- Clara Lindon
- Betty Lindon
- Shelby Schwab
- Joyce Abbott

Stalwart Youth:

- Harold Sealy
- Elwyn Sealey
- Joseph Rychtera
- Allan Abbott
- Charles Schwab

Stockton WCTU

Outstanding Girls:

- Mary Carolyn Fine
- Barbara Owen Luke

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Does your neighbor know that the WCTU invites every woman in the state to become a member of our organization? Fine, educational programs and good fellowship and *you* are needed in this great work. This year we are going to let our neighbors know the facts.—*Pennsylvania Bulletin.*

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It's a Crime

The Chicago Crime Commission, a volunteer organization of public-minded citizens, engaged in a factual study of the city's law-breaking, has issued a recent report entitled *It's a Crime*, in which it is declared that criminals cost the municipality at least \$5,000,000,000 per year, or "just about \$60 every time you take a breath."

In Los Angeles, a few years ago, an impartial study made by the city government revealed the fact that two thirds of the total police costs of the city were incurred in the process of arresting, caring for, and trying drunks. If the same proportion holds in the city of Chicago then a by-product of the liquor bill is \$333,333,333. And that, we think, is also a crime!—*The Christian Advocate*.

Second Mile Women

Live Oak: Mrs. Irene Crites.

Addie Estes: Mrs. Grace Freeman, Mrs. Ruth Motla.

St. Helena: Mrs. Anna Lhuillier.

Madera: Mrs. Minnie Campbell, Mrs. H. J. Willis.

Kingsburg: Mrs. Manilla Anderson, Mrs. John U. Carlson, Mrs. Marten Johnson, Mrs. Ruth Nelson, Mrs. Otto Palm, Mrs. Mary Snell.

Selma: Mrs. Anna Truesdale.

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Fresno Central: Mrs. Lottie Barnhart, Mrs. Winnie Brooks, Mrs. R. B. Emberton, Mrs. Ray Johnson, Mrs. Delia Riley, Mrs. C. F. Walker, Mrs. May Burch.

Santa Cruz: Mrs. Dora Anderson, Mrs. Mary Baldwin, Mrs. Helen Byrne, Mrs. Ida Carlson, Mrs. Cora Courtney, Miss Fanny Glover, Mrs. W. H. Hughes, Mrs. Gertrude Huntoon, Mrs. T. B. Hass, Mrs. Bessie Herron, Miss Lizzie Holingsworth, Mrs. M. Johnstone, Mrs. Jennie Jury, Mrs. A. E. Littlefield, Mrs. Viola Mellon, Mrs. Fannie McClanahan, Mrs. Florence O'Mera, Dr. Pearl Oliphant, Miss Berdella Price, Mrs. H. W. Penniman, Miss Mary Perkins, Mrs. E. F. Page, Mrs. J. R. Reukama, Mrs. H. B. Stacy, Mrs. Beulah Studeman, Mrs. Hattie Trindall, Mrs. Lila Whiting, Mrs. Viola Gray, Mrs. Bessie Willowby.

Vera Corlew: Mrs. Grace Hazelton, Mrs. Lily Crane.

Morgan Hill: Mrs. Annabell Allen, Mrs. Elizabeth Breckenridge, Mrs. Hattie Marken, Mrs. Grace Ward, Mrs. Alice Ott.

Willow Glen: Mrs. Gwendolin Penniman.

Pittsburg: Mrs. James Brady, Mrs. C. L. Buckner, Mrs. Cressie Devereaux, Mrs. Alta Gettings, Mrs. Adda Hawkins, Mrs. Maud Hullet, Mrs. Louise Johnson, Mrs. Irene Pettijohn, Mrs. Maud Richner, Mrs. Emma Wilson, Mrs. Christine Myrtar.

Melrose Centenary: Mrs. Marjorie Josiassen, Mrs. Mamie June, Mrs. Ida A. Stine, Mrs. Catherine Rajciach, Mrs. Hazel Dell Hadden, Mrs. Lillian Quick, Mrs. Ada Keaton, Mrs. Minnie Blanchard, Mrs. Unabel Bechtle, Mrs. Wm. Bolt, Mrs. Ida Bradley, Mrs. Mabel Dewing, Mrs. Matilda Nielson.

Mill Valley: Mrs. Margaret Jones, Miss Winona Douglas, Mrs. Jessie M. Drexler, Mrs. E. B. Howard, Mrs. Adella Van Atta, Mrs. F. C. Behringer, Mrs. Lucretia K. Hanson.

Berkeley: Mrs. Grace Anderson, Miss Delta Lewis.

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May Program Notes

Missions in Our Community
"Around the World" Tisane
Church Women as Guests

Song: "For God and Home and Every Land," page 14

Worship: Acts 1:8

Symposium by presidents of local Missionary Societies: Denominational Alcohol Education Programs—how used in the church program? Do Missionary Society members promote total abstinence in home and social life? Should missionary interests include community problems?

The First International Woman's Organization—

The World's WCTU (See *The Union Signal*, April 12)

The Foreign Missionary's Relation to the WCTU (See Above)

Interracial White Ribbon Recruit Service

Light Line Union Offering

THINGS TO DO:

Make the Union a Light Line Union
Invite presidents of missionary societies to pledge \$6.75 for a Light Line Union Gift.

Invite mothers and babies of all races and nationalities for White Ribbon Recruit Service.

Invite guests to become members.
Report results of April Membership Campaign Emphasis.

Make plans for a June Membership Garden Party.

Suggestion: Serve native tisanes of different countries.

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"God has no larger field for the man who is not faithfully doing his work where he is."

State Treasurer's Letter

Dear Comrades:

This is a perfect morning. It makes one want to sing out in joy, "This is the day the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it." Clear sky, bright sunshine, singing birds, lovely blossoms. Every day is a good day if we look up and not down. Try it.

April begins the second half of our year. We have passed some of our important goals, now we look forward to the next which is to become Fruitful Unions by July 1. There are already some Fruitful Unions but I hope they will continue to secure new members. I am wishing for really great efforts to be put forth on this project. We want to have a big increase for National. We had 71 Roll Call and 31 Hold Fast Unions. These have a good start toward becoming Fruitful and I hope the others will catch up.

LOCAL TREASURERS! I have a suggestion to make that will help your County and State treasurers. When you have new members, do not list them among the old ones, put them in a separate list, give full name and address, name of persons securing them, and write plainly or print. If you do not have complete address do not send it until you get it. I have to write for far too many such addresses to be completed. In the case of new members they lose one or more ENSIGNS. To those who have members in several towns, please place those in one town together. Then to the treasurers who do not list alphabetically, will you please do so. I thank those who already follow these rules. They may seem like small items but they would save the State treasurer hours of time during a month.

COUNTY TREASURERS! A request for you also. Make your checks payable to State WCTU Calif. N. It has been my intention for some time to ask you to do this. I was glad to see one county treasurer had read the ENSIGN and followed Mrs. Reum's suggestion.

"Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work."

Roll Call Unions

Coming, Willow Glenn, Vera Corlew, Kingsburg, Red Bluff, Della Hill, Oak Park, Sacramento, Elk Grove, Oroville, Corralitos, Pacific Grove, Watsonville, East Santa Cruz, Fresno Central, Reedley, Madera, Selma, Palo Alto, Ukiah, Willits, Winters, Woodland, Davis, Modesto, Martha Sutliff, Hughson, Keyes, Merced, Oakdale, Riverbank, Prescott, Anna Gordon (S. F.), Hamilton Square, Frances Willard (S. F.), Sunset, Empire, Turlock, Friendship, Napa, Vallejo, Marin, Dorcas

Spencer, Stockton, Richmond, Pittsburg, Anna Gordon (Modesto), Wood Colony, Hilmar, Fruitvale, Oakland, Mexican (Selma), Willows, Orland, Tulare, Visalia, Exeter, Pixley-Earlimart, Hanford, Porterville, Dinuba, Orosi, Strathmore, Lindsay, Lakeport, Chico, Paradise, Mill Valley, Fort Bragg, Ceres, Waterford.

Listed as received.

Hold Fast Unions

Mexican (Selma), Sanger, Davis, Kingsburg, Madera, Paradise, Palo Alto, Oak Park, Exeter, Hanford, Visalia-Woodlake, Waterford, Anna Gordon (Modesto), Oakdale, Empire, Fort Bragg, Citrus Heights, Keyes, Prescott, Willows, Orland, Coming, Red Bluff, Lakeport, Ukiah, Lora La Mance, Willits, Willow Glen, Clipper Gap-Auburn, Carrie A. Gladding, Dorcas Spencer.

Listed in order reported.

Union of the Month

Kingsburg

Held all regular meetings.
Dues collected 98.
New Members 7.
Honorary members 6.
Budget paid in full.
Mile of Quarters paid in full.
Stevens Fund paid.
Willard Fund paid.
Roll Call observed.
Hold Fast Union.
Fruitful Union.
Held Institute.
Circulated petitions.
Purchased quota of yearbooks.
Promoted Ballagh Course of Study.
Presented Mrs. Bratton and her pictures.
Have 8 White Ribbon Recruits.
Have 22 dues-paid LTL members.

Standings of Unions

Budget paid in full: Lora La Mance, Reedley, Stockton, Willow Glen, Dinuba, Willits, Ripon, Oroville, Kingsburg, Orosi, Orland, Hughson, Hamilton Square, Martinez, Oak Park, Madera, Ceres, Empire, Strathmore, Morgan Hill, Ukiah, Shattuck Avenue, Sanger, Mexican (Selma), Willows, Woodland, Exeter, Visalia-Woodlake, Frances Willard (S. F.), Friendship, Selma, Marin, Lakeport, Lodi, Anna Gordon (Modesto), Keyes, Merced, Oakdale, Riverbank, Chico, Clipper Gap-Auburn, Fruitvale, Boulder Creek, Winters, Pixley-Earlimart, Carrie A. Gladding, Pacific Grove.

Paid three-fourths: Napa, Lathrop, Wood Colony, Modesto, Citrus Heights, Merced, Sebastopol, Soquel, Melrose, Fresno Central, Palo Alto, Dorcas Spencer, Santa Cruz, Richmond.

One-half paid: Porterville, Keyes, Anna Gordon (S. F.), Fort Bragg, East

Oakland, Corning, Della Hill, Hanford, South Berkeley, Mill Valley, Turlock, Sacramento, Red Bluff, San Jose, Anna Beal, Vera Corlew.

One-fourth paid: Addie Estes, Oakland, Santa Rosa, Sunset, Pittsburg, Vallejo, Martha Sutliff, Los Gatos, Gridley, Hilmar, Parlier, Tulare.

**Mile of Quarters Campaign
Quota Completed**

Chico, Clipper Gap-Auburn
Quota Paid Unions Continuing to Contribute

Keyes—5 feet 5 inches.

Unions Increasing Their Mileage

Fresno—29 feet 8 inches.
Fruitvale—12 feet 10 inches.
Anna Gordon (Modesto)—11 feet 2 inches.
Red Bluff—9 feet 8 inches.
Palo Alto—8 feet 9 inches.
Richmond—8 feet.
Melrose—6 feet 4 inches.
Soquel—5 feet 1 inch.
Vera Corlew—4 feet 2 inches.
Addie Estes—4 feet.
Ukiah—2 feet 6 inches.
Willows—1 foot 8 inches.

Torch Bearers

Fresno Central: Mrs. Irene Lewis.
Santa Cruz: Mrs. Cora Courtney, Mrs. H. W. Penniman, Mrs. Beulah Studeman, Mrs. Lila Whiting, Mrs. Byrne, Mrs. Fanny McClanahan, Mrs. Mary Atwood, Mrs. Maud B. Fallis.
Pacific Grove: Mrs. Virginia Reum, Mrs. Alma O. Lee, Mrs. Eva Yates, Mrs. Anna P. Reyburn, Miss Vee Reum, Mrs. Helen Day.
Vallejo: Mrs. Pearl Uffleman.
Berkeley: Miss Jennie Redfield.

Rock of Ages Women

Pacific Grove: Mrs. Vera Redington, Mrs. Leola M. Marshall.
Selma: Mrs. Raymond Nielson.
Riverbank: Mrs. Della Spencer.
Morgan Hill: Miss Alta Guss.

Changes for the Yearbook

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Child Welfare: Mrs. Edith Matlock, Rt. 1, Box 111, Paradise
Christian Citizenship: Mrs. G. N. Beeny, 573 E. 4th St., Chico
Radio: Mrs. Nellie Huff, 220 Hazel St., Gridley
Religious Education: Mrs. Bessie Nelson, 1056 Salem St., Chico
Social Morality: Mrs. Mary Filmore, Gridley
Spiritual Life: Mrs. S. D. Binet, 1567 Myers St., Oroville
Visual Education: Mrs. Grace Gordon, Paradise
Secretary YTC: Mrs. Jean Rothe, Rt. 2, Box 88-A, Chico
Page 98. SANTA CRUZ. President: Mrs. Laura Gray, 36 Market St.

To Visual Education Workers

FLORA R. WARD, Director

When this reaches you we will have begun the last half of our WCTU year. Have you recorded the accomplishments of the first half so that you will remember it for your report next September? Remember, you report for your UNION, not just for yourself. Our National Director offers a prize to the county director reporting the largest number of *exhibits* (not posters) by local organizations, and one to the local director for the best original exhibit based on some phase of the liquor problem. Please send me a photograph or drawing, with description of the exhibit, telling where it was shown and approximate number of people who saw it.

I have just attended Mrs. Bratton's picture-lecture. This is inspirational Visual Education and deserves our best support. Please count the number attending and include in your report. How many did your personally induce to attend? And how many new members secured as a result?

A letter from Senator Wallace H. White states that he *hopes* to be able to have a hearing on the Capper Bill (S265), to prohibit advertising of alcoholic beverages, some time in April. This is "right down our alley." Now is the time to hurry letters to Senator White, telling him why you believe such advertising is harmful, and asking him to work for the bill (S265). You know "the straw that broke the camel's back." Perhaps *your* letter may be the one that wins that very desirable legislation. Write to Senator Wallace H. White, Chairman of the Senate Committee of Interstate and Foreign Commerce, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.

Are we making the best use of the "Mrs. Gray Bunny's Children" pictures for flannel boards? Are we being sure that all children see our strip films? They may be purchased at our state headquarters. We must *use* the material the WCTU has if we expect them to make more of such helps.

May the Heavenly Father open our eyes to see, and strengthen our wills to use the opportunities for Visual Education.

Good News

We have just received word that the mats for the Berg cartoons are now to be obtained free of charge. Here is an opportunity to present our message in a striking visual form. Send to state headquarters for samples of the cartoons, show them to your newspaper publisher and ask him about printing them if you can furnish him with the mats.

Our Inescapable Ancestors of the WCTU

by CORDELIA J. HUDSON

When the emperor of Japan had to visit the shrines of his ancestors and report to them the fall and condition of his country, it was a sad day for him. Nothing could be more humiliating to a ruler.

When I think of reporting the condition of a country ruined by King Alcohol to our ancestors of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union—I am humiliated.

Greatest among those ancestors was Miss Frances E. Willard. If I might kneel at her tomb today I would wish to lay a wreath of pure white lilies and blood red roses upon her resting place. The lilies as an emblem of her life, the red roses an emblem of her heart's blood she poured out to save America from the ruin of alcohol and other evils.

If I could report to her, at her tomb, the condition, not only of the country, but the Union she founded in such strong faith for its future, I would feel humiliated because of the weakness and failure of so many of us in the WCTU work. If I might report the gestures of these women, good women, who became discouraged when we lost the eighteenth amendment, who said they would never do anything again for the WCTU, and threw up their hands and dropped their membership—I would be truly humiliated at Miss Willard's tomb.

There are enough women in our churches and clubs to get anything we ask for, if we will get together and keep together in the work of helping humanity. There is much to do for child welfare, for elderly folk, for the heart-broken ones we meet on our streets every day. The aged have passed their time of opportunity and usefulness, as a general rule, but the hope of the world and its future lies in the little children who are learning today, but will be the leaders tomorrow for good or evil. In the words of our immortal Longfellow:

"Let us then be up and doing,
With a heart for *any* fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labor, and to wait."

Aid for the Aged?

A specialist in diseases of the aged acclaim "whisky is probably the most useful aid in treating the elderly patient. . . . Whisky is a splendid tonic, an aid to digestion, a lift to the spirits, and soothing to the jangled nerves." Furthermore the learned(?) doctor goes on to state: "Whisky is certainly one of the best sedatives when used in adequate quantity."

We agree with the last statement. A sufficient quantity will even settle one's nerves permanently. It will also cause

premature old age, which the doctor is going to cure with more of the same. It seems almost unbelievable that anyone pretending to know anything about the human body could make such statements in this day and age.—MAY BROWN.

Dates to Remember

April 8 and 9—State Executive Meeting at 10th Avenue Baptist Church, Oakland.

April 16—Santa Clara County Convention at Palo Alto.

April 22—Contra Costa County Convention at Richmond.

April 29—San Joaquin County Convention at Stockton.

April 30—Stanislaus-Merced Bi-County Convention.

May 5—Butte County Convention at Chico.

May 6—Tehama-Glenn Bi-county Convention at El Camino.

June 5-10—World WCTU Convention at Asbury Park, N. J.

July 22-24—State Workshop at San Anselmo Seminary.

Question Box

WHAT is the State Workshop? A three-day school of WCTU background and methods.

WHEN? July 22-24.

WHERE? At the San Anselmo Seminary.

WHO should attend? All interested in our work.

WHY? Knowledge acquired will help in your work, friendships formed will be of inestimable value, rest and recreation will send you home with strength renewed, memories will inspire you throughout the year.

EXPENSE? \$2.50 per day for room and board, plus a 50 cent registration fee.

"Tell Your Neighbor."

According to Dr. Lawrence Kolb, Medical Director of the State Department of Mental Hygiene, "Alcoholism in California is responsible for more deaths than 30 of our major infectious diseases. It is the cause of mental collapse in 5 per cent of our insane—not counting the extreme 'problem drinkers,' not certified as psychotic. It is doing 20,000 times more harm in our state than the much publicized marihuana." Can you imagine "Alcoholism" without the use of alcohol? Then why not try to prevent it as we try to prevent other acquired diseases—at the source?

FLORA R. WARD.

"Beer is a devitamized, devitalized, decayed, impoverished drink, and nothing under the sun but poisoned water." —Dr. C. W. Salaby, prominent physician of London, England, in *Missouri Counselor*.

Membership Campaign

New Members to date 499
 New Members for February 205
 Workers for February 50
 Watchers to date 8
 Winners to date 1
 NELLIE MILLER, *Chairman*

How happy I am with the number of new members reported in February. A hearty "Thank you" to all of you women who have made this splendid report possible. Three more women have been added to our list of Watchers; Mesdames Inda Brimson of Vera Corlew (San Jose), Lena Swift of Selma, and R. K. Boyd of Angwin. And Mrs. Mabel Frost of Oak Park (Sacramento) has 19 new members to her credit at this time.

Several unions have done outstanding work in securing new members. Angwin continues to be out in front with 63 new members so far this year. Isn't that a fine record? The next union to be mentioned is Paradise which was organized last year with 20 members and has secured 28 new members this year so they have more than doubled their membership. That is another fine record. Other unions with a good showing of new members are: Sebastopol 22, Oak Park (Sacramento) 20, Vera Corlew (San Jose) 15, and Fruitvale (Oakland) 14.

Last month I visited the Eliza Davis George Union in Oakland. This is a brand new union, organized this year with 19 members and I'm sure you will be seeing new members reported by them (in fact, they already have some which have not been reported yet), for the President not only has appointed a Vice-president for each church represented in their group, but she also asks these vice-presidents for a report of their work and success in securing new members since the previous meeting. Each of them either reported new members or prospective ones. I thought this plan of asking for a report each month was a good suggestion to pass on to you for the vice-presidents are more apt to keep busy if they know they must report their efforts each month.

When you read this report of the very fine work done in February, I am truly hoping that many more of our women will be inspired to "go thou, and do likewise," for we cannot expect these same women to do all the work and we need so badly to have a similar fine report for each month for the remainder of the year. National asks that we make April our intensive membership drive, but the campaign continues until September 30, 1947. Let's make this the very best year we have ever had in membership.

National also asks that we report all the entire families we have signed up as members, from White Ribbon Recruits

on up through LTL and YTC to honorary and active members.

Thanks much for your fine work, and may God continue to bless you all.

The workers for February were: Miss Elma Mansfield, Miss Winona Douglas, and Mesdames Olive Johns, Nellie Miller, Sadie Sanders, Ethel Saylor, Mabel Frost, Mary Lopez, Jacqueline Porter, Viola Eldon, G. H. Johnson, T. O. Renfrow, Elsie Raven, Eva Haight, John Webb, Nora Phillips, Inda Brinson, Grace Hazelton, Homer Holmes, Bertha Hullman, Jennie Young, Frances Hicks, Helene Haman, Addie Lennox, Eva Webber, Beulah Wilson, Elizabeth Stevenson, Leah Law, Emily Lingscheid, Mary Edwards, Nellie Sibert, Evelyn Lane, Rosetta Webb, Rosetta Lake, Ruth Marsan, F. O. Erickson, Lena Swift, Lesta V. Parker, Jessie Drexler, Anna F. Randolph, James Oss, R. K. Boyd, Victoria Kolstad, Etta Engle, ——— Layman, Mary Harrington, E. J. Cadwallader, Chester Bruce, Helen Howe, and Miss Jennie Redfield (3).

April Program Notes

The Youth of Our Community

Guests: Parents of YTC and LTL members

Song: "Walking With the Lord," page 21

Worship: 1 Timothy 4:12 (See also page 8 of *The Union Signal* for March 1.)

Discussion: *Youth Pages the Community*: (a ten-minute review of *The Union Signal*, March 1.)

Song: "We Would Be Building," page 5

Panel Discussion—led by young people and an adult:

- A Youth Looks at the Community
- A Child Looks at the Community
- An Adult Looks at the Community
- YTC and LTL Reviewing Stand (Activities summary by the Branch Secretaries.)

THINGS TO DO:

Invite YTC and LTL members to act as a reception committee; mothers of YTC and LTL presidents to preside at the tea tables.

Recognition of service given by Branch Secretaries.

Make plans to organize a new council and legion.

Plan for Flower Mission and Relief gardens.

April is the month for special Membership emphasis. Secure a supply of Membership pledge cards and Membership leaflets for each WCTU member.

Try to double the local Union membership.

Appoint a committee to plan the May "Around the World" Tisane, inviting church women as guests.

Refreshment suggestion: Serve Tailored Sodas.

Leaflets on the Alcohol Problem

Whose Problem? by Roy L. Smith
 W-H-Y Study the Scientific Approach to the Alcohol Problem, by Beulah Chappelle

Is Alcohol A Food? by Walter A. Bas-
 tardo, M.D., ScD.

35 cents per 100, 20 cents per 50,
 2 cents each

Only One Way To Contract Alcohol-
 ism

20 cents per 100, 15 cents per 50,
 2 cents each

The Menace of Moderation, by Rev.
 J. Maurice Trimmer

\$1.65 per 100, 85 cents per 50, 2
 cents each

A Primer on Alcohol (illustrated)

3 for 25 cents, 10 cents each

What Does the Bible Say?

\$1.60 per 100, 2 cents each

Why I Do Not Drink, by Joy Elmer
 Morgan

A Christian Citizen and the Drink
 Problem, by Bertha Rachel Palmer

50 cents per 100, 35 cents per 50,
 2 cents each

Society Lags Behind Science in Alcohol
 Education, by Haven Emerson,
 M.D.

5 cents each

Berg Cartoons—12 cartoons in assorted
 colors

\$1.75 per 1,000, \$1.00 per 500,
 50 cents per 20

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 Oakland 12

**Mrs. H. R. Anthony, Guest
 Speaker**

Mrs. Florence Thayer of Yuba City entertained the members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union at a delightful luncheon at which sixteen were present. After the devotions and a talk on "Right Living" by Mrs. Cecil Riley, Mrs. H. R. Anthony was introduced. The new state director of International Relations for Peace talked on that subject and said in part: "Miss Frances Willard, who conducted the first World's convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, felt that if women were emancipated all evils of the world would soon be cleaned out. But alas! Many things have been worse since women had the vote. However, we must remember that wars have a demoralizing effect on all nations. Wars are not brought on by God, but by man's stupidity. All early Christians were pacifists. A converted Roman soldier always threw down his sword."

"Never attempt to bear more than one kind of trouble at a time. Some people try to bear three kinds—all they have had, all they now have, and all they expect to have."

Youth Temperance Council

MRS. JEWELL OWENS
General Secretary

451 San Pablo Ave., Fresno 3

Do you stand out in a crowd? In other words, are you an individual, or merely one of the mob? Are you afraid to be different? Carbon copies are a dime a dozen, but true Christian individuals are rare, and prized as friends and companions.

Youth Temperance Council members **STAND OUT** in a crowd. YTC brings together this type of youth. The shocking conditions existing in the life of America today make it urgent to **WARN** all youth **NOW**. Misinformed and misguided children and young people must be told that the claims made by liquor advertisements are false.

Read the liquor ads. Isn't it funny that the man with the whisky glass has the stamp of success upon him? Nobody ever gets "liquored up" or beats up bartenders or falls down elevator shafts or runs over children in the streets. How long will Christian citizens accept passively the untruthful claims of the liquor advertisements? We must educate and legislate to have the truth about alcohol taught and outlaw the glamorous false teachings.

A high school principal recently told me that only about one fifth of his students received instruction on alcohol, and then only touching on it in Biology classes. Many teachers in grade, as well as high schools, have no materials from which to prepare and teach. They don't want to give extra time and trouble (many are drinkers themselves), so as there is no pressure put upon them to teach it, it is passed up, even though our California school law requires that it shall be taught. YTC students could and adults should check on this.

Why do we need a YTC? Why are church groups, youth groups and children's workers asking for YTC speakers and deputation teams to present scientific facts about alcohol? Because they realize something must be done to **REFUTE** the **LIQUOR** education. YTC is training young people scientifically what alcohol is and that it is responsible for much of our immoral social condition. They know that cocktail drinking youth (or adults) are on the "toboggan" spiritually. They also know that there are too many cocktail drinkers both young and older, whose names are on the church rolls. They want to do something and will do something about it with a little adult help.

Start another YTC. Junior high age would be easy. Secure a home near a junior high school, where the Council could meet after school once or twice a month. Have dinner together occasionally. Have one or two assistants. It is

much easier to secure a sponsor with pledged help. A consecrated couple is another suggestion—perhaps a teacher in the school. Older YTC members could help also.

Let us dedicate ourselves to this great youth program. Let us be willing to be different to stand for a cause. Let us dedicate ourselves to God so that He can use us to so enlighten His children, that they will destroy the enemy Alcohol.

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LTL

(Continued)

ton's birthday) with a party; 40 children were present. One Friendship member (with her mother) came 40 miles to attend. This LTL has already reached the 20% increase goal. . . . Mrs. Mabel Frost, Sacramento, reports an increase in membership, in her LTL. . . . Mrs. Laura Bourdon's interesting Home Legion at Vallejo made Valentines in February. . . . The May Brown Legion at Hanford, under Mrs. Caroline Humphrey, has been making temperance posters.

LTL leaders, please send in items of interest to your secretary.

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Think This Over

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of the Liquor Interests
is to get
MORE PEOPLE
to drink
MORE!

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Attention!

If you have a home or property on a main highway in Northern California, with space available for an anti-liquor road sign or if you know of another who has, please contact

Harold Ruppert
Box 261, Angwin, Calif.

Loyal Temperance Legion

MRS. MAY BROWN,
General Secretary

YOU DON'T NEED A LEADER to start a Friendship LTL. Any WCTU can do it. You can either: each one "adopt" a child of LTL age as her Friendship member; or, you can "adopt" a group of children, as a Union. In each case, see that the Friendship member is given a year's subscription to *The Young Crusader* and an LTL lesson book suitable to his age, total cost to you of from sixty-five to eighty-five cents, depending upon the book. Can you think of any better way in which your Union may invest a few dollars in temperance education?

When you get your Friendship member, be sure to have him sign the LTL pledge and pay his LTL dues (ten cents a year), so that he may be counted as an LTL member. Dues go through the regular channels, plainly marked "LTL dues."

Some LTL's meet once a month; some twice a month. You may have as many meetings a year as you wish. But when you have completed ten LTL lessons (which might be completed in five months, ten months, or even ten days), you have done a year's work in LTL. There are so many interesting programs in *The Young Crusader* for each month, that most LTL's prefer to meet at least once monthly during the school months. Some have twelve meetings a year. The point is, the LTL general program is very flexible. Each leader may decide for herself what she shall use and how long; provided, of course, that she follows the general idea. With only April and May left of the school year, our thoughts turn to Vacation Bible schools. An LTL may be organized in connection with these schools. Or someone who is busy during the school year, may want to have a Vacation LTL during the summer months. Any month in the year is the right month to start a new LTL.

April is World Friendship month. LTL leaders, don't forget the missionary gift for promoting LTL's in other countries. Only two Legions remembered last year. Put your World Friendship committee in charge of the April meeting. For suggestions, see the March number of the *Young Crusader*.

Flash! Two more new Legions have reported: one in Sacramento, organized several months ago. Mrs. Mabel Alm, leader. One at Angwin, organized last fall; leader, Mrs. Lillie Rouse.

News from other LTL's: Mrs. T. O. Renfrow's new Home Legion at Kingsburg is crowding out of the home! Twenty-seven present at the last meeting. Mrs. Renfrow has an assistant. . . . Pixley-Earlimart LTL concluded their February meeting (on Washing-
(See Column 2).

WHITE RIBBON ENSIGN

In the name of our God, we will set up our banners

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I See My Mother

by WILLIAM L. STIDGER, in *The Christian Advocate*

I see my mother washing pans
With stains of dark on her white hands.
She bakes brown bread and cleans the floors
And does the humble little chores
Which made our home so clean and neat
And makes her memory so sweet.

I see my mother washing clothes;
She hangs them out in fluttering rows—
Stockings, dresses, shirts and pants.
That memory enthralls, enchants
My soul as I look back along the way
To that far, dim and distant day.

I see my mother darning socks
While rhythmically she sits and rocks
Before wood fire burning high
Sending its smoke into the sky;
And, as she rocks and darns, she croons
Such tender, lovely little tunes.

And they come back in manhood's years
Through all the mist of human tears;
Come back to lift and bless and light
This soul of mine to some far height.
But, best of all was Mother's way
Of teaching this poor heart to pray.



State President's Letter

Dear Co-Workers:

The State Executive Committee met at the Tenth Avenue Baptist Church of Oakland, April 9, with the state officers, ten county presidents, the two general secretaries, eleven state directors, and our seminarian, Miss Ahlida G. Ballagh, present. After the business session and reports, Mrs. Margaret Munns, World WCTU Treasurer, who had been invited to be our guest speaker, told us something about the World Convention to be held at Asbury Park, New Jersey, June 5 to 10, and the foreign guests expected. Mrs. Munns was then honored at a lovely tea given by the Alameda County women, under the leadership of Mrs. Leslie Wildeson, county president.

United Local Rights Crusade

The Executive Committee voted to cooperate with other dry organizations in a proposed petition campaign for local option to begin in September, tentatively known as the United Local Rights Crusade, and to use the \$100 given by one of our members for prohibition purposes, to help finance the campaign. Later issues of the ENSIGN will give further details.

State Workshop

The State Workshop to be held at San Anselmo July 22 to 24 was discussed, and it was voted to pay the travel expense of State Directors who conduct classes, as well as those directors who stay through the three days. The cost will be \$6.50 for the three days, or \$2.50 a day, and we must furnish our own linen as we did last year. Mrs. Cairns, our state treasurer, will conduct a class for treasurers, to teach them how to keep WCTU records properly, and local unions are urged to get their treasurers there if at all possible. Mrs. May Viau, state recording secretary, will have a class to explain the duties of secretaries, Mrs. Renm will give a book review and explain the Year Book, Miss Ballagh will teach Alcohol Education, and the following departments will be presented—Speech Contests, Social Morality, Radio, International Relations, Non-Alcoholic Fruit Products and Flower Mission and Relief. The evenings will be given over to recreation and fun with the State Directors in charge on Tuesday evening and the County Presidents on Wednesday evening. There will be a registration fee of 50 cents for each one who attends. We hope to have at least 100 there this year, and urge each local union to try to send at least one.

State Legislation

Pending legislative bills in which we are interested were discussed, among them the Burns bill, S.B. 10, which would establish on a permanent basis the present hours of liquor sales, the

Kraft bill, S.B. 236, to prohibit retail licenses within 600 feet of churches, schools, and playgrounds, the Price bill, A.B. 2135, which re-defines "public bar, saloon or barroom" and requires that on-sale premises to which patrons are admitted shall be visible from the street, the Anderson bill, A.B. 2383, which would prohibit advertising of liquors on signs or signboards, and the Habb bill, ACA 30, which would give residents of any locality the right to keep a liquor place out of their community if the majority of them made a written protest to the Board of Equalization. We oppose the following bills—S.B. 1193 by Mayo, to eliminate beer and wine licenses from entering into the count of limited premises under the ratio of one to 1,000, and the Davis bill, A.B. 243, to permit clubs to sell alcoholic beverages within restricted area around UCLA as well as at Berkeley.

A list of these bills has been sent to each local and county president, and copies of the bills may be secured from the Bill Room at the State Capitol in Sacramento.

Write and let your legislators know your views, urging their cooperation.

Miss Ballagh's Study Course

The following article appeared in the Sierra Educational News for April:—"Study Course in Alcohol Education for Elementary Grades, by Ahlida Grayson Ballagh, a helpful 24-page pamphlet, is for sale at Ensign Press, 1815 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland 12; price 10c. Miss Ballagh, known throughout California and nationally for her outstanding work in the field of narcotic education, has given summer session courses at San Francisco State College, Redlands University and elsewhere. Material in this bulletin was prepared for Tulare County Board of Education for use in 12 school systems there and is planned on three levels,—primary, intermediate, and junior high."

Are you trying to get this very fine Course into the hands of your Sunday School teachers and others who should be interested? We appreciate what some of our women have done in promoting this pamphlet, but it merits a wider distribution and use.

Also, urge your school teacher friends to take the Course on Narcotic Education this summer at either San Francisco State or San Jose State College.

Wear Your White Ribbon

We have been urging our women to wear their white ribbon or emblem on every occasion, and recently the value of this was demonstrated when a woman on the Alameda bus spied mine and asked about organization. I found that she had been a member in Indiana previously, but had dropped out. She is visiting a son out here and had been trying to find a WCTU that she

could attend. I sent her our state paper and necessary information in regard to local meetings. It pays to advertise, whether by newspaper or by wearing our pin, so let us do more of it and bring our organization to the attention of more people in our communities.

Hold Fast Unions

We were disappointed in the number of unions that reported their full membership paid up by the first of March, thereby becoming Hold Fast Unions. We appreciate greatly those who have made this special effort to keep old members on the roll, and would urge the other unions to get busy before too late and re-enlist every woman who has been a member, as well as to get new women to join. Remember that we must have a NET GAIN of at least 600 new members this year and that goal requires not only getting new recruits but holding the present ones.

Glamorized Drinking Must Go

According to the *National Voice*, Eric Johnston, czar of the movie industry, has warned the studios that they must cut wrongly depicted scenes of drinking and sex from their pictures or face censorship by the 48 states, because of the complaint of the WCTU that too many of the Academy Award winners had won their "Oscars" in pictures depicting such scenes.

New Motion Pictures

The following paragraphs are from a letter received by the state office from Jack Barron, of the Independent Artists Productions, "In response to demand by organizations such as yours throughout the country, we are endeavoring to bring to the motion picture screen the kind of entertainment that promotes good citizenship and encourages youth along the right train of thought. Our purpose is to do what you have been asking of us, mainly to make decent wholesome entertainment.

"Our first production is to be 'Song of the West,' a musical western which features teen-age actors and musicians. Our purpose here is to use youngsters so that they may feel their importance to the world in which they play an important part, but sadly enough are appreciated most in times of war.

"Hoping you will see fit the answering of this letter and help us further by informing those who are interested of our program. We invite all youth organizations and individuals to correspond with us."

Alcohol and Easy Money: Twin Evils

Judge George J. Grellner of St. Louis City Court painted a lurid picture of the depravity into which men and women of all circumstances and classes can descend through alcohol, when he spoke recently to the Men's Fellowship of the Third Baptist Church of that city, according to their church

Bulletin, sent me by my aunt, who is a member.

He said that drinking was the underlying cause in 96% of the 10,000 peace disturbance charges that came before him in 1946, that adultery, immorality, licentiousness, business failures, broken homes, juvenile delinquency, were all the results of drinking, that there is an average of one mental case a day in court instead of two a year like before the war, with 70% of them resulting from alcoholism. He emphasized that the crying need today in America is more religion in the home and more preachers in our pulpits and on the radio to preach old-fashioned religion and the evils of drinking, and that drinking must be curbed to cure delinquency of the home.

What the World Needs is Jesus

A Chicago preacher, speaking to a club recently, said that the whole economy and national peace of America is threatened by the neglect of religion upon the part of those who offer it lip service, and that the entire question of peace comes back to the individual's own responsibilities and conduct. He said, "We all must ask ourselves: 'What part have I to play in putting Christ in the center of the present-day trouble?'"

Truly, the world needs Jesus, just a glimpse of Him, and are we doing our part in word and deed to introduce Him to those who are so desperately in need of Him?

Sincerely yours,

IDA A. STINE.

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What About California Children?

It seems not more than a year ago that we were quoting the astounding figure of 600,000 as the number of alcoholic addicts in this country. It seems only yesterday that we found that figure behind the times as the roll had mounted to 700,000. Last night a speaker for Alcoholics Anonymous gave over the radio the figure of 750,000. During the past year approximately 50,000 alcoholics have died. This means that we have added about 200,000 new alcoholics during the year. In addition there are 28,250,000 persons who are drinking to excess. The chances are that most of these will become addicts within the next few years, and for each alcoholic there will be at least five other persons more or less directly affected. That means 18,000,000 people who are suffering through the extreme use of alcohol.

We hear a great deal said in praise of Alcoholics Anonymous and rightly so, but the best figures we have heard as to the number of alcoholics reached was 35,000; that is less than five per cent of the number of confirmed alcoholics in the country. We rejoice in every person saved from the evils of indul-

gence, but Alcoholics Anonymous is fighting a losing fight, for at best this group is mopping up the floor while we allow the spigot to run full blast.

During the days of prohibition, every institution for inebriates and every alcoholic ward in the country was closed. Our crop of alcoholic victims is very clearly the product of repeal. Dr. R. H. Martin has very carefully compiled evidence to show that the liquor industry is spending \$50,000,000 a year on advertising over the radio and in magazines of national circulation. Nobody knows how much is spent in local newspapers and other advertising. This flood of liquor money influences both the editorial policy and the type of news published.

If the young people now growing up are to get a correct, scientific picture of alcohol and its effects, they must get it through other sources. The church, the school, and medicine are the best channels for such unbiased information.

In Ohio, the State Department of Education has had for the past ten years a Supervisor of Health and Narcotic Education in the person of Howard E. Hamline, formerly Professor of Physiology in Ohio State University. He has supervised the teaching of scientific facts in his area and particularly in the fields of alcohol and marijuana with gratifying results. The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Texas would do well to secure a similar official in our State Department of Education thus joining the five states that have followed Ohio's example. Our Texas children deserve this access to unbiased information.—Dr. R. E. Mendenhall, Dean of Men and Head of the Department of Education, Georgetown Southwestern University, in *The Texas White Ribbon*.

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June Program Notes

Membership Lawn Tisane
Woman's Participation in Our
Community

Honor Guests: New Members

Song: "Our Task," page 17

Worship: Matthew 5:13-16 (See *The Union Signal*, May 3 for further suggestions.)

Woman's Changing Status, 1940-1947

Woman's Participation in the Community's Church, Clubs, Business, Profession, Civic and Social Life.

A Woman Who Thought of Others—
Jennie Casseday

Activities: Present each honor guest (new member and her sponsor) with a small corsage. Ask guests to bring flowers from their gardens for the shut-ins, Veterans' and Children's Hospitals. Attach Flower Mission Cards to gifts. Send Membership Campaign Report through the proper channels, latest July 1. Serve Iced Elderflower tea.

International Hospitality Tea

The International Hospitality Tea sponsored by five San Jose Unions and the Mountain View Union, was held in a large dining room of the First Christian Church in San Jose March 27. There were many colorful booths with posters and displays of many things from China, Japan, the Philippines, Sweden, and America as well as a special booth honoring George Washington Carver.

At the end of the room facing the entrance was a beautiful picture of Frances Willard with an open Bible in front of it, a bouquet of lilies underneath and over all the words "For God and Home and Other Lands."

Four Filipino ladies in dainty native costumes served their country's food and sang several selections in their own dialect.

Colored Sisters served sweet-potato balls mixed with peanuts, cookies with peanuts on top, and there were also plenty of peanuts at the George Washington Carver booth. Rev. Joseph Hutchison, pastor of the Zion A.M.E. church, sang spirituals.

Two Japanese ladies and Mrs. L. G. Wallace wore bright-colored Japanese kimonos while they served mint tea in real Japanese cups with native cakes. The booth was very colorfully decorated with dishes, vases, flowers and many other things of interest brought by missionaries from Japan.

The Swedish Sisters with Swedish folk dresses, aprons and caps, and their pleasant smiles attracted the crowd. They served Swedish coffee and breakfast cake on cheery luncheon cloths.

Mrs. Lan Hina Tin, a teacher from Ming Inong School at Los Gatos, served at the Chinese table and gave a talk on her work in China and Japan and her travels. She read a psalm in Chinese and played recorded Chinese music. She was assisted by Mrs. Jeannette Ferris representing Frances Willard. Mrs. Ferris, who as a young girl worked with Miss Willard, was very striking in her old-fashioned dress and white bonnet.

The American booth was outstanding, with flags draped all about Mrs. Betty Hutchison who was dressed as Miss America. Mrs. Lucia Smith, who served ice mint tea and cookies, wore a dress over a hundred years old, with hoops and bustle and the black lace cap like our great-grandmothers wore.

At the literature table 1400 pieces were given out to the 150 people in attendance. \$40 was received for the Hospitality Fund.

VIOLA HAINES.

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"The saloon never puts its finished product in the show-window."

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More things are wrought by prayer
Than this world dreams of.

Tennyson.

Religious Education

VIOLA ELDON, *Director*

Dear Co-Workers:

All county directors of Religious Education, or the county president where there is no director, have received the Plan of Work and a letter of instruction. These should have been sent on at once to the local directors or the local president if there is no local director. These plans should have been studied, a project selected, and the program be well under way by this time. Please do not file these plans away and not look at them again until report time, but keep them handy and continue working along the lines suggested all through the year. Then when report time comes you will really have some fine things to report.

The department of Religious Education has a very wide field of service. It covers not only the Sunday School but every branch of the church: the Missionary Society, the Youth Groups, the Pulpit and even the Teaching and Leadership Training Courses. This year we are stressing the Bible teachings on liquor. We are stressing this more than any other phase of the work because we believe that, first and foremost, Christian people should know what the Bible says about strong drink. Not just memorize a few verses of scripture or maybe argue a little about Paul's letter to Timothy regarding the wine for his stomach's sake and the wedding feast where Jesus turned water into wine. Not just read and wonder but study the history and the background; check up on the thirteen original words that were translated into the one English word wine. For instance, the original word used to designate the beverage at the wedding feast was the common Hebrew word *Yain* (pronounced wine). The word means to press or to squeeze and was used to designate a liquid pressed from a solid. This word is used five times in the ten verses of scripture telling about the wedding feast—each time the original word and *not* our English word wine. This juice would ferment in time, of course, but the word *yain* has no connection with a fermented beverage, in fact the Hebrew people had a word to distinguish fermented juices from unfermented ones and that word was *shekar*. If Jesus had turned the water into a fermented beverage they would have used the word *shekar* in their discussion instead of the word *yain*.

There is no double talk in the Bible. Not even on this subject where double talk, at least in our day, is the rule rather than the exception. When Christian people generally know not just what Science says about liquor, not what Yale says about liquor, but what the Bible teaches about it, then and only then will the Christian people

present a united front to this soul-destroying traffic that is "stalking our land seeking whom it may destroy." When the Christian people and only when the Christian people are united on it can it be overcome. The basis for this unity is found in God's word; therefore let us "study to show ourselves approved, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, handling aright the word of truth."

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"If the world is going to be Christian it will be after the Christians go to work."

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Material for Vacation Bible School

For teachers:

Beverage Alcohol by Carolyne L. Brooks
75 cents each

For Primary:

Mrs. Gray Bunny's Children
20 cents each

The Health Brigade
2 cents each, 20 cents for 50, 30 cents per 100

Cards for Coloring: Health Drinks for Safety, More Milk Please
15 cents per dozen, 30 cents per 50, 50 cents per 100

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Gray Bunny Children Still Learning—50 cents

For Juniors:

Answers to Alcohol

Learning to Choose
25 cents each

Educate for Total Abstinence
60 cents (paper), \$1.00 (cloth)

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2 for 5 cents, 8 for 15 cents

Flannelgraph: Mr. Beer Bottle Takes a Walk—35 cents

For Intermediates:

Alcohol Talks to Youth—25 cents

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15 cents each, \$1.50 per dozen

You Shall Decide—Is It Yes or No for Alcohol?

5 cents each, \$1.50 per 50, \$2.50 per 100

Slide Films for Juniors and Intermediates: He Ran A Race

Smoking's Something to Think About
\$2.00 each

Ceiling Unlimited—\$2.25

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Dr. Arthur D. Bevan, Rush Medical College, Chicago, says: "There can be no doubt that the greatest single factor that we can control in the interest of public health would be the elimination of alcoholic drinking. This is not tyranny—it is evolution; it is science; it is civilization."—*The Michigan Union*

State Treasurer's Letter

Dear Comrades:

The beautiful spring days are full of miracles of new life, we see them all about us, something new each day. It gives us a feeling of renewed energy and ambition to do big things. Let us make the most of these days, accomplishing our goals before the warmer days of summer.

Let us ask ourselves some questions. Are all our dues collected so we can qualify as a Fruitful Union with an increased membership? How many new members have we? Is our budget paid in full? Is my union a Light-Line Union? Do we realize the need of this in the countries of the world? How do we stand on the Mile of Quarters? How nearly have we completed our Standard of Efficiency? Be a booster for your union and put it over the top. How do you like the "Union of the Month" idea? Would you like to have it continued in the WHITE RIBBON ENSIGN?

LOCAL TREASURERS! Please send a list of your Fruitful Unions to your county treasurers so they can report them to State Headquarters by July 1 as well as sending them to me by the same date. This is a safety measure to get the report to National in time to count in the contest. I expect to be back from the World's Convention in time to attend to it, but in case of unexpected delay I am asking this favor. Thank you all.

"Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work."

Standings of Unions

Budget paid in full: Lora La Mance, Reedley, Stockton, Willow Glen, Dinuba, Willits, Ripon, Oroville, Kingsburg, Orosi, Orland, Hughson, Hamilton Square, Martinez, Oak Park, Madera, Ceres, Empire, Strathmore, Morgan Hill, Ukiah, Shattuck Avenue, Sanger, Mexican (Selma), Willows, Woodland, Exeter, Visalia-Woodlake, Frances Willard (S.F.), Friendship, Selma, Marin, Lakeport, Lodi, Anna Gordon (Modesto), Keyes, Merced, Oakdale, Riverbank, Chico, Clipper Gap-Auburn, Fruitvale, Boulder Creek, Winters, Pixley-Earlimart, Carrie A. Gladding, Pacific Grove, Davis, Greenfield, Watsonville, Lathrop, Palo Alto, Soquel, Salinas, Elk Grove, Citrus Heights, Fresno Central, Sunset.

Paid three-fourths: Napa, Wood Colony, Modesto, Merced, Sebastopol, Melrose, Dorcas Spencer, Santa Cruz, Richmond, South Berkeley, East Santa Cruz, Anna Beal.

Paid one-half: Porterville, Keyes, Anna Gordon (S.F.), Fort Bragg, East Oakland, Corning, Della Hill, Hanford, Mill Valley, Turlock, Sacramento, Red Bluff, San Jose, Vera

Corlew, Berkeley, Oakland.

Paid one-fourth: Addie Estes, Santa Rosa, Pittsburg, Vallejo, Martha Sutliff, Los Gatos, Gridley, Hilmar, Tulare, Lindsay.

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Mile of Quarters Campaign

Quota Completed

Oak Park 11 feet.

Quota Paid Unions Continuing

Lodi 46 feet 4 inches.

Clipper Gap-Auburn 7 feet 8 inches.

Ferndale 7 feet.

Unions Increasing Mileage

Hamilton Square 6 feet 7 inches.

Madera 6 feet.

Carrie A. Gladding 3 feet 3 inches.

Watsonville 3 feet 1 inch.

Willits 3 feet.

Shattuck Avenue 6 inches.

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Torch Bearers

EAST OAKLAND: Miss Elizabeth McKnight.

SHATTUCK AVENUE: Mrs. Grace Randall, Mrs. Maud Sharp, Mrs. Jennie Bell Stewart.

PALO ALTO: Mrs. Elsie Raven, Mrs. Lester Morse, Mrs. H. S. Bodley, Mrs. Beatrice Coggins, Mrs. Mary Bell, Mrs. David Curry, Mrs. John Webb, Mrs. Addie Wershing.

Rock of Ages Women

FRIENDSHIP: Mrs. J. Ringle.

SHATTUCK AVENUE: Mrs. Julia S. Caton.

TULARE: Mrs. Rosa Corder, Mrs. A. B. Hodgson, Mrs. Mabel Herd, Mrs. Alice Baxley, Mrs. Anna Nelson.

Second Mile Women

FRIENDSHIP: Mrs. Martha Bauch, Mrs. Anna Carlson, Mrs. Jessie Decker, Mrs. Carrie Harris, Mrs. Pearl Holmes, Mrs. Gertrude McComber, Mrs. Ruth Marsan, Mrs. Clara Morrison, Mrs. Frances Mozingo, Mrs. Caroline Nelson, Mrs. Louise Olson, Mrs. May Peckham, Mrs. C. S. Richardson, Mrs. Viva Stearman, Mrs. Clara Stanbridge, Mrs. Carl Smith, Mrs. Ida M. Thompson.

PALO ALTO: Mrs. M. H. Bernard, Mrs. Mabel Blackmar, Mrs. J. L. Bruml, Miss Ella Clark, Mrs. Mabel Dorr, Mrs. Anna Eaton, Mrs. Nettie Falkner, Mrs. Gilbert Findlay, Mrs. Laurano Hamilton, Mrs. Letta Hinds, Miss Emma Kellog, Mrs. Robert Kirkwood, Mrs. Grace Inman Kane, Mrs. Emma Moyer, Mrs. G. J. Oehrli, Mrs. Ellen Ring, Mrs. George Shafer, Mrs. Clark Shaughnessy, Mrs. M. E. Sproat, Miss Etta Sproat, Mrs. John Stephens, Mrs. Calvin Stone, Mrs. J. L. Strohecker, Mrs. Mabel Thomas, Mrs. Van Epps, Mrs. May Vincent, Mrs. Addie Wershing, Mrs. Elizabeth Wolfe, Mrs. Ellen Loder.

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LAKEPORT: Mrs. Lillie Abercrombie.

OAKLAND: Mrs. H. K. Flowers, Mrs. Ruby Nichols.

FRESNO CENTRAL: Mrs. Tena Bowser, Mrs. Ada Hoover, Mrs. Zona Jones.

SHATTUCK AVENUE: Mrs. Jennie Andrews, Mrs. Mabel Bastin, Mrs. Ethel Boyce, Mrs. Meta Cissna, Mrs. Emma De Motte, Mrs. Dora Eaton, Mrs. Maybelle Edwards, Mrs. Alex J. Haas, Mrs. O. D. Jacoby, Mrs. Jeanette Johnson, Mrs. Rosetta Olson, Miss Edith Randall, Mrs. Alice Rankin, Mrs. Lena Ratzlaff, Mrs. Carrie Richards, Mrs. Maud Switzer, Mrs. Helen Tuffs.

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Guilty!

On January 2, 1945, the United States Government conscripted an 18-year-old boy from an humble Mormon home in Idaho, and after a brief period of basic training sent him overseas and, in time, to serve with the army of occupation in Japan.

According to the testimony of neighbors and friends, as cited by Senator Taylor of Idaho, the boy at the time of his induction into the army was "a fine young man of good character." But he was "just a kid."

Under the conditions of army life he became desperately lonely. Surrounded as he was by much liquor, he began drinking. This represented a tragic breakdown in his fundamental home training, as is well known to those who are familiar with the Mormon teaching on the subject of the use of intoxicants, but unrelieved loneliness and the pressure of the crowd are terrible hazards in the life of any man, to say nothing of what they can do to the mind of an 18-year-old.

Then one day he was haled before a military court charged with raping a Japanese woman and injuring a Japanese boy fatally with a motorcycle—all this while drunk. The sentence was death.

Let there be no confusion in the matter. The crimes with which the youth was charged are terrible beyond words. To have committed them was to have betrayed the good name of the United States in the most abominable fashion. Someone, we believe, was guilty.

WHO?

—The Christian Advocate.

Alcohol "Research"

A United Press dispatch dated January 18, 1947 announces the formation of a five-year \$150,000 research program to find the basic cause of chronic alcoholism. The funds have been furnished by members of the research council on problems of alcohol and by several large distilling companies.

Dr. Anton T. Carlson, president of the research council "believes that scientists ultimately will find that alcoholism is caused by a physiological disorder."

This is a strange statement for a scientist to make. Scientific research starts with no preconceived beliefs. The true researcher has an open mind. He does not "believe" he will find a certain cause or causes of anything. He investigates, gets all the facts, tests them repeatedly, tries to find other facts that will refute them, and announces his conclusions.

One suspects that this "research" project is planned and financed by the council and the liquor interests in the hope that somehow they will dig up some evidence that alcoholics or potential alcoholics have some defect that can be removed by a surgical operation, a pill, or a vaccine so that they can continue drinking without becoming burdens or menaces to society. This would be a boon to the liquor traffic because its chief bogey would be removed and its huge revenues only slightly diminished.

It might also serve to partially disarm the anti-liquor societies. Many moderate drinkers may say, "Why all the fuss? Science, financed by the altruistic distillers, will find a way to solve the problem of alcoholism. Give it a chance for five years. Let us eat, drink, and be merry meanwhile."

In view of all the evidence that psychiatrists have accumulated showing that alcoholism is a symptom of emotional immaturity and insecurity, it seems strange that such a large sum should be squandered in such a will-o'-the-wisp undertaking. Alcohol is a powerful anesthetic drug classified under the large group of narcotics. Authorities agree that it is habit forming. All other depressants—even less potent ones, such as the barbiturates, are rigidly restricted to use by the medical profession. No expensive research project is set on foot to discover the cause of addiction to cocaine or morphine or marihuana. The pharmacologists and the doctors know that they are powerful drugs, and they are habit forming, and that society must be protected against them.

But because alcohol has a romantic, if tarnished history, and because a large section of humanity has learned to depend on its spurious aid, and because financially and politically power-

ful groups are interested in its wide consumption, frantic efforts are made to perpetuate its Gargantuan grip on our civilization.

The solution of the problem of alcoholism is absurdly simple—so simple that it has escaped the notice of people who delight in making life complex. It is this: Keep alcohol outside the stomach. Ask the distillers to donate the \$150,000 to a research project in which a sincere effort will be made to educate the school children of America concerning the facts of alcohol as a narcotic drug; including an effort to strengthen the mental hygiene program to develop more stable individuals. One hundred and fifty thousand dollars would at least give the project a good start. Then let them donate more and more money until the program really began to produce results. As their markets dried up and their profits dwindled they would be forced to manufacture less and less beverage alcohol; they would be compelled to make something more useful and less harmful to the human race. Would they climb the hill to the poorhouse? No! And they would earn the eternal gratitude of a healthier, more prosperous, less crime-ridden public.

We know, of course, that this is a pipe dream. But civilization has hitched forward so many times on pipe dreams that somebody made true.

JOHN L. C. GOFFIN, M.D.

Union of the Month

PALO ALTO

Held all regular meetings
Collected dues from 127
New members 9
Honorary members 9
Budget paid in full
Stevens Fund paid
Willard Fund paid
Hospitality Fund paid
Mile of Quarters being paid
Roll Call
Hold Fast
Light Line

Dates to Remember

May 5—Butte County Convention at Chico
May 6—Tehama-Glenn Bi-County Convention at El Camino
May 20—Mendocino-Lake Bi-County Convention at Ukiah
May 20—Fresno-Madera Bi-County Convention at Madera
June 5-10—World's WCTU Convention at Asbury Park, New Jersey
June 11-12—National WCTU Convention at Asbury Park, New Jersey
July 4-6—YTC Encampment at San Anselmo Seminary
July 22-24—State WCTU Workshop at San Anselmo Seminary.

Changes for the Yearbook

Page 98. SANTA CRUZ. President: Mrs. Laura Gray, 36 Market St.; Vice president: Mrs. Florence O'Mera, 41½ Laveaga St.; Treasurer: Mrs. Olive Rickey, 352 River St.; Secretary; Mrs. Bessie Haron, 165 Mission St.

Page 82: ROSEVILLE. President: Mrs. Myrtle Jones, Rt. 3, Box 1747

Page 89: *Young Crusader* and *Union Signal*—Mrs. Minnie Amann, Rt. 4 Box 708, Visalia.

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As your representative, the state corresponding secretary attended the annual business meeting of the California Conference of Social Welfare in San Francisco April 14. The opening words of the president's remarks struck a responsive chord when she said: "We need money, we need staff, we need members." And I thought how true these words were as applying to the WCTU also. And the solution offered was the same as we have been bringing to you this year. More members will bring in more money and with the money more workers could be hired. (Of course in the WCTU we have the added difficulty of finding those paid workers. Remember sometime ago we voted to hire a qualified youth worker?) There was also discussion of the value of having a representative at the legislature in Sacramento, "someone on hand at all times. Oft times you have one chance and one only to approach a busy legislator about an important bill." And there again we of the WCTU are fortunate in having our Recording Secretary residing in Sacramento and keeping an eye on those important bills at all times. A forward-looking program was presented, looking to a more effective organization with a platform and long range objectives. The annual meeting was shortened this year by the fact that the National organization was having a convention in San Francisco.

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Membership Campaign

New Members to date 589
 New Members for March . . . 90
 Workers for March 36
 Watchers to date 11
 Winners to date 1

NELLIE MILLER, *Chairman*

Well, we secured less than half as many new members in March as we did in February. We must keep busy and make the necessary net gain of 600 members to make up the deficit created by lowering our budget. Another thing we must do is collect the dues of present members. For every one we allow to fail in paying dues, we must get two new members in order to make a net gain, for one of the new ones simply makes up for the one lost by non payment of dues. So please see that every present resident member pays her dues, and do it immediately so she will not think you are collecting too often when you call on her again for November Roll Call. The dues have been owing since last November and our year is more than half gone now, so be sure to bring in these dues of present members right away.

We have four new watchers to report this month: Mesdames Josie Culbertson of Lodi, 7; Anna F. Randolph of Vallejo, 6; Grace Hazelton of Vera Corlew, San Jose, 6; and Viola Haines of Mountain View, 5.

How thankful I am for the women who are working for new members, not just this month, but month after month. If I could only induce all of you to do likewise, what a fine membership we would have. As it is, only about one per cent of our women bring in new members each month, so what are 99 out of each 100 of us doing?—Nothing. Will those who have not secured a new member yet this year, please get busy and bring in at least one? If every one of you would do that we would have about 4000 new members, and would undoubtedly take the highest honors at National. We can do it if we will. Shall we?

Mrs. Mabel Frost is still out in front, having secured another new member in March which makes 20 to her credit now. And Angwin is the local union with the most new members so far this year, with 63. I am sending the accomplishment of the Angwin union in to National as I think it may appear in the *Union Signal*.

"Wherefore,—be ye steadfast, unmoving, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." I Cor. 15:58

The workers for March were: Mesdames Mabel Frost, Anna Steeves, R. W. Quast, Homer Holmes, Flora Larimer, Vernon Curl, Nellie Moseley, George Young, Eva Webber, Verna Fox, Lydia Rutherford, A. Collyer,

C. Marriot, Delia Smith, Marvin Williams, Alice Bearup, Estelle Sherman, Winifred McMains, Viola Eldon, Lena M. Swift, Minerva Mark, Sam Hughes, Laura Oxley, Grace Hazelton, Jeannette Hartman, Estella Weyel, Anna J. Little, Myrtle Rawson, Josie Culbertson, Marie Shinn, C. E. Bourdon, Anna F. Randolph, Jennie Redfield, Edith Haskell, Viola Haines and Gilbert Findley.

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In Memoriam

Mrs. Carrie Manny, for many years treasurer of the Oakland Union, passed away recently at the age of 90. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church. Her daughter Helen, a teacher in the Oakland public schools, gave the union a gift of money in memory of her mother.—*May Grunewald.*

Miss Mary Helen McLean, State Director of Publicity from 1915 to 1929 and Managing Editor of the *WHITE RIBBON ENSIGN* from 1916 to 1930, went to her reward March 14 after a long illness. She was born in Marysville in 1859 and her early life was closely connected with the early history of the state. Her father, a pioneer physician, established the first hospital in Marysville; later he was Collector of the Port of San Francisco under President Abraham Lincoln. Moving to Mariposa County, he maintained headquarters for the building of the first wagon road into the Yosemite Valley and he and his family were, of course, members of the first party to enter the valley on the new road. Later he moved to the city of Alameda where he became chief Health Officer of Alameda County. It was there that Mary Helen taught school for many years—her first school being the Longfellow School. For the last 21 years she has resided at the Crocker Old People's Home in San Francisco. Having learned the Braille System of reading she gave much of her time teaching the blind to read.—*Janet W. Wittenmyer.*

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Have You a Dime?

Have you a dime? Well—go and buy a small notebook. Get one you can carry in your handbag or slip in an easy to reach place in your desk. What's this notebook for? Dear WCTU members, it's for you to jot down everything you do for your department. . . . And then, oh joy, when September comes, what reports we'll have—something to make glad the heart of each hard working director. She won't just see blanks, or vague "many," or scrolls you can't add in a report. This is the idea—you make reports now all through the year and summarize in September; for real reports are gleaned from items made through the year.—*The Virginia Call.*

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France, Camomile
Holland, Sage, fresh green leaves if possible
Italy, Lemon or sweet basil
Labrador, Labrador tea
Mexico, Boteka
Norway and Sweden, Rose hips
Persia, Irak, and Iran, Dried limes (fruit)
Russia, Rhubarb (May Magic, etc.)
South America, Coffee, mate.

MRS. BLANCHE PENNINGTON, in *The Union Signal*

(Note: The above suggestion gives the geographical origin of many of the herbs which we have been urged to promote in Tisanes. It does not mean that the natives of those countries use or are familiar with them. VR.)

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How Liquor Lures

The National WCTU Research Bureau, with the help of the Salvation Army, has made a survey of the nation. Here is the report for California North. *Fresno*: Night clubs with fancy names. Young people made to think it is smart to drink.

San Francisco: Bars made into most attractive and beautiful spots in city by the use of lights and modern fixtures.

These two Northern California cities were the only ones mentioned in the report as condensed in *The Union Signal*. Five Southern California cities made the "honor roll." The report is well worth reading—if only to see how far the liquor interests have already gone in their search for successful lures. Music, dancing, gambling, attractive "hostesses," even radio and television are mentioned.

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"Be wise, don't alcoholize!"

This Is Meant for You

BESS S. KUNTZ
General Secretary YTC, Ohio

Boys and girls do not start the alcohol habit by going into a saloon or night club ALONE. It is the influence of the crowd that decided the boy or girl who later becomes a part of the crowd and the drinking increases with the increase in numbers.

Since September I have spent an equal part of time in California, Wisconsin, and the city of Cleveland with different members of my family who are living in University centers. It gave me a splendid opportunity to discuss the subject of beverage alcohol with the teachers, professors and house mothers, usually starting with the question, Who is responsible for the vicious circle which propagates drinking in youth groups?

The consensus of opinion seemed to be, that psychologically, young people are largely the product of home training and environment. If parents are delinquent, we naturally expect delinquent children. However from some of our fine Christian homes come young people who, when they enter college, accept the thinking and influence of the cocktail crowd as the accepted social standard. If you have children in sororities and fraternities, find out first-hand what they are thinking concerning the cocktail custom. Many of our college young people are total abstainers and are as concerned about the social trend as are we.

Then we have the group living in dormitories, this is the group in which I am interested. The house mother tells me that on this particular campus the girls in the dormitories may have young men callers in the parlors till ten o'clock, the girls may go out on a date till twelve, midnight, but where can they go? It is most too late for movies, the students are expected to be studying so the dining rooms and campus recreational places are closed. But the Golden Pheasant just around the corner, has a perfectly appointed bar on the first floor, for anybody who wants to drink, and the basement fixed up as a tropical garden with alcoves and tables for two, where they may drink liquor and get acquainted.

Many of these young people are there not because they want to be, but because there is no other place available. Most of us would agree that they should be in their rooms getting their lessons for the next day, but what should be and what is are two different things and our problem is to find some way to make the situation better.

The second question is "What can we do about it?" O yes, there are several beautiful churches in the University community, but it seems the church

parlors are not open to the young people except on Sunday afternoons when the social committee serves tea. This is not a criticism of the church. The church budget probably does not cover week day till midnight recreation, reading rooms and parlors. Not many of us live in college centers, but the same problem exists in most every community.

Have we ever gone to the pastor and the official board and placed this social problem of youth before the members of the church? Have we offered to help raise the funds for such a venture or offered to act as hostess? In our planning for young people we must not forget our first objective, A GOOD TIME WITH A PURPOSE. My observation leads me to believe that if we could have an attractive place, a home, church parlor, or special meeting place, with the sponsor interested in our program, having the ability and personality to put the YTC program across, we would have no problem of membership. Nothing succeeds like success, but it takes ability, hard work and the desire if success in any line is accomplished. We have the material for most interesting programs, which can be ordered from State Headquarters. Study your catalog for suggestive material. Our leading magazines are discussing the alcohol question, causes and cures, with a new approach and new thinking. Even the liquor traffic wants MORE DRINKERS who DRINK LESS, probably because there are so many accidents caused by drinking drivers, which is responsible for the big jump in the cost of automobile insurance. People who don't use beverage alcohol are forced to pay the high insurance rates to finance the drinking accidents. May each one of us in our own community resolve to get the facts to the folks on the bleachers who just watch. Promote the LTL's into the Jr. YTC. Resolve to promote Youth Temperance Council with the best trained and most talented persons available as sponsors. Make your organization social as well as educational. . . . WE CAN MAKE THIS OUR BIGGEST AND BEST YTC YEAR, IF WE ALL CO-OPERATE AND WORK TO THAT END.—

The Ohio Messenger.

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Tailored Sodas

With plain ice cream, fruit sherbets or ices, almost any carbonated bottled beverage can be used. Just put some of the frozen substance into a tall large glass and fill with the fizzling liquid. Serve with a long spoon. You can set up your own "soda fountain," placing the makings on a table or wagon where guests may mix their own.—Blanche Pennington, in *The Union Signal*.

Loyal Temperance Legion

MAY BROWN, General Secretary

TIME FLIES, AND SO SHOULD YOU! For a long time, you have been intending to enroll your neighbor's little curly-haired son as your LTL Friendship member. Finally you go to his mother.

You say, "I would like to enroll Junior in the LTL."

Your neighbor inquires: "What is the LTL?"

You answer: "The Loyal Temperance Legion, junior organization of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, a club for boys and girls from 6 to 14 years of age."

Your neighbor laughs. "Junior is graduating from high school this spring."

Don't let this happen to you! DON'T DELAY: DO IT TODAY. Enroll your neighbor's child, your child, your grandchild, niece, nephew, cousin, as a Friendship member of the LTL.

Dues, dues, dues, dues,

Dues, dues, dues!

Dues, dues, dues, dues,

Dues, dues, dues!

Why this repetitious verse(?)? Because—Unions report proudly, "We have a Loyal Temperance Legion." Then keep it all to themselves! LTL members *must* pay dues (10 cents each) through the local WCTU treasurer, to be State and National members. And of course every child *wants* to be part of the state and national legion of children who "build for sobriety."

MAY PROJECT FOR YOUR WCTU: Your church is planning a Vacation Bible School. You may plan a Vacation Legion. (See page 5, Manual of the Loyal Temperance Legion.) How about that Christian school teacher, on vacation, for a leader? Plan your Vacation Legions *now*.

TO LTL LEADERS: Did you have your World Friendship program in April? Did you take a missionary offering? Are you a Light-Line Legion? Each Legion contributing \$5.00 to the Anna A. Gordon Missionary Fund and sixty-eight cents to send *The Young Crusader* to someone in a foreign country, will be called a Light-Line Legion.

First Light-Line Legion to report: The Alice Watson Legion, San Francisco! Miss Josephine E. Johnson, leader. Miss Johnson has a Legion in a Spanish-speaking church in San Francisco. The children took part, before the church, in a beautiful candle light service, with half the program in English and half in Spanish. An offering was taken. This is the first Light-Line Legion to report for several years. But we hope to report more before the end of the year.

WHITE RIBBON ENSIGN

In the name of our God, we will set up our banners

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State Workshop Program

at

San Anselmo Theological

Seminary

July 22 to 24

TUESDAY, July 22

- 10:00 a.m.—State Officers' Meeting
 11:00 —Registration—in charge of Mrs. Leslie Wildeson
 12:00 —Lunch
 1:30 p.m.—Devotional—Mrs. Anna Roehr
 1:45 —Class—Our Yearbook—Mrs. Virginia Reum
 2:30 —Class—Radio Responsibility—Mrs. Johanna Meyers
 3:15 —Class—Speech Contests—Mrs. Mabelle Lancaster
 4:00 —Official Board Meeting
 7:30 —Fun Night in charge of State Directors

WEDNESDAY, July 23

- 9:30 a.m.—Devotional—Mrs. Viola Eldon
 9:45 —Class—Social Morality—Mrs. Hazel Pedely
 10:30 —Class—The Treasurer—Mrs. Sarah H. Cairns
 11:15 —Class—The Effects of Tobacco—Mrs. Jessie Drexler
 12:00 —Lunch
 1:30 p.m.—Devotional—Mrs. Olive Johns
 1:45 —Class—The Recording Secretary—Mrs. May Viau
 2:30 —Class—International Relations—Mrs. Helen B. Anthony
 3:15 —Class—Non-alcoholic Fruit Products—Mrs. Beatrice E. Coggins
 4:00 —Executive Committee Meeting
 7:30 —Fun Night in charge of County Presidents

THURSDAY, July 24

- 9:30 a.m.—Devotional—Mrs. Marvel Zimmerman
 9:45 —Class—Our Conventions—Mrs. Ida A. Stine
 10:30 —Class—A Book Review—Mrs. Virginia Reum
 11:15 —Class—Alcohol Education—Miss Ahlida G. Ballagh
 12:00 —Lunch
 1:00 p.m.—Adjournment

State President's Letter

Dear Co-Workers:

Before you receive this ENSIGN, I expect to be on my way to the World and National WCTU Conventions at Asbury Park, New Jersey, stopping in Denver, Colorado, and Marengo, Iowa, to speak to WCTU groups, as well as visiting relatives and friends along the way, coming home afterward by way of Washington, D.C., and New Orleans.

As I have never been in the extreme eastern part of our country, or in the south, I am looking forward with a great deal of interest to the privilege of seeing more of this great land of ours, as well as to meeting and hearing women from foreign lands at the convention. At least 150 women from outside the United States are expected, including some from the Orient.

We are glad that Northern California will have a good representation there, as our State Treasurer, Mrs. Cairns, several of our State Directors, and other local women expect to attend. We expect to have much information and inspiration to bring back to you.

State Workshop and YTC Conference

We hope you are planning to go to the State Workshop at San Anselmo, July 22 to 24, and also urging others to attend. The program will be found on the cover of this ENSIGN.

It was thought best to have the YTC Conference at San Anselmo at the same time that we have our Workshop, as it was difficult to determine the number of young people to expect. The YTC will have their own meetings and recreation, under the direction of their State General Secretary, Mrs. Jewell Owens, and we hope each union will send some young person, if at all possible.

County Conventions

All of the spring county conventions have been held, and the attendance and interest manifested in our work was very gratifying. These new county presidents were elected—Mrs. Ida Boroughs of Tri-County, Mrs. Pearl Webb of Santa Clara County, Mrs. J. F. Edminster of Butte County and Mrs. Pearl Blankenship of Mendocino-Lake Bi-county.

We appreciate the good work that has been done by Miss Ollason, Mrs. Haines, Miss Gray and Dr. Roberts through the years in their various counties, and trust their successors will have the same splendid cooperation of the local women that they have enjoyed.

New WCTU Crusade

Much publicity has been given recently to the WCTU Prayer Crusade against drink in Southern California, when 20 modern "Carrie Nations," led by Mrs. Bessie Lee Cowie, 87-year-old world missionary for the WCTU,

visited downtown bars, read Bible passages, and offered prayers for the bartenders and drinkers.

They carried placards reading, "Wine Is a Mocker," "Which—Bible or Bottle?," "Sign the Pledge," "Liquor Takes Lives," "Money in the Bank or Beer," "Liquor Makes Losers," "Alcohol Is Venom," and "Save Our Girls."

Mrs. Cowie said her main concern is the effects of liquor on women. "We don't want to see our girls destroyed," she said, with tears in her eyes. "Again and again girls have told me that their fall began with a glass of wine at a social gathering."

United States Mother of 1947

Mrs. Frederick G. Murray, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 71-year-old author, lecturer and mother of five educators, chosen the American Mother of 1947, says "the acceptance and practice of the Golden Rule in the lives of all citizens of all nations is the easiest, cheapest and surest road to enduring world peace."

"How can we put power back of the United Nations more effectively," she said, "than by applying the principles of the Golden Rule in the lives of the two billion citizens of this world who provide the resources and the power of the United Nations?"

She urged all mothers "to work with our husbands and brothers in putting power behind the United Nations."

Local Rights Initiative

Plans are being completed for the circulation of the Local Rights Initiative petitions to begin September 15, and to be completed in 90 days. All temperance organizations are uniting in this campaign to give local communities the right to say whether they will be wet or dry.

We trust that many of you will be willing to help get signatures in your precincts, as the plan is to do house-to-house visitation instead of securing them in the churches as has been done heretofore.

Liquor on Pan American Airways

It has been reported by the press that the Pan American World Airways, which flies planes to Hawaii, has provided for the serving of intoxicants to passengers, "not to exceed four drinks," in spite of the fact that the Civil Aeronautics Administration has asked all airlines to prohibit any pilot from flying for 24 hours after he has taken a drink of liquor.

That much alcohol would make some men fighting mad and endanger the lives of other occupants of the plane, as was the case over Nevada recently, when two men with a bottle of liquor in their possession battled with a dinner knife in a crowded 54-passenger plane, and panicked the passengers before they were removed by the police, who were summoned to the airport by a radio message from the plane.

We should protest to the Pan American Airways in regard to this policy which will make flying more hazardous than it now is.

A Few Facts to Remember

The liquor bill for 1946 was \$8,770,000,000, and the brewers made profits of \$164,000,000 during the year, according to government reports.

More persons were arrested during 1946 than during any year of the past decade—645,431—and males and females under 21 arrested totalled 108,787, or 16.9% of total arrests.

Donald Clemmer, Director of the Department of Corrections for the District of Columbia, testified at a hearing before the House District Committee that 63% of total commitments in the District Jail since July 1, 1947 were for alcoholism. Judge John P. McMahon of the Municipal Court for the District of Columbia testified that it cost the District around \$30,000 per month to jail drunks.

We don't need any increase in liquor sales. Jail facilities and all other facilities will give out.

Poison

Dr. Tiffany made the following statement at the 1947 Southern Baptist Convention: "Alcohol is a brain poison—It is as much a poison as arsenic, strychnine, sulphuric acid, prussic acid and corrosive sublimate. The maker of alcohol makes poison, the seller sells poison, the drinker drinks poison, and to die drunk is to die poisoned. A vote to license the sale of alcoholic beverages is a vote to sell poison.—Each poison likes some part of the body above all others. Lead goes to the wrist, mercury to the mouth, manganese to the liver, arsenic to the stomach and intestines, strychnine to the spinal cord, and alcohol to the brain. Chemically alcohol is a poison, socially it is a criminal, economically a wastrel, politically a corruptionist, spiritually a destroyer, pathologically a depressant, and psychologically a blighter of the finest and most sensitive intellectual capacities; invariably it makes people inferior and has no more place in the home than dynamite."

Bartenders Plan Fight on Drys

According to a Milwaukee paper, the nation's A.F.L. bartenders shelled out \$75,000 from the union's funds to fight the Prohibitionists "who are threatening our jobs." The fund will be used to establish a "temperance department" in the Hotel and Restaurant Employees International Alliance and Bartenders International League, with a full-time director.

A delegate from Camden, N.J., said, "The Prohibitionists seemed to have plenty of money to spend for propaganda. We have to fight them in order to keep our jobs and feed our kids."

Union President Hugo Ernst said

"if \$75,000 isn't enough, we'll make it \$100,000 or \$150,000."

The liquor interests seem to have unlimited finances, prestige and power, but we have God on our side, and "in the name of the Lord we will set up our banners," counting upon Him to win this fight for us, as "the battle is not ours, but the Lord's." May He bless each of you in your service for Him.

IDA A. STINE.

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Worship Service for June

On a table place two candlesticks with candles and open Bible and vase filled with spring flowers.

Aim: To be more Christ-like so His light may shine through us in all church, club, business, profession, civic and social activities.

Hymn: "Lead Kindly Light"

Call to Worship:

Leader: Ye are the salt of the earth; but if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted? It is henceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and trodden under foot of men.

Response: O Lord make us aware!

Leader: Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid.

Response: Open Thou our eyes!

Leader: Neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

Response: Possess our lives O Lord that we may radiate Thy Love.

Leader: Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven.

Response: God Grant us wisdom to do His Will.

Meditation: Ask two members to prepare a brief talk as follows:

1. Value of salt: applying lesson to Christian living.
2. Value of light: applying lesson to Christian living.

Prayer: Eternal God, Who committest to us the swift and solemn trust of life; since we know not what a day may bring forth, but only that the hour of serving Thee is always present, may we wake to the instant claims of Thy holy will. Consecrate with Thy presence the way our feet may go; and lift us above all anger and mistrust into faith, hope and charity. Bless, O Lord, the memory of Thy saints in our lives and may we too share with others the flowers of Thy kingdom. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour, Amen.

Benediction. All sing softly together: *Hymn, "Grant us Thy Peace, Lord."*
MRS. CLARA MACOUBRY, in *The Union Signal*.

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Remember! San Anselmo, July 22-24

Tomorrow Belongs to Our Children

by CORDELIA J. HUDSON

Concerning the children, Jesus said when He was here on earth: "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God."

If we can get a vision of America's Forgotten Children it will help us to do something for the welfare of the child in our midst. The lost vision of the church is responsible—more or less directly—for unrest and trouble in the world today. And shall I dare say for the bitterness and wrong doing of many young children? A vision is imperative—to save a cause—to save children. "Where there is no vision the people perish." Proverbs 29:18.

After Saul of Tarsus saw the Lord on the road to Damascus he was never the same again. He obeyed the heavenly vision. After I saw the pictures, in the newspapers, of child criminals entering the prison gates in this our land, with the bewildered look on their faces, I feel that I shall never be the same again. These, America's Forgotten Children, as they soon become when they enter our institutions of punishment, are our children, our neighbor's children. The ranks seem to be growing.

The home life of the nation is in decay. What is lacking? HOMES—the country needs homes; men and women capable of making homes of even a two-room apartment. It can be done, it has been done. The walls of a building do not make a home. They may make a house, but it takes something finer to make a home. If we serve the Lord with all of our might, we have a promise that our children, our seed, will be saved (Deut. 30:6). What is wrong with America?

We must have faith that we can make better this work of child welfare. You will remember that in the early days of Israel the priests who carried the "ark of the Lord" had to put their feet in the water before the Red Sea parted and rolled up on each side. What needs to be done, perhaps, is for more of us to say "Send me." We must cooperate with the parents, the public school teachers, the Sunday School teachers to lead the children to Christ and save them from wasted lives.

A small girl asked what the "plus" sign in the church meant. Thinking of it as a plus sign too is not a bad idea. The cross would then mean Christ *plus* to you. With Him we can do all things. At the foot of the cross the ground is level—unity. Brotherly love and cooperation will accomplish much for humanity. Will the Nations eat each other—as the Gingham dog and the Calico cat—or can we learn to live together? At a convention of club women, held in Washington, D.C., last

year, the atomic bomb was discussed. One speaker said that science is fifteen years ahead of the mental and religious development of the people. That we as a people must catch up with science, and we have only fifteen years to do it in, or the world is ruined.

These figures from the latest statistics show our awful responsibility to do our part. Every 11½ seconds a baby is born in our United States. Every 32½ seconds a death occurs in the United States. Because of neglect or wrong education how many of these babies when they grow up are ready to die or to become good citizens?

"The streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls." This promise in Zechariah 8:5 gives us courage to promote the work of child welfare.

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Administrators and Teachers

To aid teachers in complying with the state law that requires that instruction be given in every class and in every grade throughout the entire school year upon the nature of alcohol and other narcotics, San Francisco State College is for the third season offering a course in Narcotic Education during its post-summer session period. The class will meet one and a half hours daily, six days each week, at 11 a.m. from August 11 to August 30 inclusive. It will yield two units of upper division credit in Education. Tuition is six dollars per unit.

Though the entire field of Narcotics will be surveyed, major emphasis will be placed upon alcohol. Beginning with the narrowly scientific phase, dealing with the source, nature, uses, and effects of alcohol per se, the study will then broaden into a consideration of the social, economic, and historical implications of the problem. Special attention will be devoted to pedagogical aspects—to methods and materials suitable for the various grade levels.

Miss Ahlida Ballagh, the instructor, received her B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of California at Berkeley, graduating from that institution with Phi Beta Kappa and honors in her major field, English. As a graduate student she has attended Wooster and Northwestern Universities and is a graduate of the Palmer School of Narcotic Education in Evanston, Illinois. A teacher of many years' experience on all age levels, Miss Ballagh brings to this work a rich background of professional skill, as well as a sound knowledge of her subject.

The course offers an unusual opportunity to those interested in learning what contribution the teaching profession can make toward the solution of a social problem which touches every phase of our domestic, community and national life.

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Please send CHANGE OF ADDRESS promptly. The post office has to be paid for the cards it sends out when the paper is not delivered. BUT—before sending in the change of address, will you please be sure your dues have been paid this year? It is expensive to change the address plates, and it should not be expected except for bona fide 1946 members. All changes of address should be sent to Mrs. Sarah H. Cairns, 1115 Foothill Blvd., Napa, Calif.

News items, obituaries and other manuscripts for publication should be sent to state headquarters and must reach there before the fifteenth of the month preceding publication.

Andrew Carnegie said: "I am not a temperance lecturer in disguise, but a man who knows and tells you what observation has proved to him; and I say to you that you are more likely to fail in your career from acquiring the habit of drinking liquor than from any other temptations likely to assail you. You may yield to almost any other temptation and reform, but from the insane thirst for liquor, escape is almost impossible. I have known of but few exceptions to this rule."—*The Beacon*.

In Memoriam

Mrs. Josie Nielson, secretary of the Paradise Union, passed away April 8 after a sudden illness. She was a competent and helpful adviser and worker in our Union, as her mother before her. She told us at one of our meetings that she and her mother had visited the home of Frances Willard. We shall miss her so much. Twenty of our local members attended the funeral in a body, recited the Shepherd Psalm and dropped white rosebuds in the casket.—Mrs. J. F. Edminster.

Mrs. Anna E. Dye, a beloved charter member of the Corralitos union, went to her reward April 29, having nearly reached her 90th birthday. She rarely missed a meeting and was a loyal and courageous worker. In the early days she took an active part in driving the saloons from Corralitos. Her wise and fearless spirit were always an inspiration and her memory will be long and lovingly cherished by our Union.

Corralitos also mourns the loss of another pioneer member, Mrs. Ida Davis, who recently passed away at her home near Salinas. Although unable to attend meetings very often because of the distance, she was a faithful supporter of the cause. Her friendliness and gracious hospitality endeared her to all who knew her, and she will be greatly missed.—Maude Jack.

"Teach every child in every school
By every precept, fact and rule
That he who drinks will play the fool."
—*Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

About the White Ribbon Ensign

Here are a few questions, the answers to which might help us to improve your paper. If you are interested, send your answers or suggestions to the managing editor, Virginia Reum, 1815 Telegraph Ave., Oakland 12.

1. What features do you like best in the ENSIGN?
2. What features could be omitted without impairing its usefulness?
3. Do you use the program suggestions? Since they are copied from the Program Guide and the *Union Signal*, does reprinting in the ENSIGN serve a purpose?
4. How about the worship suggestions? Do you ask the members to bring their ENSIGN to the meeting so that all can join in the responsive readings?
5. Has the "Union of the Month" been an inspiration to you?
6. Would you like a quiz contest, with literature for prizes?
7. What features, not now included, would be welcomed?

Directors have not sent in as much material this year as we would have liked. We will try to make the August issue a State Directors' special.

Tehama-Glenn Bi-County Convention

The Tehama-Glenn Bi-County WCTU met for its thirtieth annual convention on Tuesday, May 6, at the Community church at El Canimo with the Della Hill Union as hostess. The meeting began at 10 o'clock with pledges to the flags followed by a short devotional period led by Mrs. Esther Kress of Corning, after which the convention was called to order by the president, Mrs. Nellie Moseley. Appointment of committees, election of officers and reports of various officers and directors filled most of the time in the forenoon which ended with a service of remembrance honoring the members who had passed on in the last year.

During the noon hour a check was made of the number present from each union, and introductions were made. The afternoon session opened with a song and prayer service, followed by dedication of a White Ribbon Recruit, Dianne Lewis, small granddaughter of Rev. and Mrs. N. M. Lewis of Red Bluff. The main event of the afternoon was an address by Mrs. Nellie Miller, state vice-president. Mrs. Miller's husband is a guard at San Quentin and her home is inside the prison grounds, which gives her many opportunities to see at first hand the evil results of liquor drinking.

A candle-lighting ceremony by the bi-county directors was led by Mrs. Mabelle Lancaster of Orland, and was followed by installation of officers by Mrs. Miller. All officers were re-elected. (Names and addresses of new directors appear elsewhere in this paper.)

An invitation to meet at Corning for the 1948 convention was accepted, and the convention adjourned at four o'clock, after which the Della Hill members served fruit juice and cookies.

MAE JACOBS.

Remember the WCTU Workshop and YTC Conference at San Anselmo, July 22-24.

That First Glass

Warning from Charles Lamb

Charles Lamb, one of the brightest spirits extinguished by drink, wrote mournfully, looking back upon his childhood: "Could the youth, to whom the flavor of his first glass was delicious, look into my desolation and be made to understand what a dreary thing it is when a man feels himself going down a precipice with open eye and a passive will, to see his destruction and not have the power of will to stop it, and yet to feel it all the way emanating from himself, to perceive all goodness emptied out of him, and yet not be able to forget the time when it was otherwise—HOW HE WOULD AVOID THAT FIRST GLASS."—*The Voice*.

State Treasurer's Letter

Dear Comrades:

Greetings from Evanston, Illinois. As I looked at the very interesting display in Willard Cottage, I wished you could all be here to see the many articles and to receive inspiration. I think I was most impressed by the Polyglot Petition. To see the enormous rolls and the great number of names of women from all parts of the world standing together on one great principle. What a task it must have been to secure the signatures and to take it to the various countries to be presented to the rulers.

I stood close beside Miss Willard's desk and picked up one of her gavels, the one made of wood from her home town, and thought to what great effect she must have used it. I would have liked to have written this letter at her desk, but time would not permit me to write and look too. It would take days to see and appreciate the many interesting articles from Miss Willard's childhood on to the time she left her matchless work to step into that "other room" from which she never returned.

Some days later. "To resoom and continue," as someone said. I have moved on and am now in Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, near Philadelphia. Here is located the Valley Forge General Hospital where so many servicemen have come to find healing for serious injuries.

Spring is just beginning here, so everything is looking fresh and lovely. By the time we reach Asbury Park, New Jersey, for World's Convention, we will be wishing for cooler weather, "so they say." I appreciate the opportunity to make this interesting trip and thank you all for your part in helping to make it possible.

I am depending on the local treasurers to get the list of Fruitful Unions to the county treasurers to allow them plenty of time to get them to State Headquarters by July 1—as well as to me at my Napa address.

A pleasant Summer to you all—I hope your plans include attendance at our State Workshop in San Anselmo in July.

God bless and keep you all.

(Local and county treasurers should make a special attempt to attend the Workshop and get the benefit of the class Mrs. Cains will conduct. VR.)

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**Mile of Quarters Campaign
Unions Increasing Their Mileage**

- Richmond: 11 feet, 7 inches
- Madera: 7 feet, 10 inches
- Winters: 3 feet, 11 inches
- Ceres: 3 feet, 4 inches
- Davis: 3 feet
- Bi-county Tehama Glenn: 1 foot, 8 inches.

Standings of Unions

Budget paid in full: Lora La Mance, Reedley, Stockton, Willow Glen, Dinuba, Willits, Ripon, Oroville, Kingsburg, Orosi, Orland, Hughson, Hamilton Square, Martinez, Oak Park, Madra, Ceres, Empire, Strathmore, Morgan Hill, Ukiah, Shattuck Avenue, Sanger, Mexican (Selma), Willows, Woodland, Exeter, Visalia-Woodlake, Frances Willard (S.F.), Friendship, Selma, Marin, Lakeport, Lodi, Anna Gordon (Modesto), Keyes, Merced, Oakdale, Riverbank, Chico, Clipper Gap, Auburn, Fruitvale, Boulder Creek, Winters, Pixley-Earlimart, Carrie A. Gladding, Pacific Grove, Davis, Greenfield, Watsonville, Lathrop, Palo Alto, Soquel, Salinas, Elk Grove, Citrus Heights, Fresno Central, Sunset, Waterford, Yuba City, Dorcas Spencer, Wood Colony.

Paid three-fourths: Napa, Merced, Sebastopol, Melrose, Santa Cruz, Richmond, South Berkeley, East Santa Cruz, Anna Beal, Pittsburg, East Oakland, Corning, Vera Corlew, Hanford.

Paid one-half: Porterville, Keyes, Anna Gordon (S.F.), Fort Bragg, Della Hill, Mill Valley, Turlock, Sacramento, Red Bluff, San Jose, Berkeley, Oakland, Prescott, Lindsay.

Paid one-fourth: Addie Estes, Santa Rosa, Vallejo, Martha Sutliff, Los Gatos, Gridley, Hilmar, Tulare.

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Torch Bearers

RICHMOND: Mrs. Sadie Sanders, Mrs. Flora Ward, Mrs. Nellie Miller, Mrs. Olive Johns, Mrs. Della Glennon.

PORTERVILLE: Mrs. Grace Hutchinson, Mrs. May Brown, Mrs. Ada Laney, Mrs. Lottie Sherwood, Mrs. Birdena Hale, Mrs. Lula Throneberry, Mrs. Nannie Smith, Miss Mattie Smith.

CORNING: Mrs. Eva Webber.

Rock of Ages Women

PORTERVILLE: Mrs. Avenell Weaver, Mrs. Maidie Barkwille, Mrs. May Howard.

Second Mile Women

EAST OAKLAND: Mrs. M. Valentine.

CORNING: Mrs. D. G. Isaac.

MADERA: Mrs. Clara Allinson, Mrs. Bonnie Justice, Mrs. M. Lacy.

HUGHSON: Mrs. Sadie Reynolds, Mrs. Florence Owens, Mrs. Lucy Date, Mrs. Mae Miller, Mrs. Olive Greenley, Mrs. H. C. Whitehead.

MODESTO: Mrs. Lenora Starnes.

PORTERVILLE: Mrs. Minnie Stultz.

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There is no factor in modern civilization even comparable to alcoholism in the extent to which it causes parents to neglect and cruelly abuse their children.—Elwood F. Nelson, Judge of the Family Court, Wilmington, Del., in *The Christian Advocate*.

Union of the Month

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- Held all regular meetings.
- Dues collected, 84.
- New members, 10.
- Honorary Members, 17.
- Budget paid in full.
- Mile of Quarters overpaid.
- Stevens Fund paid.
- Willard Fund paid.
- Hospitality Fund paid.
- Roll Call observed.
- Institute held.
- Circulated petitions.
- Purchased quota of yearbooks.
- Presented Mrs. Bratton and her pictures.
- Light Line Union.

Material for County and State Fairs or Local Option Campaigns

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The Saloon Came Back

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Security or Conflict

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How to Win a Local Option Campaign

Moral and Spiritual Saboteurs

Cost of Alcoholic Beverages and the Liquor Traffic to the U.S.

Prohibition Will Logically Succeed Repeal

"Said the Spider"

Prohibition and Propaganda

65 cents per 100, 35 cents per 50, 2 cents each

The Menace of Moderation

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Do You Want Your Opinion to Count?

45 cents per 100, 25 cents per 50, 2 cents each

How You Can Help Congress Make a Law

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Says the NEA Journal

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Only One Way to Contract Alcoholism

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July Program Notes

Summer Recreation in Our Community

COMMUNITY FAMILY PICNIC—

Invite Your Neighbors

Song: "This Is My Father's World," page 4

Worship: 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 (See *The Union Signal*, June 7)

Pioneers in Physical Education—Dr. Dio Lewis, Frances E. Willard.

The Community's Recreational Program: Healthful Supervised Recreation Versus Commercial Recreation. An informal discussion led by a WCTU family.

WCTU Vacation Groups for Children

Summer Loyal Temperance Legions

LTL Day Camps

Bicycle and Hiking Clubs, etc.

Playtime: Relays, ball games, and other sports, supervised by the fathers.

When Do We Eat? Ask the mothers.

Activities: August is report time. Instruct officers, Branch Secretaries, and department directors to assemble annual reports (two copies) for the August Annual Garden Teacup Discussion. Place order for new Program Guide (one for each member) and Program Guide Packet. (One sent free to any local president requesting it from State Headquarters.)

Suggestion: Serve Fruitade.

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August Program Notes

WCTU Organizations at Work in Our Community

Annual Garden Teacup Discussion

Song: "Stand Loyal," page 9

Worship: 2 Timothy 2:15

A Resume of the Year's Activities, 1946-1947: membership, finance, Youth Temperance Council, Loyal Temperance Legion. White Ribbon Recruits, Honorary Members, departments, and other educational projects.

What of the Future? — 1947-1948? Plan an accelerated program in every phase of WCTU activities to be presented at the September meeting.

Activities: Two written annual reports should be prepared by each officer, Branch Secretary, and department director; one for the WCTU files, the other for personal file. Send all annual reports through the proper channels on time—corresponding secretary, Branches, departments, etc. Forward all membership dues and special funds to the county treasurer. Set the date for the Executive Committee meeting, to complete suggested plans for the new year. Have you ordered the 1947-1948 Program guide packet and program guides for each WCTU member? The packet is free to each local president requesting it. Guides are inexpensive if ordered in quantity.

Suggestion: Serve fresh green mint or balm tea.

No White Ribbon Ensign in July

It is our custom to omit one number of the *ENSIGN* every Summer. This year the Executive Committee voted that the number omitted should be July. The reason for this choice is that both Mrs. Stine and Mrs. Cairns will be in the East in June when the materials for a July number would be assembled. This number contains all information regarding the WCTU workshop and YTC conference at San Anselmo July 22-24. So keep it, as there will not be another before those dates.

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Those Increased Insurance Rates!

"We, in the United States, don't believe in making one man pay another's bills. This increase in liquor consumption and highway accidents, however, is contributing greatly to higher automobile insurance rates. As a non-drinking driver, my expectancy in having auto accidents is very low. Why should I be called upon to pay, through my insurance rate, the cost of thousands of liquor-caused accidents? They are increasing every day in proportion to the very-much-larger liquor consump-

tion since the war's end. Somewhere it must stop or the rate will become prohibitive. I challenge insurance companies to open their eyes and put the cork in the bottle which holds the solution to the problem."—Harley L. Stuntz, veteran railway executive.

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Summer Conference

The State YTC "SUMMER CONFERENCE" (not encampment) is to be held July 22-24, arranged to coincide with WCTU workshop. ENTIRE PROGRAM SEPARATE—with time out for hikes, tennis, picnic dinners and evening FUN.

TRANSPORTATION will cost less if young people can be brought in cars with adults. YTC Summer Conferences have always enjoyed the fellowship and helpfulness of the WCTU members, and the women are always thrilled and inspired by the enthusiasm, talents and proficiency of our YTC.

PLAN to include YTC in your PLAN.

JEWELL OWENS.

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STUDY COURSE IN ALCOHOL EDUCATION for Elementary Grades, by Ahlida Grayson Ballagh, a helpful 24-page pamphlet is for sale at Ensign Press, 1815 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland 12; price 10 cents. Miss Ballagh, known throughout California and nationally for her outstanding work in the field of narcotic education, has given summer session courses at San Francisco State College, Redlands University and elsewhere. Material in this bulletin was prepared for Tulare County Board of Education for use in the 12 school systems there and is planned in three levels—primary, intermediate and Junior High.—*Sierra Educational News*, April, 1947.

This study course is also exceptionally good for use in church schools, including the Daily Vacation Bible Schools. If your teachers are not acquainted with it why don't you send to state headquarters for a copy for each of them?

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Some time ago the cigarette manufacturers sent out a package of cigarettes to a number of High School Boys with the letter:

"Dear Friends:

"We are sending you a package of our purest cigarettes. We hope that you will use them to your satisfaction and want more."

One boy replied:

"Dear Sirs:

"I received the package of cigarettes and used them to my satisfaction. I steeped them in a quart of water and sprayed our bug-infested rose bushes. Every bug died. These cigarettes sure are a good poison. I may want more next Spring if any bugs survived."

Membership Campaign

New Members to date	703
New Members for April	114
Workers for April	38
Watchers to date	12
Winners to date	2

NELLIE MILLER, *Chairman*

The number of new members for April was fine. We should make every month equally as good for we all know that every Christian woman should be included in our membership. Have you talked to anyone about joining lately? If you haven't, try it. You are bound to find some who are not only sympathetic to this cause, but who will desire to help by becoming one of us. Let us invite every Christian woman of our acquaintance to be a member of the WCTU.

I wonder if the dues of all resident members have been sent in to our State Treasurer. We must not allow so many of our women to neglect to pay their dues until we find ourselves losing nearly as many as we gain. Please contact every resident member, collecting her dues so that our new members will really count as a net gain in membership.

While attending meetings in some of the counties during the past month. I have found that some of the women have secured new members but the name of the securer was not sent in with the name of the new member, so the woman who did the work got no credit for it. Will the local and county treasurers please send in the name of the woman who obtained the new member with each new member's name submitted? With that information we can give every woman the award to which she is entitled.

This month we have one new Winner to report, Mrs. Inda Brimson, of Vera Corlew Union, San Jose, who has secured 13 new members so far. Remember, all who secure ten or more new members during this fiscal year will receive a white ribbon pin. Many of you have made a good start toward this award, but as yet, only two have attained it. They are Mrs. Brimson as mentioned above, and Mrs. Mabel Frost of Oak Park Union, Sacramento, who has obtained twenty-one new members to date.

We also have a new Watcher to report, Mrs. I. E. Jacobs of Orland who has five new members at this time.

May we all take this much needed work seriously to heart and do all in our power toward the making of a better world in which to live. May God's blessing be upon each of you in your service for Him.

The Workers for April were: Mesdames A. B. Chess, Harriet Wilson, Hazel Hansen, Roseetta Webb, Constance Wollett, Emily Lindscheid, Georgie Holmes, Emma U. Day, C. S.

Richardson, Mary Newland, Roy Boyd, Eugenia Speegle, Alma Russell, Augusta Nordeen, Nuelina Machado, Olive Johns, Maude Peime, Alma Best, Jeanette Hartman, Evelyn Mason, Sallie Wood, Alice Freeberg, Maude Vaughn, Eva Webber, I. E. Jacobs, Eula Stripe, M. Lancaster, Ina Loveness, Jennie Young, ----- Phillips, Viola Haines, I. Brimson, May Brown, Mabel Frost, Myrtle Jensen, F. B. Chandler, Mamie Denton, and Dr. Elizabeth Roberts.

Iowa Sets a Precedent

By a vote of 88 to 12 the Iowa House of Representatives on April 10 approved a measure which will, if approved in the state senate, provide a sum of \$50,000 which is to be expended by the State Department of Public Instruction in behalf of education on the subject of alcohol. Newspapers, billboards, radio, schools and other media are to be utilized in the program. At least some of the funds are to be used for visual education.

So far as we know this is the first time that any state government has

actually proposed to appropriate money for public education on the subject of the dangers involved in the use of alcohol, though many states have legislation which requires such instruction in the public schools.

The lopsided vote by which the measure was passed in the Iowa House indicates the growing concern among thoughtful people on the rising tide of drunkenness. The argument used most forcibly against the proposal was that "this is an opening wedge to bring prohibition back," but if the present conditions are to be maintained only as a result of ignorance on the subject then it is high time that the government begin an educational program for the sake of its own preservation. As a matter of fact the future of the liquor business rests with the ignorance of the people.

—The Christian Advocate.

"No man nor body of men has a right to promote a cause which is necessarily antagonistic to the interests of the commonwealth."—BLACKSTONE, the great law commentator.

FOR YOUR ENLIGHTENMENT, MY FRIENDS



Public and Political Promotion of the Alcoholic Beverage Industry Creates Appetite for Alcoholism. End these Unsocial Practices!

Youth Temperance Council

MRS. JEWELL OWENS
General Secretary

451 San Pablo Ave., Fresno 3

A CONTRIBUTION PLEASE?

So often we are asked to contribute, or furnish something for a common cause in our community. A worthy contribution need not always be money. Give a Youth Temperance Council to your community, and your gift will be a living, far-reaching benefit just as it was recently in a college town.

A college social affair gave an opportunity for an alert co-ed to get some visual education in alcohol before hundreds of college youth. The theme of the evening was "Safety." A dummy policeman directed traffic and many posters told how to avoid accidents. This former Fresno Council president—also former president of California North YTC, Miss June McNeil, saw nothing that mentioned alcohol caused accidents. Knowing that drinking drivers are causing a large percentage of our traffic accidents, and exactly what alcohol in small quantities does to judgment, caution, sight and muscular action, she checked with folk that she knew would surely have some up-to-date posters. A college youth with a "pick-up" rejoiced with her in the splendid find for their display. Two large professionally-made charts sketching cars with drinking drivers, drinking pedestrians, facts and figures. The college youth also found two other charts in colors, dealing with alcohol the narcotic and its effects on the nervous system and the brain. He jumped at the offer to take them to his biology class since they had no charts and had been trying to make blackboard sketches. Besides, he said, "it might help with those not too good grades."

We must train our youth, giving them the knowledge to create firm convictions. Then we MUST be PREPARED to give them tools with which to work. They will do the job.

Our State YTC Summer Conference will be a training school with a lot of good times thrown in. Our motto, "A good time with a purpose," will be the character of the conference held at San Anselmo July 22-24, at the same time as the WCTU Workshop. What an opportunity for YTC and WCTU presidents to choose and send promising young people and prospective sponsors to learn how to carry on an effective YTC.

We must get youth UNITED in knowledge, prayer, and action. Begin NOW to choose the ones to be sent. Get some definite promises. Keep them reminded. Be sure that not one young person is deprived of going because of finance. Things don't just happen. Pray and work in faith. Try carrying some YTC pledge cards with you and

getting young friends to take the pledge to abstain from all alcoholic beverages and tobacco.

Help youth to prepare a talk, a demonstration or show a film strip. Many groups will want them if they do it well. Both youth and adults will listen to what young people have to say. Skits also are good. "Let the People Know," written by Mrs. Aurelia Burdge, National Director of Drama, was given by the Fresno YTC to an audience of 300 people recently. This is easy to give, with a reader and a sign bearer.

Two million youth reach 18 years every year. Two million leaders of youth are the key to all American youth. That's because each leader is followed by from two to twenty others whose opinion they influence. They are yours to reach. Let it be your CONTRIBUTION.

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Last Minute Flash. Two new LTL's at Paradise—Leaders Mrs. Grace Gordon and Mrs. Rose Troyer. Mrs. J. F. Edmister had the first LTL at Paradise. Congratulations to Paradise, Chico, and Butte County.

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Changes for the Yearbook

Page 6. Bi-County Mendocino-Lake . .

Mrs. Pearl Blankenship, 523 So. State St., Ukiah

Butte . . . Mrs. J. F. Edmister, Rt. 1 Box 265, Paradise

Santa Clara . . . Mrs. Pearl E. Webb, 555 Birch St., Palo Alto

Tri-County . . . Mrs. Ida Borroughs, Rt. 3, Box 237, Santa Cruz

Page 81. County President—Mrs. Pearl Blankenship, 523 So. State St., Ukiah

Page 88. DIRECTORS OF DEPARTMENTS

Child Welfare—Mrs. Ellen Curl, Box 113, Artois

Flower Mission and Relief—Mrs. Stella Click, Box 211, Orland

Literature—Mrs. Ellen Curl, Box 113, Artois

Non-Alcoholic Fruit Products—Mrs. Ada Swoop, 1225 Union St., Red Bluff

Spiritual Life—Mrs. Merle Zellmer, 261 N. Tehama St., Willows

Visual Education—Mrs. Ethel Roberts, Box 72, Orland

Union Signal and Young Crusader—Mrs. Grace Holmes, 459 S. Shasta St., Willows

Page 91—County President—Mrs. J. F. Edmister, Rt. 1 Box 265, Paradise
PARADISE Secretary—Mrs. Elmer Baker, Olive St.

Page 95—County President—Mrs. Pearl E. Webb, 555 Birch St., Palo Alto

Page 97—County President—Mrs. Ida Borroughs, Rt. 3 Box 237, Santa Cruz

Loyal Temperance Legion

MAY BROWN, General Secretary

HOW MANY VACATION LEGIONS IS YOUR UNION PLANNING? Young folks, on vacation from school, can help. Ten lessons and you have a graduate LTL. You may meet once a week throughout the summer, twice a week for five weeks, five times a week for two weeks. BUT BE SURE TO SEND IN THE CHILDREN'S DUES through the regular channels. This is important if you wish state and national recognition. One of you push, and the other pull, and let's all get together and have dozens of LTL Legions this summer!

Your secretary had a very enjoyable visit with the general secretary of Southern California, Mrs. Cora Brunemeier, and with some of her county secretaries and local secretaries, in April. The occasion was a two-day retreat for county LTL secretaries held in Mrs. Brunemeier's lovely home, which is set in an orange grove, a little out of Placencia. I wish it were possible for the county secretaries in northern California to get together in a similar manner, but we are so far apart one from the other that we can see each other only at the workshop or at state convention. I hope all our LTL secretaries are planning to attend the workshop at San Anselmo. The LTL does not have a class this year, but we could plan to get together for a chat, at least, in between times. And the workshop is the best place in the world for every one to get acquainted with every one!

New Legions Reported: Home Legion at St. Helena, Mrs. Lottie Tidmarsh, leader; Home Legion at Oroville, Mrs. Putnam, leader. I have received a number of cards and letters telling of LTL's being organized in the various counties, but have not yet had these organizations confirmed. Here's hoping that every one of these prospective Legions may be reported next time.

Second Light Line Legion in California North: Pixley-Eardimart. We took offerings in the LTL, the WCTU, and our local church. It is not too late for you to take an offering for the Anna A. Gordon Missionary Fund, if you have not already done so. So far, Alice Watson LTL, San Francisco, Chico and the above are the only ones sending in this missionary money.

Mrs. Jean Rothe, Chico, in spite of sickness in the family, has been an active LTL county secretary this year. Mrs. Rothe has YTC members as assistants in her LTL. Chalk talks, posters, clay modeling, a drama based on "The Empty Flask" are part of this year's work.

We have until the end of summer to make that 20% increase in membership. Let's do it!

WHITE RIBBON ENSIGN

In the name of our God, we will set up our banners

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Not Alcoholics Only

Through the press, over the radio and from the lecture platform the American people are being told today that the alcoholic is a "sick man who is in need of tender and loving care." With that statement every right-thinking Christian will agree. The alcoholic *is* sick.

With the statement that usually follows, however, we cannot agree. "His sickness is not a moral problem. The alcoholic is not responsible." The alcoholic became a sick man as the result of drinking alcohol; he knew he was running a risk of becoming an alcoholic when he began drinking; he deliberately ran past a hundred warnings en route to becoming an alcoholic; every friend and loved one he has in the world is compelled to assist in making the payments on his alcoholism. If all that does not constitute moral responsibility, then we do not know the meaning of plain English words.

But the alcoholic is not the only problem involved in the question of intoxicants. As a matter of fact there are no scientists who will attempt to define an "alcoholic" except in general terms, and there are hundreds of thousands of drinkers on the borderline who defy classification. Among them are some of the most difficult social problems.

In the city of Dallas, Texas, the courts dissolved the marriage ties of 6,871 couples last year and 5,956 the year before. According to Judge John A. Rawlins, judge of the divorce courts of that city, the excessive use of alcohol on the part of either the husband or the wife or both, figures as a cause of divorce in 50 to 70 per cent of the cases. In 28 per cent of the cases, children are involved. Obviously all these adults cannot be classified as alcoholics. Probably thousands of them are only "moderate" drinkers. But they end up in the divorce court because of their drunkenness.

The only solution of the alcohol problem is no alcohol.

The Christian Advocate.

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State President's Letter

Dear Co-Workers:

Since the last issue of the ENSIGN I have traveled from the Pacific to the Atlantic, from Canada to the Gulf, and attended the inspiring World and National WCTU Conventions at beautiful Asbury Park, New Jersey.

It was a very enjoyable trip, visiting relatives and friends in eleven towns along the way, as well as speaking to a group of WCTU women at a District meeting in Denver, and at a joint meeting of two unions in Iowa, besides being introduced and given an opportunity to say a few words and to bring greetings from California in several churches.

What a privilege it was to view the most magnificent of all spectacles, Niagara Falls, both from the American and Canadian sides, to take a boat trip almost under the American Falls, to ride along the wide, peaceful Hudson River with its Palisades and other interesting scenes to New York City, to visit our National Capitol and other historic buildings in Washington, D.C., to take a tour to Mount Vernon and stand in awe at the tomb and in the home of the father of our country, to visit the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington Cemetery, to come home through the South and see quaint old New Orleans, and other interesting southern cities, to spend a few hours with my youngest son and his family in Los Angeles, and then to fly home from there on Saturday night when there was no other way for me to get here for Sunday. This was my first flight, and it was a fitting climax to a wonderful trip. More than ever before I appreciate this great land of ours, with its many pleasing prospects, and pray that God will bless us and make us worthy of our heritage.

World and National Conventions

There were 2,183 registered delegates and visitors at the World Convention, representing at least 26 foreign countries, every province of Canada (150 coming from there) and every state of the Union. We had eight from California North—Mrs. Cairns, our state treasurer, Mrs. Ward, state director of Visual Education, Mrs. Webb, new president of Santa Clara County, Mrs. Raze, president of Lodi Union, Mrs. Grunewald and Mrs. Mary Harrison of Alameda County, Mrs. Davis of Ripon, and myself. These women are to be given an opportunity to give their impressions of this inspiring convention at our state convention in October.

Mrs. Ella Boole, who celebrated her 89th birthday a few days after the convention closed, presided in her inimitable way, and challenged us with her splendid address, "Your Heritage." She was presented with many lovely gifts by admiring friends, including a priceless paisley shawl, given by the women of Scotland.

Greetings were extended by representatives of many organizations, including the National Council of Women, the Countrywomen of the World and the International Reform Bureau, and the speakers included Clinton Howard, Homer Rodeheaver, Daniel Poling, and representatives from many countries of the world, several speaking through an interpreter.

Encouraging reports were brought from some countries, especially India, whose delegates were Mrs. J. R. Chitambar, who may be with us in the fall, and Miss Stella Dawson. The latter, a graduate of a Baptist mission school, attractively dressed in native garb, and speaking cultured English, predicted that Prohibition would win all India, province by province, within five years, as eight districts in Madras had adopted Prohibition in recent weeks. I had the privilege of getting a snapshot of these Indian women as well as of others during the convention.

The following officers were elected—President, Mrs. John Forrester-Paton of Scotland; vice presidents, Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, Miss Isabel McCorkindale of Australia, and Mrs. Alli Aro-Englund of Sweden; treasurer, Mrs. Margaret Munns; corresponding secretary, Mrs. H. Cecil Heath of England; and recording secretary, Mrs. C. W. Hillock of Canada.

The next World Convention is to be held in London in 1950.

The National Officers were all re-elected at the one day National Convention, and the next Convention is to be held in Portland, Oregon, in 1948. This is so near that we should have a large delegation attending from our State. A good slogan—"A Portland date in '48."

Hospitality Fund

You will be happy to know that California North did its part in helping to entertain the foreign guests at Asbury Park by contributing more than \$300 to the Hospitality Fund. The expenses of each foreign guest were taken care of through this fund. Inasmuch as most of them were permitted to take only a small sum of money out of their own country, it doubtless would have been impossible for many to have come had they not been entertained in this way. They all thought the American women most generous and hospitable. I was gratified with what you did without our stressing the holding of Hospitality teas, and wish to thank each union that had a part. I personally appreciate your splendid cooperation, and only wish you could all have been there to see the results of your participation.

State Convention

Our State Convention will be held in San Francisco October 6 to 9 at the Glide Memorial Methodist Church, with Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, our Na-

tional President, and other distinguished speakers on the program.

Plan now to be there. A full list of Committees will appear in the September ENSIGN.

New Members

We are entering the last months of the year and still need to get many new members in order to make our quota. Also, it is very important that we HOLD FAST all our old members, so won't you please get busy and try to collect dues from all members who have not already paid this year?

Legislation

According to the Sacramento Newsletter, published by the Legislative and Enforcement Committee of various dry organizations, 50 bills in regard to liquor were introduced in the recent legislature, 25 of them to relax restrictions, 25 to add new restrictions. 45 of these were killed in committee or on the floor of the Senate or Assembly, and two were vetoed.

Because the Legislature had in excess of 25 bills a day, it was unable to give them the necessary consideration, and so buried in committee almost every controversial bill.

We should decide NOW what bills we wish introduced into the Legislature in 1949, and begin working for them among the present members of the Senate and Assembly, and also begin NOW explaining our bills to the churches and build up a demand in each legislative district for the passage of the bills two years from now.

On June 9, Representative Joseph R. Bryson of South Carolina introduced a Prohibition Amendment to the Constitution (H. J. Res. 213). This is the first Prohibition Amendment introduced since the death of Senator Sheppard.

Letters to Eric Johnston

Several months ago the Detroit Federation of the WCTU sent us copies of a letter to Eric Johnston drawn up by church, club and temperance leaders of that city, protesting liquor scenes in moving pictures, asking that they be signed by the president and secretary of various organizations and sent to Mr. Johnston.

We would appreciate if you would cooperate by getting these into the hands of churches, P.T.A.'s and other interested organizations, and urge that they be signed and sent in. One copy has been sent to each local president, and as many more as can be used may be secured from headquarters. Please send for a supply at once and give them out.

More Dry Magazines and Papers

Following is a list of magazines that exclude alcoholic beverage advertising: *Better Homes and Gardens*, *National Comics Group*, *Monthly Tidings*, *Physical Culture*, *Every Woman's*, *This Week Magazine*, and *Health*, with a total circulation of 20,285,323.

Better Homes and Gardens recently reversed their decision to accept wine ads, and this is doubtless gratifying to those of you who have written protests in regard to the policy they adopted last January.

The *Kissimmee Gazette* in Florida will accept no liquor ads of any kind. The editor is Merrick Hill, a distant cousin of Mrs. Lura Raze of Lodi. The Cadillac Michigan *Evening News* is also a dry newspaper.

No Liquor in Iceland

It is reported in the *Union Signal* that Iceland is without a single jail or penitentiary, or court, and has only one policeman. The system of public schools is practically perfect, and every child ten years old can read. There are seminaries and colleges, newspapers and printing establishments. No liquor is permitted to be imported, as all are total abstainers. There are 78,000 people on the island.

I saw so much drinking among servicemen and others on my trip back east that it made me heartsick. I found that almost every state I visited has its own peculiar liquor problems, that America is fast becoming engulfed in a sea of drunkenness, that church people are to a great extent unconcerned over this menace, and that the only hope for our country is a heaven-sent revival. God grant that our nation may overthrow this monster in our midst before it is too late.

Sincerely yours,
IDA A. STINE.

Union of the Month Ukiah

Held all regular meetings
Dues collected 56
New members 22
Honorary members 8
Budget paid in full
Stevens Fund paid
Willard Fund paid
Hospitality Fund paid
Roll Call observed
Institute held
Circulated petitions
Purchased quota of yearbooks
Presented Mrs. Bratton and her pictures
Light Line Union
Hold Fast Union
Fruitful Union
Held two speech contests
Presented Temperance Pictures to Grammar School

Local Presidents Attention!

Have you received your program packet? If you ordered one last year you will receive one this year; if you didn't use them last year, don't you want to? Send to headquarters for your free packet. Send 60 cents if you wish the study book included.

"Ye Are the Salt of the Earth"

ANNA L. ROEHR,

Director, *Spiritual Life Department*

Jesus taught His disciples saying, "Ye are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has lost its savour wherewith shall it be salted? it is henceforth good for nothing but to be cast out, and to be trodden under the foot of men." Matt. 5:13. God's power in the heart is the savour. There is something peculiarly significant in this statement—"Ye are the salt of the earth." There is no substitute for the salty element in salt. Neither is there anything that will take the place of God's will working in the heart. Men have tried to substitute other ethics and kinds of religion, and failed. More and more are wise men convinced that only the practice of Christian ethics—loving God with all thy heart and thy neighbor as thyself—will save the world. How we should desire this savour!

Nations fall from spiritual decay, leaving out God, becoming good for nothing but to be cast out, not worth saving. They possess no eternal qualities worth saving such as pureness of heart, brotherly love, truth, faith and joyous living. All these are eternal elements and worth saving. It is salt with savour. "Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Then will I teach transgressors Thy ways and sinners shall be converted unto Thee."

Muriel Lester says it is blasphemy to pray "Thy Kingdom come" and do nothing about it. Am I my brother's keeper? Christianity says, "yes." It is estimated that sixty per cent of the new population of our own state of California are children under the age of twelve. They, with the native born, are the coming citizens of tomorrow. Are we responsible for the kind of environment that helps to shape their lives? What a challenge for Christian leadership! God give us courage, zeal and intelligence for the building of Thy kingdom.

Thank God the church is awakening to the need of action and to the realization that there is strength in united effort. May it be "salted with fire" and led by the spirit which has the element that can clean up this old world. Satan is not asleep day or night. Great issues are in the balance at this time. Now! Men are realizing that God must rule in the heart if the world is saved.

"Spirit of Life in this new dawn
Give us the faith that follows on
Let Thy all-pervading power
Fulfill the dream of this high hour."

The dream of World Peace, justice for all races, clean environment for children, abolition of the drink traffic as well as drugs, Christian homes. These vital issues have been our ideal and hope for years. We know what to pray for. We should be ready for a "time

like this." If ever WCTU women prayed, they should pray now. Organize your prayer groups. Hold on to God. Hold on to our high ideals. Pray Thy Kingdom come, and be eager to do your share. Pray that we may be salt that has not lost its savour. "Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth." Ps. 124:8.

God bless you all in His service and guide us all by His Spirit.

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What Is a Good Home?

A little child was taken, under pitiable circumstances, into a home supported by the Methodist Church a few months ago. The parents had been divorced only a few days previously because of drunkenness, and the court had committed the little one to the institution for care.

Soon after the child was admitted a prosperous appearing couple visited the home in search of a little one whom they might adopt. They were pleased with the youngster and signed the necessary papers of application. Upon investigation it developed, however, that they used liquor in the home and, remembering that alcohol had cost the child one home, the superintendent turned the application down saying, "I do not propose to thrust this child back into the path of tragedy a second time."

The couple was not discouraged. In fact the man and woman were quite indignant. They secured a long list of recommendations. They even presented a letter from a pastor which said, "These people can provide this child with every opportunity. They will give it a good home."

This immediately raises a very serious question: "What is a good home?"

With all enthusiasm we commend the superintendent of the home, who stood his ground and refused to send a child who had lost one home because of alcohol back into another home where alcohol was a "part of the social pattern." He did his duty!—*The Christian Advocate*.

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Every alcoholic started in "moderation." Even a little of a narcotic poison (alcohol) is too much.—ELIZABETH SMART in *The Union Signal*.

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Please send CHANGE OF ADDRESS promptly. The post office has to be paid for the cards it sends out when the paper is not delivered. BUT—before sending in the change of address, will you please be sure your dues have been paid this year? It is expensive to change the address plates, and it should not be expected except for bona fide 1946 members. All changes of address should be sent to Mrs. Sarah H. Cairns, 1115 Foothill Blvd., Napa, Calif.

News items, obituaries and other manuscripts for publication should be sent to state headquarters and must reach there before the fifteenth of the month preceding publication.

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Santa Clara County held its annual picnic on May 29 in the spacious grounds of J. D. Crummev, where every convenience is made for picnickers, with its beautiful flowers, trees and large swimming pool. There were 54 women in attendance and tables were laden with well prepared food. The unions gave a splendid program in the afternoon, and all went home happy that they had attended another WCTU picnic.

VIOLA HAINES.

International Relations for Peace

HELEN B. ANTHONY, *Director*

Dear Sister-members:

A definite effort, financed by public funds, is being made to sell the public the idea that universal military training is beneficial to the youth of the nation. A very specialized unit has been set up at Fort Knox, Kentucky, to convince Congress and Mother and Dad that a year under military guardianship is just the thing for a growing boy. The War Department plans to provide for visits by key civilians and legislators to impress the nation with the fine moral supervision given the boys and to camouflage the real reason for such a program—which is Militarism.

Since the Army is building its case on this experiment, the public should examine the set-up very carefully. In this letter space permits only a very cursory view, but if it leads citizens to stop and think about the seriousness of peace-time conscription in a country which has always prided itself on being a refuge of citizens of military nations, it will have served its purpose.

At Fort Knox there are 664 boys aged 17 to 19. They are trained by a force of 482 enlisted men, 75 officers and 3 warrant officers—hand-picked, the best the regular army could offer. Good food, luxurious club facilities, girls whom the army brings from nearby towns for the post dances, the hobby shop, an educational program—all help to disguise the military purpose.

Although the camp is designed to prove that compulsory military training would work, every boy at the camp is a volunteer. No experiment based on willing volunteers is typical of a system which relies on compulsion.

The recruits receive close personal supervision of a judge advocate, a psychiatrist, two chaplains, three special service officers, and 28 enlisted men; also three information-education officers with three enlisted assistants and a staff of civilian instructors. The average youth under universal training could not possibly get comparable supervision, for too many specialists would have to be withdrawn from civilian service.

In less than 3½ months, out of 664 trainees, 15 boys had to be hospitalized for so long they had to be dropped from the unit. Two boys were discharged for mental health reasons. When the camp's major health problems are discharged, it is easy to make the claim that the program makes the individual mentally alert, morally sound and physically strong.

There are no Negroes in the unit. When questioned about this General Devine indicated that in such a small experimental unit it would not be practical to bring in enough Negroes to form a separate platoon. In other words, Negroes would be segregated into special units if UMT passes.

Segregation occurs at another level, the level of intelligence. A small group of boys called "the morons" were picked for a unit to experiment in training boys of low intelligence rating. They know they are in a platoon which is regarded as inferior and consequently they have no pride in this unit. Are such policies of segregation "training in democracy"?

"Self discipline without regimentation" is the idea advertised by the public relations officers. Yet men have to stand guard duty at night to make sure the boys don't violate the rules. Demerits are given by the company commander. The failure to render proper military courtesy such as using the word "sir" to officers or saluting, carries a penalty of 6 demerits, while the penalty for gambling is 5. Conformity and regimentation is the rule.

There are trainee courts but they deal only with minor offenses. Major offenses are handled by military court martial. There is no guardhouse but if anyone commits a serious crime he is discharged instead of confined. Undesirable elements are thus weeded out and the unit is advertised as a model unit.

Profanity is not allowed and no beer is sold at the post exchange. The boys avoid these rules by behaving well when officers or visitors are around and by tearing off their UMT insignia while in town.* The system of withdrawing young boys from the normal family life and contact with girls, inevitably results in the pattern of the Regular Army.

* The insignia are now securely stitched on so that the boys will be recognized in town and no liquor sold to them. V.R.

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Fruitvale, Oakland reports

Outstanding Girls:

Mary Carter
Noemi Carter
Naomi Harrison

Stalwart Youth:

Roy Carter
Harry Carter
Valentin Galvon
Danel D. Harrison

Porterville reports:

Outstanding Girls:

Donna Adams
Marlene Gray
Paula Bremen
Lena LaPlant

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Statistics show that our state has increased its population since the close of the war. This is especially true of our larger cities. Among these new residents we can find new members, former members, and members from other states and communities. Let it not be said that no one invited them to attend a meeting or to join. *Exchange.*

State Treasurer's Letter

Dear Comrades:

Greetings to you all from across the country. As I write at the moment we are at a wayside camp about half way between Albany and Rochester, New York, having come from Boston today. We are homeward bound after enjoying a very wonderful World Convention. It was big in every way, program, attendance and interest. I wish all of you had been there to receive a real world vision of our organization and to meet the workers from the twenty-seven countries represented. We were happy to have eight of our members from California N. among the more than 2000 registered. Hundreds of others attended from near-by towns. It was truly a great privilege to have the opportunity to attend so wonderful a convention. Because of the opportunity afforded me to return by auto, I shall not be home as early as I planned. I hope those of you sending in reports will not be too disturbed by not receiving immediate reply. I expect to be back to be ready for State executive and the Workshop in July in San Anselmo.

We are now nearer home. As I finish this we are at National Headquarters in Evanston. I wish you could all visit here to see what a busy place it is and to enjoy Rest Cottage. Last night the Headquarters' force served a picnic supper on the lawn in the back yard. There were thirty-five of us and we had a happy time.

August brings us pretty close to the end of our year so I hope you are planning to close the year in your usual good form. God bless you and keep you and may I see you at the State Convention in October.

Standings of Unions

Budget paid in full: Lora La Mance, Reedley, Stockton, Willow Glen, Dinuba, Willits, Ripon, Oroville, Kingsburg, Orosi, Orland, Hughson, Hamilton Square, Martinez, Oak Park, Madera, Ceres, Empire, Strathmore, Morgan Hill, Ukiah, Shattuck Avenue, Sanger, Mexican (Selma), Willows, Exeter, Visalia-Woodlake, Frances Willard (S. F.), Friendship, Selma, Marin, Lakeport, Lodi, Anna Gordon (Modesto), Keyes, Merced, Oakdale, Riverbank, Chico, Clipper Gap-Auburn, Fruitvale, Boulder Creek, Winters, Pixley-Earlimart, Carrie A. Gladding, Pacific Grove, Davis, Greenfield, Watsonville, Lathrop, Palo Alto, Soquel, Salinas, Elk Grove, Citrus Heights, Fresno Central, Sunset, Waterford, Yuba City, Dorcas Spencer, Wood Colony, Corralitos, Mill Valley, Sebastopol, Ferndale, Angwin, Fort Bragg, Paradise, Modesto.

Paid three-fourths: Napa, Melrose, Santa Cruz, Richmond, South Berkeley, East Santa Cruz, Anna Beal, Pittsburg,

East Oakland, Corning, Vera Corlew, Hanford, Fowler, Los Gatos, San Jose.

Paid one-half: Porterville, Keyes, Anna Gordon (S. F.), Della Hill, Turlock, Sacramento, Red Bluff, Berkeley, Oakland, Prescott, Lindsay, Gridley, Lone, Martha Sutliff, Frances Willard (Vallejo), Hilmar.

Paid one-fourth: Addie Estes, Santa Rosa, Tulare.

Torch Bearers

VALLEJO: Mrs. Christina Fraser.

MORGAN HILL: Mrs. Carrie Raney.

Second Mile Women

FRESNO: Mrs. Elizabeth Oliver, Mrs. Frank Schutz.

VALLEJO: Miss Mildred Stevens, Mrs. Helen Blakesley, Mrs. Mamie Hunt, Mrs. Bertha Holmes, Mrs. Effie Miller, Mrs. Marie Wolf, Mrs. C. M. Ellis.

ST. HELENA: Mrs. Albert Kayser. MORGAN HILL: Mrs. Charlotte Acton.

FRIENDSHIP: Mrs. Katherine Kars.

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Porterville—50 feet.

Anna Gordon (Modesto)—13 feet, 10 inches.

Quota Paid Unions Continuing

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Lora La Mance—13 feet 2 inches.

Ferndale—8 feet.

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Mountain View—5 feet, 10 inches.

Vera Corlew—5 feet 4 inches.

Madera—14 feet 3 inches

Paradise—4 inches.

Who can measure the influence of that one new member you got? (Or didn't you get one?)

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For September 1947 to August 1948

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In Memoriam

Mrs. Alcie Grace, a former resident of Fort Bragg and later of San Anselmo, passed to her eternal rest in the Odd Fellows Home at Saratoga in April, at the age of 85. She began her temperance career at an early age when she joined the Band of Hope. She was instrumental in helping to organize a WCTU in San Anselmo which later joined with the one at San Rafael to become Marin Union. For many years she was active in Marin WCTU as well as the bi-county. She was the wife of the late Rev. Columbus Grace, and served her Master many years with Mr. Grace in different churches. She was a radiant Christian woman, well known as a consecrated temperance worker in many churches in California North.—*Floy B. King.*

Pacific Grove mourns the passing of Mrs. Snow Newton Fogg, former local president and Tri-county director of Child Welfare. Before her marriage she was a minister in small Methodist churches in Northern California. She was my first local WCTU president and it was from her consecrated method of carrying on the work that I learned to love the WCTU. When a question arose in a meeting over which she presided she would say, "Let us ask God about it." It never failed.—*VR.*

July 1—August 31

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Social Morality

MRS. HAZEL D. PEDELTY, *Director*

Theme for the year: Letting our neighbors know the part they have in determining the morals and character development in their community.

Much has been said recently regarding the responsibility of parents and the problem of child delinquency. The importance of the Christian Home must never be minimized, for it is of maximum importance. Those who work with children have long recognized that those children from broken homes, or homes which are unchristian, have "two strikes against them" regarding the likelihood that they will become citizens of the highest order.

But the responsibility is not confined to the home. The community, too, must accept its responsibility, for it is definitely a major factor, contributing good or evil to the welfare of the children and youth—adults, too, for that matter—within its sphere of influence.

Man may be the master of his fate, the captain of his soul; but that soul can never develop to its full beauty in an environment dominated by saloons and pool halls, be its home ever so Christian.

Let each one of us do our utmost to make not only our homes, but also our communities, Christian; and may we pray with our youth the prayer of the poet:

Let I lose my way and wander,
On a path that has no goal,
Take my hand in Thine and lead me,
Thou great Shepherd of the soul.

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Health and Medical Temperance

MRS. JESSIE DREXLER, *Director*

All of us are appalled at the great number of deaths of middle-aged men from heart failure. Many more men than women drop suddenly, leaving grief and confusion behind them. This does occur among women, however. We must admit that the stress and anxiety of recent years are contributing factors in the increase of heart trouble, but greater factors are the two bad habits—addiction to the use of alcoholic drinks and the smoking of tobacco. Alcohol is credited with causing an enormous amount of organic heart disease and Dr. William Mayo is quoted as saying that more men die from "Tobacco Heart" than from any other form of heart ailment.

While we do not rank the use of tobacco with that of alcohol as a social evil, some of us definitely feel that we are not doing all that we should in teaching and working against the smoking habit. Cigarette smoking is done by so large a proportion of men and women that boys and girls almost take it for granted that smoking is the proper thing to do if they are to be socially accepted. Since women and girls, due to their emotional make-up,

are more apt to become chain smokers than men and find it harder to break the habit, we ought to be vitally concerned in seeing that they are given definite instruction in school and in Sunday School about the harmful effects of smoking and the ease with which they may become slaves to the habit. It is heart breaking to see young mothers smoking even while they tend their babies. Health is bound to be affected and nerves get jittery to the detriment of the children also. How can they be warned against this habit which endangers the heart and has a bad effect on the entire nervous system?

As for other narcotics, the one that is now the greatest menace to our youth is marihuana, which presents itself in the form of a cigarette. Warning against this exceeding harmful "dope" by the State Division of Narcotic Enforcement is definite, "In some ways this product is worse than opium, cocaine, or any other narcotic drug. Its use stimulates to crimes of violence and destruction, often even to murder." It is peddled by those who seek to lead others into the snare into which they have been caught. Federal agents ask for help in finding those who deal in marihuana that they may be punished under Federal law.

Let me also sound a note against the increasingly common use of sleeping tablets. These may not be habit forming and are given properly in hospitals and under doctor's supervision. But the many deaths attributed to an overdose of sleeping powders show that too many persons have been able to get too many too easily. Better not take the use of them too lightly.

Please see that all report blanks for this department are filled out as fully as possible and sent to your county director before September 10, or if you have no such director, send them direct to me.

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Universal Military Training

VIRGINIA REUM

It was my privilege to represent Mrs. Stine at a meeting called by the Women's Interest Division, War Public Information Service, at the Presidio of San Francisco May 27. The fact that such meetings are being held all over the nation shows how anxious the War Department is to "sell" its program to women's organizations.

Fine speakers had been brought here from Washington, D.C., at taxpayers' expense, to tell us about the "Peacetime Army." An attractive woman gave interesting sidelights on the feeding of the army and a youthful officer described the educational program which is available to enlistees. Pamphlets were on display showing the variety of instruction and consultation provided. All this preliminary to a talk by a chaplain about the fine work being done by

the UMT at Fort Knox. As Mrs. Anthony has written an article "debunking" that program, there is little need for me to add to it. The chaplain admitted that the ideal conditions were the result of the personnel in charge—"The very best available," but expressed the opinion that more men of that caliber could be found if UMT is adopted by Congress. He stressed the importance of keeping these units entirely apart from regular army camps where beer, etc., are found. Later I asked him if it were asking too much to hope that the illegal beer might be removed from the adult camps. He said that might come as a result of these UMT camps. I cannot see the connection. I believe that these boys deprived (?) of beer and profanity now, will look forward to the time when they can enjoy (?) these prerogatives of adulthood. At least one other woman's organization was so stamped by the plausible arguments that they went on record favoring UMT, reversing a previous decision to do so. Let us keep our heads and remember that as a Christian organization we cannot favor such a plan. Be sure to read Mrs. Anthony's article on page 4.

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Speech Contests

MRS. MABELLE LANCASTER, *Director*

It has been my happy privilege to work with the local groups of WCTUs this past year through correspondence trying to promote Speech Contests.

At the beginning of the year we were told that this department "was asleep" and it needed to be aroused from its slumber to action and to take its place once more among the youth and young people of our communities.

We are most happy to report that a start, at least, toward that goal has been made. Since our state convention in Sacramento twenty-two speech contests have been held—11 bronze, 7 silver, 2 gold, 1 not designated and 1 LTL. We have heard rumblings of others to be held later.

Your state director could not have accomplished this alone. It took the help of the local unions, and I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to each of you for your splendid co-operation in making the "Voice of the Speech Contest" heard once more in our various communities. We say a special "Thank you" to May Brown and Grace Hutcherson of Pixley-Earlimart for directing three contests—bronze, silver and gold! We praise our Lord and Saviour for these accomplishments.

Now that we have awakened to this extent perhaps others will catch the enthusiasm and enter the contests of early Fall and Winter.

May we have as a goal—a CONTEST in every UNION? You Will? Thank you!

Membership

New Members to date	736
New Members for May and June	33
Workers for May and June	16
Watchers to date	17
Winners to date	2

NELLIE MILLER, *Chairman*

Surely May and June were vacation months, as the above figures show. I had thought we were easily going to reach our goal of a 12 per cent net gain in membership when we had 703 for the first half of the year, but when the past two months have only brought in thirty-three, my hopes have dropped considerably. We must redouble our efforts during the remainder of the fiscal year to make up for these two months of resting. I am never in favor of giving up our work for the summer. The evils which we deplore never, even for one day of the year, take a vacation from their continuous working, advertising, planning and scheming, that they may increase. Let us work every day, that we too may increase, and to a great extent. Isn't our work as important as theirs?

I am happy to report three new watchers and one who should have been reported last time but was overlooked. Mrs. Rosetta Webb of Santa Rosa had 8 new members since April and now has 9. The three new watchers are Mrs. Chester Bruce of Chico with 7 new members, Mrs. Mary Harrington of Stockton and Mrs. Clara Allison of Madera, each of whom have five.

We now have 17 women who have secured 5 or more new members. Two of these have secured more than ten so they are entitled to a white ribbon pin. Remember, a white ribbon pin will be awarded to every one who secures ten or more new members.

It looks now as though Mrs. Mabel Frost of Oak Park, Sacramento, would be our State Evangel as she has 21 new members to her credit, but it is still possible for someone else to overtake her if one would get real busy. I'm sure Mrs. Frost would welcome a little competition.

"I must work the works of him that sent me while it is yet day: the night cometh when no man can work." John 9:4.

The workers for the months of May and June are: Mesdames Chester Bruce, Edna Lambert, Nettie Bevard, Carl B. Benson, Martha Bellamy, Ella T. Ross, Della Phifer, A. L. Branch, Mary Harrington, Esther Berchtold, Della Davis, Etta Browning, Rosetta Webb, Minerva Mark, Nora Shrum, and Clara Allinson.

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"I do not think
That I should drink,
For when I drink
I do not think."

—E. Stanley Jones—"The Way"

Soldiers and Sailors

MRS. OLIVE JOHNS, *Director*
Scrapbook Suggestions

Scrapbooks can be obtained from any local 10 cent or stationery store for 50 cents and up. Books approximately 9 x 12, containing from 20 to 25 pages are preferred, but the larger may be used.

It is best to divide the book into four or five sections, using headings from the following:

1. Short stories. (must have two copies of magazine if story is printed on both sides. Condensed book length novels.)
2. Cartoons (humor and variety)
3. Puzzles (crossword with answers, other types)
4. Poems.
5. Bright sayings.
6. Jokes.
7. Songs and hymns from old hymn books.
8. Your favorite passages from scripture.
9. Mental quizzes.
10. Pictures. (snapshots of your state or other scenic places, picture post-cards of interesting places in your state—historical or otherwise.)
12. Sports of all kinds, interviews and reviews.
13. Outdoor magazine stories (animal, fishing, hunting, etc.)
14. Hobbies
15. Interesting people
16. Miscellaneous section
17. Excerpts from the Upper Room, Church Papers, *Union Signal* and Christian Calendars.
18. WCTU pamphlets and literature should be "tucked in" throughout the book. Many interesting items can be found in YTC material which may be purchased from state headquarters.

Any original ideas you wish to work out could be substituted for the above suggestions. Feel free to use your own plan, always keeping in mind that these books are for men who may be con-
valescing a long time.

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Getting Publicity

In almost any small town the WCTU can get good propaganda into the newspaper if it goes at it in the right manner. A clipping was sent to headquarters from Marysville that illustrates this beautifully. Over seven inches of space, with large headlines told of the regular meeting, and in the report the following was cunningly reported: "Mrs. M. Langhausen read an article on 'Peace,' also one of protest against "The closely curtained windows of taverns, or other means of covering the front which obscures the interior; which is unlike any other place of business. Most of them are proud to display their wares." . . . Mrs. Gladys Hancock read of "The

Affinity of Poisons,' and how the many different poisons affect various parts of the body.' (Missed a good chance to tell which part alcohol affects.) . . . The secretary read important letters from state headquarters with special emphasis on the pending bills at the state capital in Sacramento. The secretary was instructed to send for five white ribbon pins. . . . The meeting adjourned until July, when Mrs. Carrie Miller and Mrs. Jennie Dunn will have charge of the program."

Sorry there is not room in the ENSIGN for the entire article, but enough has been quoted to give a hint to local reporters as to what to put into a report in the local paper. The article on Peace shows that we are interested in many things besides liquor, mentioning pending bills at Sacramento lets the public know that we are interested in what goes on at the legislature, ordering pins shows that this Union, recently re-organized, is not ashamed to show its colors. And the announcement of the next meeting shows that the president plans ahead and the members can know in advance what is coming next. Congratulations to the Marysville Union and to Mrs. Catherine Barkley, the president. V.R.

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Changes for the Yearbook

Cordelia Hudson, 2516 Capitol Ave., Page 83, Christian Citizenship: Mrs. Sacramento.
Page 86, Ceres President. Rt. 1 Box 337 instead of Box 230.
Page 91, Gridley treasurer: Mrs. Anna Ott, RFD, Biggs.

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On request we will send to each local president, free of charge, the Program Guide Packet without the study book. If she wishes the complete packet she may have it for 60 cents. The state WCTU is glad to do this to improve your programs.

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Sustaining the WCTU

What a pleasure it can be to you while here to know you have made it possible to help the cause you love to continue after your passing on.

Why not make your will today remembering the WCTU? The following form is suggested: I give and bequeath unto the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of California, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the state of California, the sum of dollars, to be paid out of real or personal estate owned by me at my decease. (To be signed by the donor in the presence of two witnesses.)

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We will never solve the alcohol problem by telling the drunkard he has done no wrong.—*The Christian Advocate.*

Youth Temperance Council

MRS. JEWELL OWENS

General Secretary

451 San Pablo Ave., Fresno 3

"Cruise of the Good Ship YTC" is the achievement project for our new year. This is going to be a delightful experience, so let's get ready to launch out. September will soon be here, and we need to choose our itinerary so that we can set sail at the same time that other Councils are starting out. You will need a large map and a logbook. These plans and helps can be secured through the Monthly Bulletin. Order this immediately for only 50 cents a year. A large map can be sketched from the sample one you will receive.

The new theme is "Safeguard the Nation." Our slogan is still "Tell your Neighbor." Rescript—Go . . . to thy friends and tell them. . . . Not by might nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord. Mark 5:19; Zechariah 4:6. All of this and lesson helps are given in the new 1947-48 "Council Notes." Council Notes can be secured for 45 cents per dozen or 5 cents each. Every officer and director should have one.

Next month we will have reports from our Summer Conference at San Anselmo. The theme chosen is "Together with Christ we dare." We trust there will be some very definite work accomplished, bringing together youth officers and leaders from many denominations, to set up projects and plans of action for the coming year.

I know that all Councils will want to hear about the good time our Youth Temperance Council members had at the world WCTU Convention at Asbury Park, so get some of the late *Union Signals* and get those reports given by Miss Regina Moede our National General Secretary. Also give them the story of the YTC delegate to the World Conference of Christian Youth at Oslo (see *Union Signal* June 28). Watch for accounts of the trip to Norway and the week in England.

Let's keep up the good work. Reports are coming to me giving increased membership and prospective new Councils. A friendly rivalry is on between two College Councils, which has created a great deal of interest. These are Seventh-day Adventist Colleges, the Pacific Union at Angwin, California, and Nebraska's Union College; Pacific Union with 500 dues-paid members and Nebraska Union with 550. It all started when Miss Moede spoke at Angwin when on her western trip. The President of Union College was present and delighted with Miss Moede and YTC as she presented it. He invited her to speak at his College and take the membership challenge from the California College. On October first one of these Councils will be the largest in the world.

Those Councils that have not sent in dues please do so immediately. You will not count on this year's records if dues are not in soon. Try to do some work on your efficiency chart this summer by sending out Deputation teams to youth groups or setting up some exhibits in churches or downtown buildings. A public service with interesting program of music and latest information on the rising tide of protest and action to combat the alcohol traffic would be appreciated by adults.

Report blanks will be sent out soon and you will want something on that report to show for your year's work. You, Council Officers and adult leaders, won't you please check your Councils?

Be looking forward to next month's column with full report of San Anselmo Conference. And let's get our Good Ship YTC ready for the Cruise.

came interested in this work.

Pixley-Earlimart LTL is planning a picnic in August, joining three other organizations. The LTL and another youth group will present a short program before the older groups.

The Vallejo Home Legion gave a program before the WCTU in June.

Next month I *hope* to have the names of many *new* Legions, as well as news from continuing ones.

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This story comes from the temperance report made by Clifford Pettygrove, lay member, to the California Conference this June. Mr. Pettygrove made a significant report of a meeting called by Bishop Hammaker of the Methodist Church to discuss the liquor situation. Members of the Conference were heartened to know that the great Methodist Church is very much on the alert in this situation. But this little story (a true one) was the best part of the report, because of the great truth it teaches.

In a certain town the minister of a church was active in combating the liquor interests. He sought to close five liquor establishments which were owned by a young man. A hearing was held, and the minister lost out. However, he smiled and shook hands with the young beer king, as he left the hall. Later, the minister took counsel with one of his laymen. They were planning an evangelistic visitation to different people in the community. The minister suggested that they go first to the home of the young beer king.

The minister and the layman went, and were received cordially. They talked with the young man, and prayed with him. At a later date, they again visited him, and yet again. And finally the young man gave his heart to God, and the first thing he did, before joining the church, was to close up the five liquor establishments which he owned. What man cannot do, God can do.

Loyal Temperance Legion

MRS. MAY BROWN

General Secretary

Earlimart, Calif.

MAY BROWN, General Secretary

I hear the tramp of many little feet,
I see the eagerness in youthful eyes,
As children, marching down life's busy street,

Are questioning the world that 'round them lies.

They must be taught; from whom, then, shall they learn?

The world, that takes, but gives naught in return?

O mother hearts, that beat in unison
With God's great heart, these children are your own.

Oh, teach them how to live triumphantly;

To discard tinsel, hold fast to the gold,

To build aright for all eternity.

Made in God's image—help them keep the mold.

These children are your own. Will you, then, give

Part of yourself to teach them how to live?

If all of the members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union could realize that our greatest opportunity and privilege lies in the teaching of the children, every Union would have at least one LTL. If you can't have an active LTL, with a leader and at least ten meetings a year, at least have a Friendship Legion. If you can't teach a group of children, teach one. Remember, when it comes to teaching, the liquor advertisements are always on the job.

September 30 is the deadline. All dues *must* be in before that time, to be counted in this year. Don't delay; send dues today.

Even after this month's issue of the paper is printed, there is still time for that Vacation Legion. Ten lessons, in ten days, dues from five members. Send the dues through your local WCTU treasurer, and your report in to me.

Visalia (Tulare County) reports a Friendship Legion of 14 members.

Lindsay (Tulare Co.) had a float in the Orange Blossom Festival in Lindsay this spring.

Mrs. J. F. Edmister, Paradise, Butte Co., is now a member of the "Dorking Club." In addition to her own LTL, she helped organize two other LTL's in Paradise and has been elected county president of the WCTU.

Mrs. Mabel Frost, Sacramento (LTL secretary of Sacramento-Amador, and former state LTL secretary), and I were both lay delegates at the recent Methodist Conference at the College of the Pacific, and had several two-woman LTL conferences, besides doing a little advertising for the LTL. Mrs. Frost was my LTL teacher when I first be-

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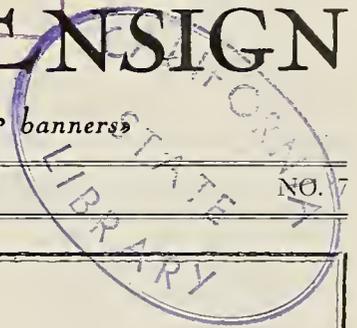
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State President's Letter

Dear Co-Workers:

Our 1947 State Workshop at San Anselmo was a great success, and the women who attended went home feeling that it was good to have been there. There was a total registration of 89, 61 staying through the three days, and a number of visitors who came for just one day and did not register. With 30 young people who came for the Youth Temperance Council Encampment, we taxed the capacity of the dormitories.

The early morning prayer and praise service on the hill behind the Seminary before breakfast and the other inspiring devotional services, the interesting classes, the fun nights in charge of the state directors and the county presidents, and the appetizing meals, all were enjoyed and appreciated by those who were there.

The following letter from one of the state directors who had a class there, expressed the feelings of many others: "It was a real treat for me to be there and mingle with God's children from various places. I only wish the Churches could have the Christlike spirit that the WCTU has. It is real privilege to have membership in such an organization. I'm happy if my little contribution to the Workshop helped folk. I prayed much over what should be brought. Jesus never fails!"

We trust that at least 100 women will come to the 1948 Workshop. Plan now to attend.

Annual Reports

The time for annual reports of our work has arrived, and the state directors are sending out report blanks for county and local directors to use in listing activities during the year. Please fill out and return these even though you haven't accomplished much in some of the departments, as our directors tend to become discouraged if they receive no replies to the letters sent out. In order that our state may have good reports to send to National, we must know what you have done through your local unions.

Legislation

The Capper bill, S.265, to prohibit the transmission in interstate commerce of any liquor advertising, died with the adjournment of Congress. However, since the same bill or one similar to it will probably be introduced when Congress re-convenes, we should contact our Congressmen while they are at home and urge their support.

Bishop Hammaker, president of the Methodist Board of Temperance, marshalled the forces of righteousness together for the hearing on the Capper bill, and he was assisted by our National Legislative Director, Miss Elizabeth Smart, and Mr. Fred D. L. Squires, who spent two weeks in Washington prior to the hearing.

The government has printed reports of this hearing, and they may be obtained at state headquarters for 25 cents each.

Universal Military Training

The Universal Military Training bill, H.R. 4278, requires six straight months of basic training in camp, and would completely upset college courses. It carries no safeguard against beer or taverns in the vicinity of camps.

Inasmuch as a special session of Congress might be called to force action on this bill, we should write our Congressmen at once, asking them to recommit this bill to the Armed Services committee so churches may be heard on this subject and amendments offered.

Prohibition Candidate

Claude A. Watson, 62-year-old Los Angeles attorney and Free Methodist Minister, is again the candidate for president of the United States of the Prohibition party. Mr. Watson has announced that he will travel over the Nation by plane in his campaign. Dale H. Learn, a real estate broker of E. Stroudsburg, Pa., is his running mate.

A Dry Store

Mr. Ben Louie, a Christian Chinese gentleman, is proprietor of the "Manna Market," 1922 - 65th Avenue, Oakland, which carries no alcoholic beverages. We are glad to give publicity to this dry grocery store and urge the patronage of people in that vicinity. Do you have a dry store in your community?

Wrecking the 18th Amendment

Ernest Gordon, author of the book, "Wrecking the 18th Amendment," has offered to place this book in school and other large public libraries for the price of packing and shipping, which is 30 cents each. At our state executive meeting we voted to take advantage of this offer, and we sent in the names and addresses of 25 of these libraries in Northern California. Inquire in your library if theirs has been received, and urge people to read this fine analysis of the causes underlying the repeal of the 18th Amendment.

Social Drinking

"What are we going to do about social drinking?" is a question that is being asked more and more these days. "Our young people are offered cocktails almost everywhere they go." This is a very real problem for many who would not otherwise drink.

One young couple of my acquaintance told me that they go to the hostess before refreshments are served and ask her to make theirs tomato juice or some other soft drink, thus avoiding embarrassment.

One of our Oakland members told of a dinner she attended where alcoholic beverages were served. She declined, saying she was a member of the WCTU. Her husband likewise de-

clined, and several others who usually drank, followed their example.

We need to be more zealous in teaching our youth what alcohol is and what it does and giving them the answers with which to meet the gibes and ridicule of associates who urge them to partake of alcoholic beverages. Send for some of the splendid leaflets we have for young people, such as "Don't Fence Me In," "The Indispensable Friend," and others, and see that they are put into the hands of our youth.

One Beer May Be Enough

According to the Methodist Clipsheet the Automobile club of Southern California has been going around with a lantern, looking for the typical dangerous driver. They have found him. "He does not drink to excess," says the Auto club, "and thinks one drink should be the limit when driving chores lie ahead." Sometimes this one beer proves to be one too many.

Incidentally, he drives a 1939 medium-priced car in good condition; he hits his victim while traveling no faster than 25 miles an hour. "He is almost always non-malicious, just an ordinary citizen who has never before been involved in a serious accident."

Hotel Fires and Cigarettes

Having so recently been in Asbury Park, New Jersey, the following article from the *Ohio Messenger*, in regard to action taken by the Fenimore Hotel in that resort city, is of special interest.

"These instructions were printed on cards and placed in the rooms of the Fenimore Hotel recently.

- "1. Call the office and notify the management where you wish your remains sent, as it is a matter of record that a very high percentage of hotel fires are caused by smoking.
- "2. Notify guests in adjoining rooms of your intention of endangering their lives, so they may take necessary precautions to protect themselves.
- "3. Go to the corridor and locate the nearest fire escape, so that, if you are fortunate enough to escape your room, you may reach safety.
- "4. Now sit down and think how foolish it is for you to take this risk. Business may be good, but we do not have guests to burn, so please—"Help US to Protect You!"

Is Beer Healthy?

The newspapers, magazines and radio stress the health-giving qualities of beer. The following article from the wet Chicago *Herald* contradicts their assertions.

"Six Chicago breweries and one in Chicago Heights have been cited in a civil action under the Federal food laws because of traces of poison in 50 carloads of beer. The contaminated beer, with a retail value of \$450,000, has been destroyed on order of the food and drug administration. George P. Larrick, deputy commissioner, said it contained

monochromatic acid used to remove cloudiness."

Bibles Are Needed

The *Watchman-Examiner* reports that some 24,000,000 Bibles are needed annually to catch up with the world shortages of the Holy Book, according to the International Bible Society. Europe needs 7,000,000, including 5,000,000 for Germany, while India requires 15,000,000 copies.

If we would send more missionaries and Bibles to the nations throughout the world they would do more than anything else to prevent another war.

Money spent for Bibles to evangelize and save, instead of for bullets to destroy!

May the Lord bless you all.

Sincerely,
Ida A. Stine

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The State Convention

The State Convention will be held October 6-9 at Glide Memorial Methodist Church in the heart of the medium-priced hotel district of San Francisco. We are most happy to report that within three blocks of the church there are enough hotels, without bars, to house all who come to the convention. But please send your reservation early. Send direct to the hotel, stating whether you wish single or double room and for which nights you will want it. Enclose check for one night.

HEADQUARTERS will be the HOTEL CALIFORNIAN, Taylor and O'Farrell Streets. Double rooms are available at \$6.00 per room. This is one block from the church.

COLUMBIA HOTEL

Taylor and O'Farrell Streets
(One block from church)

Single rooms without bath \$1.50, \$2.
Double rooms without bath \$2.50, \$3
Double with bath \$3.50
Same with twin beds \$4

MARYLAND HOTEL

Taylor and Geary Streets
(Two blocks from church)

All rooms with bath
Single \$2.50
Double \$3.50, \$4, \$4.50

CASA NOVA HOTEL

354 O'Farrell Street
(Two blocks from church)

All rooms with bath
Singles \$3
Doubles \$3.50
Two beds \$4 and \$5
Three people in room with two beds \$6.50

YORK HOTEL

Geary and Jones Streets
(Three blocks from church)

All rooms with bath
Singles \$3, \$3.50
Doubles \$3.50, \$4
Twin beds \$4, \$5

The World Needs You

by CORDELIA J. HUDSON

Don't say, "I'm no good for public work like holding an office in some humanitarian society for helping the needy, or working to put down some evil." Don't say, "I'm not educated enough to go about and talk to folks." As long as you are sane and can read of the destruction coming upon our country, upon little children and youth, you can help. You can speak to that young neighbor boy about his cigarette. The chances are that he has never been informed about the nineteen poisons in each cigarette. You need not possess a college degree to speak kindly to misinformed youth about the pitfalls made by liquor with its glamorous advertising, and tell him that such advertising means money to the big companies that put out the stuff, but poverty and disease to those who drink it or smoke it. We must let youth know about these poisons.

Traffic deaths threaten to reach still higher levels; many of them can be traced to alcohol. It is reliably estimated that 50,000,000 persons in the United States drink alcohol. Anything that affects so many of our citizens is a matter of public concern. Can't we do just something, however small, about it? How soon can we hear the noise of the chains of alcohol breaking?

Edgar Guest once said, "I'm on earth to fill a need." This is good for each of us to remember, for God surely put us on earth for a definite purpose.

Seems to me that we should be encouraged by reading about the ant. In the Bible the ant is spoken of very often; we are told to go to the ant and "consider her ways," then we observe that these tiny creatures are socially organized for useful work. "To every man his work" is a fine human sentiment in society as at present constituted. To every ant its work is a simple fact in a colony of ants. They all have their tasks, they help one another, they work together for the common welfare, and all share equitably in the products of their labor. This they do voluntarily, without "guide, overseer, or ruler." Is it not true that we should, as Christians, work together, cooperate like the humble ants to do more good to more people?

There are more than 3,500 known species of ants and they exhibit a great variety of form and structure. The one characteristic which most of them have in common seems to be their tireless industry. After all, not only the slug-gard, but perhaps the rest of us have something we can learn from the ant. It is evident that the present plight of humanity cannot be remedied without much hard work.

Dear ones, the suffering people of the world need our help so badly, even

at our doors. Not help just on food and money, but they need a kind touch from a friendly hand, a cheery word from each of us. Let us remember how we may have a reward for giving a cup of cold water in His name.

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Department of Flower Mission and Relief

Mrs. EVA HAIGHT

701 Oberlin St., Palo Alto

Attention! Special Request

Local and County Directors:

Will you make a big effort to get your annual reports in to me by September 15, if possible? Last year so many good reports from local unions reached me too late to be counted, some even came after the State Convention.

Please remember that the date of the State Convention is October 6—and my report must be compiled and ready before that date.

County Directors, collect your reports from local unions the first of September and have them ready to pass on to me by September 15. In your report please tell the number of active local directors in your county and the number of these who are new this year.

There are some questions for the annual report which cannot be answered by the figures on the report blank we use. These answers are very essential to our report and I hope every director will secure the information and answer the questions in her report. A full list of questions is found on the leaflet "Plan of Work, 1946-1947."

Thank you for your fine co-operation and wonderful reports.

(Editor's note: Are any of you getting too ambitious and reporting TOO much? The National Director said that California North sent in such a fine report of relief work that she thought we must have a large number of poor people here needing assistance. Of course we have, but be sure you don't count dinners and luncheons given to friends and members as "relief." If your friends are ill, fruit and flowers given them can be counted; but gifts to a healthy friend are hardly "relief." Don't you agree with me?—VR.)

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Please send CHANGE OF ADDRESS promptly. The post office has to be paid for the cards it sends out when the paper is not delivered. BUT—before sending in the change of address, will you please be sure your dues have been paid this year? It is expensive to change the address plates, and it should not be expected except for bona fide 1947 members. All changes of address should be sent to Mrs. Sarah H. Cairns, 1115 Foothill Blvd., Napa, Calif.

News items, obituaries and other manuscripts for publication should be sent to state headquarters and must reach there before the fifteenth of the month preceding publication.

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The Convention Banquet

The Convention Banquet will be at the Hotel Bellevue, 505 Geary Street, on Thursday evening, October 9. Tickets will be \$2.25. We are sorry that we cannot yet announce the name of the speaker, but will try to let all presidents know. Send reservations to Mrs. Leah Belle Boyce, 126 Ord St., San Francisco 14.

Workshop

Our third annual Workshop was held at San Francisco Theological Seminary at San Anselmo July 22-24. As the program was printed in the June-July issue of the ENSIGN, it is unnecessary for us to mention that again; but we do want to speak briefly of some of the high lights.

The peak of inspiration was reached at the morning devotions on the hill-top overlooking the valleys and the other hills of "Marvelous Marin." One of the features well worth repeating in every county workshop and institute was a part of the "Fun Night" under the county presidents. As "many a true word is spoken in jest," so many a good lesson is taught in entertainment. Ask your county president about the "operation." Ask those who attended if they are planning on going again and if they think you, too, would enjoy it. From the classes your managing editor chose the following bits for your enjoyment:

From Mrs. Lancaster—"I don't know how I escaped WCTU so long, it fits in so well with my missionary work. Youth are going to do something. Let us give them something worth while to do. If you fail to do your part, you are the one who is going to miss the blessing. Help adults realize their responsibility to youth. Go to the principals of schools and ask about Speech Contests. Give him the book to pass on to his teachers.

From Mrs. Drexler—Tobacco is an EVIL. As Christians we are commanded to abhor that which is evil. Therefore abhor tobacco.

Mrs. Anthony was unable to attend, due to her husband being transferred from the state. In her place came *Miss Lillian Phillips*, of San Francisco, to tell about the United Nations, only hope for a peaceful world. Problems now on the calendar of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization include (1) World-wide illiteracy, (2) Psychological and social tensions, (3) Barriers that prevent knowledge from going from one country to another.

Mrs. Coggins gave as one essential of a good WCTU member—"become informed." She also reiterated, "If a department is worth supporting it is worth reporting." Think on that especially at this time of the year.

Mrs. Stine's report on World and National Conventions was illustrated by snapshots which she had taken of celebrities she met on the trip. She urged that a goodly number plan to attend the next National Convention, which will be in Portland, Oregon.

Miss Ballagh warned of the necessity of separating the wheat from the tares in the alcohol education problem. The cause of alcoholism is alcohol. We must put the emphasis on prevention

by teaching the nature and effects of alcohol and the danger of a social glass. Her "Study Course in Alcohol Education for the Elementary Grades" was included in the folder lesson helps received by each one registered for the workshop. There were 89 registered.

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"It Doesn't Touch Me"

The story is told that years ago the Governor of Yukon was asked to drive liquor and all its evils out of Dawson, the capital. In self-confidence he refused saying, "It doesn't touch me." In course of time he built a beautiful Governor's mansion. When the mansion was completed he sent his wife and family to the States to purchase furnishings befitting his beautiful mansion. They drove a thousand miles over ice and snow with Alaska huskies (dogs) to reach the sea. When they reached the port at Anchorage the boat for the U.S. was in dock and soon they were safely settled in their cabins. It was twelve noon, the scheduled time for the boat to start—but the captain and crew were not on board and did not arrive until 5 p.m., all under the influence of liquor and incapable of managing the boat. Before morning they were all at the bottom of the sea. The governor learned by bitter experience that liquor did touch him. He then spoke the word and in one day the purveyors of liquor and their women of ill repute left Dawson. Ah! With bitter experience the Governor of the Yukon learned his lesson in the hard way that liquor is no respecter of persons when it robbed him of all that he held dear in life.

Liquor touches you and it touches me. We abhor the ads over the radio and in our newspapers and magazines. It is thrust at us in our serials with their cocktail parties and bars. How long are we going to let this enemy flaunt itself in our faces and the faces of our loved ones? It is dragging this nation down into the sea of despair and eternal ruin. Are we going to sit on the fence of "do nothing" and let these things go on? How long are we going to vote for men who say, "I don't drink nor smoke, if the other fellow drinks and smokes that's his own affair"? Cain said, when questioned about who slew Abel, "Am I my brother's keeper?" Patrick Henry said, "Give me liberty or give me death." Spirits like his gave us this great "Christian Democracy," the land of the free and the home of the brave; are we going to let this liquor menace deprive us of our birthright?

—Contributed by Ida W. McNeal.

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Drinking is now regarded as a disease. The only cure is to hold both arms straight so they won't bend at the elbow. —Richmond News-Leader.

State Treasurer's Letter

Dear Comrades:

Time passes quickly, we are about to close another year of work. This is my last opportunity to remind you it is time to check your records. Go over your membership list very carefully, there are too many dues yet unpaid this year. Do not let new members take the place of old ones in figuring your number of dues paid this year. If you paid 50 dues last year and 50 this year with 5 of them being new, you still have 5 old ones to account for. Right here is where we lose too many members. Contact these women by calling, writing or by phone, calling is best, we cannot afford to lose one member. We need many more to reach our goal to try to hold the budget at the present level. Remember it takes one new member to fill the place of one lost before we can begin to count a net gain.

In a number of unions the budget needs attention. Some of you have sent in special funds and neglected the budget, which, after dues, is our next important item. Please plan to complete your budget. I am still hoping to have a 100 per cent report from every union.

The books will close September 29, anything coming after that will be credited to next year. LOCAL TREASURERS, send funds to your County Treasurer to reach her September 26 so they will reach me on time to deposit on the 30th. You have been so fine about cooperating in the past I know I can depend upon you again.

I hope you have all had a happy, restful summer and are now ready to go to work in earnest.

"And they builded the wall for the people hand a mind to work."

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Fruitful Unions July 1, 1947

Corralitos, Hamilton Square, Empire, Angwin, Mexican (Selma), Paradise, Kingsburg, Citrus Heights, Visalia-Woodlake, Hanford, Fort Bragg, Waterford, Anna Gordon (Modesto), Oakdale, Friendship, Melrose, Lakeport, Ukiah, Willits, Oak Park, Sebastopol, Riverbank, Orland, Willows, Sanger, Selma, Carrie A. Gladding, Frances Willard (S.F.), Lora La Mance, Vera Corlew, Boulder Creek, Salinas, Watsonville, Davis, Palo Alto, Modesto, Marin, Martha Sutliff, Merced.

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Mile of Quarters Campaign Quota Completed, Plus

South Berkeley 12 feet.

Marin 19 feet 4 inches.

Unions Increasing Mileage

Palo Alto—9 feet 1 inch.

Berkeley—7 feet 11 inches.

Vera Corlew—6 feet 9 inches.

Mountain View—6 feet 2 inches.

Oakland—5 feet 5 inches.

Sunset—5 feet 5 inches.

Standings of Unions

Budget paid in full: Lora La Mance, Reedley, Stockton, Willow Glen, Dinuba, Willits, Ripon, Oroville, Kingsburg, Orsi, Orland, Hughson, Hamilton Square, Martinez, Oak Park, Madera, Ceres, Empire, Strathmore, Morgan Hill, Ukiah, Shattuck Avenue, Sanger, Mexican (Selma), Willows, Exeter, Visalia-Woodlake, Frances Willard (S.F.), Friendship, Selma, Marin, Lakeport, Lodi, Anna Gordon (Modesto), Keyes, Merced, Oakdale, Riverbank, Chico, Clipper Gap-Auburn, Fruitvale, Boulder Creek, Winters, Pixley-Earlimart, Carrie A. Gladding, Pacific Grove, Davis, Greenfield, Watsonville, Lathrop, Palo Alto, Soquel, Salinas, Elk Grove, Citrus Heights, Fresno Central, Sunset, Waterford, Yuba City, Dorcas Spencer, Wood Colony, Corralitos, Mill Valley, Sebastopol, Ferndale, Angwin, Fort Bragg, Paradise, Modesto, Berkeley, South Berkeley, Red Bluff, Corning, Richmond, Anna Beal, Martha Sutliff, Vera Corlew, Santa Cruz, Napa, Sebastopol, Lindsay, Hanford, Tulare, Woodland.

Paid three-fourths: Melrose, East Santa Cruz, Pittsburg, East Oakland, Fowler, Los Gatos, San Jose, Sacramento, Della Hill, Rockridge, Mill Valley, Anna Gordon (S.F.).

Paid one-half: Turlock, Oakland, Prescott, Gridley, Ione, Frances Willard (Vallejo), Hilmar, Porterville.

Paid one-fourth: Addie Estes, Santa Rosa, Parlier.

Second Mile Women

PARADISE: Mrs. Edith Matlock, Mrs. L. W. Smith, Mrs. John Shaw, Mrs. R. F. Regnier, Miss Georgine Tillson, Mrs. J. F. Edmister, Mrs. Addie Brown, Mrs. Mabel Brooks, Mrs. Jessie Stephens, Miss Helen Pearse, Mrs. G. E. Hartman, Mrs. Pearl Hotchkiss, Mrs. Rose Troyer, Mrs. Margaret Thomas, Mrs. Bertha Watson, Mrs. Ada Beckwith, Mrs. Hester Kingery, Mrs. C. D. Snyder, Mrs. Grace Gordon, Miss Lettie Fiman, Mrs. F. L. Perry, Mrs. Ted Cooney, Miss Olive Smith.

PACIFIC GROVE: Mrs. N. B. Burlingame, Mrs. Grace B. Brubaker, Mrs. W. F. Bailey, Mrs. Thomas Casmero, Mrs. Nelda Calkins, Mrs. Caroline De Forest, Mrs. Lola Ethridge, Mrs. Lena Estill, Mrs. R. L. Furlong, Mrs. Ula Freels, Mrs. Mildred Guild, Mrs. F. E. Grantham, Mrs. Amelia Good Howe, Mrs. Madge Huffard, Miss Mary Jameson, Mrs. Alfred Jones, Mrs. Rena Long, Mrs. E. R. McQuilken, Mrs. John P. MacIver, Mrs. Caroline Ober, Mrs. Eva Preston, Mrs. Mary Pixley, Mrs. Florence Paul, Miss Maud Sherwood, Mrs. Maggie Sergeant, Miss Ida Sabine, Mrs. Ella Sympson, Mrs. Carol Moore Turner, Miss Laura Ann Utter, Mrs. Rinel Walton,

Mrs. Gertrude Wright, Mrs. Ella White, Mrs. Alice Roper.

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In Memoriam

Corning WCTU mourns the loss of its president, Mrs. Darlene Bernice Schroeder, 33, who died August 6 after an illness of a few months. She was the wife of Rev. Lowell F. Schroeder and the mother of Beverly, age 8. Mrs. Moseley writes, "Am so sorry to lose her, she was a good worker, but God knows best and moves in mysterious ways."

Mrs. Hilma Dorothea Stone died in Kingsburg Sanitarium after a short illness where she was recovering from a broken hip. She was 93 years of age. She was a charter member of the Kingsburg WCTU which was organized in 1901, and very faithful in attendance until last year when she was unable to come to the meetings.—Mrs. Herman Anderson.

Charles J. Mosteller, 75, well known Maderan and secretary of the Madera County Farm Bureau, was claimed by death July 30 after a brief illness. He was an active church member and for many years an elder of the Presbyterian church. He was our oldest continuous honorary member. Some years our only one.—Miss Eleanor Wright.

In the passing of Maud Wotring Raymond (Mrs. Paul C.), in San Francisco August 6, San Francisco lost one of its most outstanding church women and dry leaders. Since 1913 she had been a leader in church and civic affairs. In 1922 she served as president of the San Francisco County Woman's Christian Temperance Union. In the early Twenties she headed the famous "Committee of Five Thousand," working actively with Kathleen Norris and other notable state figures. These women made an outstanding record in working for the retention of the "Wright Act" to uphold prohibition. She served as president of the Presbyterian Woman's Society of Calvary Church and was organizer and president of the Organized Council of Church Women in San Francisco. She was a member and leader in the Women's City Club and an active member of the California Writers' Club. Prior to her coming to San Francisco she was a teacher of Greek in the University of Colorado. Author of a textbook on Foreign Missions, she devoted much of her time to that endeavor. She was the daughter of the late Rev. Frederick Wotring. Fearless and unafraid she fought against the forces of evil. She is survived by her husband, Paul C. Raymond, and a talented niece, Dr. Martha James, Child Specialist. She was the sister of the late Mrs. James of San Jose, long a leader in WCTU work.—Leah Belle Boyce.

Programs

Topic for the Year:

Safeguard the Nation.

SEPTEMBER

Twenty Educational Safeguards

**ALL DAY PLANNING
CONFERENCE**

Song: "New Crusade," page 15

Worship: "Prayer for Guidance"

Five-minute Digest of *The Union Signal*

Twenty Educational Safeguards:—Each department director present definite activities recommended in the department plan for the local union to promote during the year. (Invite members to present departments not represented by a department director.)

Symposium: How may department directors and program planners function to safeguard the home, the church, the school, and the community?

Chapter Review: "Alcohol, What It Is and Its Effect on Man." (10 minute resume.)

Aaronic Benediction

Things to Do: Present 1948 Membership Plan. Give each WCTU member a 1947-1948 Program Guide. Vote to promote at least ten department activities during the year. Plan for October Family Night meeting.

Suggestion: Serve Grape Balm with pocket lunches brought by members. **SOURCE MATERIAL**: *The Union Signal*, August 2. Leaflets from program packet. Study Book.

OCTOBER

Family Safeguards

**FAMILY NIGHT MEETING—
COVERED-DISH SUPPER**

Supper Sing

Worship: Joshua 24:15

Five-minute Digest of *The Union Signal*

Panel Discussion: Family Safeguards: Narcotic Education—By a Superintendent of Schools

The Church School—By a Sunday School Superintendent

Parental Example—By a Son and a Daughter

Family Worship—By a Father

Song by the Children: "We'll Turn Down Our Glasses." ("Songs for Boys and Girls," p. 16.)

Reading: "I Wish My Mummy Didn't Smoke."

Chapter Review: "The Scientific Temperance Movement; Yesterday and Today." (10 minutes)

Benediction: "Prayer for Guidance"

Things to Do: Emphasize Membership Roll Call and New Member Emphasis. Invite all family members to join WCTU organizations. Christmas project: CARE packages may be sent to WCTU national presidents. World's Temperance Lesson, November 9.

Suggestion: Serve a Long Vegetable Drink.

SOURCE MATERIALS: *The Union Signal*, September 6, September 20, October 4, leaflets from program packet.

Radio Department

HARRIETT G. FARR

165 W. Knoles Way, Stockton 27

This is to remind you the year is drawing to a close, and I shall be looking for reports in this department.

Some weeks ago I sent to each county the "Radio Logs" which I trust have been distributed in each Union to assist you in keeping records, for me, of your listening, commending and criticizing programs you have heard, and also the reactions from the stations. Any other interest or activity by your unions, or individual members, may be included in your reports.

May we have them in full, and promptly.

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Correction

We have been asked to state that the women who were listed as Torchbearers, Book of Ages Women and Second Milers from Porterville in June-July ENSIGN were really from Pixley-Earlimart.

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"Uncle Sam—The Brewers' Sales Manager"

In the *Brewers' Journal* of March, 1947, the brewers have printed an address given them by Kenneth Laird who handles much of their advertising.

Some of the statements are damning admissions: "Consumer demand is in a healthy condition. Ten million G-I's have learned to know and like beer much earlier than they would have as civilians. Beer has an increased social standing. All these factors combine to make good business in the future.

"For five years there has been no need to sell. Uncle Sam has been your Sales Manager and the best you ever had. Uncle Sam has handled your credits, and bad debts have been the smallest in history."

Then the advertiser gives the brewers sales principles to make more and more customers and admonishes, "Remember—the more beer is consumed in homes, the more will be consumed in taverns." This last statement is an admission that beer is a habit forming narcotic drug.

The statement that Uncle Sam has been the brewers' Sales Manager and the best one they ever had is unfortunately all too true. Are we, as Christian voters, willing to endorse Uncle Sam as Sales Manager for the brewers by our failure to oppose this and our failure to vote whenever that privilege is ours?

TITUS FRAZEE, in *The Liberator*.

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Dates to Remember

September 16—Alameda County Convention in Oakland

September 19—Sacramento-Amador Bi-County Convention

October 6 to 9—State Convention at Glide Memorial Church, San Francisco

Outstanding Girls and Stalwart Youth

Our Woman's Christian Temperance Union seeks to enlist the youth of our state for total abstinence and sobriety giving honorable recognition to the boy and girl (preferably between the ages of 13 and 20 years) who neither drinks nor smokes.

We are asking every WCTU to sponsor young men and women in the community who neither drink nor smoke. After these young people have been chosen, present the award which is a certificate made out to the "Outstanding Girl" or "Stalwart Youth." These certificates may be secured at State Headquarters. (I would suggest that these awards be presented at a public meeting.) "Mention should be made of Youth Temperance Council at this meeting with the hope of forming an organization."

Let us encourage our young people to live a life of usefulness and fight for the right always. More power to each Union that includes the young people in a program of total abstinence. Outstanding young people of today will make outstanding citizens for tomorrow.

—Lurline Moody Heath, in the
Arkansas White Ribbon.

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"Accidents Will Happen"

The largest number of drinking drivers in the history of California either killed themselves or someone else in motor vehicle accidents in 1946, according to the annual report submitted to Governor Warren by the California State Bureau of Statistics.

In all motor vehicle accidents in which injury or death resulted, the percentage in which drivers or pedestrians had been drinking has greatly increased since repeal, the report substantiates, according to the American Business Men's Research Foundation.

The total number killed in California in auto accidents since the first year of repeal (1934) is 39,324, the report shows. In approximately 2,150 of these fatalities the use of intoxicants was involved, the Foundation asserts, and adds that in the majority of the cases involving beverage alcohol, the victims were not drunk, but "under the influence."

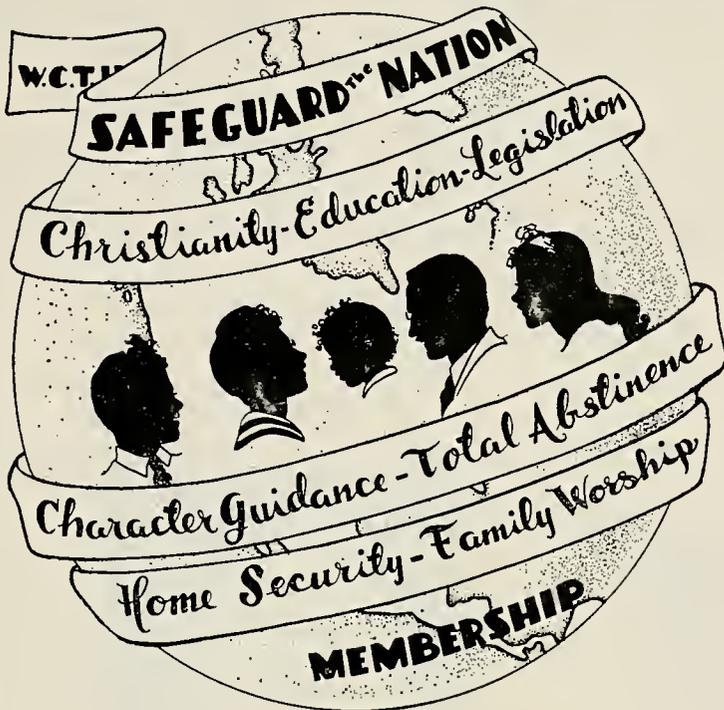
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Step by Step

Inspiration, information, education, persistence, and intensive activities against beverage alcohol in organized communities, precincts, townships, villages, counties, cities and states, will eventually, step by step, bring about a new order in which alcoholism will cease to be a great social problem.—*The Voice*.

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Get your reservations in early for the State Convention.



MEMBERSHIP

New Members to date	812	Workers for July	25
New Members for July	76	Watchers to date	17
Winners to date	5		

NELLIE MILLER, *Chairman.*

The membership plans for 1947-1948 are headed with the drawing "Safeguard the Nation" which is our slogan for the coming year. We are interested in travel safeguards, legislative, educational, industrial, recreational and character safeguards. Many of these are set forth in the new plan of work which you will soon receive in your local union, and with it you will receive the leaflet which gives the details for Membership Enrollment Week.

November 12-19, 1947 has been designated by National as Membership Enrollment Week so that we may start our new year with a well-organized drive for new members. The goal is—each member bring in at least one new member during membership enrollment week, November 12-19. To make this week really successful there must be advance preparation. National recommends five points for your advance preparation as follows: 1. Appoint the November membership enrollment committee in September. 2. Not later than October 1, order all materials needed for the campaign. 3. Prepare membership enrollment week publicity: newspapers, radio and church bulletins or announcements. 4. Enrollment committee prepare calling lists to be given to members or teams at the promotional meeting November 12. 5. Prepare packet of membership materials to be given each worker or team of workers at the promotional meeting November 12.

During this enrollment week, National suggests for November 12 a promotional meeting, opening with prayer for guidance, at which time Material will be given out and calling lists assigned. November 13-18 is to be devoted to enrollment of new members and on November 19, workers meet at a luncheon meeting and report the number of members secured. Let us strive to make this Membership Enrollment Week very successful in California North.

It is very heartening when the report comes to me that some of our women keep working consistently through the year with the result that they have many new members to their credit. This month I have three new winners to report—Mrs. Chester Bruce of Chico has 12 new members; Mrs. Clara Allison of Madera, 11; and Mrs. Rosetta Webb of Santa Rosa, 10. These women, as well as any other women who secure 10 or more new members this year, will receive a white ribbon pin at the State Convention.

May the Lord bless you all as you work and pray for this, His work.

The workers for July were: Mesdames Chester Bruce, Minerva Mark, Nora Shrum, Clara Allinson, Lena Swift, M. A. Striplin, Nettie Bevard, Edna Lambert, Esther Berchtold, Della Davis, Della Phifer, A. L. Branch, Mary Harrington, Etta Browning, Rosetta Webb, Grace Hazelton, Nora Phillips, Jennie Hansen, Marie Shinn, Anna F. Randolph, N. Machado, Anna Ashbaugh, Josie Culbertson, K. Smith and Miss Alta Guss.

LTL

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Correlated Legion at Dinuba; Mrs. Annie Cheek, leader.

These last two are from Tulare-Kings. Tulare-Kings has seven LTL's.

Some fine work was done in this state this past year, the children instructed and pledges signed. But no dues were collected. As only dues-paying members can be counted as members, no LTL credit can be taken by local, county, or state. This is a shame, isn't it? We are very glad to have LTL material used whenever and wherever possible. But why not go a step farther, and give the children the privilege of belonging to the LTL? For only ten cents a year, they become members of local, county, state, and national LTL!

<p align="center">Union of the Month Oak Park</p> <p>Dues collected—91 New members—22 Budget paid in full Stevens Fund paid Willard Fund paid Mile of Quarters paid in full Light Line Union Hospitality Fund paid Roll Call Union Hold Fast Union Fruitful Union LTL dues paid—15</p>

Teacher Helps

- Annotated Reference List for Study of Alcohol and Other Narcotics
- Suggestions for Correlating the Study of Narcotics with Regular School Subjects
 - 65 cents per 100, 35 cents per 50, 2 cents each.
- Scientific Answers to Three Alcohol Questions
 - \$1.25 per 100, 65 cents per 50, 3 cents each.
- Why Alcoholic Beverages?
- Repeal—and School Attendance
- Guide to Evaluation of Motion Pictures
- Shall We Teach "Moderation"?
 - 35 cents per 100, 20 cents per 50, 2 cents each.
- Shall I Become a Drinker?
- Shall I Become a Smoker?
- Nicotine Knockout
 - 2 cents each, 1 cent each for 25 or more, plus carriage.
- Please—Don't Smoke
- A Doctor's Advice About Smoking
 - 65 cents per 100, 35 cents per 50, 2 cents each.
- National WCTU Publishing House
Evanston, Illinois
- or order from
WCTU of California
1815 Telegraph Ave., Oakland 12
- And be sure to include "Study Course in Alcohol Education for Elementary Grades," by Ahlida G. Ballagh, 10 cents each.

Youth Temperance Council

Mrs. JEWELL OWENS

General Secretary

451 San Pablo Ave., Fresno 3

Did you ever have a VISION, an unusual discernment or foresight? All who attended the YTC Summer Conference at San Anselmo truly felt that the vision they received of a far-reaching youth organization can be real, not visionary, if we can get more and more people to know the value of Christian youth banded together to expose America's greatest menace, beverage alcohol.

To EXPOSE, perhaps is the greatest action program youth are capable of promoting, since many are not yet voters. To EXPOSE the false advertising youth are preparing to go out with counter-talks based on facts learned in study courses and latest data on "what's goin' on in the world." Every council will want to enter into this campaign. By learning the facts of the nature and effects of beverage alcohol they can expose how false the appeal and inferences are that it will give "charm" and "distinction." More about our state counter-advertising project will be given in next month's column.

At the San Anselmo Conference, July 22-24, every moment was filled with a purpose. Oh, yes, we had good times also and more than ever felt that our slogan, "A good time with a purpose," will give joy as well as develop young people for Christian service. Our conference dean, Lauren West, was an inspiration to all and contributed in directing enthusiastic singspirations, devotions, classes and recreation. Dedicated talents were very evident as he and Miss Elizabeth Wetzler sang a duet when the youth presented a special program for the WCTU workshop which was also in session on the Seminary campus.

Tryon Richards, another young minister, was most indispensable to the conference. As an organist and pianist he is exceptionally fine. His organ numbers were marvelous. He also filled in many places, bringing devotionals, an address, and served as dean of boys. He shared with them in setting up a dormitory in the gym. The boys had much fun with access to basketball and showers and were glad that there was an overflow in the other dormitories.

Miss Ahlida Ballagh was greatly appreciated by our conference leaders and young people. Several adult youth leaders in attendance were so inspired they have determined to prepare themselves and others to present this alcohol education as given by Miss Ballagh to all young people's conferences next summer. Many YTC delegates are planning to go back to their own communities and send out deputation teams.

Guess how many denominations were represented among the forty-one youth

and youth leaders in attendance! Thirteen! They came from twelve different localities in Northern California. An unusual group, many from smaller communions but outstanding and understanding. Look at the list—Church of the Brethren, United Presbyterian, Seventh-day Adventist, Advent Christian, Christian, Baptist, Methodist, Free Methodist, Nazarene, Reformed Presbyterian, Assembly of God, Episcopal, and Latter Day Saints. Youth Temperance Council is the only interdenominational organization that unites youth of all churches and races in a Christian Action Program dealing with alcohol and other narcotics. Two lovely girls from the Mexican Methodist Church of Stockton were present with their YTC sponsor, Mrs. Mary Harrington. We have another Mexican YTC at Selma, sponsored by Mrs. Mary Lopez.

Mrs. Ida A. Stine, our state WCTU president, brought interesting echoes of the World's Convention that she recently attended. Delores Stoudenmire gave two beautiful readings. Impressive devotions were given by June Rothe and Mrs. John Porter. Ross Thompson spoke on liquor advertising and counter advertising. Solos were sung by Alice Sams, Marjie Hintz and Elizabeth Metzler. A musical reading was given by our state president, Harold Ruppert, with Sylvia Ruppert as accompanist. The Rupperts and college friends, Mr. and Mrs. Jamerson, responded to the call for an impromptu quartet. Mrs. Viola Eldon was dean of girls and a very capable assistant to your general Secretary. She did everything from making speeches to being chauffeur for a borrowed car filled with youth delegates.

Recreation and good times included a trip to the Golden Gate bridge—with a breezy walk half way across and a picnic lunch at Muir Woods the closing day. The YTCers appreciated the invitation to see the WCTU performance on their "Fun Night." They are still retelling and laughing about the "painful operation." Thus proving that youth and adults can fellowship together and together undertake to "safeguard our Nation" by saving the youth from the clutching power of the liquor forces.

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Loyal Temperance Legion

Mrs. MAY BROWN

General Secretary

Earlimart, Calif.

WCTU Members, DO YOU BELIEVE IN THE LTL?

At the date of this writing, four bi-counties and four counties in California North have *not reported a single LTL*. They have not even reported one Friendship member.

We are starting a new year. (If we conform with National, our LTL year starts in September.) Please make this resolution at the beginning of this LTL year: "Resolved, my Union shall be represented in LTL work this coming year, by an active LTL, or by Friendship members."

The national goal for this year is the same as last: 20% increase in LTL membership in each local, county, district, and state. Let's do our share!

The LTL is the child of the WCTU. If you have an LTL, please encourage your leader, and help her by your prayers and by financing her work. If you do not have an LTL, why not make this your special project for the year? Please do not wait for the spring youth meeting. Talk LTL at your first meeting.

Please report each new Legion to me as soon as it is organized. Each leader is entitled to monthly bulletins from the national office. And each year leaders fail to get this and other helps because the general secretary does not know about their LTL's until the end of the year.

LTL Leaders: You should have your report blanks by now. Please fill them out as soon as possible, and mail one to me, and one to your county LTL secretary, if you have one. Keep one for your own files.

This coming year, the program for the LTL meetings will *not* be printed in *The Young Crusader*. Instead, they are printed in a new sixteen-page pamphlet, entitled, "LTL Program Starters," which you may get from headquarters now for fifteen cents a copy.

A leaflet, "Calendar for Loyal Temperance Legion," has been mailed to each leader whose name is on the "mailing list." If you have not received your copy, please notify me.

1948 program theme for LTL secretaries: "Safeguard children." Bible Guide: Luke 18:16.

New Legions

Sending in dues, from Stanislaus-Merced—Modesto and Turlock; leaders' names not given.

Vacation Legion at Lindsay; Mrs. Martha Dressel, leader. Mrs. Dressel had two little granddaughters visiting her this summer, and saw her opportunity, and seized it.

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WHITE RIBBON ENSIGN

In the name of our God, we will set up our banners

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GIFT OF MRS. DAVID STARR JORDAN



MRS. IDA A. STINE
State President
will give her annual address
Monday evening, October 6



MRS. D. LEIGH COLVIN
National President
will be the featured speaker
Tuesday evening, October 7

STATE CONVENTION

October 6-9, 1947

Glide Memorial Church, Ellis and Taylor Streets

San Francisco

Wednesday Evening: Claude A. Shull, San Francisco Junior College

Thursday Evening: Banquet at Hotel Bellevue; speaker: Rev. Henry Croes

Wednesday Morning: Department Conferences

There will be other speakers, special music, special numbers by the
County Presidents and State Directors.

330 Serra
Stanford University
Palo Alto, Cal.

State President's Letter

Dear Co-Workers:

Our State Convention at the Glide Memorial Methodist Church of San Francisco, October 6 to 9, will be under way soon after you receive this ENSIGN. We are looking forward to seeing you there, even though it may not be possible for you to stay for all the sessions. Our National President, Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, will be guest of honor, and you will want to hear her address on Tuesday evening, as well as other interesting speakers. Thursday evening will be the banquet at the Bellevue Hotel, with Rev. Henry Croes, former YTC state president, bringing the message. We trust that you have already made reservations for a hotel room and for the banquet.

Local Rights Campaign

The Local Rights Campaign, which was to have begun in September, has been delayed, perhaps for several months. Our organization voted to cooperate with other temperance forces in putting this over, so we urge you to be ready to circulate the petitions when they are ready. Further information will be given in the November ENSIGN.

Capper Hearing Reports

We have finally received the pamphlets printed by the government on the *Capper Bill Hearing*, and they may be secured from headquarters for 25c each. Many of you will wish to have the report of this interesting hearing, with speeches by Dr. and Mrs. Colvin, Rev. Sam Morris, Clinton Howard, Bishop Hammaker, and other important personalities.

Letters of Thanks

We are asked to send letters of thanks to Senator William Langer of North Dakota, who inserted Mrs. Colvin's address on "The Present Liquor Situation" in the *Congressional Record* of July 7; to Rep. Walter H. Judd, who successfully piloted through the House H.R. 1179 to provide \$5,000 toward the expenses of the World's WCTU convention; to Senator Arthur Capper, who reported H.R. 1179 out for the Senate Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce and who unsuccessfully tried to get it through the Senate; and to Senator Edwin C. Johnson of Colorado, who tried to persuade Senator J. Howard McGrath to withdraw his objection to it, and also tried unsuccessfully to get it through the Senate before adjournment.

Mrs. Colvin Honored

Our National President, Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws (LL.D.) at the summer convocation of Wheaton College, Friday afternoon, August 15.

Dr. V. Raymond Edman, president of the College, conferred the degree at the ceremonies which were part of the commencement exercises for summer school students.

Wheaton College is Mrs. Colvin's alma mater. This is her second honorary degree of LL.D., the first being conferred upon her last year at Houghton College, Houghton, New York.

The Most Christian Spot

It was reported in the *Union Signal* that Dr. Henry P. Van Dusen, president of Union Theological Seminary, recently startled a Toronto congregation by telling them that the most thoroughly Christian spot in the world is the Fiji Islands. Although a century ago the Fijis well merited their reputation as the home of savage cannibals, today the islands are, according to Dr. Van Dusen, 99 per cent Christian. Unlike the United States, the Fijis are, he said, "Free from the influence of the movies, radio, liquor and prostitution."

Perfume Instead of Champagne

According to the *New York Herald* of July 26, Mrs. James A. Farley smashed a bottle of perfume over the giant cruiser, America, of the Colonial Airlines, in the christening ceremonies, before it left on a special flight from La Guardia field to Bermuda. She was a passenger on this flight, and used the bottle of Bermuda lily perfume in place of the traditional champagne. On August 1, daily flights to the island began.

Song of the West

Jack Barron, Director of Public Relations of Independent Artists Productions, reports their first production, "Song of the West," has been released. This story is a musical western, modern in its treatment, features teen-agers with teen-age band, makes the law a friend to youngsters—unlike average movie, has no drinking or vulgarity scenes; religion is a part of the story without being overdone; home life is warmly emphasized; reveals how youth properly brought up can be very happy with small financial allowance; glorifies honesty and faithfulness in youngsters; glorifies F.B.I. and the law in a subtle manner; gangsters are de-glamourized as per J. Edgar Hoover's request; and it has a happy ending, according to Mr. Barron. He says, "Please feel that our company is interested in your demands for the right type of pictures and welcomes your ideas as well as your support in assisting us by spreading the word to those who are interested, so that they too may become aware of our effort to serve good, decent entertainment for the welfare of our country. Later on, we intend to really do something in a uniform manner to benefit our youth. Any activity or news items that show real sincerity by your organization or friends will be appreciated by us."

Liquor Banned in Knights of Columbus

Archbishop Richard J. Cushing, of Boston, urged the delegates at a meeting of the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus, to resist attempted changes in their constitutional

prohibitions against liquor. Their constitution denies membership to any person engaged in the manufacture, sale, or handling of intoxicating liquors and forbids sale or use of liquor on the council premises. At nearly every national convention in recent years resolutions have been entered to relax this statute.

Queen Reads Her Bible Daily

According to the *War Cry* Queen Elizabeth reads the Bible every day and "knows from experience" how helpful this practice can be.

The queen herself made this revelation when she addressed a crowded meeting at Central Hall, Westminster, commemorating the silver jubilee of the Bible Reading Fellowship.

In her speech, the queen, who has been a member of the Bible Fellowship for many years, said:

"These are challenging days in the history of the world. A new era is struggling to be born. Our nation and empire is called to give its moral leadership to the world, and can only do this if it is true to its Christian tradition."

The meeting was presided over by Dr. Geoffrey Francis Fisher, Archbishop of Canterbury.

Annual Reports

If you have not already sent in your annual report to headquarters, please do so at once, so Mrs. Reum can get necessary material together for the Year Book. Be sure to give the correct names and addresses of your officers, and list the members lost through death.

We thank you most sincerely for your splendid cooperation throughout the year, for the new members obtained, for the financial aid given, and for the many plans that have been carried out with your help.

May the Lord bless you all in His service through another year.

Sincerely yours,
IDA A. STINE.

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MRS. MAY BIRCH, president of Bi-County Tehama Glenn for about twenty-five years, fell in the yard of her son's home August 26 and broke her hip. For some time she was unconscious and very weak, but our latest report (dated Sept. 12) says that she is a little better and has been up in a wheel chair a short time each day. Mrs. Birch has given much time and work to our cause in which she has always been much interested even since she ceased active work. Her many friends wish for her a speedy recovery.

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Right after the fourth child in a year had been stricken down in Greeley, Colorado, by a drunken driver, the following advertisement appeared in the local daily: "Get the Children Off the Street—The Man of Distinction is Driving."—*The White Ribboner* (Wash.)

The Lost Book

It is a startling fact that to many church members today the Bible, even though it still lies on our living-room table, is practically lost.

How do we lose our Bibles? One way is not to have on our daily program a time religiously set apart for the reading of the scriptures. We intend, of course, to read them, but day after day pressing engagements keep us from it, and the Bible evaporates from our minds and memories. Hence our children never lose the Bible, for they never came into possession of it.

We also lose our Bibles unless, as we come to look at life in a modern and scientific way, we have translated the scriptures into the thought forms of our own day, and thus discovered that they have a message to our immediate problems. The book of Jonah, for instance, needs to be studied until we can see that it is far more than a fish story, that it is a present-day, God-inspired rebuke to our narrow nationalism and to our failure to be interested in alien peoples whom our heavenly Father loves as much as He loves us.

To thousands the book of Nahum is utterly lost. They see in it only a lurid prophecy of the coming destruction of Nineveh. We get nothing from it until, by the prophet's confidence that the greatest enemy of mankind in his day would be destroyed, we are inspired to believe that in due time the great enemy of mankind in our day will be destroyed. Nahum becomes a living book when, for instance, we get from it courage to believe that King Alcohol will be dethroned. . . .

When they read the law to young King Josiah he began to tear down the idols. . . . But the reform under Josiah was too largely negative, and a bad reaction soon set in. When we cast out idols, men will build them up again unless they have in place of the idols the worship of Him of whom Jesus Christ is the supreme revelation, for He fascinates, inspires, holds, and is not only the author but the finisher of our faith.

The trouble with our prohibition of the liquor traffic was that we did not provide spiritual substitutes for the exhilaration of alcohol. We failed to make our Christian gatherings places like those which Paul had in mind when he said, Be not drunken with wine, but be filled with the Spirit; in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord.—ROLLIN H. WALKER, in *The Christian Advocate*.

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Whoever first brewed beer has prepared a pest for Germany. I have prayed to God that He would destroy the whole brewing industry.—Martin Luther.

Union of the Month

Fresno Central

Held all regular meetings
 Dues collected 112
 New members 27
 Honorary members 6
 Budget paid in full
 Stevens Fund paid
 Willard Fund paid
 Roll Call observed
 Fruitful Union
 Double Light Line
 \$10 Christmas gift to Africa
 \$2 to Chinese Relief
 YTC Dues paid 25
 \$20 paid for YTC work at San Anselmo
 LTL Dues paid 40
 Refreshments each meeting
 Continuous increase in attendance at regular meetings
 Active member of Fresno Council of Church Women and Fresno Council of Churches
 Prepared Education Kit for Fresno Council of Church Women
 Supplied speakers for 23 pulpits and 20 SS Assemblies and Missionary societies
 Had 17 periods on alcohol and tobacco at Daily Vacation Bible Schools
 Circulated and sent in petitions
 Sent letters to legislators
 Showed Mrs. Bratton and her pictures twice
 Taxied Miss Ballagh to schools of community
 Had Baby Shower for Mary Lopez
 19 points on Standard of Efficiency

What We Did Not Repeal

We repealed Prohibition.

But we did not repeal the heartaches and the despair that are in legalized liquor.

We did not repeal the crime and lawlessness that beer and whisky always produce.

We did not repeal the habit forming drug and enshackling power of alcohol.

We did not repeal the law that passes on to the next generation the terrible physical effects of drinking by potential fathers and mothers.

We did not repeal the fact that liquor unleashes one's moral sense, so that immorality and fast living result.

We did not repeal the unsteadiness and lack of judgment that liquor engenders, which produce accidents, injury and death.

We did not repeal the fact that liquor steals a man's brains, lessens his efficiency, and lowers his income-producing powers.

We did not repeal the fact the legalized liquor once filled our hospitals with delirium tremens cases; our Keeley cures with human beings who had lost their powers of self-control; and our insane asylums with raving maniacs. Nor did we repeal the certainty that it would do so again.

We did not repeal the law that says the drunkard cannot inherit the kingdom of God.

(The above in leaflet form is available at 20 cents per hundred. Order a good supply for general distribution from WCTU of California, 1815 Telegraph Ave., Oakland.)

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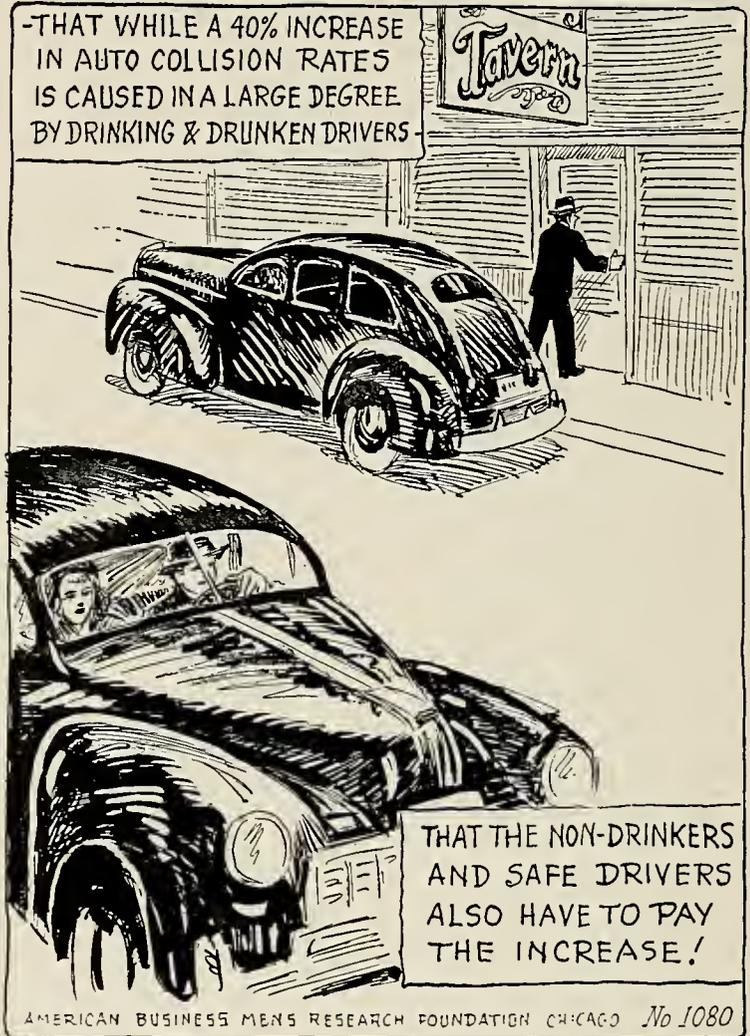
News items, obituaries and other manuscripts for publication should be sent to state headquarters and must reach there before the fifteenth of the month preceding publication.

Radio KFRE

Alternate Saturdays beginning October 4
"Tell Your Neighbors" about this fine educational broadcast by our own Mrs. Johanna Meyers. Mrs. Meyers has been broadcasting for the WCTU for ten years and has done an outstanding piece of work. If this station is "on your dial" write and tell them that you appreciate the opportunity to hear the alcohol education broadcasts. V.R.

"IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE"

-THAT WHILE A 40% INCREASE IN AUTO COLLISION RATES IS CAUSED IN A LARGE DEGREE BY DRINKING & DRUNKEN DRIVERS



THAT THE NON-DRINKERS AND SAFE DRIVERS ALSO HAVE TO PAY THE INCREASE!

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High Lights From Your Reports

(In the order received)

First local president to return her filled-out report blank was Mrs. Martha Wanzer of Los Gatos, second was Mrs. Ida Benson of Anna Gordon Union, Modesto. First to report interesting accomplishments was Mrs. Margaret Jones of Mill Valley, who wrote, "The outstanding achievement of the year was our quick action against the granting of a license to sell liquor at the Municipal Country Club of Mill Valley. Letters of protest were sent to the Board of Equalization and to the Councilmen of Mill Valley. The license was not granted."

Mrs. Jennie L. Hansen, Martha Sutliff Union of Palo Alto, writes that her union "did outstanding work in the Flower Mission Department." She gives credit to "Brother Daniel Spiese, pastor of the Pentecostal Church, for urging his congregation to join our Union." "Many letters of protest against the

liquor bills were sent in by different members." "We hope to have a leader for the LTL next year and ask that you remember us in your prayers."

Mrs. Luella Harrison, Melrose Centenary of Oakland, reports a Vacation LTL of two weeks, literature passed to High School students, the *Young Crusader* placed in public library, had a part in the Jennie Cassidy flower mission and paid five dollars for Missionary use in China.

Mrs. Viola Eldon, Fresno Central, sent such a good report that you will find it as the "Union of the Month" so will not repeat here.

Mrs. Lottie B. Neale, Anna Gordon San Francisco, writes that they have six departments functioning, held hospitality tea, gave \$10 for State Convention, paid budget in full, is a 5 times Light Line. Working on Scrapbooks.

State Treasurer's Letter

Dear Comrades:

To the County and Local treasurers I extend my thanks and appreciation for the fine spirit of cooperation and good work done this year. This letter is written two weeks before our year closes so I cannot report the extent of our success but I am hoping it will exceed that of last year. Reports will be in the November ENSIGN and in the meantime we turn to the opening of another year on October 1. Our first important task is to make plans for November Roll Call. Make a great event of it, plan for success one hundred per cent. Contact every present member in some way by calling, writing, or by telephone, do not overlook anyone, ask for help and collect from every living, resident member. Some unions have members in other towns, contact these too. This will clear the way to begin the National Membership Program for 1948 which our State Membership chairman will tell us about. Read her column in the ENSIGN and be ready to do our share.

The budget is our next concern. I do not know what the quota will be until the Budget Committee meets at State convention and the outcome of our membership drive is considered in this year's success of the \$1.00 budget. But whatever the decision, let us make plans for early payment, then we are ready for the special funds, Willard Memorial, etc.

Our Education Fund should be carried on as this is one of our most important objects to "let the people know" what "alcohol is and what it does." Even though you may have completed your quota on the "Mile of Quarters" further gifts will be appreciated. Some unions have doubled their quota.

"Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for the good work."



"If You Drink Don't Walk"

In the August issue of the *Green Cross Circle*, published by the Eastbay chapter of the National Safety Council, Captain Lester J. Divine of the Oakland police, makes a thought-provoking statement. He says, "A summary of auto-pedestrian accidents during 1946 proved that in far too many instances it was the pedestrian who was responsible for the accident. In 23 per cent of the accidents caused by pedestrians the pedestrian had been drinking. This seems to contradict the old saying that 'Merciful providence takes care of a drunk or a fool.' It also indicates that those who drink and will not drive certainly should not attempt to walk. A taxi in this city is easily procured."

Standings of Unions

Budget paid in full: Lora La Mance, Reedley, Stockton, Willow Glen, Dinuba, Willits, Ripon, Oroville, Kingsburg, Orosi, Orland, Hughson, Hamilton Square, Martinez, Oak Park, Madera, Ceres, Empire, Strathmore, Morgan Hill, Ukiah, Shattuck Avenue, Sanger, Mexican (Selma), Willows, Exeter, Visalia-Woodlake, Frances Willard (S.F.), Friendship, Selma, Marin, Lakeport, Lodi, Anna Gordon (Modesto), Keyes, Merced, Oakdale, Riverbank, Chico, Clipper Gap-Auburn, Fruitvale, Boulder Creek, Winters, Pixley-Earlimart, Carrie A. Gladding, Pacific Grove, Davis, Greenfield, Watsonville, Lathrop, Palo Alto, Soquel, Salinas, Elk Grove, Citrus Heights, Fresno Central, Sunset, Waterford, Yuba City, Dorcas Spencer, Wood Colony, Corralitos, Mill Valley, Sebastopol, Ferndale, Angwin, Fort Bragg, Paradise, Modesto, Berkeley, South Berkeley, Red Bluff, Corning, Richmond, Anna Beal, Martha Sutliff, Vera Corlew, Santa Cruz, Napa, Lindsay, Hanford, Tulare, Woodland, Roseville, Hilmar, Turlock, Oakland, Sacramento, Porterville, Della Hill, Los Gatos, San Jose, East Santa Cruz, Frances Willard (Vallejo).

Paid three-fourths: Melrose, Pittsburg, East Oakland, Fowler, Anna Gordon (S.F.), Santa Rosa, Rockridge (Oakland).

Paid one-half: Prescott, Gridley, Ione, Addie G. Estes.

Paid one-fourth: Parlier.



Rock of Ages Women

San Jose: Mrs. Lucia P. Smith.

Second Mile Women

Tulare: Mrs. Elizabeth Alexander, Mrs. Minnie Crossley, Mrs. Josephine Dayhoff, Miss Myrtle Lake, Mrs. Belle Nickolds, Mrs. Agnes Towne, Mrs. Ella Stiles, Mrs. Artie Staton.

Pacific Grove: Miss Olive Kridler, Mrs. Josephine Terhune.



Mile of Quarters Campaign

Quotas Completed

Red Bluff—11 feet 4 inches
Martha Sutliff—11 feet four inches
Boulder Creek—9 feet 2 inches

Unions Increasing Mileage

Oakland—24 feet 8 inches
Pacific Grove—22 feet 8 inches
Oakdale—8 feet 5 inches
Paradise—1 foot 4 inches



The Oakland Union had its regular August meeting with Miss Augusta Atterburg, celebrating her 87th birthday. A former missionary and long an active member of WCTU, she gave marvelous devotions during her active years. Failing eyesight prevents her attending the meetings now but she retains her interest in the work.

In Memoriam

"So she fell asleep in Jesus. She had played long enough in this game of life, and at last had felt the approach of death. She was tired out, and she laid her head back on the bosom of the Christ, and quietly fell asleep"—H. W. Beecher.

Within the past few weeks Salinas union has lost two more of its beloved members, in the passing of Mrs. Mae Lacey and Mrs. Rose Whalian. Mrs. Lacey was a lifelong member of the Methodist church and a pioneer member of the local WCTU. Mrs. Whalian, also a lifelong Methodist, was a veteran temperance crusader and active member of the local union. Both women were vitally interested in all things of uplift in our community and were especially loyal to the temperance cause. We revere their memory.—Mrs. S. Vollmer.

Sadly we record that Mrs. Edna Gaw, president of Fruitvale Union, Oakland, recently passed on in her old home surroundings in Kansas City, Missouri. During her two years in California she had become an outstanding leader in the local church and had just closed a successful year as president of the Union. She left on a visit and business trip to her old home, preliminary to setting up her residence among us; but she was stricken en route and remained in the hospital the intervening weeks until her release. How we miss her.—Louise J. Taft.

Mrs. Myrtle A. Alley, 72, Madera county resident since 1889, died Sept. 1, following a short illness. Born in Springfield, Illinois, she came to this county with her parents, the late Rev. and Mrs. Willy Knoles, moving to Madera when she married the late Mack Alley. She was a member of the Christian church for the last 50 years, joined our union in 1944 and has been a very faithful attendant. She attended the last meeting June 17.—Eleanor Wright.



Dates to Remember

Oct. 6-9. State Convention, San Francisco
Oct. 17. Tulare-Kings, Bi-county convention at Earlimart
Oct. 26-Nov. 2. National YTC Week.



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THE YOUNG CRUSADER
Evanston, Illinois

Growing Old

by Caroline Humphrey

"How does it feel to be old?" some youngster might ask;

"How does it feel to have finished life's task?"

I wouldn't know—would you?

How many decades is old—how many score?

When should we cease striving to grow and learn more?

I wouldn't know—would you?

Some fear old age with its lessening powers

As drearily filled with idle hours;

But I wouldn't know—would you?

Is there ever a time in your life or mine When we should do nothing but sit and repine?

I wouldn't think so—would you?

Are there compensations for the marks the years make?

Do they give you something for the toll that they take?

I think they do—don't you?

Aren't wisdom and patience and friends, tried and true,

Gifts only years give to me and you?

I think they are—don't you?

If we use every talent God gives in His way,

He'll bless every effort and give us some play,

I feel sure—don't you?

This morning I heard my radio say "Don't duck a birthday—it isn't fair play."

I agree—don't you?

So—How does it feel to be old? You may ask;

How does it feel to have finished one's task?

I wouldn't know; would you?

—Originally printed in
Hanford Daily Sentinel.

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Judge Beauchamp Says:

We hear much of juvenile delinquency, and I grant you that there are factors, more than one, which contribute to this situation. Mothers are still engaged in business activities, and are away from their children more than formerly. Still, I am persuaded that if you will take the cocktail parties out of the homes we can begin to solve the juvenile situation. So long as mother and dad are engaged in such activities, with the children running loose on the streets, I do not know what may be done about it. Sober parents, and they alone, may give to the child the essential training.

Slurs so often cast at the prohibition days before repeal, through the press and over the radio, are pure propaganda without foundation in fact. Resort to the records of all the courts will verify the fact that there is far more crime today than during prohibition days.

An amazingly large per cent of the heinous crimes of all character that

come to the Court of Criminal Appeals begin with, pass through, or end at some whisky or beer drinking place. Establishments usually referred to as "honky tonks" are the most frequent of all business places to appear in the criminal records. It is a rare occurrence when crime may be attributed to any other business than those engaged in selling intoxicating drinks.—Tom L. Beauchamp, Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals of Texas, in *The Texas White Ribbon*.

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Even though you are on the right track, you will be run over if you just sit there.—*The War Cry*.

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"The latest claim in regard to alcoholism is that it is a disease; but those who make the claim fail to state that it is self-inflicted. Why not check the disease by warning the public that the disease is preventable and that total abstinence is the only real preventive?"—Ella A. Boole.

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Solving the Problem

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union came into being through the heartbreaks, tears and prayers of women whose loved ones were drunkards. Through the long years of her activities, she has undauntedly labored for the protection of the home, and the abolition of the liquor traffic.

Her pledge today, as through the ages, remains unchanged. Liquor publicity is stressing moderation—moderation is foreign to the teachings and precepts of the WCTU. There is no such thing as moderation, the moderate drinker today is the potential drunkard of tomorrow. The only safeguard against the subtleness of beverage alcohol is total abstinence. We must educate against the evils of alcoholic beverages. We must let the people know what alcohol is and what it does, that it is a poison, a narcotic, a habit-forming drug. We must legislate, we must agitate. Education alone will not solve the problem. Prohibition alone will not solve the problem. Legislation will not solve the problem. Prayer, walking with God (religion) is the dominant factor in solving the problem.—Cora McAdory, in *The Alabama White Ribbon*.

A Model WCTU

If all the members were just like me
What kind of a union would our union be?

How much in the treasury would there be

If all the members paid—just like me?

If they were as enthusiastic as I

Would our union thrive—or would it die?

If each member prayed, just like me,

How much praying would there be?

If they read the *Signal* just like me

How well informed would our union be?

If they studied the Yearbook just like me

How well conducted would our meetings be?

If they attended meetings, just like me

What kind of meetings would there be?

If they wore the white ribbon just like me

How many ribbons would you see?

If they all co-operated just like me

How much "hanging back" would there be?

How soon would the end of our union be

If the members acted—just like me?

—Emma L. Mead and A.C.W.
in the *Virginia Call*.

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Are You a Christian Citizen?

What do you think is the first requisite of good citizenship? Obedience to the law? Someone has said that it would be impossible to obey all the laws which affect our lives, that obeying one would mean disobeying another. But I have never seen proof of the statement. Let's try to be obedient anyway. For instance do you EVER put writing (either handwriting or typewriting) in a parcel or unsealed envelope and then pay only third or fourth class postage on it? All writing is first class and requires the highest rate of postage. Mimeographed material comes under a different classification, being produced in quantity it is not considered a personal communication. One of our members asked me to remind you of these things. I am always glad of suggestions from any member who has an idea of what would be good material for the ENSIGN.—VR.

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If you want to stop juvenile delinquency consider its source. Protest beer ads over the radio. Protest drinking and lax morals in the movies. Back up the post office department in its drive on vicious magazines. Work for H.R.2082.—*The W.C.T.U. Champion*, Iowa.

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FLASH: Our state recording secretary, Mrs. May Viau, fell and broke several ribs. Her condition has been critical but she is improving as we go to press.



Membership

New Members to date	854
New Members for August	42
Workers for August	12
Watchers to date	18
Winners to date	5

NELLIE MILLER—Chairman

We are now at the threshold of the new WCTU year. The past year has been successful, but we could make the coming year far better if all would work as some have. During the past year, less than 4% of our women brought in new members. Don't you think we could do better than that? Don't you think the other 96% of us should get busy and each secure at least one new member? We claim to be very zealous for the success of our organization and its endeavors, and yet we do nothing about new members while new members are so very important if our work is to be effective.

Eighteen of our women have secured more than five new members during the past year and five of these have obtained more than ten, so it is a proven fact that we can get new members if we will. I should like to urge every one of you to resolve, at this beginning of the fiscal year, to bring in at least one new member before this year closes. What a wonderful increase in membership we would have and what a great help it would be in promoting our work. Will you try it?

Remember National Membership Enrollment Week, November 12-19, 1947, when every member is asked to bring in one new member. This organized drive for members will be a splendid time for each of us to carry out the resolution which I asked of you in the preceding paragraph. I trust that each of you will cooperate to the fullest in this campaign so that California (North) will not be ashamed of the report which must go to National.

Some of our women are still working, and to them I say a hearty "Thank you." Mrs. Effie Morgan of Red Bluff has 7 new members reported last month and Mrs. Rosetta Webb of Santa Rosa, who had 10 new members last month, now has 12.

So far only four women, aside from our State Evangel who will receive the white Bible, are eligible to receive a white ribbon pin at State Convention. I sincerely hope that some of you who have already secured several new members will have enough more by the last of September to make ten to your credit which will make you one who will be given a white ribbon pin.

The blessing of God be upon every one of you.

The workers for August were: Mesdames Sadie Lillie, M. H. Jensen, Bertha Stienbach, Effie Morgan, H. Harman, J. R. Veloske, Viola Eldon, Fred Warren, Anna Nelson, Alice Baxley, Rosetta Webb, and Clyde Johnson.

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Has your annual report been sent to state headquarters? Hurry!

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The State Convention

The State Convention will be held October 6-9 at Glide Memorial Methodist Church in the heart of the medium-priced hotel district of San Francisco. We are most happy to report that within three blocks of the church there are enough hotels, without bars, to house all who come to the convention. But please send your reservation early. Send direct to the hotel, stating whether you wish single or double room and for which nights you will want it. Enclose check for one night.

HEADQUARTERS will be the HOTEL CALIFORNIAN, Taylor and O'Farrell Streets. Double rooms are available at \$6.00 per room. This is one block from the church.

COLUMBIA HOTEL

Taylor and O'Farrell Streets
(One block from church)
Single rooms without bath \$1.50, \$2
Double rooms without bath \$2.50, \$3
Double with bath \$3.50
Same with twin beds \$4

MARYLAND HOTEL

Taylor and Geary Streets
(Two blocks from church)
All rooms with bath
Single \$2.50
Double \$3.50, \$4, \$4.50

CASA NOVA HOTEL

354 O'Farrell Street
(Two blocks from church)
All rooms with bath
Singles \$3
Doubles \$3.50
Twin beds \$4 and \$5
Three people in room with two beds \$6.50

YORK HOTEL

Geary and Jones Streets
(Three blocks from church)
All rooms with bath
Singles \$3, \$3.50
Doubles \$3.50, \$4
Twin beds \$4, \$5

Jobbernowl

(JOBBERNOWL is the heading of a column in the *New York Temperance Work*, official organ of the New York WCTU. It is filled with timely thoughts and with asterisks. The September column seems well worth copying.)

"Jobbernowl has learned that she used a naughty word** has used it all her life** and her father taught it to her** Shocking!** Mrs. Boole has used it many years** Mrs. Colvin says it everywhere she goes** Miss Estelle says it** lots of other good people say it** Jobbernowl hopes that more and more people will learn to use it until it becomes very popular** Would you like to know what this naughty word is? ** Clinton N. Howard in his address at the World Convention said that he heard a man** dry in principle and practice** talk to an audience of dry people** he used every word he could think of to try and express the meaning of this word** finally came to the point where he had to say 'Prohibition** then** apologetically** said, 'There! I have said the naughty word** It is a good word to be used against an evil ** God used it** If you do not believe it, take your Bible and count the number of times He said 'Thou shalt not** When He said it He meant Prohibition** When He said 'Thou shalt not steal** He didn't say 'you can steal moderately** 'don't steal too much** 'know when you have taken enough** He didn't say 'commit adultery a few times and then stop** nor 'Be temperate in killing** God didn't talk such nonsense to Moses nor to anyone else ** Prohibition is God's way of dealing with an evil** Jesus said, 'Every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire** Don't say, 'cut off a little** 'control it' 'restrict it** but cut it down and burn it.** You may have a tree near your house** if you know that tree is rotten and that the tree may fall during a wind storm, what do you do? ** If you are sensible you don't cut off some of the limbs so it will not damage your house quite so much** you cut it down** you destroy it** If you know that there are typhoid germs in your milk, do you tell your children not to drink too much? ** Not if you care for them,** you say, 'Thou shalt not** you destroy the milk ** Does the state give the farmer a license to sell impure milk for revenue? ** No** it doesn't believe in getting a revenue from poisoned milk, yet it permits other poisoned drink to be sold ** Most of the people believe in prohibiting nearly every evil under the sun except the liquor traffic. Why not that evil? ** That is God's way and God's way is the only way** No** 'Prohibition' is not a naughty word** It is a good word and an effective weapon, says Jobbernowl."

Youth Temperance Council

MRS. JEWELL OWENS
General Secretary

451 San Pablo Ave., Fresno 3

It's almost starting time. Remember the Cruise of the Good Ship YTC? We are eagerly looking forward to the starting date, October 1. That is the beginning of our new year and every council should plan to set sail not later than November 1. There will be a lot of fun and fellowship doing a project with other young people.

This cruise will also be educational. Your log book will reveal many interesting records and experiences if you follow the course mapped out for us by Miss Regina Moede our National General Secretary. So write her at National Headquarters, 1730 Chicago Ave., Evanston, Illinois and ask her for an itinerary map with designated stopovers. Send along fifty cents to cover the subscription charge for the monthly YTC Bulletin. These fine bulletins will bring you help and inspiration to your council.

October 26-November 2 is National YTC Week. Plan special activities for this week. Tell others about YTC and get many signed pledges. Then, when you have your November "Roll Call" meeting, these new members can pay dues as the old members pay theirs for the new year. The YTC bulletins for August and September furnish program ideas for YTC Week and the Cruise. Ask to have them sent to you when you subscribe.

The importance of our youth work will be emphasized and presented at the banquet on the closing night of the state WCTU convention to be held in San Francisco October 6-9. Young people who are free to go would enjoy the convention and they would be enjoyed by the women.

Henry Croes, a dynamic young minister of the First Baptist church of San Jose, will be the banquet speaker. He knows everything about YTC, having been Fresno's first president when organized nine years ago. Rev. Croes (Henry) contributed much in building a strong active council and setting up a pattern to which succeeding officers and leaders have tried to attain. Come and bring other young people to receive a great inspiration.

The state YTC executive board will meet this month immediately after the convention. Keep this tentative October 18-19 open until further notice.

Harold Ruppert, our state YTC president, has been called into ministerial work in Arcata, California near the Oregon line. He says that he will be too far away to serve as president next year but that he will continue to push YTC and organize wherever he is. Harold was graduated from the Pacific Union College last July. Although he had heavy college work, he gave generously of his time to YTC in state

work and local promotional activities at Angwin where he and co worker secured 500 YTC members. His consecrated, talented wife Sylvia will assist him in doing some missionary work among Indians in that area in addition to their other church responsibilities. We shall miss them very much. We are hoping and praying that the college will volunteer to send us young people to take their places.

Let us everyone assume our responsibilities and joyfully enter into plans that will make YTC a blessing to the youth of your community. Start your new year off with the "Cruise." Prepare now and be fully equipped when your Captain (president) says — A L L ABOARD.

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Mother's Letters

When the upward climb is hard
And life seems dull and gray
Then Mother's letter comes
To cheer me on my way.

If friends have been unkind
Or life doesn't seem quite fair,
She says, "You're doing right
So don't you even care."

When health seemed far away
I looked to her for cheer;
Her letter always said
"I'm praying for you, dear."

When nights were long and sleepless
I'd get out her letters then
And read them o'er and o'er
Till I could sleep again.

When strength seemed slow in coming
And nothing that I could do
She'd write "Be patient dear, and trust;
Strength will come back to you."

Through all the years I'll treasure
These letters, many and dear,
So full of hope and faith and trust
So full of love and cheer.

RUTH ANDERSON HEFFNER.

(The mother referred to is our own Mrs. Henri P. Anderson, who wrote the letters to her sick daughter when she herself was barely able to hold the pen. VR.)

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Runners Suggested for Church Bulletins

(Use any of the short paragraphs scattered through the pages of the ENSIGN.)

1. Shall a high-powered commercial traffic, interested only in profits, regiment our social lives?—Atty. Elizabeth A. Smart.

2. The Congress has been asked to investigate causes and results of the appalling rate of juvenile delinquency. One step in eliminating this national disgrace would be to stop the liquor traffic from glamorizing its wares over the radio.

Loyal Temperance Legion

MRS. MAY BROWN
General Secretary
Earlimart, California

Dear Co-Workers:

By the time you read this you will all have your new year well organized—we hope. That is to say, we hope that each LTL of the past year will be a continuing Legion. Every year a number of new LTL's are born; but, alas, almost as many die. Let's not have that happen this year.

Remember, the program of the LTL is flexible. If your work is too strenuous to permit you to lead an LTL through the fall, winter and spring months, why can't you have a vacation Legion in the summer months? Enlist the aid of older young people—members of YTC or your church group. Please try, in some way, to keep up your LTL this year. Let's work for 100 per cent continuing Legions.

Which county will be the first to report a new Legion this year? Which Union? Make your report directly to your state secretary, please, so that she may give you credit on her books, in this column, and also so that the leader may receive state and national helps.

How many first grades in your elementary schools? How many second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth? How many pupils enrolled in these grades? All are eligible to join the LTL. Also many from the 7th and 8th grades. So many children who need to know the value of a sober, Christian life, lived for others. Are you doing your part to help these children? What a joy it will be when the Loyal Temperance Legion is as thoroughly organized in the Woman's Christian Temperance Union as the Church School is in the Church!

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Mr. Robert Pritchard, National Chairman of Alcoholics Anonymous, is reported by the New Jersey *White Ribbon News* as saying that there are now more than 600,000 chronic women alcoholics in the United States and that one of every four confirmed drunks is a woman.

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Cancer

British scientist, Professor J. B. S. Haldane, declared the other day that research in the cause of cancer in the British Isles has revealed the fact that there is a definite relation between excessive drinking of alcohol and the disease.—*The White Ribbon*, New Zealand.

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For the Pastor's Bulletin

What this country needs is a revival of regard for law. It should be preached by parents in the home, by teachers in the schools, and by ministers in the pulpits.—*The National Voice*.

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In the name of our God, we will set up our banners

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November Roll Call

National President, Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, speaking at our state convention, reminded us that November Roll Call does NOT mean "calling the roll." It refers to good old-fashioned "calling" on the members. The committee should call on EVERY member of the union during the day or days set for "Roll Call."

Most practical way is to divide the "Roll," or membership list, according to locations so that each couple who is calling will have as small a territory to cover as possible. It is always best to go out two by two. Start out in the morning and return to a central place for lunch. Perhaps someone who is unable to call will volunteer to furnish lunch for those who do, or perhaps she will furnish a drink and each woman bring her own "pocket lunch."

After every member has been called on, the committee should meet again and report degree of success. If there are those who preferred not to pay, their names can be given to a different couple who may have better success. Remember every member who still lives in your community must have paid her dues before March 1, 1948, if you are to be a Holdfast Union. If she pays them in November, so much the better. When "every living resident member" has paid her dues, write "Holdfast" on your yellow slip when you send the dues to your county treasurer. New members do not "make up" for old ones who do not get dues in in time.

When calling on members you may pass the homes of those who have been members before or whom you think might become members. It will only take a few minutes to stop and ask them to join, thus combining the two tasks of getting old members paid up and getting new members to join. Let each Union make a real effort this year to carry out this plan as outlined by the National President, and so show our appreciation of her visit to us.—V. R.

MRS. D. LEIGH COLVIN
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State President's Letter

Dear Co-Workers:

The 66th Annual Convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of California North at the Glide Memorial Methodist Church of San Francisco, October 6 to 9, was an inspiration to all who attended, and we wish to express our appreciation to our San Francisco hostesses who so graciously entertained us, to all who had a part on the program, and to every one who had anything to do with making it the success that it was. There were 195 registered delegates and many visitors.

From the opening session on Monday evening, which was followed by a lovely reception by the hostess county, to the closing banquet on Thursday evening at the Bellevue Hotel, it was enjoyed by all who had the privilege of being there.

The devotional services, the seasons of testimony and prayer, and the altar service on Thursday afternoon, when scores of women re-dedicated themselves to the Lord, were reminders that WCTU members are among the most spiritual women of our churches, as has often been said.

We appreciated the presence of our National President, Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, who brought us an inspiring message on Tuesday evening, after which she raised \$1,685 in pledges and offerings from the audience for our work, which more than takes care of the balance due in our Mile of Quarters Campaign for Narcotic Education. Mrs. Colvin spoke to us several other times also, before leaving to attend the Nevada and Southern California state conventions. We sent greetings by her to these state meetings.

One of the high lights of the convention was the illuminating address by Professor Claude Shull of San Francisco Junior College on "Alcohol and the Adolescent," in which he depicted the present-day attitude of youth towards prohibition and their delusions in regard to the drinking of alcoholic beverages.

Other interesting speakers included Mrs. A. J. Gilliard, formerly of England, who told of the intense suffering in that great land; Rev. Gilbert Bellshaw, a chaplain at San Quentin, who spoke on "Alcohol and Crime" from first-hand knowledge; Rev. Henry Croes, who was guest speaker at the banquet and intrigued us with his address, "Why Do You Do?" and Viola Eldon, who in her inimitable way brought out the necessity of having brains, brawn and personality to have a successful local union.

Mr. Harold Wilson, Executive Secretary of the Northern California Temperance Federation, explained to us one afternoon the Local Rights Initia-

tive, which will require 400,000 signatures in order to qualify for the November 1948 ballot. We trust that many of you will offer to circulate the petitions when the campaign begins, then work even more zealously next fall to get voters to the polls to get this measure passed.

The Ministers' Hour under the direction of Dr. Hubert Landrum of Calvary Presbyterian Church, and with Dr. Julian C. McPheeters of the host church, Rev. E. LeRoy Abbott of Grace United, and Rev. Ray V. Pedrotti of Westminster Center speaking, was helpful and enjoyed by all.

The reports by the state directors and county and local presidents showed that a great deal of work has been done along many lines during the past year, but it was a disappointment to hear that we were unsuccessful in reaching our goal of a net gain of 600 members. Although 929 new members were taken into our unions, the net gain was only 25 for the year, because of the loss of so many of the old members. Because of the failure to get the necessary net gain, the budget committee recommended that the budget be returned to \$1.25 per member for this year.

The music at the convention was beautiful, and credit is due Mrs. Genevive Bentley, director of music, for this inspiring part of our meeting, and to those who so graciously favored us with their talents, both vocal and instrumental.

A telegram was ordered sent to Secretary of Agriculture Clinton Anderson, protesting his statement that "beer is considered a vital part of the nourishment of many working men," and urging that the use of grain for alcoholic beverages be discontinued during the present emergency. Won't you write your sentiments to him also, and suggest that there be liquorless days as well as meatless and poultryless days.

Mrs. May Viau, recording secretary, was unable to be present at the convention because of a fall in which she fractured nine ribs. She was missed by all, and a letter of greeting was sent to her and others who could not be there due to ill health.

All state officers were re-elected, and we all appreciate your confidence in us and pledge ourselves to do everything within our power to further the Cause during this new year. We hope that we will have the cooperation of each one of you as we seek to do the Lord's will and carry out the purposes of our organization.

The Capper Bill

The Capper bill, S.265, which would eliminate all inter-state liquor advertising, will come up again for action before the Senate Interstate and

Foreign Commerce Committee, after the second session of Congress convenes January 6. We should continue to write our Senators and let them know our feelings in regard to this bill, so that they may be induced to inquire of members of the Committee what is being done about it.

France and Alcohol

The medical profession of France is immensely alarmed over conditions there, and a book entitled, "A Medical Crusade Against Alcoholism," a report of an investigation among French physicians, has been published. Following are some of the statements from the introduction, which are very different from the optimistic science of the Yale School of Alcohol Studies.

"Alcoholism is a more fearful scourge than tuberculosis, cancer and syphilis together, and indeed it favors the development of tuberculosis, and syphilis.

"It has already brought about a profound moral degeneracy in certain parts of France, and forty years from now these regions will be destroyed if merciless measures are not taken against it.

"From a third to a half of the sick who people the insane asylums of France come there because of their alcoholism, or that of their parents.

"From a half to two-thirds of the crimes committed have been committed under the influence of drink or of alcoholic degeneracy.

"Children of hard drinkers, always degenerate and often idiots, die in large numbers. Children of moderate drinkers show definite weakness of the liver and the nervous system. In school they are restless and incapable of attention.

"Alcohol in food ration is never useful, does not help muscular work, but diminishes both production and precision, never useful for supplying heat—produces loss of heat, is a euphoristic poison, as morphine or cocaine."

Smoking In America

Last year Americans smoked 327 billion cigarettes, an estimated per capita consumption of 2,328, and an average daily consumption of 6.34 for every man, woman and child. Production soared to 360 billion, nearly twice the pre-war figure.

"I am not much of a mathematician," said the cigarette, "But I can add to a woman's nervous trouble, subtract from her energy, multiply her aches and pains, divide her mental powers, take interest from her work and discount her chances of success. The same goes for men."

May the Lord bless you as you carry on for another year.

Sincerely yours,
Ida A. Stine.

Plan of Work

1947 - 1948

Believing that our civilization is based upon the Christian home and that alcohol and the alcohol traffic are inimical to everything the home represents and holds dear, as Christian women we declare eternal enmity toward this great evil and our unalterable opposition to legalization by government of the traffic in liquor which is the despoiler of our homes, a traitor to our country, and a threat to the peace of the world.

In order that we may more effectively combat the evils of intemperance and break the power of the liquor traffic in our customs and in our laws,

We accept this plan of work for the year: that we teach and preach that which we believe to be true that total abstinence is the most effective and certain means of both prevention and cure of alcoholism.

That we preach and teach that it is morally wrong for a government to license or engage in a traffic which debauches, demoralizes and deranges the minds of the people who use the product and also tends to pervert the judgment of all citizens through its ubiquitous accessibility and mendacious advertising.

That we emphasize anew the value of pledge-signing, "to abstain from all alcoholic liquors" and also "to discourage the use and traffic in the same."

That we intensify our educational campaign for total abstinence through public meetings, printed words and over the air.

That we work for national legislation which will dissolve the partnership of the government with the liquor traffic which was consummated in the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment, and which will array the powers of government toward the destruction of the liquor power.

That we continue to strengthen our efforts to secure the passage of the Capper Bill which would prohibit the interstate advertising of alcoholic beverages in newspapers, magazines, on billboards, and over the air as a means of reducing unprecedented alcohol consumption and alcohol-caused vice, crime, insanity, et cetera.

That we seek legislation in our state legislature to prohibit intrastate advertising of alcoholic beverages.

That we continue to work aggressively for local option and join with other organizations for state prohibition.

That we seek the enlistment of all Christian women in this holy Crusade for the protection of our homes and of our children through increasing the membership in existing local unions and in the organization of new ones.

That every local union shall enlist and train children and youth in the LTL and YTC.

That definite work among children and young people shall be undertaken to enlist them in a crusade for total abstinence and against serving and selling alcoholic beverages.

That we stress our plan for honorary membership and enlist the enrollment of an equal number of men and women in the local unions.

That we continue our plans for sustaining membership through payment of \$10 annually to the State WCTU.

That moderation propaganda be condemned as a device to defeat abstinence and to recruit new addicts to the liquor habit.

That the current claim that alcoholism is a disease, which is being used as an alibi to drink, shall be combatted with a campaign of eradication and prevention of a self-inflicted, preventable "disease;" and education as to the nature and effects of alcohol.

That an effort be made to secure regular time on local radio stations to reach and enlist the public in this effort for home protection.

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DECEMBER

Program Guide

SAFEGUARD THE HOME

Christmas Party

Solo: "Crusade Chant," page 13

The Christmas Story: John 3:16, Luke 2:1-20

Christmas Carols

Pageant: "The Voice of the Living Christmas Tree"

Five-Minute Digest of the *Union Signal*

The Christian Home

Significance of Christmas

Holiday Hospitality

(10 minute resume)

Christmas gifts for Needy Children

Benediction: "Prayer for Guidance"

Things to Do: Plan a Christmas party with gifts for orphan children or children in hospitals, or for old people. Prepare Christmas tray favors for service men and women in hospitals. Inaugurate some community Christmas project, yard decorating, caroling, Christmas music for shoppers, community Christmas tree, etc. Report on November membership roll call and new members. Plan for January Legislative luncheon. Plan spring Institute. (If you haven't already had your institute.) Urge members to study liquor ads for January meeting.

Suggestion: Serve Orange Nog.

SOURCE MATERIALS: *The Union Signal*, November 1 and the leaflets marked for use in December in your program packet.

In Memoriam

Mrs. Ella Steen, one of our devoted members, went to her reward September 5. She joined the Union when Miss Frances Willard was here. She was in San Jose College at that time and was very faithful until her health failed about six years ago.—*Anna Nelson.*

Mrs. Jennie L. Hansen, beloved president of the Martha Sutliff Union in Palo Alto, has the sympathy of the sisterhood in the loss of her husband, an honorary member and supporter of the work to which she gives such loyal service.—*Louise J. Taft.*

Mrs. Mary E. Noyes, 90, who lived practically all her life in Sacramento and was a member of the Sacramento WCTU for many years, died September 6 at her home. A member of the Congregational Church, she was active in church and charitable organizations and keenly interested in all improvements to Sacramento.

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Program Suggestions for November

"Safeguard World Citizens"

Membership Roll Call and Enrollment
Song: "Christ for the World We Sing," page 26

Responsive Reading: "Eternal and Infinite Spirit"

Five-Minute Digest of the *Union Signal:* The United Nations Program for world peace

for suppression of the narcotic traffic
The WCTU policy toward Peacetime Conscription

The WCTU—its Contribution to Intercultural Relations at Home and Abroad

Chapter Review: "Why Do Men and Women Drink?" (10 minute resume)

Benediction: "Prayer for Guidance"

Things to Do: Observe Membership Enrollment Week, Nov. 12-19. Collect all membership dues. Obtain new WCTU, YTC and LTL members while calling on the old members. Remember White Ribbon Recruits. Honorary members help out with the budget. Goal for all members: every member obtain at least one new member during Membership enrollment week. Sponsor an Institute of International Relations and/or a Speech Contest on Peace. Decide on Christmas gift projects. Food and clothing may be sent to National WCTU presidents in war-devastated countries for WCTU members.

SUGGESTION: Serve a Cranberry Drink

SOURCE MATERIALS: *The Union Signal*, September 27, August 2, August 23, September 20.

Leaflets designated for November in your program packet.

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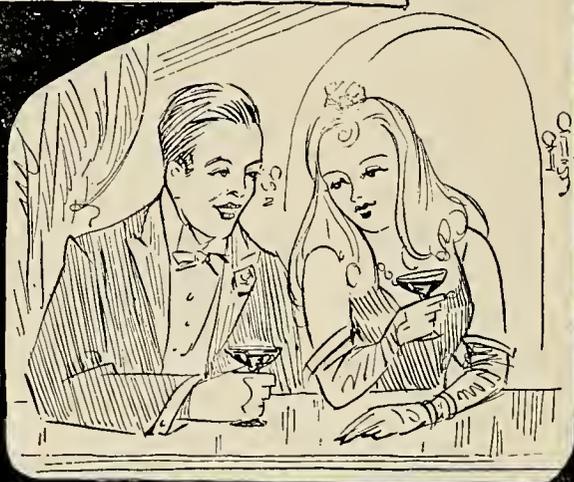
Please send CHANGE OF ADDRESS promptly. The post office has to be paid for the cards it sends out when the paper is not delivered. BUT—before sending in the change of address, will you please be sure your dues have been paid this year? It is expensive to change the address plates, and it should not be expected except for bona fide 1947 members. All changes of address should be sent to Mrs. Sarah H. Cairns, 1115 Foothill Blvd., Napa, Calif.

News items, obituaries and other manuscripts for publication should be sent to state headquarters and must reach there before the fifteenth of the month preceding publication.

"Jails are built out of honest men's earnings. Courts are supported from peaceful men's property. Penitentiaries are built by the toil of virtue. Crime never pays its own way. Vice has no hand to work, no head to calculate. Its whole faculty is to corrupt and to waste; and good men, directly or indirectly, foot the bill."—Henry Ward Beecher, in *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

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Write Your Congressman

Urge him to support the Pacé bill, H.R. 142, to take beer out of the camps; and alcohol, prostitution and gambling away from their vicinity. (The "canteen" law of 1901 has never been repealed and beer in camps is illegal, but is allowed by military authorities. They could hardly ignore a NEW law on the same subject.)

We also favor the Landis bill, H.R. 73, calling on the President to appeal through the United Nations for the international abolition of conscription.

We oppose H.R. 4278 to provide for universal military training. It carries a provision making it a federal offense to sell or give intoxicating liquor to a trainee, but the authorities interpret this to mean hard liquor only. To sell or give beer is legal, and it does nothing about taverns in the vicinity of camps. Address your congressman—Hon.—— House Office Building, Washington, D.C.

This Means You!

Mrs. Member, this means YOU! Don't you know your dues are due? Now recall—did you not hear September 30 ends the year? October starts a year that's new, Everybody's dues are due! If this year you made us wait 'Till September twenty-eight, That was last year's dues you paid. Pay up now; don't be afraid. We will never bother you 'Till again your dues are due! Don't let paying give you pain, When you've got so much to gain. Cheerful giving, says the Word, Indicates you love the Lord. If you would your duty do, Pay your dues when they are due, For we need the money now. Paying helps fulfill your vow. Don't delay! YOUR DUES ARE DUE!

Mrs. Member, THIS MEANS YOU!
Editor, *The Virginia Call*.

State Treasurer's Letter

Dear Comrades:

We have just held a successful State convention. I wish all treasurers could have attended. There were quite a number present and I was glad to meet with them to talk over our problems. I expect to send out a list of questions you will be required to answer at the close of the year for National reports. You can follow them through the year and send it in when asked to do so. Before you receive this ENSIGN you will have the Roll Call leaflet to help you plan for the November Roll Call meeting. I hope every member who paid in 1947 will be contacted and paid in November or at least by March 1. We do not want the same result that occurred last year. We did not meet the required net gain necessary so our budget was put back to \$1.25. We were sorry it had to be done. New members were secured but too many old ones neglected. Let us remember that dues and budget are our first responsibilities.

Here is a fine suggestion from the busy treasurer of one of our large bi-counties. They have plans to hold half their meetings during the day and half in the evening so the women who cannot attend during the day can have a chance to feel they can have a part in the work. Try it.

Our National President, Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, raised the balance due on our Mile of Quarters at an evening meeting at convention. You should have been there, and do we appreciate it. Now we will work on a necessary need for Alcohol Education in the Sunday Schools, so continue to contribute and to secure gifts from interested people. Thus we will carry forward the other half of our Parallel Program. As further plans develop I will inform you. Let us make this the greatest year of all.

"Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work."

Write to Your Senator!

Write to Senator Sheridan Downey and Senator William Knowland, Senate Office Building, Washington D.C., urging them to vote for the Capper Bill, S.265, to prevent transportation of alcoholic beverage advertising in interstate commerce, and stop its broadcasting over the radio. Tell them you do not want the substitute which would allow the brewers to carry on their advertising campaign. We also favor the Johnson bill, S.623, to prohibit alcoholic beverage advertising over the radio which would violate state laws or the laws of the Dominion of Canada, but if S.265 is passed this one would be unnecessary.

Standings of Unions

Those not listed for 1947

Budget paid in full: Parlier, Gridley, Anna Gordon (S.F.), East Oakland, Mountain View, Prescott, Ione, Fowler, Caruthers, Santa Rosa, Pittsburg.

Paid one-half: Josephine Darling.

Paid one-fourth: Rachel Fox, St. Helena.

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Mile of Quarters Campaign

Quotas Completed:

Hamilton Square, Willits, Reedley.

Unions Increasing Mileage:

Sacramento—8 feet 9 inches.

Mexican (Selma)—5 feet.

Fruitvale—2 feet 11 inches.

Winters—1 foot 4 inches.

Oakdale—10 inches.

Vera Corlew—7 inches.

Berkeley—5 inches.

East Oakland—4 inches.

Los Gatos—1 inch.

Bi-County Placer-Nevada—1 foot 8 inches.

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Torch Bearers for 1947

FRUITVALE: Mrs. Amelia Barnes, MOUNTAIN VIEW: Mrs. Viola Haines, Mrs. O. A. Tait

Second Mile Women for 1947

MOUNTAIN VIEW: Mrs. G. A. Fields, Mrs. Blanche Foster, Mrs. Olive Frick, Mrs. Watie Gilstrap, Mrs. Alice Glaze, Mrs. Lulu Glaze, Mrs. L. H. Gray, Mrs. Fannie Haight, Mrs. Edith Haskill, Mrs. Alice Haskill, Mrs. Bernice Heinz, Miss Blanche Morgan, Mrs. Madge Morrill, Mrs. Ida Stansbury, Miss Nellie Wadman, Miss Blossom Wilcox, Mrs. Esther Weseman, Mrs. P. H. Widen, Mrs. Estelle Wallace, Mrs. George Alexander.

ANGWIN: Dr. Cora Abbott, Mrs. Ruth Ackley, Mrs. A. B. Francis, Dr. Ruth Miller, Mrs. Ella Osborne, Mrs. Maud A. Perkins, Miss Bessie Walker. EAST OAKLAND: Mrs. Phyllis Collett.

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Torch Bearers for 1948

KINGSBURG: Mrs. Herman Anderson, Mrs. Esther Johnson, Mrs. Edith Pearson, Mrs. Adellah Renfrow, Mrs. A. W. Swenson.

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White Ribbon Recruits

One of the favorite sights at the convention was baby Linda Victoria Lopez, daughter of Mary Lopez of Selma, who was born July 14. The state president tied the white ribbon on her as well as on three San Francisco children: Susan Larson, and the two sons of Mrs. H. D. Jackson. Both Mrs. Lopez and Mrs. Jackson are leaders of LTL, Mrs. Lopez also has a YTC and is president of her local union.

Evangelistic Conference

The Santa Clara County Evangelistic Conference was held at the YMCA, San Jose, September 25 at 1:30 p.m., the WCTU Executive Board having met at the same place in the morning. Mrs. Pearl Webb, new county president, gave an interesting report of the World WCTU convention which she attended. All present enjoyed a duct, "The Beautiful Garden of Prayer," sung by Mrs. Albertine Williams and Bessie Torrey. Mrs. Mae Hollingsworth had charge of the devotional period, reading from the 103rd Psalm.

Elder Christman gave an inspiring message, quoting from Isaiah 49:11, "I will make all my mountains a way." He spoke first of the Mountain of Promise as recorded in Genesis 8:12. He took Abraham to a mountain of promise. He is not a God of limitations. He is a God of Victory. When He calls one to a great work, when we are championing an unpopular cause, stemming an overwhelming tide, He is behind the scenes and is leading His people. The Mountain of Covenant (Mt. Sinai), the Mountain of Restoration (1 Kings 18:36, 37), Mountain of Transfiguration (Matt. 17), Mountain of Expectation (Nebo), and the Mountain of Victory (Rev. 14) were mentioned.

Rev. Kenneth Wood then offered a prayer of Consecration, and spoke of the work which is to be done if the people are to have the right to govern themselves in regard to the liquor traffic. He quoted Frances Willard, "The liquor traffic would destroy the church if it could—the church could destroy the liquor traffic if it would." If it doesn't, we have betrayed our Lord. If we work for it, we can have Community Liquor Control by Veto.

A contribution was taken for Chinese Relief.

Lucia P. Smith.

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The World's WCTU has been granted consultative status in the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. Appointed as its representatives to attend the Interim Conference of International Non-Governmental Organizations were Miss Helen G. H. Estelle, President of New York State WCTU, and Miss Elizabeth A. Smart, National Legislative director. A fine report of the meeting is found on the third page of the *Union Signal* for October 4. Reading it gives a faint idea of some of the really helpful things that are being considered by this particular agency of the UN.

New State Directors

Next month we hope to introduce to you the new women who have taken the leadership of departments this year, but now we will give you their names and addresses so that you may correct your yearbooks.

Child Welfare: Mrs. Viola Haines, 485 Bailey Ave. Mountain View.

Christian Citizenship: Mrs. Almerine Bousefield, Elk Grove.

Flower Mission and Relief: Mrs. Edith Robinson, 2924 High St., Oakland 2.

International Relations for Peace: Mrs. Mabel Merritt, 235 Montecito St. San Francisco 12.

Music: Mrs. Genevive Bentley, 655 Duncan St., San Francisco 10.

Radio: Mrs. Johanna Meyers, Rt. 6, Box 328, Fresno.

Mrs. Taft had asked to be relieved of the department of Scientific Temperance Instruction, but we have been unable to find anyone for that department yet. Mrs. Owens also released the YTC secretaryship because she has been elected president of the bi-county Fresno-Madera. That place has not been filled.

Union of the Month CORRALITOS

Held workshop with 52 present

Held outdoor garden party

Had Mrs. Boroughs report state convention (1946)

Helped Mrs. Giberson with broadcast on KHUB

Circulated petitions and wrote letters to legislators

Have 17 Outstanding Girls

Have LTL of 20 members

3 attended workshop in San Anselmo

Individual donations of \$20 to Released Time Education

5 glasses of jams to old men at county hospital

Filled workbasket for woman whose home burned

Took part in Massed Colors in Flag Raising Decoration Day

Assisted in Rummage Sale for Loudspeaker on Community Church

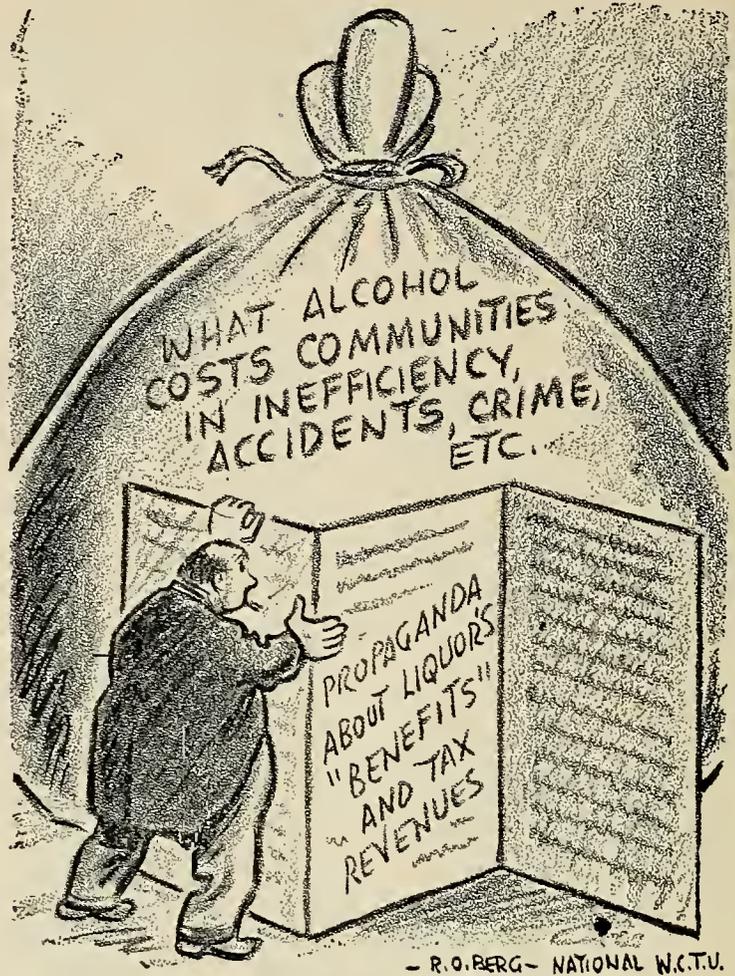
Received \$100 donations from Alvin Seale and Edward W. Jack

Made Mrs. Anna E. Dye a Memorial member

Budget paid in full

Willard and Stevens Funds paid

"The Christian conscience has to be aroused not merely to the enormity of the liquor traffic but to the enormity of the sin of doing nothing about the liquor traffic."—John G. Wooley, in the *Civic Bulletin*.



HE CAN'T HIDE IT!

Making Conscience Effective

The Rev. Thure A. Holmer was the pastor of the Lebanon Evangelical Lutheran church in Du Bois, Pa. He had served in that capacity for 14 years, but on the first day of last August he tendered his resignation for conscience' sake.

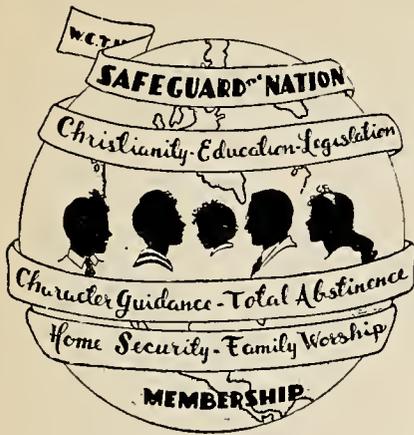
The Swedish-American club had offered a gift of \$2,000 to the congregation, and the pastor had pled with his people to refuse the contribution because of the fact that the club had a liquor license and operated a bar. The matter was finally referred to the congregation for a vote and the final count showed them in favor of acceptance. Therewith the pastor resigned. When the news finally got to the Ministerial association, the members voted him their unanimous support.

"There is nothing in our church law that forbids acceptance," said the resigning pastor, "but there is an unwritten law about such things and we are also told in the Bible what we should do."

We know nothing about the case beyond that which has been reported by the newspapers, but we take our stand unhesitatingly alongside the Rev. Mr. Holmer and the Ministerial association. No church, in our opinion, can compromise in any way with the liquor traffic except at the expense of its own moral leadership. To do so in any instance is to inflict fresh wounds upon our Christ.

In view of the terrible toll that is being exacted of the American people by the liquor habit, and in view of the alarming encroachments of the custom of drinking even among church people, we are of the strong opinion that the Protestant clergy is confronted with the sober necessity of taking a strong and unequivocating stand in this matter in favor of total abstinence. We point with highest respect to at least one pastor who has made his conscience on the subject effective.

—The Christian Advocate



Membership

New members for the year.	929
New members for September.	75
Workers for September.	15
Watchers for the year.	12
Winners for the year.	8
Net gain in membership.	25
Fruitful Unions.	57
Nellie Miller, Chairman	

One look at our net gain in membership will show how important it is for us to have our November Roll Call for dues and if that doesn't get all of them, go right after them so that we will not allow so many members to slip away through non-payment of dues. We had a very fine number of new members the past year, but while we were securing them, we were letting nearly as many of our members forget to pay dues. Our present members are just as good as new ones, so be sure to keep them and at the same time get some new ones. Let us be certain that the coming year shows a much greater net gain than the past year.

Last month I told you of the Membership Enrollment Week. It was voted at convention to have our membership enrollment week in January instead of November so that we can devote November to the securing of our present members' dues. Of course, we will secure new members whenever possible, but we will put on our strenuous drive for new members in January. As soon as you have collected all your present members' dues, begin plans for your new member drive.

Now for the rest of our annual report—

We have one new union—Eliza Davis George at Oakland.

Ten counties had a net gain in membership — Mendocino-Lake, Sacramento-Amador, Sonoma-Marin, Stanislaus-Merced, Tehama-Glenn, Butte, Fresno-Madera, Placer-Nevada, San Francisco, and Santa Clara.

Our State Evangel is Mrs. Mabel Frost of Oak Park, Sacramento, who secured 25 new members. She received the white Bible.

Eight Winners secured 10 or more Mrs. Grace Stone, Sebastopol 14; Mrs. Chester Bruce, Chico and Mrs. Inda Brimson, Vera Corlew, San Jose 13 each; Mrs. Rosetta Webb, Santa Rosa 12; Mrs. Clara Allenson, Madera 11; Mrs. Lena Swift, Mrs. Viola Eldon and Mrs. Mamie Denton of Selma, Fresno and Sacramento respectively, 10 each. Each of these women received a white ribbon pin.

Twelve Watchers secured 5 to 10—Mesdames Josie Culbertson, Victoria Kolstad, Grace Hazelton, Edna Gaw, R. K. Boyd, Effie Margan, Anna Randolph, Agnes Pattini, Viola Haines, I. E. Jacobs, Mary Harrington, and Miss Anna J. Olson.

For greatest percentage gain, Mendocino-Lake with 31% received the Taft Gavel. Oak Park local with 60% received two dozen song books.

For greatest net gain, Stanislaus-Merced, 78, received two dozen song books; Oak Park local, 34, received the DeYo Cup.

I truly appreciate the faithful work of all those who have helped to make this report as good as it is. May the Lord bless you and may we see far greater results in the coming year.

The workers for September were: Mesdames Edith Stude, Martha Gore, Aline Stevens, Viola Eldon, Jewell Owens, J. G. Gregory, Mabel Frost, Chester Bruce, H. J. Willis, H. O. Summers, Amanda Parsons, C. L. Castleberry, Albertine Williams, Marie Selleck and Jennie Hansen.

The Knee Way

(Dedicated to the WCTU of California N.)

I know a land that's sunk in shame,
And some who faint from care.
The cause? the curse of alcohol
Placed on this land so fair.

But I know the way, the only way,
To free this land from shame.
It is the Way, the true tried Way,
Pray in the Master's Name.

It is the Way our Saviour chose
When walking on earth's sod.
He spent long hours in prayer alone
Communing oft with God.

And if we conquer this great curse—
Go forward in this hour—
'Twill be because we try His Way
This Knee Way of Great Power.

(This poem was part of the devotional period in charge of Mrs. Edmister at the state convention).

"It is satisfying to be devoted to a cause that is longer than one's life."
—Ella A. Boole.

Liquor Advertising

Are you interested in liquor advertising? How interested are you? Are you interested enough to stop all your magazine subscriptions which contain liquor ads and write to the publisher why you stop? We will never get rid of this liquor advertising until we stop subscribing to liquor advertising magazines and tell them why you stop. With 5,000 publications which do not advertise liquor you have a choice that will keep you intelligent.—*Minnesota White Ribbon.*

The Member "Ship"
of the WCTU

There are ships that sail the ocean with rich merchandise in store;
There are ships that carry passengers to many a welcoming shore;
There are ships that seek adventure in the old lands and the new;
But the best ship is the Membership of the WCTU.

It is bound for that fair haven of land forever freed,
From King Alcohol's dominion, and the Liquor Traffic's greed;
For the port of Civic Righteousness and every mortal good—
Where Right is law and Law is right, in the Land of Brotherhood.

It is built of staunch Endeavor and of Purpose strong as steel—
Love and Truth and Faith triumphant, welded into hull and keel.
Though not always smooth the sailing, though not always calm the sea,
She rides the waves with never a doubt of her glorious destiny.

Many a ship sails many an ocean, seeking joy or gain—
But never a ship with a holier mission sailed the restless, bounding main.
'Tis a pleasure ship, a treasure ship and a ship of service too.
O come aboard the Member "Ship" of the WCTU.

—ANNIE DURHAM METHVIN, in *The Ohio Messenger.*

"The time will come when driving after drinking will be placed in the same category as carrying concealed weapons," declares the Travelers Insurance Company.—*The Civic Bulletin.*

Coming Events

- Nov. 3. Sacramento County Institute at Oak Park.
- Nov. 4. Bi-County Tehama Glenn Institute.
- Nov. 5. Butte County Institute at Paradise.

Youth Temperance Council

MRS. JEWELL OWENS

451 San Pablo Ave., Fresno 3.

Dear Loyal Friends of YTC:

I am trusting that you will remain as loyal and as enthusiastic in promoting our Youth Temperance Council work in the future, as you have been the three years I've been "pinch hitting" as your general secretary. I am no longer your CHIEF promoter, but I shall continue to be vitally interested in our youth. My hope and prayer is that I may intensify my efforts in my end of the state.

As many of you know, I have a new responsibility of being president of Bi-County Fresno-Madera. Several of my local presidents have tried so hard to organize a YTC, so now I hope to be able to help them more. If possible I will be happy to help you or suggest someone who can. Get yourself supplied with YTC helps including the monthly Bulletin from National YTC office. Every local union must assume the privilege and responsibility of sponsoring at least a small group. You CAN do it.

Won't you be praying that we may find just the right person for our new general secretary? A spiritual leader with a love and understanding of youth and having had some training can easily adapt the program and activities of YTC. The state WCTU has already made plans to finance keeping the YTC secretary in the field at least part time. They feel that such an investment for youth will not only yield a harvest of more and bigger and better councils, but will also produce trained young people to be our temperance leaders and teachers tomorrow, thereby saving more children and youth from the ravages of the bartering liquor traffic. Do you know of someone who could and would accept this Christian service? If so, won't you write our state office?

At the San Francisco convention the county presidents met in conference in the interest of YTC. All favored a plan to divide California North into "regions" with a YTC Regional secretary to oversee and work with the County and Local YTC secretaries (sponsors). The counties to make up these various regions will be published in the next YTC column. Also as many Regional secretaries as can be named at that time.

So let's keep on reading the YTC column. I've enjoyed this contact with you each month and the kind letters which I have received from many of you in return. Let's keep in touch with each other, and let's share together this great assignment for God and home and every land for youth we find on every hand.

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A home that has liquor on the sideboard seldom has a Bible on the reading table.

—The Christian Advocate

"Calling All Union Signal Directors"

Due to the shortage of workers in the Publications Department at National, we will set up our own plan of work, copied from that used by National in the past.

First: Let each one of us realize the value of the *Signal* and be sold on the idea that she has the material and the source of every program. Be ready to give a five-minute digest of the current issue at each meeting and secure new subscriptions from those present. Have a sample copy to hand to all new members.

Second: See that all subscriptions are renewed so that you can complete number twelve on your standard of efficiency.

Third: This is very important—keep a list of all names, addresses and dates of subscriptions. Send names and money to National as soon as you get them, do not wait until you get a list over a period of weeks. Make a list of names and dates for your county director.

The county director, in turn, will keep a list, but make a copy of same and send to State Promoter the last of the following months: December, March, June and September. Then she will have a report for the Quarterly State Executive Meetings. In case you have no county director, send your lists direct to your State Promoter.

If we each do this, I am sure we will see an increase in subscriptions and a greater interest in our work. We will hold our members, secure new ones, because we will have bigger and better programs, full of information.

Let us realize the value of *The Union Signal*.

—Elizabeth Ehlenbeck, state promoter,
123 Sanchez St. San Francisco 14.

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Programs for 1947-1948

WCTU Program Guide

5 cents each, 75 cents per 25,
\$2.25 per 100

YTC Council Notes

5 cents each, 45 cents per dozen

ITL Program Starters

15 cents each.

National WCTU Publishing House
Evanston, Illinois

(Or order from WCTU of California,
1815 Telegraph Ave. Oakland 12.)

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THE STANDARD OF EFFICIENCY for 1947-1948 will be the same as 1946-1947 with the exception of number 17. The Mile of Quarters was completed at the state convention so a new program is to be initiated—one to raise money for religious education, to send a worker into the churches.

Loyal Temperance Legion

MRS. MAY BROWN

General Secretary

Earlimart, California

You remember that story that came out of the war about the officer who got there "fustest with the mostest"? Well, we didn't. Special honors were given to the state having (a) its membership quota for the year and being first to report it; (b) membership gains attained before September first of the current year; (c) membership gains attained by the close of the current year. We should yet attain the last. We did not get in the first two, although we have our membership quota and more. Why? Because we didn't get there before September first.

This isn't a "scold." I'm very proud of California North. We have made wonderful gains this year, both in the number of Legions and in the number of members. This is just a pep talk for next year, which is, to say, the current year. The Woman's Christian Temperance Union celebrates its 75th anniversary in 1949. Let's win the WCTU 75th Anniversary loving cup trophy by being the first state to attain its membership quota. How? November is the first dues round-up. Let's make it a big event. Let's collect as many dues as possible in November and have them sent in at once. And then let's not rest on our laurels. Make it our goal to get every member's dues by the close of 1947. Then if your local and county treasurers send in dues once a quarter, these dues will all be sent to our state treasurer by the first of January and she can send them in. Also plan a drive for new members in November. We *might* attain our membership goal by the end of December. We *could*, if we all worked hard and had the children work hard. But remember, this year we have to get a lot more children, because we have made such a good gain this past year. Are we all set? Then, let's go! Goal for California North—*Two Star State and the first to report*. We may not have so many members as some of the other states, but it is percentage that counts.

New Legions reported since last month: Selma Mexican, Selma, Mrs. A. C. Fraijo, leader; Corning, Red Bluff, leader, Mrs. Gladys Gates, Stockton; Mrs. H. D. Jackson's Home Legion, San Francisco. I haven't the names of the leaders of Corning, and Stockton. You will find the complete list of Legions in your yearbook.

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Kansas has the **LOWEST** death rate from Alcoholism in the entire country! Can there be any doubt that Kansas Prohibition helps Prevent Alcoholism?

Minnesota White Ribbon.

