

W. C. T. U. Convention Is Urged to Protest 'Nip Bottle' Sales

200 Delegates Attend
Spring Rally of
District Union

Some 200 delegates, representing 28 member unions and approximately 1,500 members, yesterday attended the spring rally and quarterly convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of the District of Columbia, held in Eckington Presbyterian Church.

The convention was featured by reports of officers, department heads and an address by the Rev. Henry B. Wooding, minister of Eckington Presbyterian Church, who condemned the sale of liquor, particularly in stores which deal both in liquor and groceries. He held that only through temperance education can a stop be put to drinking. The Rev. Mr. Wooding saw encouragement, however, through recent reported reductions in consumption of hard liquors but expressed regret over a reported increase in consumption of wine.

Mrs. R. L. Collins, membership chairman, reported an approximate membership of 1,500 in the District W. C. T. U., and said there has been a decided gain this year although no definite figures have yet been compiled.

Mrs. Richard Meadows, State secretary for the District of the Youth Temperance Council, described the council's work as an important part of W. C. T. U. activities, emphasizing particularly the value of presenting the council's temperance programs before Sunday school groups throughout the city.

Mrs. William Watt, the W. C. T. U.'s speech contest director, reported that temperance speech contests had been conducted among youths by several of the unions.

A warning to W. C. T. U. members to differentiate between propaganda and uncolored truth was sounded in an address by Miss Mary Downey, the organization's director of international relations for peace and delegate to the conference on the cause and cure for war. Miss Downey told of discussions and opinions at the conference.

Reports on the regional W. C. T. U. conference, held last month in Baltimore, were made by Mrs. Marie N. Brinley and Mrs. Bertie Farmer.

Report on Funds Received. Mrs. Frances Winters, treasurer of the District union's board of trustees, reported about \$1,200 had been received this year for the headquarters, located at 522 Sixth street N.W. A report on funds also was made by the District union treasurer, Mrs. Darrel C. Crain.

Other features of the day's program included vocal selections by Mrs. George A. Cook, accompanied by Mrs. J. W. Peed; devotional services, conducted by Mrs. Everett Eaton; greetings by Mrs. H. B. Wooding and a roll call of the member unions by Mrs. Earle Wilfley. Mrs. Franklin Adams introduced the Rev. Mr. Wooding.

Recently enrolled life members of the District W. C. T. U., whose names were read at the meetings, included Mrs. Francis S. Browne, Mrs. Mamie Jenny, Mrs. Anna C. Frensen, Miss Effie Ritchie, Mrs. Maud Banker, Mrs. Jennie A. McDormand and Mrs. Sarah Hunter. Plans for a boat trip down the river on June 26 were announced at the meeting by Mrs. M. L. Cochran, chairman in charge. Mrs. Ida W. Ramsey, president, presided.

Following the regular sessions a temperance motion picture was shown by Mrs. Ella M. Robinson of the Takoma Park Union of the District W. C. T. U.

Social Agencies to Study Child Welfare Laws

Proposals by the Council of Social Agencies for legislation requiring the licensing of child-placing agencies and a strengthening of the District's paternity law are to be considered at a meeting of the Board of Public Welfare next Monday, although little hope is held for any action at this session of Congress.

While the Welfare Board is expected to approve the plan to require licenses of child-placing agencies, the draft of any proposed legislation must be reviewed by the corporation counsel's office, the Commissioners and the Budget Bureau before the Commissioners may sponsor the bills. There is but one more District day scheduled in the House, slated for May 13.

Proposals for the licensing feature developed following protests over the activities of unlicensed "baby brokers."

The other proposal calls for replacement of the District's Bastardy Act of 1912 with a stronger paternity law, one feature of which would require parents to support children up to the age of 18, whereas the present law places the age limit at 14 years.

Will Play for Patients

The 5th Battalion Band, Marine Corps Reserve, will play a concert for the patients at Glenn Dale Sanatorium Sunday at 11 a.m. It will be the first of a series of such concerts at local hospitals, and will be conducted by Master Technical Sergt. George W. Scott.

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D. C. Surgeon Devises Method To Save Lives in Amputation

Dr. J. Ross Veal, surgeon on the full-time staff of Gallinger Hospital here, today was credited by the American Medical Association with a new surgical method which appears to have solved one of the oldest problems of surgery—lung complications following amputation of a leg.

Dr. Veal, at the hospital, confirmed

an Associated Press dispatch from Chicago, headquarters of the A. M. A., that the new surgical method had been used successfully by him in preventing involvement of the lung. Some of the operations had been performed in Gallinger Hospital, he explained, while others had taken place at the Louisiana State University Medical School at New

Orleans, where he was assistant professor of surgery.

The pulmonary involvement which has persisted for years as the greatest risk in removing a gangrenous leg was averted by tying off a vein in the affected limb at a much higher point than has been customary.

This "high ligation" method, described in the journal of the A. M. A., was credited with preventing the formation of blood clots in the stump. Such clots are fatal when they break off, enter the general circulation and become lodged in the

lungs, obstructing blood vessels there.

Dr. Veal reported that not a single lung complication developed in 28 consecutive cases in which he tied off the thigh vein just below the groin, rather than close to the point of amputation, although five died of other causes.

This compared with 97 deaths in 275 previous amputations with the older method of ligation, including 41 deaths (or 42.2 per cent) from some type of lung complication.

The new technique may prove to be the first great improvement

in this kind of surgery in more than a century. Dr. Veal commented that the mortality rate "has remained excessively high, although it was one of the earliest major operations to be performed."

Underground Parking Garage Work Forecast

Contract for the construction of an underground parking garage at the east side of the east building of the Municipal Center is expected

to be awarded soon by the Commissioners. The garage, which will have two levels, will accommodate 152 automobiles.

Opening of bids late yesterday revealed that the lowest offer came from Jeffress-Dyer, Inc., which submitted a price of \$162,849. The project is included in the District's P. W. A. program, with \$170,000 earmarked for the work.

If a light pink granite is substituted for the Texas pink stone tentatively specified there may be a deduction of \$6,500 in the price, it was explained by Guy Pearson, chief

clerk of the Engineer Department. The project includes landscaping of the east end of the site.

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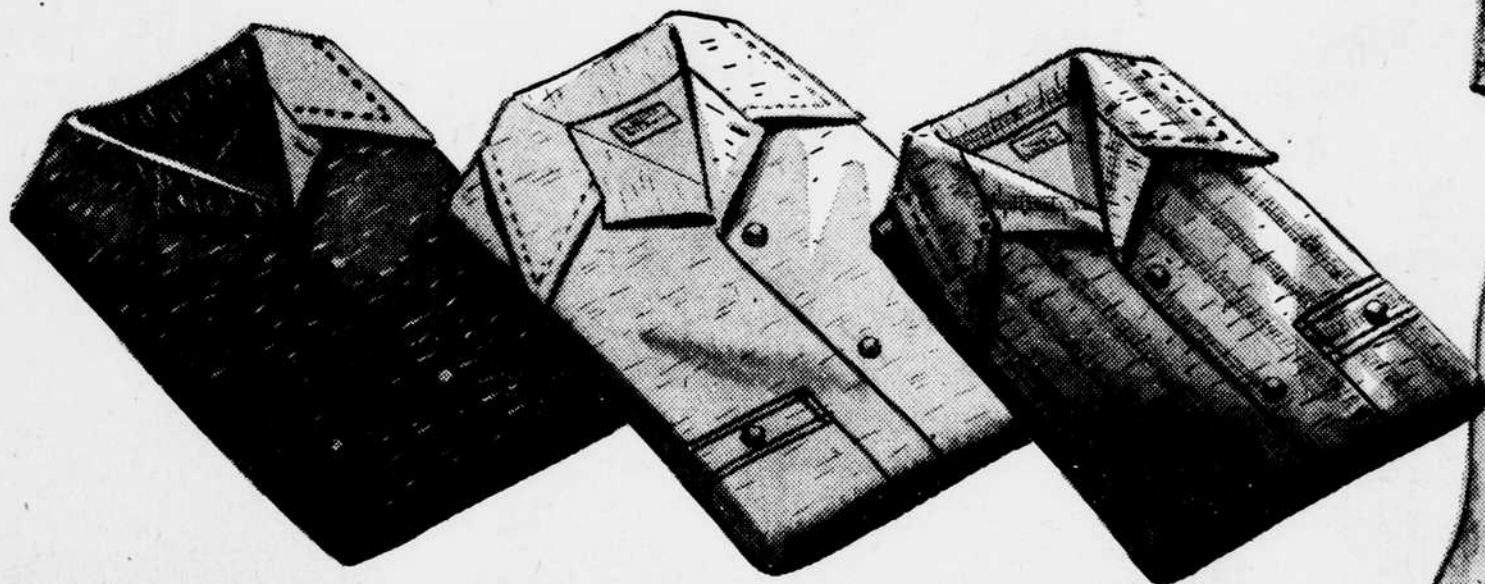
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