

Religious Training Urged by Pastor

In a recent number of "The Silent Messenger", published by the Rev. Enoch Sandeen in the interests of the Saron Lutheran church of which he is the pastor, attention is called to the fact that education of the young along a religious line is being neglected to an alarming extent. An appeal is made to every citizen that the best and noblest quality in the nature of a child be adequately developed and highly trained.

Among other thoughts, Mr. Sandeen gives out the following: "Do not think that with but 30 minutes at her disposal on Sunday morning at the Sunday school session the teacher can undo all of the evil influences which have been working in the child's life for the week past. We need in this town a program of week-day religious education connected with the public schools."

The state school laws already grant the privilege of having pupils dismissed, under certain conditions, one hour each week, with the consent of the parents, and placed under competent teachers to receive religious instruction. The pupils are graded in their work and receive credit the same as for the regular school work. Mr. Sandeen appeals to those interested to cooperate in this very important phase of education.

COTTRELL

The Kelso Woman's club will present the home mission play, "Janie" at the Cottrell community church on Saturday evening, March 10. This two-act play was recently given at the Kelso church and was well received at that time. A good attendance is anticipated Saturday evening when the play will be repeated at Cottrell. Refreshments will be served. A small admission will be charged, the proceeds of which will be used for resinsing and painting the Kelso church.

WASTE IN TAX SPENDING.

More than half a billion dollars, or more than one-tenth of the total of expenditures of local governments in the United States, represents waste and could be saved each year without diminution either in quality or quantity of governmental services not rendered, according to the National Industrial Conference board, 247 Park avenue, New York. The Conference Board gives this figure as its minimum estimate of the amount of the public's money which is dissipated annually through faulty government organization, lack of co-ordination, inefficient budget policies and, in some cases, sheer extravagance.

There are, as revealed by an investigation made by this conference board, about three-quarters of a million separate local taxing and spending units in the United States, which operate independently and whose aggregate expenditures have risen from \$1,844,000,000 in 1913 to \$5,829,000,000 in 1925, or from \$19.10 to \$50.52 per capita of population. Constitutional or statutory restrictions on tax rates or the amount of bonded indebtedness that may be incurred, the board finds, have frequently proved ineffective. Where the tax rates are restricted by law, the law often is nullified by increasing the bonded indebtedness; where both bonded indebtedness and tax rates are limited, increase in floating indebtedness has been resorted to. Definite results, however, the conference board declares, have been achieved where the details of tax levying and borrowing, and in some cases even of expenditures, are subject to the supervision and control of central bodies, such as county boards in Oregon, Oklahoma and Ohio, or states commissions, as in Indiana, New Mexico and Massachusetts.

Such centralized control of city, town, village, school district, park district and other local government finances, already the object of experimentation in a number of states, is the most significant development in the evolution of a general policy for regulating the heretofore largely haphazard procedure of raising and spending public funds, in the view of the conference board. The board bases its belief on the results of detailed studies of the fiscal problems in a number of individual states, particularly those of New Mexico, Indiana, California, Illinois, Delaware and New York. Wherever such detailed studies are made in states which have no system of centralized control—and most of the states have not—it is found that millions can be saved annually by better organization and improved budget policies without curtailment of the functions or services rendered by the respective governments.

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W. C. T. U. COLUMN

(By Mrs. Hattie M. Wolfe)

No one knows prohibition better than the women of the W. C. T. U. No one knew the bitterness of life under the reign of the liquor traffic better than the W. C. T. U. They fought liquor when it was a crime to pray in the streets for a release from the bondage of rum; and they are today fighting the outlawed traffic. They have fought every compromise which the liquor people have offered, and because they have had experience with every known device to curb or restrain the licensed or legal liquor traffic, they have adopted as their slogan for the year—PROHIBITION IS THE BEST METHOD.

Al over the country today women of the W. C. T. U. are reminding themselves, and their friends of the social conditions in the "good (?) old days" when there were two hundred thousand open saloons; when dance halls sold liquor all night long to young girls, when vice, crime and gambling made their home in the back room; and when the "family entrance" was an easy path to the downfall of young woman and the trap for young man.

Wet propaganda, designed to break up the strict laws against liquor, would have it that these days are entirely too wicked and that the evils they describe are all sprung from the prohibition law. But the women of the W. C. T. U. know too well the story of poverty, the filth, the starvation, the immorality and the gray and sordid cloud which settled down on any community which harbored the saloon, and have determined that instead of modifying or liberalizing prohibition, they will devote their lives to making prohibition even more drastic.

Prohibition is the best method because it will stamp out an evil which in all history of the world has never obeyed a law, never enriched anyone but itself and has impoverished millions; and sent other millions to the grave.

Saloons were easy to find. They were prominently located; open all day and half the night. In Chicago alone there were nine thousand li- quor saloons, with bartenders working hard all the time to shove cheap drinks across the bar.

The furtive, lurking, sneaky hard-to-find bootleggers cannot possibly sell as much liquor as the saloons; and in view of the public education in the poisonous quality of bootleg booze, and its high price, coupled with the gradual awakening to the general uselessness of liquor, the American public is well on its way toward entirely discarding the stuff.

The board of directors of the Gresham W. C. T. U. were entertained by Mrs. Anabel Kirkwood in a much more elaborate manner than had been expected. While the women appreciated the courtesy, they think that Mrs. Kirkwood established a precedent which other hostesses need not follow. Many phases of department work were discussed, but the interest centered

around the present drive for subscriptions for the Union Signal and the children's paper, The Young Crusader. Some of the captains appointed are doing splendid work, but others felt that the responsibility assigned them was too great. The entire membership is now asked to get busy and report either to the captain or to Mrs. George Honey, director. Mrs. Wm. Thom will give suggestions to those who wish to help the Farm Home. A letter suggesting present needs is in her hands.

Following their meeting, the directors went to the regular meeting which was held at the home of Mrs. C. J. Lundquist. The program in charge of Mrs. W. J. Cooper, and Mrs. Florence Jones related to the departments of narcotics and scientific temperance instruction in the public schools. An instructive discussion of the prevalence of drug addicts occurred. Mrs. Cooper is prepared to furnish material for the study of the effect of narcotics to those who wish it. Mrs. Jones is hearing the close of her present work, that of assisting in the preparation of essays written by public school children. A few of these were shown to the ladies that they may form a general idea of this work. The essays written by Gresham pupils will soon be judged. The winning essays in each group are to be forwarded to the group higher, where, in turn the winner will continue its journey until it has reached the director of the national W. C. T. U. Cash prizes for these essays and posters are awarded as the winners are selected in local, county, state and national W. C. T. U. In actual fact, each writer is a winner; for none can do the required research without winning much useful information.

The key note of the devotional period was the application of the response of John the Baptist to the question, "Who Art Thou?" "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the Lord; make his paths straight." The women of the W. C. T. U. are urged to be voices, strong, clear and informed, crying to prepare the way—make the paths straight.

The next program meeting will be in charge of Mrs. George Honey, director of official papers, and Mrs. Hattie M. Wolfe, director of social morality. Feeling that the more thorough reading of official papers will assist all other departments, the greater part of the time will be devoted to that topic. This date is also the close of the subscription contest, March 22. On March 28 the usual library meeting will be held.

The writer notices the tendency to slight the meeting occurring on the second Thursday of each month. This meeting is just as important as the later one, as it is here the most of the business is transacted, and this needs the attention of the entire membership.

The best way to win the favor of the dry states is to play the game according to rules and help uphold the constitution. It is poor tactics to encourage lawlessness by refusing to enforce the law and then use the lawlessness as an argument for abandoning enforcement.

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