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Kansas Woman's Christian Temperance Union permanent records

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These permanent records of the Kansas Woman's Christian Temperance Union include the records of the treasurer, contracts concerning publications, sworn statements of elected trustees, correspondence with potential speakers, candidate information relating to prohibition laws in Kansas, and meeting minutes. There is also correspondence concerning the Kellogg-Briand Pact, an international peace agreement signed in 1928. One letter clearly disapproves of Maude Royden, an English suffragist, from fulfilling her presentation for the Y.W.C.A on account of her tobacco use. A copy of the charter of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Kansas, signed by Secretary of State Frank J. Ryan is also included. There are several other groups of official Kansas WCTU records on Kansas Memory. They can be found by selecting Collections - Manuscript - KWCTU/Mary Evelyn Dobbs.

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7. Chase- Morris- Marion- Dickinson- McPherson-
8. Butler- Harvey- Greenwood- Sedgwick- Sumner- Cowley- Elk-
Chautauqua.

With a fine program and at least two general officers in attendance at each meeting I believe that it will be well worth while.

I have talked this over with Mrs. Mitchner and she thinks it would be fine. Now we want your O.K. if you agree and we will go on and work it out.

Let me hear from you soon,

Cer Sec Kansas W.C.T.U.

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Jan. 6, 1927

Miss Ida Lillian Paige,
311 Seventh Street,
Union City, N.J.

My dear Miss Paige:

The material which you sent Mrs. Mitchner relating to the Anti-narcotic Department has been passed on to me.

In our State, as you understand, we do not carry the Anti-narcotic Department as a separate Department, but the work is done through the Scientific Department, Sunday School Department, Legislation and Petition and Christian Citizenship Departments. The State headquarters, with Mary E. Dobbs, in charge, 3062 E. Douglas, Wichita, Kansas, is the central bureau for this work.

So if you will kindly send to me all plans and suggestions, we will see that they are worked out through the different departments. In our own State, considerable I think will be done along this department, this year. First, in a legislative way, by the introduction of a bill to strengthen the general narcotic laws. Secondly, by the introduction of a bill to strengthen our present cigaret law and make its enforcement more certain.

Through the schools our Speakers present the work wherever they go and we use what is known as the Clean American Pledge, which we have been using for several years. It does as you see, include tobacco as well as liquor. I am sure that this pledge can be used in connection with your plan for the American Sentinels. We do not wish to have too many specific things to be done in the schools. We will soon have a meeting of the General Officers and the matter will be taken up and a definite decision will be taken to know just how to carry on this work.

As you know in our State we have not been using the word "Guard" in this connection. We have pushed the L.T.L. movement along as the National Prohibition Guard. However, in order not to confuse folks with the multiplicity of pledges, and because we felt we could not take a backwhidstep in our tobacco education, in this State, we have used the same pledge for our National Prohibition Guards in Kansas as we are using generally, this A.C.A. pledge. While the wording is a little different from that of National, yet the principle and the purpose is the same. A.C.A. stands for Anti-cigaret Army and for A Clean America, so we are using this in our campaigns with the boysand girls.

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June 9, 1924

Dear Mrs Bumsted,

Your letter at hand regarding the Jubilee fund. I remember when the list was finished Mrs Wright she spoke about the fact that Clay was over the top and so I marked it so on the list and when the list of the counties not over the top was published in Our Messenger in Feb 1924 Clay county was omitted from the list and marked on the copy of the over the top.

I am so thankful for every county that is over the lust and hope that those counties that are over the top are so thankful that they will want to give a thank offering to help finish out the amount still lacking just because they are not having to make a gre drive at this time.

When Mrs Mitchner was going to the Missionary meeting at Clay Center this week I told her that Clay county was over the top and that I hoped that it would be possible for them to give a thank offering.

I congratulate Clay county with the other thirty nine counties that made the supreme effort at the beginning and came through, OVER THE TOP. All honor to such.

Yours for service,

Cor Sec Kansas W.C.T.U.

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Miss Paige,
Union City, N.J.

I am sure that we will definitely carry out
the plans in our Meetings and urge our Unions to do this.

With best wishes for your success, I am,

Yours very truly,

Cor. Sec. Kansas W.C.T.U.

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August 7, 1924.

Mrs. H. H. Wright,
Clay Center, Kansas.

My dear Mrs. Wright:

I have your letter asking about the returning of the
blanks by September 10.

As your convention is September 17 and 18, it will
be allright if you get them in by the 20th.

Yours very truly,

Gen. Sec. Kansas W.C.T.U.

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Dec. 30, 1926

Mrs. Eugenie L. Penrod,
32 So. 16th St.,
Kansas City, Kan.

My dear Mrs. Penrod:

I received your letter with the sworn statement which I am sending on to the Secretary of State, that your name made be listed properly there.

From a late letter I judge that the matter of the building proposition has been put off until spring. I know this weather would be very disagreeable to do it.

I hope you had a pleasant Christ-

mas and that the members of the home family were all remembered nicely.

Yours lovingly,

Grace M. Ladd, Pres. Cobble Hill Chapter

Kansas W.C.T.U.

Cor. Sec. Kansas W.C.T.U.

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THIS IS THE COBBLE HILL CHAPTER OF THE KANSAS W.C.T.U.

MEMPHIS CHAPTER OF THE KANSAS W.C.T.U.

MISSOURI CHAPTER OF THE KANSAS W.C.T.U.

CHIEFLY MEMPHIS.

WE WOULD NOT BE SHOCKED AND WITH THE
GROWING NUMBER OF SMOKELESS CIGARETTES
WITH LIQUOR IN THEM, IT IS NOT UNUSUAL TO FIND
THESE IN THE SIGHTING OF THE W.C.T.U. MEMPHIS
MEMPHIS IS A PLACE WHERE THE SMOKELESS CIGARETTES
ARE NOT UNUSUAL AND IT IS A PLACE WHERE
DISTRIBUTED BY SELLERS OF SMOKELESS CIGARETTES.

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National W.C.T.U.
Publicity Bureau,
Evanston, Illinois.

State Miss Mary E. Dobbs,
 Director Kansas W.C.T.U.

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united states of america
of kansas william mckinley president
mrs. lillian mitchner, president, kansas woman's
christian temperance union, to the
dear friends of the cause of temperance
and justice in the world,
we are sending you a copy of the
new bill which has been introduced
and which has passed the house of representatives
and which has been referred to the committee on
ways and means.

affectionately yours,

Dec. 31, 1926 no. 6148

mrs. lillian mitchner, president
kansas woman's christian temperance union

Dear Lillian:

I am enclosing a copy of the petitions
which are being sent out and they will all be in
the mail at noon to-day, so the women will have them
before Sunday.

and encloses a copy of the bill
Have you written Fred Trig on the Star
yet, asking his support? You know him so much
better than I, I think it would be wise for you to
write him.

I have had no word from the other officers
on the form of petition, so went ahead and made it as
seemed best to me.

I am having several copies of the Bill
last year made, so that I can send it to those whom
we are asking to push the matter in the Senate and
House. You of course have a copy of it, so I will
not bother sending it to you.

short time ago now
Have sent a copy of the law and a copy
of the synopsis with each package of petitions sent
out. Am having many requests for the literature and
posters.

Have you seen anything about a place to
stay in Topeka, or are you waiting until we get there
to make arrangements? I think I shall go up for the
10th and be there for the A.S.L. meeting, the 11th.

Yours lovingly,
Lillian M. Mitchner

Cor. Sec. Kansas W.C.T.U.

Mrs. L. M. Mitchner,
Hutchinson, Kan.

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The sort which makes the meaning impossible to mistake, usually obtained by using short, non-technical words and short sentences.

Definiteness by giving the full name of each person mentioned and by never using such meaningless expressions as "Large attendance" and "most interesting talk which all present will profit by." If you cannot say some definite thing that a speaker said, better say merely that he spoke, and what his subject was.

Most important of all:

Write on One Side of Paper Only

Have your copy Absolutely Plain
and legible

Double space typewriting

Leave one-half inch between hand written
lines if you cannot have copy typewritten

Always Print initials and any unusual proper
names.

Get your copy to the paper at the earliest
possible moment and never phone anything, but
the shortest item.

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National W.C.T.U.
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December 23, 1926

Dear Jennie:

Mrs Mitchner is over here and we've been flood with work. Have worked dreadfully hard and hope to be ready to quit for Christmas.

We've been planning for the legislative work and wonder the state of our finances and know that your quarterly report to the general officers is due shortly as this is the last of December.

We are anxious to know how many have paid dues since the ~~books~~ books closed. How much have you sent to National for dues since the close of the year- those that have paid in since the books closed. You know National insists that they receive the money quarterly.

Have you had the bill for Dr Parker yet? If not it is \$35.00 and you can send the check to her address Dr Valeria Parker, 370 Seventh Ave, New York, N.Y.

Has Mrs Boole had her check yet? It was also \$35.00. Her address Mrs Ella A Boole, 377 Parkside Ave, Brooklyn, N.Y. Doubtless you have already sent these.

You have not said what you thought about the monthly report in Our Messenger like the "Nebraska treasurer sends.

We talked with her yesterday afternoon and we asked her why she did not have a financial statement in her report. She said she had received none from you as to the amount of money expended at the C.W.T.C. and for other work in the soldiers department. In your report soldiers department is credited with having \$101.00. Of course you know that the regular apportionment for the department is \$20.00 and we granted an extra of 60.00 that would make \$80.00 what was the extra 21.00 for.

Were the officers expenses to the Iola convention taken out of the department Fund account. You will of course do the same this year as the action was approved by the state convention.

We're hoping to see you in January at a General officers meeting. Date will be set soon.

Yours lovingly,

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August 14, 1924.

Mrs. Minerva Klien,
Colewater, Kansas.

My dear Mrs. Klien:

I had just sent a letter to your county president, Mrs. Beeley, asking her to take Mrs. Nida Herrick as the convention speaker and giving as the date the 25th and 26th of August.

I hope it will be possible for you to take her on these dates so as not to spoil the schedule which I have arranged.

Miss Herrick will be able to speak to you on the 25th also if you hold your convention on the 26th. She is to be in Clark County for their convention the 22nd. I have asked that they arrange for her for Sunday, but in case they cannot, I hope that you will be able to do so. I am asking Mrs. McInteer to let you know immediately whether or not she can have a date for her on Sunday.

You will find Mrs. Herrick a forcible speaker and splendid worker, and I wish that while she is there she might organize a union at Protection.

I hope you will have a splendid convention and that the work for this year will show up in a fine report.

Yours lovingly,

Cor. Sec. Kansas W.C.T.U.

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January 5, 1925

Dear Lillian:

I have letter from Jennie in which she says:

"With the state minutes paid for and salary checks and Home maintenance for the Home drawn our finances are in an alarming state again - just as bad as last year. You can see why I cannot pay National money quarterly.

I think if we can possibly get by until March dues come in we can make it but January and February are going to be mighty hard."

With this the condition of the treasury there is no money for the legislative work nor for the work that Mrs Hembling wanted to do. I thought I would let you know this at once so you would know where we stand.

Saw about printing one leaflet today.. Will have copy for another tomorrow. Have also seen about the posters and have some good new ideas for these. Have been talking to Mr Brooks of the High school and to Mr Sanderson of the Council of Churches. Mr S gave me a card which I think is fine.

I suppose you will go to Topeka for Monday the 10th and be there the 11 and 12th. Pussy Foot Johnson is to be the speaker for the annual meeting.

Had a fine letter from Senator Behrens today. He is willing to do anything to help us and he says we can count on the grange. He sent me the name of the secretary. I shall write him tomorrow.

Edith has been in bed since Saturday with a cold - almost pneumonia but we headed it off and she will be able to go to school Thursday we hope.

Requests for literature and laws are besieging me. Am so glad the women are so anxious.

Lots of love,

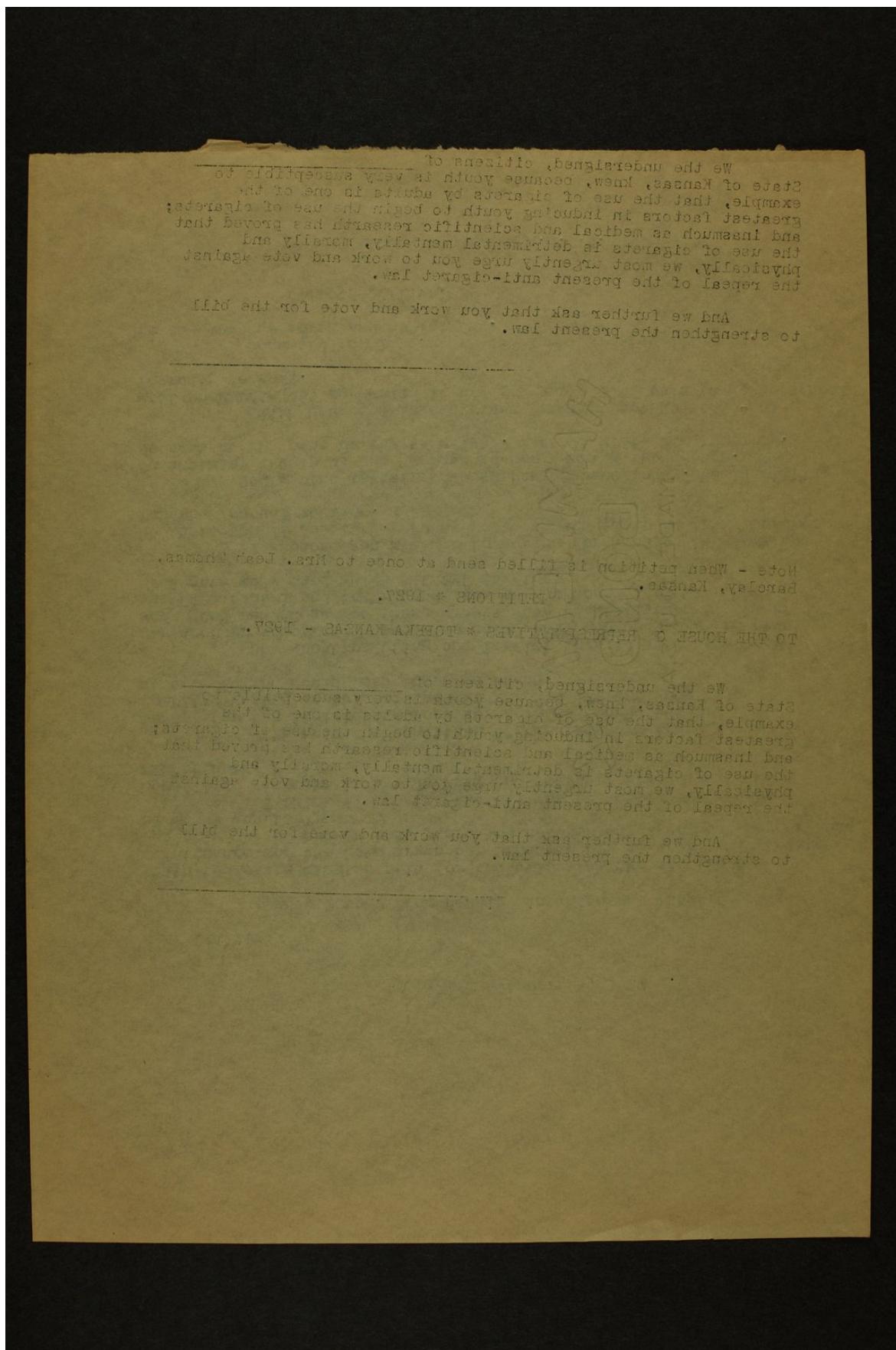
Mabel J. Lee
Cor sec Kansas W.C.T.U.

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List of delegates to National Convention Los Angeles
California September 26- October 2, 1926.

Ex Officio

President - Mrs Lillian M Mitchner 189 W 10 Hutchinson
Vice President-- Mrs Ida M Walker
Corresponding Sec-- Miss Mary E Dobbs
Recording Sec -- Mrs Leah Thomas
Treasurer--- Mrs Jennie B Geer-
Y.P.B. Secretary-- Mrs Mabel Plumer
L.T.L. Secretary
Editor Our Messenger- Mrs Emma W Grover.

Appointed Delegates;

Mrs Isabel Rumbaugh 119 S. Judson Ft. Scott.
Mrs Essie Kelly Wichita K. S.
Mrs Ella R Welsh Newton
Mrs Eva Gere 251 Newell St. Los Angeles
Mrs J Hotte 119 Poppy Manhattan
Mrs E.B. Keyes 667 E 52nd St.
Miss H.A. Owen Topeka Ks.
Mrs Ruth Ham 619 E Ocean Blvd. Long Beach
Mrs Cora Ham McAlester Okla.
Mrs Glenn Cheney seal to Mitchner
Mrs Louise Cox Evans Los Angeles Cal.
Mrs Abbie C Boyd Chula Vista, Cal.
Mrs Emma R.S. Blair 1319 Lincoln Topeka.
Miss Clara Kelly Wichita K. S.
Mrs Anna Foster 502 S. Roman Caney.

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1-7-1926

Dear Lillian :

Your two letters at hand. Do not be so blue. We are going to win. Their prayers of yesterday will bear fruit if we do not despair. God with one in a host With 10,000 earnest Christian women and the mass of the churches and the teachers and others He can be an all conquering host.

What if some newspapers and people like that are on the opposition or fail to help. Remember Gideon. God weeds out the fearful and takes the stout hearted to win His battles. Not by might but by power but by My Spirit Saith the Lord. We will win the victory in His name and with His help.

The prize was in the S.T.I. department and I have sent the letter to Mrs Robinson and she will look it up . She sent the prize through Mrs Russell.

Calls for petitions and literature enough to make one's head whirl. Mine is almost whirling this morning. Edith is all right and in school again.

Now as for funds. Why not make a call to the unions for funds for the campaign telling them that the money sent in will be credited on their budget. I believe it will help swell the budget for the year and if 100 unions now would send 3 or 5 or 10 dollars think where we would be. There is no such word as fail in God's cause.

Lots of love,

Cor Sec Kansas W.C.T.U.

Are there not some people in your community he would give specially to this cause? I am sending out some letters in this city to get help.

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Pawnee Co.

Sept. 10, 1924.

Mrs. Cora Brown,
Larned, Kansas.

My dear Mrs. Brown:

I have your letter, saying your county was wanting Mrs. Dill in September. I am wondering if it will be possible for you to arrange for her about the 16th of September. You can have her for several days, a week if necessary, and you can fill all the time. May I hear from you very soon about this?

Also, I have a letter from your county secretary, telling of the splendid plan for citizenship study which you have in your county, with a large number of clubs cooperating with the W.C.T.U. I should be very glad to have you write me of this plan, as I am sure other counties would be interested in knowing what you are doing and could probably use the plan to advantage.

Thanking you for your courtesy, I am

Yours lovingly,

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Names of those in attendance at State convention who have belonged to the W.C.T.U. twentyfive or more years.

Mrs Anna Sharp - Winchester
Mrs Anna Hobson - Kingman
Mrs Myrtle McDowell- Eskridge
Mrs Carrie Fowler - Larned
Mrs J.M.Swanson
Mrs Rachie E Sheppard - Syracuse
Mrs Ida M Archer- Belle Plaine
Mrs Hattie E Gardner- Kingman
Mrs Alice Shamleffer- Douglas
Mrs Mary Cissna - Fort Scott
Mrs Vesta W Shreeves- Winfield
Mrs Lillie A Hellard - Mound City
Mrs A.C.Branch - Sterling
Mrs L.A.Cox- Manhattan
Miss Mary E Dobbs- Wichita
Mrs Estelle Lindsay- Lawrence-
Mrs Margaret Ruff- Norton
Mrs Lillian M Mitchner - Hutchinson.

Asked for in Executive meeting October 10- 1922 at Salina.

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