



Mrs. Charles Weaver

President of Lancaster County's W.C.T.U.

Mrs. Charles E. (Mary) Weaver, 72 S. Heintzelman Street, Manheim, president of the Lancaster County Women's Christian Temperance Union since 1958, is leading the twelve Lancaster County Chapters in celebrating this year and centennial celebration of the National W.C.T.U. which organized November 18, 1874 in Cleveland, Ohio.

Frances Elizabeth Caroline Willard was credited with organizing the National W.C.T.U. and later served as its president. She not only went about organizing the W. C. T. U. in America but also organized on a world-wide basis until today there are 72 countries organized. She was the first woman to have her statue placed in Statuary Hall in Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Weaver says "Alcohol is America's number one drug problem now. Young people affected with the drug habit usually start with alcohol. We are a Christian organization and stress Bible study and prayer. All the members are Sunday School teachers, church leaders etc. We recognize that people need help - alcoholics need God's help to overcome the problem."

The W.C.T.U. puts emphasis on education, legislation and social service. They have certified teachers, women and men, on alcohol education who visit schools and emphasize the dangers involved with alcohol and other drugs, tobacco and venereal disease which is in the text books but often is skipped by the teachers in the schools. They might spend a week in a school in their health education and home economics classes. They show films, lecture and answer questions. They put resource material in school libraries in the form of books and pamphlets where the students can go to supplement their textbook information on these subjects.

In the 1973 annual Pennsylvania Woman's Christian Temperance Union report 400 schools were contacted, 181,340 pieces of literature sold, 200,000 leaflets distributed, 75 resource kits sold, conducted poster and essay contests in Senior High, Junior High, Elementary schools, also churches, collegiate oratorical contests were sponsored, films and film strips shown, books placed in school, church and public libraries, information booths erected at P.S.E.A. meetings and at local and county fairs, and Scripture memory contests held for all ages.

They use the positive approach giving recipes to home economic departments for many delicious and nutritious beverages and foods that some folks think must contain alcoholic drinks. They give suggestions to make gala and attractive table settings for special occasions. They put emphasis on "Fruesta" parties and give suggestions to carry out a theme for holiday, seasonal and special occasions, even to decorations and wholesome entertainment. The county units have a Fruesta at P.T.O. or P.T.A. meetings where they furnish the punch and give the recipe for it.

In legislation the state W.C.T.U. works with the Pa. Council on Alcohol Problems at Harrisburg who have lobbyists. The National W.C.T.U. has a full-time lobbyist in Washington, D.C. In Pa. last year 7000 communications were sent out to local, state and national officials, at-



Mrs. Mary Weaver is making a crib afghan on a hairpin lace loom. She made the afghan on the sofa also. Note the white ribbon bow W.C.T.U. pin she proudly wears.



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tended legislative hearings, served through the Federated Legislative Committee, assisted in local option elections, held luncheons for newly naturalized citizens, assisted in Daily Vacation Bible School and Head Start programs.

In social service lap robes, scuffies and ditty bags were donated to Veteran hospitals, nursing homes, children's hospitals, county home parties held and Home cheer baskets packed for Indian projects. Lancaster County concentrates on Veterans' hospitals. Last week they packed boxes, each containing a wash cloth, soap, comb, facial tissues, pen, greeting cards with postage stamps on, calendar and footlets. These boxes will be delivered in a few weeks for Christmas. The members make lap robes of patchwork washable material and terry bibs for the Lebanon Veterans Hospital. Some of the women give volunteer labor as Gray Ladies at the Lebanon Veterans' Hospital.

The Women's Temperance organization not only includes women of all ages and honorary men members but also the Youth Temperance Council for ages 12 years to 24 years; the Loyal Temperance for ages 6 to 12 years and White Ribbon Recruits for children under 5 years. Lancaster County has chapters at Manheim, Akron, Ephrata, Elizabethtown, Lititz, Mountville, Quarryville, Lancaster, New Providence, Upper Leacock, West Willow and New Holland. There are Y.T.C. chapters at Mountville and West Willow and six L.T.L. chapters in Lancaster Co.

The county W.C.T.U. has been having centennial activities all year. They held a centennial tea at Grace Evangelical Congregational Church on Locust and Shippen Streets, Lancaster, in February. It was a public meeting. Their county convention was held September 28 at the New Providence Church of God. They had an anniversary cake for the purpose of reminding the members of the 100th anniversary of the National W.C.T.U. A busload of Y.T.C. members and a few W.C.T.U. members went to Cleveland August 29 and 30 for the national convention. A number of the local chapters held teas and special events. The county has more plans for the future, including presenting their work in various organizations.

Mrs. Weaver is on the state historical committee to update their history. The last history was compiled in 1937. They hope to have the history from 1937 to 1974 off the press a year from now. She always attends the state convention. A pageant depicting the first 100 years of the National W.C.T.U. was presented at the convention this year.

Mrs. Weaver joined the W.C.T.U. in 1942 and was the first president of the reorganized Manheim W.C.T.U., which office she held for 22 years at various times. She was county promotion secretary from 1948 till 1956, vice president from 1956 to 1958 and president ever since. Her husband, Dr. Charles E. Weaver, was president of the Lancaster County Men's Christian Citizens League about 25 years.

Mary is the daughter of the late Rev. Jacob G. and Mrs. Hess who now resides at the Mennonite Home, 1577 Harrisburg Pike. Rev. Hess was the minister at the Millersville and Rohrerstown Mennonite Churches. Mrs. Hess, 91 years young, recites poetry and crochets to make herself useful and entertaining. Mary graduated from Manor High School and the General Hospital School of Nursing in Lancaster.

Dr. Weaver grew up on his parents farm which is now enveloped in Ephrata borough. At ten years of age he moved with his parents to a farm on Mount Joy Road, just outside Manheim. His parents were the late Rev. George and Mrs. Mattie Weaver. Rev. Weaver in addition to being a farmer was a minister of the East Fairview Church Of The Brethren on Hossler Road, between Manheim and Mastersonville, where Dr. and Mrs. Weaver are still active in church work.

Mrs. Weaver is chairman of the Nurture Commission of

their church. The commission is responsible for Christian education and nurturing the spiritual needs of the members through the Sunday School, Daily Vacation Bible School, music and worship. She is Moderator elect now of their church district and will be Moderator in 1975. As Moderator she will work with District Executive Harold Bomberger, a full-time employee. Their district encompasses 64 churches east of the Susquehanna River, two churches in New York state and one in Delaware state. She meets with representatives from the churches at District Board bi-monthly meetings. In the future they plan to meet in the various churches in the district.

Dr. Weaver is an assistant teacher of the Crusaders Men's & Women's Bible Class of their church and on a historical committee of their local church to bring their church history up to date. He is also on a study committee of the National Church Of The Brethren to prepare a statement on alcohol education. He and Mrs. Weaver attend the annual Conference of the Church Of The Brethren every year which meets all over the United States.

Dr. Weaver was graduated from Elizabethtown College and the Hahnemann Medical School in



Mary Weaver, president of the Lancaster Co. W.C.T.U., holding a copy of the National W.C.T.U. history, shows a picture of Mrs. Fred J. Foose who served as president from 1959 till August 1974. In front of her is a poster "Think---Stay Alive!" and a copy of the book "Alcohol Our Biggest Problem" written by Joel Fort M.D.

Philadelphia and has been a general practitioner since 1931. He is House Physician at the Pleasant View Nursing Home, Manheim RD3, between Penryn and Manheim where he has 50 patients. His office hours in Manheim are from 9 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. and 3 to 6 P.M. daily except Wednesday and Sunday. He goes to the General Hospital Wednesdays. Mrs. Weaver is a R.N. and receptionist in his office and he also hires another nurse and receptionist. Dr. Weaver was a charter member of the Manheim Rotary Club and belonged to the club about 15 years, having served a term as president.

Mrs. Weaver, while not having time at present to be a member of Farm Women, does attend Farm Women Society 2 meetings sometimes and occasionally does a book review for them. Weavers have three sons and one daughter. One thing they all have in common they have wonderful gardens and each family freezes and cans lots of vegetables and the girls sew. Charles Jr. graduated from Elizabethtown College and is a school teacher near Ithica, N.Y. He married Jane Fillmore, a farm girl from Idaho, and they have two sons and two daughters. He grows his own plants from seed for their garden.

Catherine graduated from Elizabethtown College. She married Forrest Collier and they have two daughters. They live in Millersville where she is a nursery school teacher. Forrest is a Supervisor of The Lancaster Office of The Pa. Department of Public Assistance. Catherine loves to sew and bake rolls and bread.

James also graduated from Elizabethtown College and is a Director of Inter-City Youth project in St. Charles, Ill. His wife, a native of Lansdale, Pa., is church organist and

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