

## Ruth's Ramblings

Psalms: 71:16—White are the fields; Workers are needed.

Dear Workers:

Will you do something today for the WCTU? Win a new member. Contact the youth who attended YTC Camp and learn about it from him or her. Is our work worth while?

Please call on a 'shut-in' member and tell her about the camp and what you did at your last meeting. The 'shut-ins', by their prayers and concern for our work, do us good that we cannot estimate. This camp was the biggest and best one yet.

Each District must win 34 more members to equal last year's membership—PLEASE help North Dakota become a net gain state. Only four Districts have organized their new Union. We need six more. Do not depend on a letter but GO to the town. This is how the four were organized. Thanks to each and everyone who wrote a letter and breathed a prayer which caused our victory at Bismarck last February! We kept our good law which keeps liquor out of our dining rooms and cafes! We must stand for something lest we fall for anything!

Blessings, Ruth C. Ottinger.

## Call For State Convention

The 74th annual meeting of the North Dakota Woman's Christian Temperance Union is hereby officially called to assemble in the First Presbyterian Church of Jamestown, North Dakota, September 25-27, 1963. The Executive Committee will meet the afternoon of September 25, at one o'clock; the Official Board meeting will follow.

The Official Board is composed of The General Officers, the Honorary presidents, and the presidents of districts. The Executive Committee is composed of the General Officers, the trustees, the district presidents or their alternates, the general secretaries of the LTL and YTC, the Willard secretary, the editor of the White Ribbon Bulletin, department directors, organizers and field workers.

The membership of the state convention includes the Executive Committee, District corresponding secretaries and treasurers, chairmen of standing committees, presidents of local unions or their alternates; one delegate at large from each local union and one for every 30 paid members; one LTL delegate for every \$5.00 of LTL dues paid to the state treasurer, said delegate to be a member of the WCTU and an active worker in the LTL. YTC is entitled to the same representation as the WCTU - one delegate at large and one for every 30 paid members.

The By-Laws provide that the state treasurer's books shall close two weeks previous to the annual meeting.

Mrs. A. D. Ottinger, President.  
Mrs. Benjamin Gorder,  
Recording Secretary.

## BEGIN TODAY

Dream not too much of what you'll do tomorrow,  
How well you'll work perhaps another year;  
Tomorrow's chance you do not need to borrow—  
Today is here.

Boast not too much of mountains you will master;  
The while you linger in the vale below,  
To dream is well, but plodding brings us faster  
To where we go.

Talk not too much about some new endeavor  
You mean to make a little later on.  
Who idles now will idle on forever  
Till life is gone.

Swear not some day to break some habit's fetter,  
When this old year is dead and passed away;  
If you have need of living, wiser, better  
Begin today!

—Anonymous.

## Y. T. C. Sparks

The North Dakota state YTC Camp of 1963 is now history. 103 campers from 37 communities and of 15 different denominations comprised our camp this fifth season. This was known as our "Challenge" camp—for we carried on for the first time without the buoyant spirit of our dear departed Dennis Topp. Dedicated and undaunted staff members, together with enthusiastic campers, had "A Good Time With A Purpose." The youth was nurtured spiritually, intellectually, physically and socially. The study courses were "Alcohol Talks to Youth," and "Moderate Smoking, Scientifically Answered." Out of this camp seven local YTC's were organized, and went back home challenged to carry out the program of the YTC. May I challenge the women of the WCTU to volunteer to serve as advisers for the local groups. The areas that had sufficient members at camp to formulate their own YTC were: Fargo, Prosper, Hannaford-Cooperstown, Bismarck, Northwood, Hunter-Arthur and Grafton. Lisbon, Valley City and Sawyer have been organized for some time, but gained new members. Parshall, Nekoma, Cavalier, Dickey, Minot, Ypsilanti, Napoleon, McKenzie, Cogswell, Belfield, were given material for organizing and hope to gain sufficient members to form a local YTC. We trust the local WCTU's will encourage and aid these deserving young people.

In behalf of the young people of the YTC camp may I express my most sincere thanks for the following gifts of money received at camp:

Mrs. E. O. Lerberg, Parshall, N. Dak. ....	\$50.00
Mrs. Salter, Menoken, N. Dak. ....	\$10.00
James Valley District, Memorial to Dennis Topp .....	\$20.00
Fargo District .....	\$15.00
Memorial (from Miss Ethel Riddle, former National YTC Secy.) .....	\$ 5.00

These gifts, plus those given previously, made it possible for us to carry out our program without raising the camp fee. May the Lord bless you for your many kindnesses to the youth of our state. To all of you who sent boxes of cookies, may I say "thank you from the bottom of my heart." There wasn't a crumb left after the last meal.

YTC-erly yours,  
Mrs. Melvin Gangness.

## Notes From The Unions

The Iota Sigma WCTU of Larimore was organized Jan. 28, 1963. The words "Iota Sigma" are Greek letters, and are initials for Greek words meaning "To prevail with a sound mind" - typical of the spirit in which we should approach today's problems. We are especially interested in the education of the youth against the dangers of alcohol, and we pray that God will work through us, guiding and giving us the will to do His work. We have a review of the Washington Letter at each meeting, to keep us informed of legislation affecting our work. Directors were chosen for the departments of Child Welfare, Spiritual Life, Speech Contests, Visual Education and Scientific Temperance Instruction. An essay contest was held in the Junior and Senior high schools, and a poster contest in the 3rd and 4th, and 5th and 6th grades. The three winning posters from the two groups were displayed in the store windows during Y.T.E. week, and on Friday of that week we had a public program at which the winning essays were read and the winning posters displayed. We also had a bronze medal speech contest with five participants and musical numbers. About 150 attended, and we served coffee, punch and bars to the group. We received an offering of \$28.60. On Y.T.E. Sunday we distributed about 100 pamphlets — "I Can't Afford It" — to the high school youth in the Sunday Schools of Larimore, and we displayed the Youth poster in the Nazarene, Methodist and Lutheran churches. We are planning a White Ribbon Recruit service and Mother's Tea to be held in June. We have 12 members and 3 honorary members.

(Mrs. Arnold Olson is president of this fine active group, and gave this report at the recent district convention. Thank God for our Iota Sigma groups; let us have many more like this one! —Editor.)

The Julia D. Nelson union of Fargo met with Mrs. Iver Fossum in May. A lady was present who is an excellent organist, and one of the well remembered features of that meeting was the songfest they enjoyed, with all singing to the accompaniment of Mrs. Fossum's organ. In June this union met at the home of Mrs. Howard Kemis and again enjoyed singing together. Miss Hazelle Stalheim gave a report on a book about prohibition and made it very interesting, Mrs. Henry Johnson gave a report of the district meeting, and one new member was received. An offering was taken for Temperance and Missions, amounting to \$7.74. Mrs. Haaland is the new president of the union, and is full of enthusiasm for the work. (Just what we need! Editor.) Mrs. Kemis told of these meetings.

March 13, in spite of slippery roads, a group of women went to Grassy Butte at the invitation of Mrs. G. C. Tachenko and met with seven women and one small boy to organize an Iota Sigma WCTU. Those who made the journey were Mrs. Wm. Kruger of New England, who is president of the Southwest district WCTU; Mrs. Chester Molm, Belfield, Vice president; who also is president of the Belfield union; Mrs. Henry Peasch of the Belfield union and Mrs. John Flowers of the Dickinson union. Mrs. Tachenko had talked with members of the Dickinson union and had visited the Belfield union. The road conditions made it impossible for some women to be there, who had planned to come. Mrs. Flowers led devotions, as outlined in the Union Signal; Mrs. Molm led the flag salutes. The group sang "Set Us Afire, Lord," led by Mrs. Flowers, who also reported the leadership meeting at Fargo. The visitors showed samples of material available, told of films and LTL material. The newly organized group was given copies of The Union Signal and Young Crusader, and many leaflets. Mrs. G. C. Tachenko con-

mented to serve as chairman of the group, with other officers to be selected at another meeting, when they hoped to have more present. Many questions were asked and answered, by this group of young women, five of whom became members that day. Having young children, they are deeply interested in LTL work.

The Langdon union had a float in the huge parade that was a very important part of the 75th anniversary celebration June 13-15 of the founding of that city. Advising spectators to "Drive With A Sober Eye," the float gave its message to an estimated 30 thousand watchers. This union also served cool fruit drinks to tired visitors, free of charge, in one of the stores two days during the celebration. May 21, a delegation of members of the union appeared before the Langdon City Commission, at a special meeting called to consider matters carried over from a regular meeting. Langdon bar and tavern owners had asked for a revision of the city's ordinance which now prohibits any female person except the owner or owner's wife, from being employed in a bar or tavern. The liquor men had asked for a new ordinance to permit the employment of female persons in places where liquor is sold. The speaker for the group of WCTU women was Mrs. C. A. Bone, who read a statement opposing the change, on behalf of the organization. A letter from Mrs. C. F. Ramage, a member of the union, also opposing the change, was read. The Rev. James H. Ford, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Langdon, Mr. C. L. Beiers and State Senator R. E. Forkner appeared and spoke in opposition to changing the present ordinance. Three liquor sellers came and spoke in support of the requested change. Upon roll call vote of the members of the commission, all of whom were present at the meeting, the commission decided unanimously not to change the ordinance.

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### WHAT'S ALL THIS FUSS ABOUT DRINKING

This is the heading of an article in LISTEN, MARCH-APRIL, 1963, written by Andrew G. Hanner, Director of Education, California Council on Alcohol Problems. It is startling as to records in California as related to drinking and increasing problems of alcoholism as related to that state's welfare and health.

Mr. Hanner writes that Governor Brown has stated that "Alcoholism is the No. 1 health problem in California. He stated that in San Francisco one out of every six adults is classed as an alcoholic. This ratio is reported in the study entitled "Alcoholism in Major Cities in the United States" and shows that for every 100,000 adults in San Francisco there are some 17,000 alcoholics.

In the same issue and under the aforesaid article is a recent statement of John L. C. Goffin, M.D., Health Education Department, Los Angeles City Schools, as follows: "The only solution I can see is a widespread, persistent, and enlightened program of education directed at our school children and the general public. It must be factual and motivated with the eventual goal — **individual total-abstinence**. There can be no half-way measures with such a potent, habit-forming drug as alcohol. Particularly the young people must be brought to realize that alcoholism is no respecter of age, sex, class, economic or social position, educational attainment, or intellectual capacity."—Facts and Figures.

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## 1962 Y.T.C. Camp

(Written by Elaine Bessie Molm, Belfield, read by her mother at Southwest District Convention April 30th, 1963.)

YTC Camp where 56 campers gathered, was a very inspiring and enjoyable experience for me last summer. I attended camp at Cooperstown, North Dakota, in June, 1962.

At Camp an understanding of Christianity and temperance and how they correspond is gained. Besides learning, youth are given an opportunity for participation and enjoyment. The camp is small enough so you can learn to know everyone in the few days. Among the daily activities are morning watch, chapel, two interesting classes, and evening services. There is time between these activities, to clean cabins, have recreation, meals, and special committee meetings.

The morning watch consists of devotions among the whole group. This is held at 7:15 so rising early is compulsory. The youth are divided into two groups according to age, to attend classes. In narcotics class, each person is required to learn statistics and information from a booklet concerning narcotics. The last day a test is given but no one flunks. The other class is a discussion group on topics picked by the class. Some topics include dancing and dating. Interest groups are crafts, choir, debate, and dramatics.

A guest speaker or movie is usually a highlight of the evening services. Two movies we saw were "Goal to Go" and "Behind the Skyscrapers." These films are available from Mrs. Brooks, corresponding secretary from Minot.

Every day the rooms are checked by the counselors and misplaced articles are announced at noon to everyone. Things such as wrinkled washcloths, things sticking out of the suitcase, and shoes not lined up straight are common criticisms.

Recreation includes basketball, softball, volleyball and swimming at Cooperstown. Cooperstown has a nice swimming pool and bowling alley where campers may go on specified days when accompanied by a counselor.

One of the special committees to be on, is the camp paper. The paper staff is picked from the campers. The paper consists of names and events to help you remember your camp experiences.

Last year Rev. Solheim of Cooperstown spoke on dancing and the Sheriff of Griggs County correlated the influence of alcohol on juvenile crime.

The counselors are Christians who really love and understand youth. Irene Morse and Mrs. Mabel Solum are from Minnesota and help with Minnesota YTC Camp each year. Mrs. Gorder and Mrs. Gangness are State WCTU officers and so are well acquainted with the material.

The YTC Camp this year will be held June 12-16 at Cooperstown. It is interdenominational and for youth 13 years and older. The cost is only \$7.50 for five days. To me this camp is the most informative and enjoyable camp that I have attended. I would like to invite everyone to take or send at least one person whom he thinks would like to learn how to enjoy life more through Christ. If you are a teenager and would like to go but can't afford it, ask your local WCTU. They most likely know or will find someone to sponsor you. I was sponsored by the Belfield Union.

## Department Letters

### SPEECH CONTESTS

Dear Friends:

Again we are nearing the time of State Convention. To date three unions have sent names of medal winners from local contests. This year we should be able to hold a Silver, a Gold and a Pearl contest at State convention, but we must keep working to bring in new contestants. At this time of year the youth are not as busy as they are during the school year. The annual reports will soon be turned in; several former Speech groups have not yet responded. May I hear from you? Each union received leaflets and information about speech contests the fore part of the year. Should this have fallen into the hands of officers not working with Speech, kindly see that they get to the right people. Several letters have asked for information which is all in the Plan of Work sent. Won't you read yours again, carefully?

Several letters have informed me that the leaders were unable to hold speech contests this year, for lack of contestants. Please try again. Steele union had to confine our contests to two Bronze groups and one Silver group, locally. Also at the district meeting, we had two bronze groups and one Silver. We had enough Silver winners for a Gold contest, but were unable to get them to participate at the time, to our regret.

John 4:35. "I say unto you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest." Will you be one worker in this harvest field? More leaders are needed. Many new recruits are needed too, but they will only come as we leaders urge them on. We are grateful for the work done at YTC Camp. We were unable to send youth from the Steele area because of conflicting plans. Thank you also for sending me the name of the Gold winner at YTC Camp.

We were indeed happy to have our State president, Mrs. Ottinger at our district convention at Napoleon. The tape recording of her speech at the hearing on S.B. 225 was greatly enjoyed; also. Don't miss it! May we all get together at State.

Yours in Christ,

(Mrs. Joel) Margaret Erickson,  
Director.

### WHICH BONE?

Recently I read an article entitled - "The Backbone of Life." It humorously divided the members of any club or organization like the WCTU into three groups or three bone structures. They are the WISHBONES, the JAWBONES and the BACKBONES.

The WISHBONES always have fine plans but wish that others would do the work, and that the WCTU would grow without their effort and money and talent.

The JAWBONES are always the ones who can tell you why the plans failed, and feed the spirit of criticism. They are classed under the "I told you so" group.

The BACKBONES get under the burden of the organization and bear the cause to victory. They are so busy doing the work of the kingdom that they do not have time for criticism or to look back.

Which are you? A WISHBONE, A JAWBONE or A BACKBONE? The choice is yours. Let's be smart - let's be BACKBONES and help our state win a victory.

—Mrs. S. C. Beard, in The Open Door.

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## A Word To The Wise

Dear Friends:

This is the season of the year when North Dakota reaches its peak of beauty, in my estimation. The gay flowers are blooming, and the fields are a brilliant green where the crops are growing, so the countryside looks like one huge lawn, except for the dark areas that have been summer fallowed. I should like to see the range land in the western part of the state just now, for I remember well how the prairie grass looked in South Dakota, where I spent my childhood.

In this issue of our paper, we have good reports of the district conventions, though not all of them have reported for the paper yet. We hope to have those for the next issue. Check and see if yours is here, and if not, please have someone send it in. Read these convention stories; they may give you some good suggestions for your own convention next year.

On the President's Page of the Union Signal for June 22, Mrs. Tooze comments upon the fact that "the California Medical Association has become the first such society in the United States publicly to declare cigarette smoking harmful." She says that the Associated Press dispatch advises that the Association's House of Delegates voted March 27, 1963, "To publicize the harmful effect of smoking, and that the anti-cigarette campaign, to be aimed at school children, will be formulated by the Association's administrative council." We are glad to report that the North Dakota Medical Association, at the spring meeting of that body, last May, adopted a resolution which urged "Adults who have become habituated" to voluntarily give up smoking cigarettes, and called on the State Medical Association to participate in a drive to "encourage our youth to avoid smoking." The resolution cites increasing evidence that smoking has a harmful effect on health, and says continuous use of tobacco appears to increase dangers to health. The May 8, 1963, issue of the Grand Forks Herald carried this report; we hope it appeared in many state papers, and we congratulate the N. D. Medical Association for taking this stand. The N. D. Doctors of Chiropractic, at their state meeting, took similar action, we heard. Good!

We are delighted to note from the news of the YTC Camp sent by Mrs. Gangness, that the June 12-16 camp was attended by the largest number yet enrolled, and was very successful. Add your prayers and your help to those of the young people from your neighborhood, and see if the young people around you will not become convinced that they too, can really have a "Good Time With A Purpose" - which means without alcohol and tobacco.

We hope the Grassy Butte Iota Sigma, which came into being through the efforts of some dedicated women last March, is doing its best to help the children there and in their homes, to learn what alcohol is and does. The LTL has much to offer all children, if they get a chance to know about it. May many of our younger members become willing to take up that branch of our work!

Cordially yours, Elizabeth C. Beasley.

### ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE ADVERTISING

According to a recent announcement, advertising of spirituous liquors is still looked upon with disfavor according to the new guide issued by the Code Authority of the National Association of Broadcasters. It states: "Advertising the availability of beverages which contain distilled spirits is not acceptable. The advertisement of 'lounge', 'taproom', or 'tavern' in such manner as to imply the availability of distilled spirits is unacceptable."

Fill Us With A Gallant And Undaunted Spirit  
That We May Be Diffusers of Life,  
Invigorating All We Meet.  
—L.F.T. in "Light for Today"

## Treasurer's Report

April 15 to June 15, 1963

DUES: Max 2, Watford City 3, Ellendale 8, Williston 15, Cavalier 29, Hettinger 21, Grassy Butte 5, Bismarck 3, Dickinson 2, Dazey-Rogers 5, Park River Iota Sigma 8. Willard members 7.

CCC FUND: Ellendale \$1.75, Belfield \$5.75, Cavalier \$8.25, Bismarck \$.75, Minot \$11.75, Valley City Iota Sigma \$1.75.

BUDGET: Cavalier \$33.00, Ellendale \$7.30, Valley City Iota Sigma \$7.00, Williston \$10.00.

STATE REPORTS: Belfield \$1.00, Prosper \$2.00, Cavalier \$2.00, Larimore \$1.00, Steele \$1.00, Dickey \$3.00.

STEVENS LEGISLATIVE FUND: Ellendale \$2.00, Williston \$2.00, Belfield \$2.00, Cavalier \$2.00, Nekoma \$2.00, Sawyer \$2.00.

WILLARD MEMORIAL FUND: Ellendale \$2.00, Williston \$2.00, Belfield \$2.00, Cavalier \$3.00, Nekoma \$2.00.

LIGHT LINE: Belfield, Frances Willard Grand Forks, Bismarck, Bottineau.

WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN: Tower City \$3.00.

Y.T.C. DUES: Juanita \$1.40.

L.T.L.: Grand Forks \$1.40, Juanita \$.40, Northwood \$7.30.

DISTRICT PLEDGES: Southwest \$15.00, Ransom-LaMoure \$35.00, Fargo \$25.00, Grand Forks \$35.00, Northeast \$50.00, Bismarck \$15.00.

CAMP FUND: Memorials to Dennis Topp from Arthur-Hunter \$10.00, Tower City \$10.00, LaMoure \$3.00. From Julia D. Nelson union, Fargo \$3.00, in memory of Mrs. Helga Krogh, Dickey union in memory of Mrs. Erna Farnsworth \$6.00, Larimore in memory of Mrs. Carl Aaker \$3.00.

FILM RENT: \$5.00 Pins sold \$3.86. Literature sold \$1.00.

Special donations were received from Mrs. Helen McCleary, Grace Kelley and Mrs. C. H. Hulett.

Mrs. L. O. Grondahl, Treasurer.

## Corresponding Secretary's Letter

"Our help is in the Lord, who made heaven and earth."

Dear White Ribboners:

It has been my privilege to be at the Cooperstown Bible Camp for the fifth YTC Camp. It would have done your heart good to see the youth gathered there with their enthusiasm and interest. They had "a good time with a purpose." These young people are home now. Will you give them your support as they organize in your community? Pray with them and for them.

There are a few changes in the directory which I will mention here. Bismarck District has a new president, Mrs. Lester White, Steele; Northwest District, a new president, Mrs. Geo. Brown, 508 W. 8th St., Williston. The president of Dickinson WCTU is Mrs. Fred Kulish; when writing to Watford City, address Mrs. Myrl Staley. We have a new Iota Sigma in Oakes, Mrs. Harry Shepherd, Fullerton, is president. Berthold is in the making, with Mrs. Doris Greenup, chairman. I'm sorry, West Fairview was inadvertently omitted from the Directory, Mrs. Leon Hanson is the president. Work is being done in Finley, soon we shall have a union there. You are urged and implored to organize at least one union in each district. You must if we are to reach our goal of ten this year. Please send reports to me and dues to the treasurer at once. Mrs. Stanley, National Corresponding Secretary will then send the president of the new union a free subscription to the Union Signal, with other material.

## Noontide Hour of Prayer

"It is always noontime somewhere, and across The awakening continents from shore to shore Somewhere our prayers are rising evermore." Lift up a standard for the people." Isa. 62:10.

### PLENTY TO DO

There's plenty to do in this mixed-up world,  
For all of us each day,  
Sweeping the dirt beneath the rug  
Is not the honest way.  
Let's clean up the human misery,  
Hypocrisy, greed and hate,  
And practice the noble things we preach  
Before it is too late.  
Too long have we worshipped material things,  
With our eyes on worthless goals,  
Improving our gadgets and machines  
But not improving our souls.  
Too long have we turned away from God  
And disobeyed His commands;  
Too many speak of serving Him  
With unwilling hearts and hands.  
The angels must weep as they look at man,  
Now striving to conquer space  
Before he has learned to conquer himself  
And make earth a decent place.  
What can we hope to do on the moon  
Or on some planet afar?  
When so much good is left undone  
Down here, right where we are!

Quoted by Mrs. Lydia A. Wood,  
S. Calif. White Ribbon.

### RECIPE FOR SHINING

A gentleman brought back from Germany a little phosphorescent match case, and one evening, in a company of friends, took it out to show them. He turned out all the lights, but the obstinate little match case would not shine, and the man concluded he had been swindled. The next day, while examining his purchase more closely, he read on one side, "If you wish me to shine, keep me in the sunlight." He followed the directions, put it out where the sun's rays could be absorbed and then in a dark room found it had a brilliant glow.

Does anyone know a better remedy for the Christian whose light has gone out than that which Jude suggests: "Keep yourself in the love of God?"

—The War Cry, New Zealand  
in Mt. Home Guards.

### A PLEASANT REMEDY

Senator Norris Cotton of New Hampshire shares this "thank you" letter for a package sent to a European family:

"Please send more of those pills. We didn't know what they were until Cousin Lempi, who studied English, read the name for us. Then we gave them all to Uncle Paul, who suffers from rheumatism. He feels better now, and says it's the best medicine he ever took. If you don't remember the name of the pills, they're called Life Savers."

—Progress.

Lifeline reports are slowly coming in, many of them very good.

Each day as we read the newspapers, reminds us that work is desperately needed. Let's do work! Each and all of us. Pray and educate; pray and agitate; pray and legislate; pray and organize! May God bless you as you work!

Cordially yours,  
(Mrs. F. T.) Laura Brooks.

## District Conventions NORTHEAST

The Northeast District WCTU convention met in the Lutheran church in Drayton May 15, with a very good attendance, all but one union being represented, and that one sent a report. The convention was called to order by the president, Mrs. K. R. Thorstenson. Devotions were led by Mrs. Jennie Score of the Grafton union; Mrs. LaBruyere of Cavalier led the salutes to the flags. The hymn "Stand Up For Jesus" was sung, and Mrs. Howard Bellamy, president of the Drayton union, welcomed the delegates, who already had been given coffee downstairs. Mrs. Gorder of Grafton made response to the kind welcome. The guest speaker, Mrs. A. D. Ottinger, State President, was introduced. The usual order of business followed with reports from district officers and local unions. Mrs. Gorder reported the YTC Camp, which she attended last summer. Mrs. Frank Beasley conducted the Memorial service; members lost by death in the past year were Mrs. Andrew Robbie, Mrs. Elizabeth Hodgson, Mrs. Sena Thompson, Mrs. James Charon, and two former members, Mrs. J. D. Cawthorne and Mrs. H. O. Jeglum. Also remembered were our beloved young YTC leader, Dennis Topp; Mr. Sam Hodgson, Rev. O. M. Jorgenson and Judge Albert Lundberg.

There was a fine display of posters made in schools; prizes were awarded to those made by Wayne Morgan, Maren Hylden and Wayne Jacobson, all from Grafton. A tape recording of the hearing on S.B. 225 at Bismarck was played in part by Mrs. Ottinger during the noon intermission.

The pastor of the fine new church in which the meeting was held, the Rev. Orlin E. Ness, led devotions beginning the afternoon meeting. Mrs. Ottinger gave the fine, impressive convention address and conducted the White Ribbon Recruit service, in which little Marchia Christenson was dedicated. Besides singing a number of hymns with Mrs. Shingler of Bowesmont at the piano, the audience enjoyed special music, given by Mrs. Raymond Halcrow who sang "How Great Thou Art," and songs by a group of high school girls. Men in attendance at the meeting were introduced; they were Mr. Will Young and Mr. Howard Bellamy of Drayton, who have given valued help to temperance work, and Dr. A. D. Ottinger, helpful husband of the state president, whose short speech was much enjoyed. Resolutions were adopted, officers elected, and a most enjoyable tea followed adjournment.

## SOUTHWEST

The Southwest District WCTU convention was held in Bowman April 30 at the Methodist church with Dist. Pres. Mrs. Wm. Kruger, Belfield, presiding.

Mrs. Storer of Bowman opened each session with appropriate music. Mrs. John Flowers of Dickinson favored the morning session with a vocal solo. The host pastor, Rev. Westbrook, gave a devotional meditation.

Mrs. Storer of Bowman welcomed the group on behalf of her unit. Mrs. H. Haag, Hettinger, responded with thanks.

Mrs. Molm of Belfield reported the state convention at Minot and said that N. D. had the largest increase of units in the nation.

An inspiring talk was given by Mrs. John Flowers, featuring the words of Solomon, Proverbs 12:1-6 where it plainly states the difference between the "Upright And The Wicked."

A memorial service was conducted for departed members by Mrs. Molm, Mrs. Clyde Brooks and Mrs. Marlin Frietag of Bowman sang a duet. Rev. David C. Thayer of Chicago closed the morning session with prayer.

A potluck lunch was enjoyed at noon by the assem-

bled group. At 1:30 the afternoon session opened with Mrs. Olaf Bakke leading in scripture and prayer.

We were highly honored to have as our guest speaker, Senator Leland Roen of Bowman, who discussed liquor legislation this past session in Bismarck. He gave our organization much credit for contributing cards and letters to our senators and pledged whole-hearted support to our cause. He presented many statistics vividly showing we must keep struggling against liquor and its evil influence.

Senator Roen sang two beautiful solos. Each local unit reported on activities the past year.

Election of officers was held and officers were elected as follows: Mrs. Wm. Kruger, Belfield, president; Mrs. C. Molm, Belfield, vice president; Mrs. H. Haag, Hettinger, secretary; and Mrs. Olaf Bakke, New England, treasurer.

A pageant in the form of a skit was presented by 12 members depicting the various phases of the WCTU work. A Flannelgraph story explained the work of the Loyal Temperance Legion.

Elaine Molm, Belfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Molm, attended the Youth Temperance Camp at Cooperstown, N. D., and her mother read her report for her.

Mrs. Phil Tuss of Belfield delighted the group with a violin solo, accompanied by Mrs. John Dahtagn and the audience sang "Set Us Afire, Lord" led by Mrs. Flowers. Rev. Westbrook pronounced the benediction.

## MINOT

The spring convention of Minot District WCTU was held May 1st in the First Lutheran church at Granville. The district president, Mrs. Everett Johnson of Max, presided. After the opening song, "Battle Hymn of the Republic," delegates recited favorite Bible verses and the 23rd Psalm in unison. The flag salutes were led by Benedict union. Mrs. Yonker of Granville welcomed the guests and Mrs. F. T. Brooks of Minot made response.

The forenoon session was mostly occupied with reports from the district officers and the five local unions, which were well represented by a total of 31, besides six visitors including guest speakers Mrs. Benj. Gorder, the state recording secretary, and Rev. and Mrs. E. J. Huntley. The latter is state vice president. It was decided to continue the booth at the Minot State Fair. Other business included the nomination and election of district officers, who are: President, Mrs. Everett Johnson, Max; V.P., Mrs. Earl Shearer, Minot; Sec., Mrs. Clair Hiatt, Granville; Treas., Mrs. Paul Hrichena, Sawyer. Rev. Huntley gave a challenging and inspiring message, using Matt. 5:13 as the basis for his talk. A Memorial service was held remembering four departed members. Mrs. Paul Hrichena read a poem and verses from I Cor. 15; 51-58. A duet, "Gathering Flowers for the Master's Bouquet," was sung by Mrs. Fred Schmidt and Mrs. Zimbleman, after which Mrs. Hrichena read "Crossing the Bar" and offered the closing memorial prayer. Mrs. E. J. Huntley gave the noontide prayer. A pot luck lunch was served in the church dining room.

The afternoon session opened with devotions and a solo by Mrs. J. H. Mackley of Minot. Mrs. E. J. Huntley conducted a round table discussion of plans of work for the unions. State directors who were present and took part in this discussion were: Christian Citizenship, Mrs. Al Semchenko, Max; Publicity, Mrs. C. F. Truax, Minot; Literature, Mrs. F. T. Brooks, Minot; Social Service, Mrs. J. H. Mackley, Minot; Temperance Education in Church Schools, Mrs. Earl Shearer, Minot; Willard Secretary, Mrs. Oscar Huus, Parshall; and Mrs. Benj. Gorder, the state recording secretary. After

Mrs. Belle Sheppard and Mrs. Wm. Mitchell each gave a welcome from the two Grand Forks unions; response was made by Mrs. Leonard Bilden of Northwood. Reports were given by district officers and local presidents. Mrs. Walter Morwood conducted Memorial services, reading from Psalm I, and St. John. Mrs. Philip Hauser and Mrs. Gerald Morwood sang "Some Golden Daybreak" and a poem was read in closing. Mrs. Benj. Gorder gave the prayer.

The afternoon session began with singing of "Work For The Night Is Coming" and the theme song, "Set Us Afire, Lord." Devotions were led by Mrs. Ulvedahl, during which she read a Moral Booster article, "You Are Important." Jim Roller sang two solos, "This Love Of God," and "Jesus Took My Burden." He was accompanied by Mrs. Lunseth. Mrs. Gorder, our convention speaker, began her address with quotations from Psalms 1 and 2, gave a report of the hearings at Bismarck on S.B. 225, showed important clippings from newspapers, and closed with the poem "Where There's Drink There's Danger." Mrs. Martin Johnson, Mrs. Josie Dickson, Mrs. Wm. Mitchell, Mrs. Rolland and Mrs. Carlson were honored as Fifty Year members. Mrs. Bilden gave a demonstration of LTL work. Mrs. Lunseth played a fine piano solo. Resolutions were adopted and other reports accepted. There were 36 members present. The meeting closed with song "Lead On, O King Eternal" and the benediction. A social time with coffee and cookies followed.

Mrs. Oscar R. Moen, Secretary.

**NORTHWEST**

The 50th convention of the Northwest District WCTU was held May 17, 1963, at Williston. The Watford City union is no longer active, so just three unions were represented - Crosby with 3, Wildrose 2, and Williston 12, with a total of 17 present. In spite of the small number, however, it was a very fine meeting. Highlights of the program were devotions presented by Rev. Cameron Johnson in the morning, and Rev. George D. Brown in the afternoon; both are of Williston. Mrs. F. T. Brooks, our state corresponding secretary gave helpful and inspiring talks. Inspiring also were the reports from the local unions, for so much was done by so few in these tiny groups.

To keep manual labor to a minimum so that everyone could participate in the entire program, the women have embraced the custom of each union bringing some food for a pot luck dinner. One group brought a hot dish, another rolls and bread, one brought dessert, and one salads. It worked out very well. An offering was received at the luncheon, and one during the afternoon program, so this year our total offerings were \$24.20.

Mrs. George Canfield conducted memorial services for Mrs. Minnie Beard, Williston; Mr. Olaf Erickson, Watford City, and Mr. F. A. Hoare, Williston. The following officers were elected for 1963-64: President, Mrs. George D. Brown, Williston; V. P., Mrs. Grace Dwyer, Williston; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Eva Urban, Williston; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Guy Hoverston, Crosby; Treas., Mrs. Elsie Hart, Williston.

Mrs. Calvin L. Andrist, Secretary.

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**BE NOT DECEIVED**

There is a modern parable about a troubled old king who summoned his wisest counselors and instructed them to prepare a simple text on economic principles which the people might understand. The wise men came back in a year with 67 volumes, profusely illustrated with graphs and charts. But a venerable old patriarch came forward with his appraisal—eight little words: "There ain't no such thing as a free lunch."

—N. D. Farm Bureau News.

Gloria Schoenberg, Benedict. Grade 7, 1st, Phillis Kerzman and Lauris Vangeman, both of White Shield, tied; 2nd, McNair Rovenko, Max. Grades 10 and 11, 1st, Joyce Semchenko, Max; 2nd, Jim Venarski, Max. The convention closed with song "Blest Be The Tie That Binds," and the Aaronic benediction.

Mrs. Clair Hiatt, Secretary.

**FARGO**

The 72nd Annual Convention of the Fargo District WCTU was held May 13 at the First Lutheran Church of Fargo with the Julia D. Nelson union as hostess and Mrs. J. T. Warne, the district president, presiding.

Devotions were led by Rev. Quello of First Lutheran and Mrs. Andrew Haibeck of the Fargo Union. Mrs. E. J. Hutnley, State Vice President, was the guest speaker. She spoke of the influence of the home, saying a mother is a very important person. She molds the life of her children. Mrs. Huntley also conducted the election of officers, and the White Ribbon Recruit Service. There was one recruit, Mary Rachel Edgerly, Fargo. Little Linda Mae Hanson sang "Jesus Loves Me."

Officers elected were: President, Mrs. J. T. Warne, Fargo union; Vice President, Mrs. Norman Swanson, Arthur union; Secretary, Mrs. Howard Kemis, Julia D. Nelson union; Treasurer, Mrs. Walter Olson, Prosper union.

Mrs. Huntley conducted the Installation of Officers, Mrs. Gordon Langseth sang "Lord, Speak To Me That I May Speak."

Mrs. A. W. Rudquist of Presper led the Memorial Service for Mrs. Oscar Krogh of Julia D. Nelson union. Mrs. Peter Emerson sang a solo written by Frances Willard which was found in a book owned by Mrs. Warne, given to her by her husband's mother.

Winners of the poster contest were: Tim Radcliffe, David Hodgson, Joan Lako and Jimmy Ihlen. Danny Rudquist was the winner of the Silver Speech Contest.

We were served a delicious luncheon at noon by a Circle of First Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Howard Kemis, Secretary.

**GRAND FORKS**

The 53rd annual convention of the Grand Forks District WCTU was held in the Methodist church of Grand Forks May 16, 1963, with Mrs. Harry Facey of Larimore, the district president, in charge. Assembly singing was directed by Mrs. H. O. Hermanson; the flag salute was led by Mrs. M. B. Bertheuson. The Rev. Earl Butz, pastor of the church, led devotions, and spoke on "Big I and Little I," as representing those who make money from sale of beverage alcohol, and those who are fooled by propaganda. He closed his talk by reading a hymn, "Courage Brother, Do Not Stumble."

## TEEN-AGE SMOKING

It is noteworthy that the various agencies of the church have not joined the mounting tide of concern about teen-age smoking—concern which thus far has been expressed most strongly by secular groups: doctors, educators and journalists, among others.

The American Public Health Association estimates that a million children now in school will die of lung cancer before they reach the age of 70. Some 4,500 boys and girls between 12 and 17 take up the smoking habit each day of the year.

One tobacco company vice president admits, "Between the time a kid is 18 and 21, he's going to make the basic decision to smoke or not to smoke." The American Cancer Society found in a survey of 22,000 high schoolers that one-fourth of the boys smoked and 12.5 per cent of the girls smoked. Among the seniors, 35.4 of the boys smoked and 26.2 per cent of the girls. Tobacco advertising is geared to hook teen-agers. Should the church do anything? If so, what?

We believe that with the increasing evidence that smoking has become a national health problem, councils of churches ought to go on public record that they are seriously enough concerned to take steps to keep teen-agers from becoming smokers. If the American Cancer Society; if the president of the National Association of Broadcasters; if the New York State Board of Health; if hospitals, doctors, magazines, coaches, and educators will take action to curb teen-age smoking, why will not the National Council of Churches, the National Association of Evangelicals, and the American Council of Christian Churches?

We recognize that pronouncements and resolutions are not the answer, but they are a start, and coming from these influential groups—speaking for America's churches—they would give the local pastor, school administrator, coach, teacher, and parent increased authority in directing teen-agers away from cigarettes.

The church cannot legislate smoking out of existence. It will not help to say smoking is morally wrong, or that it just is not done by Christians, when all around them teen-agers can see professing Christians with cigarettes. But the church can say that a Christian should not tolerate being in complete bondage to any piece of self-indulgence—which is a Scriptural truth—especially to something that endangers his health.

Granted, the church's primary responsibility is not public health. But there is no reason why it cannot support the growing national campaign to protect and remind young people of the hazards of smoking. How? By public statements, by distribution of literature, by personal counseling, by support of local persons attempting to combat smoking on the secular level.

We must use every means of access that we have to young people—school, church, and home—to combat massive cigarette advertising appeals with the facts—the facts of Christian truth and medical research.

—The Sunday School Times  
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## TV SCRIPTS

It is deplorable that in scripts of nearly all plays presented on Television there are frequent pourings of drinks that are named, indicating certain types of distilled beverages and it is not strange that a five year old exclaimed to his mother, "Why is it they can drink so much on TV and never get drunk?" —Vera M. Bidle

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