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MRS. WALLACE JOHNSON
Minnesota State WCTU President
Convention Speaker



GUEST SPEAKER

We welcome Mrs. Wallace Johnson, State WCTU President of Minnesota, as the guest speaker at our State Convention in Williston, September 22-24.

Mrs. Johnson is the mother of a family of five children, now grown, and realizes the importance of "mother love," her motivation for entering and continuing in our great work. Mrs. Johnson has been active in WCTU work for almost 30 years and we are looking forward to seeing her and hearing the message she has for us.

MY BROTHER'S KEEPER

From out of the dim and distant past
Echoes the question oft recast,
"Must I my brother's keeper be—
Crucify self for such as he?
Must I give place in every plan
For service due my fellow man?
Why be concerned for others' weal,
Or shudder at some mute appeal?
I'm not to blame for human ills;
I'll quaff all sweets this life distills."
But the craven finds no solace here;
A voice divine smites on his ear
And makes the path of duty clear—
"If any man would blessed be,
Or fruits of joyous living see,
Let him find this the golden key—
Who serves his brother best, serves Me."

—Rollin H. Ayres.

Call For State Convention

The 76th annual meeting of the North Dakota Woman's Christian Temperance Union is hereby officially called to assemble in the Methodist Church in Williston, N. Dak., September 22-24, 1965.

The Official Board, composed of the General Officers, the Honorary presidents and the presidents of Districts, will meet in the Methodist Church at 1:00 P.M. September 22, 1965. The Executive Board will follow in the Church at 2:30 P.M. This Board is composed of the General Officers, the Trustees or their alternates, the general secretaries of the LTL and YTC, the secretary of Members at Large, the editor of the White Ribbon Bulletin and department directors.

The membership of the state convention includes the Executive Committee or Board, District Promotion 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 for every 30 members.

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

The meeting of the State General Officers will be in the Methodist Church at 10:30 A.M.

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CONVENTION CHAIRMEN

- General Chairmen --- Mrs. Harry Johnson, Mrs. Wm. Medley
- Registration ----- Mrs. Peter Erickson, Mrs. Charles Grile, Mrs. Sig Lervick
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- Speech Contest ----- Mrs. Alton Johnson, Mrs. Joel Erickson
- Publicity ----- Mrs. Irvin Noftsker
- Exhibits ----- Mrs. Ralph Kraft, Mrs. Beryl Roen

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NOTICE!

The Williston Union has asked that each union try to send in the NUMBER of those planning to attend the convention, to Mrs. Peter Erickson, 709 N. Main, Williston, N. D. 58801, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. You are also asked to let Mrs. Harry Johnson, 1710 Hillside Ct., Williston, N. Dak., know if you are coming by TRAIN or BUS and WHEN, so that they may be at the depot to meet you. Those coming to meet you will be wearing WHITE RIBBONS. These things are being asked of you to insure your comfort and enjoyment.

Managing Editor.

Ruth's Ramblings

Abstain from all appearance of evil. I Thessalonians 5:22.

Dear Comrades,

From Hazel Webster Byrnes we have a fine letter and a generous contribution. She was very pleased with the speech "You Be The Jury" by the young man in Jamestown - Our last W.R.B. caused much favorable comment - Mrs. Byrnes' address is now 100 Atlantic Avenue, Long Beach, Calif. 90802. She was formerly Director of our State Library Commission and now has an important educational position in California.

We have rambled to Chicago to the ninety-first national convention. My husband drove and he made the proper turn at the loop, and then, in no time we were only 3 blocks straight and 2 blocks to the right" and there stood the Pick-Congress Hotel! He was proud of his car load containing two Y.T.C. officers and his wife. This is the first time that girls have attended national. In previous years 5 boys have been privileged to attend. The girls were given seats in the convention beside the North Dakota Banner. Judy Peterson, our state Y.T.C. President, accompanied the chorus singing several times - she and Alice Howey, our state promotion secretary attended all Y.T.C. meetings on Saturday. They rambled to Evanston and the home of Frances Willard and our publishing house. Be sure and invite these officers to speak in your unions. Have the youth in Williston Friday evening for the special youth program and contest. This is important! Please make a sacrifice to attend convention and to see that the young people can be there. The westerners manage to come to the eastern part of our state for the annual program so let us not use the excuse that "it is too far to go way out there." Let's encourage our youth for North Dakota is now on the map with its "Good time with a Purpose."

Come to Williston. Come one, Come all! and we will do thee good.

Blessings, Ruth Ottinger

New Iota Sigma!

An Iota Sigma branch of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union was organized in Fargo on July 7, 1965 at the home of Mrs. Harry A. Anderson, 2822 N. 7th St. Mrs. Anderson, acting organizer, explained the objectives and aims of Iota Sigma. The purpose is to be banded together with prayer, to study problems of today caused by alcohol and narcotics, to keep informed, then work to help youth to find the way to a sober, Christ-Centered life.

Four young women were willing to assume the responsibility of an office, and the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Robert Hoover; Vice-President, Miss Janet Gangness; Secretary, Miss Bonnie Rust; Treasurer, Mrs. Larry Gangness. The president-elect read portions of scripture and offered prayer. The hostess handed out recipes for natural fruit beverages, and copies of the Union Signal as a source of information for these new workers. They plan to undergird a YTC and to sponsor a poster contest.

It is interesting to note that several of these new members were former YTC campers! Undoubtedly, the fine spirit in evidence is the result of training received in the home and at YTC camp.

The treasury received a boost by a generous donation of \$25.00 from Mrs. I. C. Ruliffson, Mrs. John Adams and Mrs. A. D. Ottinger. Consequently, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to order some necessary supplies in addition to the packets of supplies for officers which had already been supplied by the State Office. So this new union is off to a good start

State Historians

Since total abstinence teachings and programs have such a small place in radio and television and through the press, we are very grateful to our loyal columnist, Ann Landers, for her statements concerning the evils of alcoholic beverages. Another Daily columnist who writes concerning Health, Dr. Brady, relates how his mother was a member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. He frequently "speaks up" against liquor. Recently his column was relegated to the lower corner of the editorial page under the heading "Ol Doc. Brady" Our WCTU members should send letters of appreciation to Ann Landers and Dr. Brady for their part in promoting total abstinence.

Since we have so little advertisement elsewhere it might be a good idea to put our state paper in depots, hotels, colleges, high schools, libraries, hospitals and churches, and in other places where the public might have our work brought to their attention. One of our city school superintendents asked that copies of our White Ribbon Bulletin be placed in the grade school libraries. Mrs. Hazel Webster Byrnes, of our state Library commission, gave a large amount of cash for the purpose of sending the White Ribbon Bulletin out over the state in the 20 Book Mobiles which travel throughout this area.

The liquor lobbyists are powerful. The Brewers boast of fitting containers to every home refrigerator. The police are controlled in reporting highway accidents, saloon brawls and illegal sales of beverage alcohol, therefore we must do all we can to stem this tide of evil. We must make our voice heard.

We learn a lesson as we go among the woods. Some trees are young and some are old. In our WCTU garden our 75 year old tree recalled the statement made by our untiring president, Mrs. A. D. Ottinger, in the White Ribbon Bulletin, that North Dakota WCTU was organized 91 years ago!

Like the full grown tree, ripe and sturdy, which had withstood the storms and also the heat and sunshine of yesteryear, so had the women, often abused but patient, braced themselves against the uncontrolled liquor traffic. Frances Willard, with much prayer and God's help, not only traveled over most of the United States organizing new unions, but carried the temperance work across the sea into many countries of the world. But most of the old timber has been relegated, perhaps to the saw mill or lumber yard - still to continue to serve, in a different and better way.

For the summer August session, the Kidder County union at Steele were hostesses at a picnic to four carloads of the Bismarck Union, in the large air conditioned Methodist Church basement. Mrs. Joel Erickson, director of youth's posters, supplies the "young timber" of our organization. These posters should be kept in the stores or public office windows the year around and in every town and village. The LTL and YTC must be the "New Timber" in our prohibition work, and at the Williston convention in September you will be able to see the "young timber" at work, fighting alcohol, on Youth Night, so try to be there.

Mrs. Charles Liessman, State Historian.

as they each resolved to try to "Win One" before the next meeting on July 28!

Remember these young women in prayer as they set out to be in active service in the cause of total abstinence.

Alcohol is the greatest foe to my men, greater even than the bullets of the Enemy. —Gen. John J. Pershing.

A Word To The Wise

NOT ENOUGH ROOM IN LAST ISSUE

Dear Friends all;

June, and ordinarily it is the most delightful month of the year in North Dakota, but to my personal regret, the constant high winds up here on the high prairie have made it uncomfortable for me to spend much time out of doors this year. So the garden is late and not as well looked after as I wish it were. Yet I am very grateful that we have not suffered from the floods and tornadoes by which many communities have been afflicted.

It was my privilege this year to attend the YTC Camp at Cooperstown, and how I did enjoy the parts of five days that I spent there! I occupied a comfortable room in the fine building recently erected there that houses the large dining hall, kitchen, rest rooms and a fairly large meeting room, besides sleeping rooms for quite a number of people, upstairs. From the rising bell at 6:45 in the morning, till the close of activities at 10:30 P.M., the girls and boys in attendance were kept busy and happy. I also was happy to be allowed to attend the classes in Narcotic Education and Christian Citizenship, led respectively by Mrs. Mabel Solum of Fergus Falls, Minn., and the Rev. Otto E. Kinzler of Enderlin, N. D. I found both of these study courses informative and helpful. So were the devotional periods led by Miss Irene Morse of Minneapolis, Minn. The two ladies from the Gopher state have come to help with our North Dakota camp each year since the very first; it was a great pleasure to meet them and become acquainted. Rev. Kinzler, who is a retired Methodist minister, also has helped there before. The fine portrait of Dennis Topp, our late beloved young leader whose deep interest and determined activity made possible the first of our series of camps, was hung in the chapel, where all could see it. We still sorrow because of the too early passing from this life of this young man, whose spiritual gifts as well as his happy friendliness with people of all ages made him a wonderful leader.

We were fortunate to have the help of Mr. Robert R. Hoover of Fargo and his his lovely wife, Dorothy Hansen Hoover, of Fargo. Mr. Hoover was Dean of men, and Dorothy, with her fine voice, led the singing which has such a large place in the camp activities. Whether she was training a group to give a special number at the Sunday morning service, singing a solo or helping new campers to learn the words and tunes of songs new to them around a campfire or after a meal in the dining room, she was the right one in the right place. She first met Mr. Hoover at a Minnesota YTC Camp to which our state president took her, several years ago. Besides looking after the boys, Mr. Hoover was very helpful in planning hikes, games, and other special features of the recreation periods. We are glad they live in North Dakota now!

The Rev. James Ballwebber, pastor of the Assemblies of God Church at Finley, drove over at least three times to be of help. He showed a film, led a devotional service, and sang a solo with fine expression. His pretty wife, the former Sharon Olson of Norwich, and their three little children accompanied him the afternoon that the Cooperstown WCTU held a meeting at the camp. Mr. and Mrs. Ballwebber are both former officers of the state YTC. Our state promotion secretary, Miss Ragnhild Lima, and her mother were able to attend that WCTU meeting too. The Rev. Matthews, pastor of the Evangelical Free Church of Cooperstown, gave a fine sermon at the Sunday morning church service in the chapel.

Of course Mrs. A. D. Ottinger, our state WCTU

president was there to help Mrs. Melvin Gangness, State YTC General Secretary, and to do the many 'fill in' things that came up. So was Mrs. Benjamin Gorder, the State recording secretary of the WCTU, who guarded one cabin full of girls, and Mrs. Alton Johnson of Hunter, who directed the speech contest. Miss Irene Morse was Dean of Women, and roomed in a cabin with some of the girls; her lessons on the book of II Timothy, given at the morning watch, and her leadership of the prayer service held at 5 p.m. for those who wished to attend, all are things to be remembered. Mrs. Gangness, as presiding officer at chapel, and evening programs, and at the fine banquet program, in addition to all the work preceding the coming to camp, made us proud of her. The fine kitchen staff provided excellent food all the time; even for a picnic one evening. Not a drop of rain fell to spoil anything, and there was no wind worth mentioning! The days I spent in that beautiful valley where the Cheyenne River winds, will remain in my memory as long as I live.

Cordially yours, Elizabeth C. Beasley

CLERGY OFFICERS IN COLD WAR

By Paul Harvey

Has Christianity lost its forward thrust?

The 116 million churchgoers in the United States are more than ever before. That's an increase of 30 per cent in ten years.

But illegitimacy has increased 300 per cent.

Pornography has become a 500-million-dollar-a-year business.

Venereal disease has increased 72 per cent in one year!

Our crime bill is 20 billion dollars a year.

And crime is increasing four times faster than our population is increasing.

Juvenile crime is increasing five times faster.

For every dollar we spend on churches we spend \$12,000 on crime.

Our nation has 7 million alcoholics and 3½ million problem drinkers.

Combine all our churches, synagogues and temples and they are outnumbered by our taverns by 175,000!

Combine all the money we spend on religion, education, medicine and automobiles—and the money we give to gamblers is greater than all those put together!

Ours is the most civilized, most Christianized nation on earth, yet 37 million of our own children receive absolutely no religious instruction.

What I'm saying is that we have more preachers in the United States—but we are paying less attention to them—than at any time in our nation's history.

The Devil's disciples are obviously better salesmen. Our clergy is not being persecuted, its being ignored.

America is ceasing to be good!

—Copied from the Virginia Information Bulletin. Progress, Feb., 1965.

We must seek solutions to aid our youth before they reach the adult stage of addiction.

Drinking must be deglamorized.

Advertising and promotion must be decreased.

The downfall of preceding generations indicates that alcohol was responsible for the downfall of nations.

We overlook the fact that young people are not their own teachers, they do not write the books from which they study, do not produce the TV shows or build the automobiles. They receive these smack in the face.

The average life of an alcoholic is 51 years, or if he reforms, is 70.

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ALCOHEART?

Remember when they used to give heart patients a snort of whiskey? Not any more. The American Heart Association says recent research on dogs shows that alcohol in the blood decreases the force of the heart's contractions up to 40 per cent and causes the release of an enzyme (transaminase) which appears when the heart muscle has been damaged.

Researchers say that the more alcohol that is taken, the less is the coronary blood flow. Furthermore, the pumping strength of the heart muscle also diminishes. Researchers note that the results are identical whether they use "lab" stuff or bonded bourbon.—Listen.

Pen Points HAIL TO THE HARVEST

All hail to merry autumn days that color all
the leaves,

And make them all so beautiful that no
one o'er them grieves.

All hail the merry harvest time, the gayest
of the year,

The time of rich and bounteous crops, rejoicing
and good cheer.

—Charles Dickens.

Dear Readers:

This is indeed the beautiful harvest time — the time of reaping the results of a period of hard work and concern, and we acknowledge God's wonderful part in this harvest, for without Him we could do nothing. Without the proper amount of sunshine and rain, without health to carry on as well as wisdom and knowledge to do things, I'm afraid our harvest would indeed be small. I love these verses in Proverbs 3:5, 6, which says, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths." This is a comforting thought no matter what our occupation.

As I glance at our Treasurer's report, I see that we are a NET GAIN state in membership. Mrs. Ottinger writes from the National Convention in Chicago, that we are ONE of TWO Net Gain states in the nation. I'm sure each one has tried to do their part in gaining a new member and it isn't always easy. This has helped to make us a Net Gain state.

This issue of the White Ribbon Bulletin brings us up to our convention in Williston, September 22-24, where we'll be brought up to date on the results of our hard work and concern — the harvest of our labor. Jesus said to His disciples in Matt. 9:37, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few." We, too, need more active members, laborers in all branches of our work, the WCTU, YTC, LTL and White Ribbon Recruits. September is the beginning of a new year. That means as we pay our membership dues we can again become ROCK OF AGES members — and by the way, it's much easier to pay at the BEGINNING of the year than at the end. It's better for our state treasurer as she then knows just how many members we have. Then each of us must get busy and get that NEW MEMBER and pay in that EXTRA \$1.00 for the Century fund. Let's all become MILLIONAIRES in 1965-1966, and try with greater effort to sow the good seed of Total Abstinence in the many fields ready to be worked in this coming year.

Your Managing Editor, Hazel Huntley.

NOTICE!

The State Treasurer has complained to me about unions NOT sending in the dues of regular members until the last month of the year. Remember this is the beginning of a NEW YEAR (September) and if you look on page 1 of your Annual State Report, you will notice the first line on that page says, "Each member pays her dues in September." Mrs. Grondahl cannot count the exact membership in our state until she has received your dues for the NEW year, you are only counted FOR ONE YEAR at a time. Let's surprise her this year and get our dues in, in September.

Yours for a BIG, EARLY membership "paid up" dues,

—Managing Editor.

Treasurer's Report

June 15 To August 15, 1965

DUES—Minot 11, Nekoma 1, Cooperstown 1, Jamestown 11, Belfield 5, Glover 2, Valley City 15, Fargo Iota Sigma 10, Drayton 25, Oakes 2, Dickey 2, Langdon 2, Steele 1, Marion 15, Ellendale 1, Julia D. Nelson 33.

CCC—Nekoma 25c, Hettinger \$11.25, Drayton \$6.25, Dickey 50c, Ellendale 25c.

BUDGET—Nekoma \$1.00, Drayton \$10.25, Marion \$14.00.

MEMBERS AT LARGE—56.

STATE REPORTS—Minot \$2.00, Prosper \$2.00, Jamestown \$2.00, Tower City \$1.00.

LILLIAN STEVENS FUND—Tioga \$2.00, Glover \$1.00.

FRANCES WILLARD FUND—Tioga \$2.00, Jamestown \$2.00, Glover \$2.00 Parshall YTC \$2.00.

LITERATURE—Northwood \$3.00 for District Convention.

LIGHT LINE—Northwood, Prosper, Tioga, Jamestown and Gilby.

CENTURY FUND—WCTU \$28, 2 LTL's 50c.

WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN FUNL—Minot \$2.00, Jamestown \$1.00, Tower City \$3.00.

LTL—Prosper \$1.10, Northwood \$9.50, Parshall 30c.

YTC—Grafton \$4.00, Lisbon \$5.40, Bismarck \$2.40, Cogswell \$3.30, Members paid at Camp \$14.00.

DISTRICT PLEDGE—Williston \$20.00.

FILM RENTAL—Hettinger \$1.00.

FOR WORLD FRIENDSHIP—From Camp \$16.93.

HONORARY MEMORIAL MEMBERSHIPS—Mrs. P. J. Foss by her husband, Mrs. Orin Walter by her husband.

MEMORIALS—For Mrs. Orin Walter \$5.00 by Arthur and Victoria Salzsieder, \$2.00 by Mrs. J. H. Winslow and \$20.00 of memorial money by other friends. For Arnold Grondahl \$2.00 by Mrs. Benjamin Gorden and \$3.00 by Julia D. Nelson union to the Camp Fund. For Mrs. Martin Ivers \$1.00 to Camp Fund by Mrs. Oscar Kjorlie.

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP—1480.

CORRECTION—In last issue Eleanor Ralston gave \$20.00 instead of \$2.00, of memorial money for Mrs. Knute Erdahl.

Mrs. L. O. Grondahl, State Treasurer

ROCK OF AGES MEMBERS

Jamestown:- Mrs. Nellie Anderberg, Mrs. Floyd Burchell, Mrs. D. L. Depuy, Mrs. Byron Hansen, Mrs. R. J. Holmes, Mrs. B. H. Kroeze, Mrs. R. R. Meeker, Mrs. Wm. Morrison, Mrs. Elbert Richardson, Mrs. G. L. Riffe, Mrs. C. L. Robertson, Mrs. E. G. Starr, Mrs. K. K. Koth, Mrs. A. Roorda, Mrs. M. Heiden.

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"ONE IN A MILLION" MEMBERS

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Nekoma — Mrs. Frank Beasley, Mrs. George Sholy, Miss Christine Gjevre.

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Mrs. E. J. Huntley.

ROCK OF AGES UNIONS

Jamestown.

"Friendliness is catching." "If you want a friend be a friend."

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

IN MEMORIAM

Passed on, beyond our mortal vision,

But now the thought is robbed of gloom;

Within the Father's many mansions

Still dwelling in another room.

The one whose going left us lonely

Is scaling heights undreamed of yore,

And guided on by Love's unfolding,

Has gone upstairs, and shut the door.

—Author Unknown.

Mrs. Inga Laurhammer, for many years a resident of Fairdale and Edinburg, was called from this life January 21, 1965. She was almost 92 years old. She was the widow of the Rev. P. O. Laurhammer, who served four country congregations of the Lutheran Free Church near Fairdale, Adams and Edinburg, North Dakota for many years. She was the first president of the Fairdale WCTU which was very active while she lived there; after moving to Edinburg she was a helpful member there. She was a Life Member of the North Dakota WCTU.

Mrs. John H. Potter, 86, of Fargo died there recently after a long illness. She had been a faithful member of the Fargo union for years, serving as president for a long time. She also was president of the Fargo District WCTU for six years, from 1937 to 1942. She is survived by three sons, none of whom now live in this state. "Jessie" as her old friends called her, was a member of the Methodist church, was loved and is missed by a great many people.

Mrs. D. F. Douglas of Gilby, born Tessie Quinn in Ontario, Canada, Feb. 8, 1874, died at Grand Forks hospital August 11, 1965. She came to the Manvel community with her parents in 1880, was married to David F. Douglas in 1898 and they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in 1958.

She was a Life Member of the North Dakota WCTU, a Charter member of the Gilby WCTU, and served as first president when it was organized in 1912. She was "faithful unto death." Mr. Douglas died in 1963. She is survived by a son and three daughters.

Mrs. J. G. Moore, 95, oldest surviving member of the pioneer Halcrow family of the Bowesmont vicinity, died at her home in Hollywood, Calif., July 1, 1965. Until fairly recent years she had lived in North Dakota, where her husband, the Rev. J. G. Moore, was a pioneer Methodist minister, serving various churches and as a District Superintendent at Minot, Grand Forks and Bismarck. He died in 1936. Mrs. Moore was a member of the WCTU as long as she lived here. She was a sister of Barbara Halcrow Wylie, Mae Halcrow and John Halcrow, whose names will not be forgotten in the history of the temperance work in North Dakota. Another sister, Mrs. C. W. Moses of Bismarck and a brother Robert Halcrow of Drayton, died earlier this year. She is survived by four sisters, a daughter and three grandchildren.

News comes of the death in July of Mrs. Katherine Gardner of Wyndmere, who would have been 100 years old in November, had she lived that long. She was a faithful member of the Wyndmere WCTU while there was an organization there. After it discontinued she became a Willard member until her death.

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IN MEMORIAM

Funeral services for Mrs. Orin Walter were held July 1 at the Willow Grove Methodist Church with Rev. Harold Rambo, LaMoure, and Charles Hunt, Jamestown, officiating.

Mary Alford Walter, daughter of James and Virginia Alford was born in Lewisburg, Tennessee, May 16, 1899. She came to North Dakota with her parents in 1920. She was carried to Orin Walter on August 17, 1927, in Nashua, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Walter lived on a farm in Wano township until 1959 when they retired to LaMoure. Mrs. Walter passed away at the LaMoure hospital on June 28, 1965.

She was a member of the Willow Grove Methodist Church and active in the Sunday School and Woman's Society. Since moving to LaMoure she was a member of the United Presbyterian Women and Woman's Christian Temperance Union and had served as president.

Survivors are her husband, two sons, two daughters, and 11 grandchildren. Two brothers and a sister preceded her in death.

Promotion Secretary's Letter

"Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Eph. 6:13.

"The foe is stern and eager,
The fight is fierce and long;
But He has made us mighty
And stronger than the strong."

Dear Co-Workers:

As we look ahead into the new WCTU year there may be many fears and misgivings. We feel our weakness and inability to cope with the situation, but it is good to know that we can go forth in the strength of the Lord and be more than conquerors through Him. The battle is the Lord's and He will fight for us.

Perhaps some of you feel that you did not accomplish very much in the year that has passed. Cheer up! Now you can begin with a clean slate. One way to succeed is to get an early start. Make your plans and go to work.

The first thing you should do is to collect the dues (for this coming year) of all the members. This should be done in September, with a follow-up for unpaid dues in October, if necessary. The local treasurer must have ALL dues in at that time so she can make her record and be able to send them in to the state treasurer before Jan. 1. Our state treasurer will greatly appreciate your co-operation in this and it will make her work much easier. This is a much better plan than letting it slide until next July or August.

The next thing is to win new members. All of you should now be familiar with the Ten Year Plan. If you were a "One In A Million" member this past year, gain a second new member this coming year and give the second dollar to the Century Fund. Those who failed to join the plan last year may become ONE IN A MILLION by gaining two new members and giving \$2.00 to the Century Fund.

The 1965-1966 membership plans and awards have been sent out and each union should have them by now. Study these carefully and seek to follow the plans given.

This past year there was an increase in Rock of Ages members. May we have even more this coming year. When you bring your dues why not become a Rock of Ages member? Remember, "A Prayer and a penny a day to keep liquor away." It will also be a great boost for your local treasury.

We are happy to announce that an Iota Sigma was organized in Fargo this summer. We welcome this group into our WCTU family. Mrs. Dorothy Hoover is

president; Janice Gangness, vice president; Bonnie Rust, secretary and Mrs. Lois Gangness, treasurer. May God's blessings be upon them in their work.

May we remind you again to use ZIP CODE. Always use it in your return address. National urges all monthly promoter packet of literature subscribers to furnish them with their zip code NO LATER than Dec. 14, 1965. After Jan. 1, 1966 all organizations will have to pay the government a specified amount for third class bulk mailings which do not have the Zip Code number.

We are looking forward to the State Convention to be held in Williston within the next few days. Rev. E. J. Huntley will speak at the banquet on Wednesday evening, Sept. 22. On Thursday afternoon Mrs. Ottinger will give her address, entitled "Mountain Road." We have a real treat in store for Thursday evening when Mrs. Wallace Johnson, President of Minnesota WCTU, will speak. You will not want to miss it. Friday night is Youth Night with a speech contest as well as some of the YTC members taking part in the program. Reports of the National Convention in Chicago will be given and musical numbers will be rendered throughout the entire convention.

Come and enjoy a time of inspiration and fellowship.

Cordially yours, Ragnhild Lima.

MOTHER OF THE YEAR

This year it is again our privilege to have "The Mother Of The Year" on our WCTU membership roll. Mrs. Don Klingensmith of Mandan, North Dakota, is not only the Mother of a family but is County Superintendent of Schools in Morton County. She is also a faithful member of the Methodist Church in Mandan.

Here I quote from Mrs. Klingensmith's letter, "It was a real privilege to represent North Dakota during the American Mother's week in New York. I thank the Lord and the many friends who made it possible."

Managing Editor.

HE GIVETH MORE GRACE

He giveth more grace when the burdens grow greater.
He sendeth more strength when the labors increase;
To added affliction He addeth His Mercy
To multiplied trials, His multiplied Peace.
His Love has no limit; His Grace has no measure;
His Power no boundary known unto men;
For out of His infinite riches in Jesus
He giveth and giveth and giveth again.

Annie Johnson Flint.

GIVE US MORE MOTHERS

Cassius M. Clouston

Backwards, turn backwards, O Time, in your flight;
Give us more mothers who stand for the right.
We have grown weary of mothers today
Who loaf in the beer joints—leave children to stray;
Yes, leave their own children to roam on the streets.
No wonder some of them are liars and cheats.
Mothers, come back from the tavern dance floor,
And train up your children as mothers of yore.
Backward, flow backward, O Tide of the Years,
And give us more mothers who don't guzzle beers.

—National Voice.

THE GOSPEL

"You are writing a gospel,
A chapter each day,
By deeds that you do,
By words that you say;
Men read what you write,
Whether faulty or true.
Say, what is the gospel
According to you?"

JAMES VALLEY DISTRICT CONVENTION

The James-Valley District Annual Convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union was held April 29, 1965 in the Jamestown Methodist church.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Carl Hetland, and the song, "Lead On O King Eternal" was sung by the group. Rev. William Morrison, host pastor, led the devotions, using Ephesians 4:1-7, and using as his subject "The Christian Walk." The devotions closed by singing, "A Charge To Keep I Have" and the benediction.

The Flag Salutes were led by Miss Edna Strassburg, and a welcome was extended by Mrs. Burr and Mrs. R. M. Jensen. Miss Ragnhild Lima, State Promotion secretary, held the State Officers Hour. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Mrs. Henry Nelson offered the noontide prayer. A delicious noon lunch was served by the ladies of the church.

Mrs. Marion Voorhees led the devotions for the afternoon session using the topic "Love is Patient and Kind." A duet was sung by Miss Birch and Miss Ausbourn. Mrs. Lyle Trapp took charge of the Memorial service, which included a duet by Mrs. Walter Piehl and Mrs. Lyle Trapp.

The session which followed included the Treasurer's report, reports of the Union Presidents and a report of the District president.

The film, "Spirit of '74" was shown by Mrs. Ralph Kraft, State director of Posters and Films. Mrs. A. D. Ottinger, our State President, gave an interesting and challenging message, followed by a duet by Rev. and Mrs. N. E. McCoy. Bonnie Van Bruggen reported for the Iota Sigma and Mrs. Alex Burr gave a talk on Legislation. The White Ribbon Recruit Service was in charge of Mrs. Osborns and Mrs. Kraft. Poster contestants had many good posters on display to be judged.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. O. E. LeMay of Jamestown; Vice-President, Mrs. Lyle Trapp of Marion; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Joe Miedema of Ypsilanti; Promotion Secretary, Mrs. H. Paulson of Jamestown; Treasurer, Mrs. R. M. Jensen, Valley City.

Mrs. A. D. Ottinger offered the closing prayer. A coffee hour followed.

"WHISKEY FUND"

By Mrs. Ruth Tooze, in Union Signal
EVANSTON, ILL.—Ever since Repeal, our Congress has appropriated huge sums of money for use by State Department in purchase of alcoholic liquors to smooth the wheels of diplomacy. Repeated protestations on the part of members of Congress and other Citizens have been of no avail. Each year the Congress continues to appropriate money for this purpose. The amount requested this year was \$1,025,000; however the House Appropriations Committee voted the sum of \$993,000, or \$52,000 less than originally requested. Congressmen know that such funds are used mostly for the purchase of drinks, and they name it "the whiskey fund." At a time when diplomatic relations between countries are strained and the fate of the whole world—even its continued existence—is problematical, those who represent our nation, in fact all who help decide relationship between the various countries cannot be too careful, as far as the use of alcohol is concerned.
—Nov. 1964 National Voice.

Did you know that the Bible has more to say about drunkenness than about lying, stealing, swearing, hypocrisy, adultery, pride or blasphemy. More than 160 verses.

Notes From The Unions

The Prosper Union met June 29th at the Herby church with the Hunter Union as guests. A very interesting account of the YTC camp and its activities was given by five of the area campers. The young people sang some of their camp songs and Judy Peterson played a piano solo.

The meeting concluded with a delicious lunch.

The July meeting of the Prosper Union was at the Albert Waa home, with Mrs. Gordon Langseth leading the devotions. Mrs. Hans Langseth led the Flag salutes. The program was directed by Mrs. Hans Langseth, program director. Election of officers followed the program with the following officers elected: President, Mrs. Gordon Langseth; Vice-President, Mrs. George Rust; Secretary, Mrs. Oscar Johnson; Treasurer, Mrs. Hans Langseth.

All enjoyed the delicious lunch served by the hostess.

The May meeting of the Lydia Wanner Union was held at the home of Mrs. Alex Jawaski. Mrs. Guy Muir assisted by Mrs. B. H. Kroeze, Mrs. O. E. LeMay and Mrs. Phebe Somsen presented the program. The Jawaski triplets assisted the hostess in serving the refreshments.

Mrs. G. L. Riffe was chairman of the program for the July meeting, Mrs. N. E. McCoy and Mrs. E. L. Richardson furnished the music and Rev. Leo Miller, pastor of the Assembly of God church spoke on Patriotism in Action. Mary Kraft and Tom Steffan the young people who attended the YTC camp at Cooperstown gave their reports of the camp. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. B. H. Kroeze.

The Langdon union held the August meeting at the farm home of Mrs. J. C. Carlson the evening of August 2, at which time officers were elected for the coming year. Members of the Nekoma WCTU were among the many guests who attended; Mrs. Frank Beasley gave a talk about the YTC Camp held near Cooperstown in June, and the people who make it a success. Mrs. Robert McFarlane was in charge of the program, for which readings from the Union Signal were given, including "The President's Page" by Mrs. Wm. Overby, "Wine Cellar for the White House" by Mrs. Arnold Braaten and "Barkeeping Taught at Columbia" by Margaret Kelland. Mrs. McFarlane called attention to the film on cigarette smoking entitled "Who, Me," taken from the Cancer News, and also made mention of the Temperance club at Vang, of 50 years ago. A fine lunch was served by Mrs. Carlson and the assisting hostesses, Mrs. Milo Olson and Mrs. Viola Howatt.

LIGHT YOUR CANDLE

A Chinese proverb says, "It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness." The curse of the liquor traffic is dark indeed, but let us "Light a candle" every day by doing at least one thing to create public sentiment in favor of sobriety: 1) Pray, 2) secure a new WCTU member, 3) pass on a good leaflet, 4) talk with a youth or child, 5) write a letter to a newspaper, or a lawmaker or a Radio or TV station, etc, etc, etc.

Feb. 15, —Iowa Champion.

HIGHWAY DEATHS AT AN ALL-TIME HIGH

"A record traffic accident toll of 47,800 lives and \$8.2 billion in economic losses last year was reported by the National Safety Council . . . The 1964 death toll showed an increase of 10 per cent over the previous high of 43,564, recorded in 1963.

"An estimated 1.7 million Americans suffered injuries that disabled them beyond the day of the accident." —San Francisco News Call-Bulletin.

BUT CAN A GLASS OR TWO OF BEER MAKE A DRIVER UNSAFE TO DRIVE?

How can even a small quantity of alcohol, such as is found in a glass or two of beer affect the sight?

A normal driver, when looking ahead, can see objects approaching him from both sides. This small amount of alcohol from a couple of glasses of beer, narrows the eye-span. It is as though he wore blinkers like a horse.

The normal eye can see distinctly for about thirty feet ahead. But this small amount of alcohol reduces that distance as much as a third. Which means that an object must be ten feet nearer before it is within his vision after drinking the beer.

The power to distinguish between different colours is lessened. Thus traffic signals are not clearly seen.

Is a driver affected in other ways by this small quantity of alcohol?

When the nerve centres are narcotised or drugged by alcohol, the team work between head and hand is affected. So this makes the movement of hands and feet on wheel, clutch and brake considerably slower.

Hence, even the liquor-sellers say, "If you drive, don't drink; if you drink, don't drive."

1 man plus alcohol equals lost control.

1 vehicle minus control equals danger.

1 man plus alcohol, plus danger equals more accidents.

Accidents divided by total abstinence equals increased safety.

One or two glasses of beer are not worth the risk that any drinking driver takes. **Total abstinence, not moderation, is the only answer for any driver.**

—National Voice.

MODERNIZATION VS. ABSTINENCE

By Florence Marshall Stellwagen
 We dined together, she and I;
 She asked "Which wine for you?"
 I said, "None, thank you, I don't drink."
 She said, "Come on - let's do!"
 But I replied, "No, thank you."
 At which she took offense;
 She scoffed, "I call it sily —
 This total abstinence."
 Now, as to moderation
 It depends on what you do.
 I'd never choose a "moderate" cold
 But none at all. Would you?
 Nor would I want a "moderate" burn,
 A "moderate" cut, or fright.
 A "moderately" broken wrist
 Leaves one in a sorry plight.
 And moderate drinks of alcohol
 Are worse than cuts, I feel;
 For one can see a burn or cut
 And know how soon 'twill heal;
 But alcohol is silently
 At work on heart and brain,
 And even moderate drinking
 Vitality will drain.
 Now if one's honest with oneself
 And wants to know the truth,
 And live intelligently, too,
 Noet squander health and youth.
 It seems to me the way to live
 Is using **COMMON SENSE**:
 For moderation never
 Beat total abstinence.

Taken from New York Temperance Work.

"Liquor is worse than war, pertilence and famine,
 and worse than all three combined." —Gladstone.

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WHAT A DIFFERENCE THE LABEL MAKES

To the Editor:

The following clipping was taken from the Metropolitan Milk Producers' News. I would like to have it reprinted in the Press.

"If a farmer sells a bushel of grain to a manufacturer of whiskey, he puts the grain through a still. It comes out fire water, and the consumer pays \$3 to \$5 a quart or 50 cents a shot. The consumer drinks it and says, 'Gimmie another.'

"The farmer puts his grain through a distillery called a cow, and it comes out milk. The consumer pays 25 cents a quart, takes a drink, sets the glass down and says, 'Go easy on the milk, folks. The price is way up.'

"Milk selling at 15 cents for a six ounce glass amounts to \$40 a hundred, at 60 cents a shot, whiskey brings \$960 a hundred."

—From The New York Bulletin, Mrs. Bernard Weakley, Little Falls, RD.

WHAT'S IN A WORD?

"Did" is a word of achievement,

"Won't" is a word of retreat.

"Might" is a word of bereavement,

"Can't" is a word of defeat.

"Ought" is a word of duty.

"Try" is a word for each hour.

"Will," is a word of beauty,

"Can" is a word of power!

—Adlai A. Esteb.