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## Ruth's Ramblings

### CRITICISM IS EASIER THAN CREATION; WORK IS MORE DIFFICULT THAN TALK

Dear Comrades;

Mrs. McClearey's LTL at Dickey is Number Three in our list of organizations this year and Mrs. Grabenski's LTL at Inkster is Number Four. The next one heard of was Mrs. Everett Johnson's YTC at Benedict. Then Mrs. Al Semchenko's YTC at Max. Number Seven was Fargo YTC with Lorella Haibeck as counselor. Mrs. Donald Fallgetter's YTC and LTL in Steele are Numbers Eight and Nine with Mrs. White helping. Mrs. Brademeyer's YTC at Oakes is Number Ten. Roger Hailbeck in Sutton is starting a YTC with Lorella's help. Mrs. Grace Otremba and Mrs. Chas. Slocumb are re-organizing the Beach Union. We have workers in Larimore, Cavalier, Hettinger, Grafton, Scranton, Hunter, Arthur and Grand Forks. Our prayers were more than answered. Praise the Lord!

The gambling workers are out again with their petitions. Debt, Degradation and Death are the three Ds of gambling. "Horse players die broke. Gambling is the biggest cause of such crime as embezzlement. It is also the cause of broken marriages, neglected children, poverty, and sometimes suicide," says Damon Runyan. Please work against this enemy, not in a whisper, but in a voice that can be heard. Work against the signing of these petitions and don't forget to pray.

Come one, come all to Valley City to the Grace Free Lutheran Church, at 202 3rd St. N.W., on Sept. 18th, 6:30 p.m. and enjoy the 79th WCTU banquet and meet old friends. Hear our National Treasurer, Mrs. L. A. N. Nielsen on Thursday evening and enjoy "YOUTH NITE" on Friday evening. Let's make it the biggest and best!

Blessings,  
Ruth Cooper Ottinger

### RESULTS OF SOCIAL DRINKING

Alcohol gives confidence, drugs its victims, produces superficial thrills, offers temporary escape from problems and reality, releases the brakes of self-control and good judgment, develops one alcoholic out of every eight moderate drinkers, slows down mental and physical ability, hinders proper functioning of the five senses and is habit-forming.

Be yourself — be an abstainer!

### MENTAL HEALTH AND DRINKING

In the last eighteen years the percentage of drinkers in America has risen from 65 to 71 per cent. Since 1954 the percentage of alcoholics admitted to mental institutions is up 18 per cent. (Rutgers University).

"The Book, Sir, is the rock on which our Republic rests."  
—Andrew Jackson.

Drinking patterns of our young people are established in the home and not by legislative order."—Rocco B. ubino, sales vice president of Pabst Brewing Company.

"The man who has the right to boast, does not have to."  
—Quotes.

## CONVENTION

Wednesday, September 18, 1968

General Officers Meeting ----- 10:30 A.M.  
Executive Committee ----- 1:00 P.M.  
Official Board ----- 2:30 P.M.

The Executive Committee is composed of the General Officers, the trustees, 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 official Board is composed of the General Officers, the Honorary Presidents and the presidents of districts.

The membership of the State Convention includes the Executive Committees, District Promotion secretaries and Treasurers, chairmen of Standing Committees, president 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, and the editor of the White Ribbon Bulletin.

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.  
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When attending these other meetings do not forget the Annual Banquet at 6:30 P.M. in the Host Church (Grace Free Lutheran). Also notice that Housing will be provided for all coming to the WCTU Convention.

Mrs. Charles Schelkoph, Local President.

## PARI-MUTUEL BETTING

This may be on our state ballot in November! Read your ballot CAREFULLY — take your time to vote! Do we want this in our state? Let's be alert to the danger we are in. Quoting from "Ruth's Ramblings," May-June, 1964, in our White Ribbon Bulletin, "Your President feels that gambling is a disease, second only to alcoholism, the two outstanding features being moral and monetary. People gamble to realize monetary gain and the result of their gambling affects the lives of others. Money that is spent at the race track is not available for use with the main street business, the savings and checking accounts, etc."

States who have Pari-Mutuel Race Track gambling DO NOT send out favorable reports, but wish it had never come to their states. Quoting again from Mrs. A. D. Ottinger in the July-August, 1964, WRB, "The three Ds of gambling are Debt, Degradation and Death, says 'The Case Against Race Track Gambling.' Damon Runyan writes, 'Horse players die broke. Gambling is the biggest cause of such crime as embezzlement. It is the cause of broken marriages, neglected children, poverty and sometimes suicide'."

Is this all not enough to get us to the polls to vote against this curse and to encourage others to vote against it too?

—Managing Editor.

### NORTHEAST DISTRICT CONVENTION

It was a very pleasant spring day when representatives of the unions of the Northeast District WCTU met May 24 in the Presbyterian Church in Langdon, where a warm welcome was given them. The delegates registered, numbered forty-four. Mrs. Edmund Lunde of Park River, the District President, called the meeting to order. Miss Christine Gjevre of Nekoma led the opening devotional service during which all present joined in singing "As A Volunteer." Members of the Cavalier Union led the salutes to the three flags which claim the loyalty of our people—the flag of the United States; the Christian flag and the Temperance flag.

Mrs. Roy Denler, the President of the Langdon Union, welcomed the delegates and Mrs. Benjamin Gorder of Grafton, made the response. The usual routine of reports from the district officers and the local unions followed; all showed activity for temperance teaching in various fields of endeavor. Mrs. Melvin Gangness of Harwood, the State Secretary and leader of the Youth Temperance Council, was introduced and she told of the annual YTC camp and the good work it is doing.

A Memorial Service was conducted by Mrs. Elizabeth Beasley of the Nekoma Union, for which Miss Christine Gjevre and her sister, Mrs. William Overby, of Langdon sang the hymn "No Night There," with Mrs. James H. Ford of Langdon playing the piano accompaniment. A beautiful bouquet of white gladioli was given by the Gjevre sisters in memory of their mother, who was one of the earliest members of the Nekoma WCTU. The names of members of unions of the district who were lost by death in the past year were Mrs. Ethel Chester and Mrs. William McDonald, both of the Bowesmont-Drayton union; Mrs. Orpha Tracy, Cavalier, who was the mother of Mrs. M. W. Gunter, the District Vice President, and Mrs. Lorinda Hodgson, also of Cavalier union. Mrs. Inga Sholy, the president of the Nekoma union is bereaved in the death of her husband, George Sholy, and Miss Marjorie Lillico, also of the Nekoma union, in the loss of her brother, Russell Lillico.

During the luncheon hour, not only the good food served by the Langdon women, but also the fine posters that had been made by school children of the district were enjoyed and admired. The posters were judged and those winning prizes were displayed in the assembly room at the afternoon meeting.

The devotional service with which the afternoon session began was led by the Rev. James H. Ford, pastor of the hostess church. "Lead On, O King Eternal" was sung in unison. The convention address was given by Mrs. Leonard Bilden of Northwood, who is the State Secretary of the Loyal Temperance Legion. She stressed the importance of this phase of the WCTU work in getting needed teaching to children at a most impressionable time of their lives. Mrs. Benjamin Gorder, the state recording secretary of the WCTU, gave a talk in which she emphasized the importance to the unions of the printed state report, which is issued annually.

The committees that had been appointed gave their reports, resolutions were adopted, officers for the new year were elected. A pledge of \$50.00 for state work was made. The minutes of the meeting were read and accepted. Adjournment was followed by a Coffee Hour enjoy-by all.

The District Officers for the new year are: President, Mrs. Edmund Lunde, Park River; V.-P. Mrs. B. Watson, Cavalier; Secretary, Mrs. William Schlucter, Cavalier; Treasurer, Miss Christine Gjevre, Nekoma.

"I completely abstain from smoking and alcoholic beverages because I believe I owe my best to my God, my country, and my family." —Billy F. Bouldin, Football Star.

### GRAND FORKS DISTRICT

The Annual WCTU Convention of the Grand Forks District, was held in the Methodist Church in Larimore on May 7, 1968.

A coffee and fellowship hour preceded the day's meeting. Mrs. Harry Facey, the District President, presided at both the morning and afternoon sessions, calling the convention to order and stressing the theme "For with God all things are possible." Assembly singing was directed by Mrs. Leonard Bilden of Northwood, accompanied by Mrs. Ross Mutchler. Mrs. Erva Traynor led the salute to the flags; Rev. Delos Westbrook gave the devotions; Mrs. C. M. Carlson of Grand Forks responded. Musical numbers were given during the day by students from the Larimore High School Music Department.

An inspirational address by Mrs. C. O. Oslund of Northwood was one of the high lights of the morning session. For her text she used the phrase "For with God all things are possible." She stressed the fact that we all need a booster. The world situation has become so discouraging and we are faced with so many problems that seem impossible but "With Christ all things are possible."

Three members of fifty years standing were introduced and presented with corsages: Mrs. C. M. Carlson and Mrs. Roland, both of Grand Forks and Mrs. Martin Johnson of Larimore.

An impressive Memorial service, in which lighted candles were used to commemorate and honor departed friends, was conducted by Mrs. Evanson, for Mrs. Laura Brooks, who had been State Corresponding Secretary for seventeen years, Mrs. E. K. Hiemer and Miss Clara Holleck of Grand Forks, Mrs. Harry Lee and Mrs. Anne Sather of Larimore, Mrs. Marie Meland, Mrs. Alice Hagen and Mrs. Turina Hanson of Northwood. The service was concluded with the playing of "Taps."

Miss Ida Johnson of Larimore gave the noontide prayer just before the noon luncheon was served in the dining room by the Larimore Iota Sigma Union.

The afternoon session was opened by assembly singing and devotions by Mrs. Nelson Rima. In the address which followed by Mrs. Melvin Gangness, State YTC Director, we were urged to get more groups started. She showed materials that could be used. She also told us of the excellent essays she had been judging, written by enthusiastic 9th graders. Two of them were read.

The Northwood Union presented a skit on LTL work called "Reading And Waiting." This was presented by the ladies of that union. Mrs. Bilden gave a resume of the seven days she spent touring the state with Mrs. Ottinger and Miss Hasselquist, conducting LTL Day Camps. She said what at first seemed to be an impossible venture, proved to be a real experience and pleasure.

The following slate of officers for 1968-1969 were presented by the nominating committee and elected.

President ----- Mrs. Henry Evenson  
 First Vice President ----- Mrs. Harry Facey  
 Second Vice President ----- Mrs. Allen Anderson  
 Promotion Secretary ----- Mrs. Erva Traynor  
 Recording Secretary ----- Mrs. Oscar Moen, Sr.  
 Treasurer ----- Mrs. O. T. Stenmo

Reports of the auditing and resolutions committees were submitted, and an invitation for the 1969 convention was tendered by the Northwood Union.

"If the place where we weep and sweat in our struggle with sin is not a garden, it will become one."

—Arrow Heads by Fred Beck.

Ty Cobb of baseball fame: "Too much cannot be said against the evils of cigarette smoking. It stupifies the brain, saps the vitality, undermines one's health and weakens the moral fiber of the man."

**MINOT DISTRICT**

The Mennonite Brethren Church of Minot hosted the Annual Woman's Christian Temperance Union convention, which was held Tuesday, May 7th. There were sixty-six in attendance.

Speakers for the day were Mrs. L. O. Grondahl, State WCTU Treasurer and Mrs. Benj. Gorder, State Recording Secretary of the WCTU. Mrs. Gorder made some startling statements. She said that there are five million alcoholics in the United States, three million heavy drinkers and fifty new drinkers every hour. Each one with a living soul who will be spending eternity somewhere. Not ONE would have become an alcoholic if they had not taken that first drink. She went on to say that nine billion dollars is spent for legal liquor and four billion dollars for bootlegging each year. So many are concerned about where our money goes and our high taxes, some saying that we need the taxes which the liquor interests pay into our country in the sale of their product, yet for every dollar the liquor industry pays in taxes, seven dollars is spent by the United States to take care of the expenses caused by beverage alcohol.

Our country needs the Bible, not beer, and the Word, not wine. "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." Prov. 20:1.

The officers elected for the coming year are as follows:

President ----- Mrs. Vernon Forthun, Sawyer  
 Vice-President ----- Mrs. Edward Fannik, Max  
 Secretary ----- Mrs. George Fannik, Max  
 Treasurer ----- Mrs. E. O. Lerberg, Parshall

**Y. T. C. Sparks**

With a voice of singing declare ye, TELL this, utter it even to the end of the earth." Isaiah 48:20b.

May all councils get off to a TELLING start as we begin a new YTC year. Re-echo the words of our theme, "Tell a World of YTC."

Study the suggestions in the monthly planner (page 8) for September and October. Extend a special invitation to the junior youth for your first meeting. Make a study of the Efficiency Standard on page 6 of your plan of work. I know that you can meet the challenge set therein by report time, August, 1969.

PLAN to be present at YOUTH NIGHT program and rally on Friday eve, September 20th (7:30 p.m.) to be held at the Grace Free Lutheran Church in Valley City. Hi-lites from Youth Day at National and campers' reminiscings will be features of the evening's program. Extend an invitation to other youth for this special event. SEE YOU SEPTEMBER 20th.

Mrs. Melvin Gangness, Secretary.

**WILLIE**

Have you heard of the bird they call Willie?  
 He flies down the road willy-nilly.  
 He dives and he swerves  
 Over hills, around curves;  
 We'll keep driving; but Willie won't  
 Will 'e?

(D.C. Traffic Safety)  
 From: Virginia Call.

"Eat what's on your plate and the Heavenly Father will give you more."  
 —Arrow Heads by Fred Beck.

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When you exercise your right to drink, you forfeit your privilege to drive!

(National Foundation for Highway Safety)

**Promotion Secretary's Letter**

"Be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." Joshua 1:9.

"God, the Lord, shall never fail thee,  
 He thy cause will undertake;  
 All the way His hand shall hold thee,  
 Faithful love can ne'er forsake."

Dear Co-Workers:

The chief item of importance and interest at this particular time is the "Action Ahead" contest. Instruction sheets have been sent to the unions and it is suggested that each team captain be given one. If you need more, please let me know. The team captain should keep track of the points earned by the members on her team and at the close of the contest the points earned by all teams shall be compiled and totaled and sent by the local union to me by DECEMBER 15, 1968. Those who have the Union Signal will find the instructions and rules for this contest on page 12 of the July 27th issue.

September is "Dues Roll Call" month. Please make every effort to collect all the dues for the coming year (1968-1969) at this time. Ten points for EACH member, Active and Honorary, will be given in the contest if they pay their dues in SEPTEMBER. If the dues are not paid until October only 5 points will be allowed.

October has been designated as Institute time. I trust many unions will make plans to conduct an institute. Two sessions must be held, and attendance by both Active and Honorary members will count 15 points for each member. Attendance at your monthly meeting in September, October and November will also count. Each member, Active and Honorary, will earn 10 points for each meeting attended. Ten points will be given for each member present at the state convention.

November 17-23 is "New Membership Week." Each NEW member, both Active and Honorary, secured during this week will count 20 points.

One in a Million members count 25 points each and Rock of Ages members, both Active and Honorary, count 20 points. Let us strive to get many One in a Million as well as Rock of Ages members.

Payment of the state budget and the education fund will earn 10 points each for each WCTU member.

The local union should make plans to honor the winning team at the December meeting. There will also be state awards as well as national awards to unions and states which rank highest in the various attainments mentioned on the instruction sheet. May I urge EACH union to participate in this contest and to send in good reports.

It is indeed a special treat to have our National Treasurer, Mrs. L. A. N. Nielsen with us at our state convention in Valley City. May EACH UNION be represented so that we may get off to a good start for the coming year.

Yours for ACTION AHEAD,  
 Ragnhild Lima.

**THE TRUTH IS HIDDEN**

The liquor industry spends hundreds of millions of dollars to make alcohol appear prestigious and important. It glosses over its millions of hidden victims, and the havoc caused to their families, and to all our society. It fails to tell us that everyone who drinks at all has a potential drinking problem. There are over six million victims of alcohol in the United States today, and the lives of 24 million others are seriously affected by them.—Rev. Daniel Lyons in Sunday Visitor. (Quotes).

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## CORRECTION

The name of our Guest Speaker should have read  
 Mrs. L. A. N. Nielsen, instead of Mrs. Lans Nielsen.  
 Sorry! - Editor.

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The names of Mr. Andrew Matson and Mr. B. P.  
 Vold were omitted in the list of Memorial Members in  
 the last issue. The Memorials were given by the Julia  
 D. Nelson Union who gave two dollars for each one to  
 the YTC Camp.

## Pen Points

Dear White Ribboners:

Our summer here in North Dakota, which has been  
 good to most farmers by giving them bountiful crops,  
 is slipping away from us more rapidly than we realize.  
 Our election in November is coming up and the issue of  
 Pari-Mutuel Betting (gambling on horse racing) I'm  
 afraid will be on our state election ballot. This issue  
 hasn't been advertised to any extent in our papers, but  
 it's exponents and supporters have been quietly busy.  
 Don't be deceived by the lack of publicity. Be sure to  
 read ALL of the print on your ballot and take your time  
 for voting.

Besides this state issue we have our national ballot  
 to consider. In this Bulletin I'm including a portion of  
 the speech given by Dr. Samuel A. Jeanes, pastor of the  
 First Baptist Church of Merchantville, N. J., at the Inter-  
 state Conference of the WCTU at Ocean Grove, N. J. It  
 is entitled, "A Christian Looks At The Coming Election,"  
 and I feel that this speech should be read and studied in  
 each union in our state BEFORE the election.

I hope to see each of you early on Wednesday, Sep-  
 tember 18th, in the Free Lutheran Church in Valley City.

Your Managing Editor,  
 Hazel Huntley.

## JAMES VALLEY DISTRICT

The 59th Annual WCTU Convention of the James  
 Valley District met May 3, 1968, at the Cooperstown  
 Evangelical Free Church. The meeting was called to  
 order by the District President, Mrs. Ralph Kraft, follow-  
 ed by a group singing. Pastor Richard Hegland led the  
 devotions.

Mrs. Carl Hetland, President of the Cooperstown  
 Union, extended greetings to the group and Mrs. Guy  
 Muir gave the response. The Flag salutes were given.  
 The business meeting which followed included reports  
 from each union and the Treasurers report by Mrs. Henry  
 Nelson.

Mrs. Charles Schelkoph led a Memorial Service for  
 one of the members who had passed away this last year.  
 Lunch was served by the Cooperstown Union.

The afternoon session was opened by Mrs. F. G. Van  
 Dyke and Mrs. Harry Miedema. A special number in  
 song, "Back To God America," was given by the Marion  
 Union ladies.

Our guest speaker was Rev. Eva Peet, state Vice  
 President, who used some of the experiences of David in  
 the Bible to encourage us. She used David as an example  
 of courage in the Lord, when he said, "I come to you in  
 the name of the Lord." She said that we like David must  
 come in the name of our Lord if we are to accomplish our  
 task.

Our state Promotion Secretary, Miss Lima, also  
 spoke on our work in the WCTU, showing its importance.

The White Ribbon Recruit Service was led by Mrs.  
 Hetland, who dedicated two children to total abstinence.  
 Our State President, Mrs. Ottinger, was unable to attend  
 our convention. We all missed her.

The District officers elected for the coming year are  
 as follows:

President ----- Mrs. Lyle Trapp, Marion  
 Vice President ----- Mrs. Herb Meyer, Jamestown  
 Rec. Secretary ----- Mrs. Joe Miedema, Ypsilanti  
 Promotion Secretary ----- Mrs. Rudolph Helland  
 Treasurer ----- Mrs. R. M. Jensen, Valley City

Valley City invited the Convention to meet there  
 next year. Our thanks to Cooperstown for the delicious  
 lunch and coffee hour, also we are grateful for the use of  
 the Evangelical Free Church for the use of their build-  
 ing. A very enjoyable time was had by all.

**Treasurer's Report**

June 15th - August 15th, 1968

DUES—Dickinson 5, Northwood 2, Bismarck 1, Beach 14, Julia D. Nelson 25, Jamestown 3, Cooperstown 4.  
 WILLARD MEMBERS—6.  
 CCC—Rugby \$4.75, Oakes \$4.00, Cooperstown \$1.00, Bismarck 25c, Bottineau 25c, Julia D. Nelson \$6.25, Jamestown 75c.  
 BUDGET—Rugby \$19.00, Grafton \$24.00, Bismarck \$1.00, Jamestown \$3.00, Bottineau \$1.00, Oakes \$14.00.  
 STATE REPORTS—Marion \$1.00, Bottineau \$1.00, Ransom-LaMoure Dist. \$1.00.  
 LILLIAN STEVENS FUND—Jamestown \$2.00, Julia D. Nelson \$2.00, Oakes \$2.00.  
 FRANCES WILLARD FUND—Jamestown \$2.00, Julia D. Nelson \$2.00.  
 LIGHT LINE UNIONS—Bottineau, Williston, Marion, Lisbon, Dickey, Grafton, Jamestown, Prosper, Tower City, Julia D. Nelson, Cavalier.  
 CENTURY FUND—Northwood \$2.00, Marion \$5.00, Gilby \$1.00.  
 WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN—Mrs. Rysgaard \$1.00, Mrs. DeKrey \$4.00 (8 subs).  
 LTL—Parshall 80c.  
 YTC—Cooperstown Camp \$19.00.  
 DISTRICT PLEDGES—Ransom-LaMoure \$35.00, Fargo \$25.00, Ellendale \$20.00, Northeast \$50.00.  
 LITERATURE—Grand Forks \$3.00, Ransom-LaMoure \$3.00, Fargo \$3.00, Ellendale \$3.00.  
 PINS SOLD AT DIST. MEETINGS—\$12.25.  
 PEPSI FUND FOR VIET NAM—Cooperstown Camp \$10.00.  
 FRIENDSHIP FUND—Cooperstown Camp \$15.00, West Fairview \$5.00, Julia D. Nelson \$10.00.  
 NATIONAL FILM PROJECT—LaMoure \$5.00.  
 DONATIONS TO CAMP—Mrs. Adele Rullifson \$10.00, Bottineau \$14.00, Julia D. Nelson \$31.00, Jamestown \$4.00.  
 CONTINUING MEMBER—Dr. A. D. Ottinger \$10.00.  
 HONORARY (Men) MEMBERS—Cooperstown \$1.50, Bismarck 70c, Tower City 80c.  
 TOTAL MEMBERSHIP—1422 (women, 162 (men).  
 —Mrs. L. O. Grondahl, Treasurer.

**ROCK OF AGES MEMBERS**

Frances Willard Union, Grand Forks:  
 Mrs. C. M. Carlson, Mrs. M. B. Bertheuson, Mrs. Agnes Stordahl, Mrs. R. A. Larson, Mrs. C. M. Bernhardson, Mrs. J. D. Runsvold, Mrs. Victor Thom.  
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**ONE IN A MILLION MEMBERS**

Frances Willard Union:  
 Mrs. M. B. Bertheuson.  
 Northwood Union:  
 Mrs. Leonard Bilden, Mrs. Henry Evanson.  
 Gilby Union:  
 Mrs. Owen Traynor.

**STAMPS FOR JUICE**

Lakeland, Fla. (UPI)—Passengers on five airlines flying into Florida are receiving stamps which can be redeemed for complimentary glasses of fresh orange juice while in the state. A total of 100,000 copies of "Orange Juice Break Directory" containing the stamps have been made available to the airlines by the Florida Citrus Commission.  
 —Minot, N. D., Daily News.

The person who lives only for self is engaged in very small business.

**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**

We say not, "They have gone," Nor think of them as dead; But say, "In the Father's House They have arrived," instead.—The Virginian.  
 The Edgeley union lost an Honorary member in the death of Orville Bartel, 85, on June 19, 1968. His wife had been an active member of the WCTU. For the last four and one half years he had lived in the Manor St. Joseph in Edgeley. He is survived by six sons.  
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The Northwood union also lost an Honorary member by death. Dan Cambell who died August 9th at the age of 91 years.

**Notes From The Unions**

On July 23rd three members of the Northwood union, Lydia Skordahl, Dagney Bilden and Bertina Evanson visited the Frances Willard Union at the Berthusen home south of Grand Forks, Bertina Evanson, the new District President, being the guest speaker for their meeting. Mollie Stenmo, the outgoing treasurer, who had served in that capacity for 13 years, received special thanks for her many years of excellent service.

The annual business meeting of the Northwood union was August 6th. Reports were given by the secretary and treasurer. There was installation of officers and reception of new members. The program consisted of two duets by Mendora Bilden and Frances Thorstenson. Readings were given by Anna Kordahl, Myrtle Viglem and Minnie Running.  
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The August meeting of the Edgeley Union was held at the Ellendale Nursing Home where Mrs. E. M. Farnsworth has made her home for some time. She was 88 years of age on August 4th, and our visit was a surprise to her. After our meeting we took her and Mrs. Louise Cofeld, also of Edgeley, out for lunch. We had a very enjoyable time and now we are looking forward to our next meeting with Mrs. Mary Traganza, when our District President, Mrs. LeRoy Bartel will meet with us.  
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The Frances Willard Union of Grand Forks, North Dakota held a poster contest in July, with Mrs. James Bradshaw in charge. The posters were displayed at the June meeting at which the awards were given to the winners:

- 1st Prize — Charlene Kay Juhl, Bolemont, N. Dak.
- 2nd Prize — Ronda Ranae Roehl, Hatton, N. Dak.
- Honorable Mention—  
 Debby Aaserud, Grand Forks, N. Dak.  
 Darlene Walker, Grand Forks, N. Dak.

Jill Kelly of Grand Forks gave a nice report on her week at the YTC Camp. Mrs. Henry Evanson, Northwood, N. Dak., new District President of the Grand Forks District, was guest speaker at the July meeting.

**PROJECTION METHODS**

**Elderberry Juice From Elderberry Edibles**

Stem, wash and mash the berries and cook in just enough water to prevent burning. Strain and add suger to taste; possibly 4 cups sugar to 4 quarts of juice.

Pour into sterilized bottles or jars; seal tight with paraffin. Before serving add water, sugar, lemon juice or orange juice.

Mrs. Robert McCleary, Director.

## A Christian looks at the coming Election

Dr. Samuel A. Jeanes, Pastor of First Baptist church of Merchantville, N. J., and General Secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance of New Jersey and presented July 10, 1968, at the Inter-State Conference of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union at Ocean Grove, New Jersey for delegates from Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania.

The priceless heritage of the franchise belongs to every Christian American. It should be accepted and used. Let us thank God for the right of voting for our public officials for there are many places in this world where this is not so.

Although the Presidential election is held every four years on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, the President and Vice President are not elected until the members of the Electoral College cast their ballots on the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December. These ballots are cast at the State Capitols. It is the electors who are elected at the November election. At the December balloting the successful candidates for the Presidency and Vice Presidency (both from the same party) are those who receive a majority of the electoral votes. It is possible for a candidate to receive a majority of popular votes in November and still lose the election by not receiving a majority of electoral votes. This happened in 1876 when Rutherford B. Hayes defeated Samuel Tilden by one electoral vote although Mr. Tilden had received 50,905 more popular votes in November. It happened again in 1888 when Benjamin Harrison received 55 more electoral votes than his opponent, Grover Cleveland. Yet Mr. Cleveland had received 95,713 more popular votes.

Christians should become more acquainted with the facts of our wonderful heritage as a nation. We have been drifting farther and farther away from sanity, from ethics and from true Americanism. It will take an intelligent and prayerful electorate to bring us back. Never forget that ignorance breeds bad government. Even though intelligent and informed people are best qualified to vote, remember that uninformed people also vote and their votes count just as much. To wear the yoke of shame and to be bound by the chains of slavery, all we need to do is cease to search for and to follow the truth, and to forfeit our privilege of standing for the right.

So November, 1968 and the National Election is not far away. Our nation is not quite 200 years old . . . to be exact we are just 192 years old. As young as we are as a nation, there are those who are beginning to detect growing evidence of those maladies which Gibbon, the eminent historian pointed to as contributing factors to the decline and fall of the Roman Empire. Rome was destroyed by its enemies from within rather than by its enemies from without. Some of these same enemies are eating away like termites at the very foundation of our land.

Consider how the family . . . the oldest institution ordained by God, is being undermined in America. Soon one third of our population will be suffering from the malady of parental estrangement in the homes by divorce. The budget of the State of New Jersey is almost a billion dollars and last year the State spent almost 10 per cent of this amount in the aid for dependent children program.

Gibbon tells us that another thing that helped to destroy Rome was higher and higher taxes . . . many of which were levied to provide free bread and free circuses to entertain the people. Keep your ears tuned to what the Presidential standard bearers will be saying about this! There is now a concerted drive going on to enact a guaranteed annual income. Literature to promote this is being printed and circulated by various denominational bodies and probably paid for by dedicated missionary

money. Of course there are cases of need that Christians can never ignore. However, there is an old fashioned word called WORK that needs to be emphasized in today's so called Great Society. We have a right to look with concern and censure upon those who are indolent and lazy and who refuse to work. Society has a responsibility for those in genuine need. This is a Christian responsibility. The Apostle Paul, again and again, sought to raise funds to care for the poor . . . but the same Apostle said, "If anyone would not work, neither should he eat." (II Thessalonians 3:10b). The concept of a guaranteed annual income may be very attractive to some but we must not ignore some basic human instincts as well as some ethical concepts that are very sound. Already public welfare has become a way of life for too many people today! Once the need to earn a living is no longer required, those who are plagued by the perversity of human indolence will settle to exist on public assistance. Listen to what the candidates have to say about this and as you listen, remember what the historian tells us about the part of higher and higher taxes to feed and entertain the population of the decadent Roman Empire. We had better believe that this trend can have a serious impact upon the nature of this nation unless something constructive is done and done quickly.

The craze for pleasure was another factor in the decline and fall of the Roman Empire according to Gibbon. He also tells us that sports became more and more brutal. Did you hear the news report on Monday night (July 8, 1968) of how violence broke out in a baseball coliseum in Detroit as beer cans and cherry bombs were hurled from the stands at the players? And watch the unprecedented number of people who head for the mountains and the lakes and the beaches every week-end. When the Congress of the United States passed the Monday Holiday Bill (the members of the United States Senate voting by voice vote so that they were not recorded) and the President signed it, some people were hearing more clearly the ring of the cash registers of pleasure and profit than they were hearing the ring of the church bells that continue to remind us that "Blessed is the nation whose God is Lord, but sin is a reproach to any people." Who really wanted the Monday Holiday Bill passed? An organization called NATO, the National Association of Travel Organizations with offices in Washington wanted it. And NATO listed in its membership "All state travel offices, the District of Columbia, the Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, American Samoa, city and area travel promotion organizations, public carriers, accommodations, travel attractions, automobile clubs, petroleum firms, newspapers, magazines and other businesses having to do with the sale, service and conduct of travel in the United States. The Southern Baptist Convention, the Lord's Day Alliance of the United States, and a few others raised their voices against this measure with good reason, but many stood silently by and did nothing.

The building of gigantic armaments to protect the empire from without, when the real enemies were within, is another reason cited for the decline and fall of Rome. Certainly, we are spending money to protect America from our enemies on the outside and we do have them. However, on the inside we are coddling and protecting with every piece of legal machinery that can be twisted to their defense our enemies within. The Chief Justice of Pennsylvania's Supreme Court just recently laid many of our problems at the door of the United States Supreme Court. We must certainly agree with Mr. Winton M. Blount, the President of the United States Chamber of Commerce who recently condemned the "emergence of mob action as a tolerated instrument for political, social and economic change . . . that is tolerated primarily for political reasons and also in the name of social progress." He reminds us that riots are not started by innocent

children or bystanders but by hoodlums who are lawless and who represent the disruptive elements in our society." And if constituted authority stands by and permits the arsonist to burn, and the looter to steal, there will be many in every community who will join in. Is it any wonder that the Insurance Companies cancel their protection in some riot prone areas in the face of impotency on the part of our authorities to stop the criminal in his tracks?

And in this lawlessness at home and coddling enemies within, the General Board of the National Council of Churches which early in June lashed out against the use of violence in Vietnam, also adopted a resolution on Civil Disobedience at home which says in part, "We recognize that when justice cannot be secured either through action within existing structures or through civil disobedience, an increasing number of Christians may feel called to seek justice through resistance or revolution." That was adopted by a vote of 81-6, but they were speaking for many of us when they issued that statement whether we believe in it or not. Watch what the candidates have to say about that issue!

The decay of religion was another factor that contributed to the fall of Rome. Their religion had declined to a mere form. They had lost touch with the people and life. Paul spoke about a people that "had a form of Godliness but who would have nothing to do with it as a force." Although some denominations are losing ground numerically church membership continues to grow. We are also having an upsurge in crime . . . a 17% increase was announced two weeks ago by the F. B. I. Divorce continues to increase. There is an increase of so many of those things which indicate that somehow our religion in America is not touching the morality of the people, even though they profess to be very religious. Was Paul talking about this kind of day when he said, "They have a form of Godliness, but will have nothing to do with it as a force."?

And even though we have marshalled some of the power of the church, it is not necessarily being used to bring souls to the altar of Christ for conversion, but rather to bring pressure on the lawmakers. Too many people who bear the name of Christ have been spending Wednesdays in Washington trying to change Congress instead of spending Wednesday nights in Prayer Meetings to invoke the power of God upon a needy nation.

Last October some of us began to wonder when the United Press and the Associated Press carried stories of the endorsement by a leader of the National Council of Churches of a report called ALCOHOL PROBLEMS - A REPORT TO THE NATION. This was prepared by a study group at the expense of the taxpayers . . . an expense of \$1,000,000 from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. The National Council denied the endorsement but we have still not heard a retraction from the high official who was reported to have endorsed it. But what did the report recommend? It said that we should accentuate the positive aspects of drinking, whatever they may be. It recommended that persons of all ages should be permitted to purchase alcoholic beverages. We will remember that one Presidential hopeful who is spending plenty of money to try to get the nomination of his party, did not lift a political finger to raise the drinking age from 18 to 21 in his state. But the Million Dollar Report said that an 18 years limit for drinking is largely unenforceable. I wonder if they could enforce a 16 or 15 or even 14 year limit with that kind of reasoning? Or is this report just a start . . . a downward start? And, of course, the report recommended that all restrictions on alcoholic advertising should be removed. They suggested that liquor should be advertised in a family setting. But the real shocker came when they recommended that we begin to serve alcoholic beverages to our

youth at church sponsored affairs.

Well, Senator Lausche of Ohio, on the floor of the United States Senate, labeled that report as wasteful and wrong adding that one does not have to be an addict or an abstainant from alcohol to vigorously condemn the recommendations made by the researchers at the taxpayers expense. But keep your eye on the National Council of Churches which has appointed another one of its study commissions. They are studying this report. Some bright morning they could come up with a pronouncement that could shock us all.

I wonder if any of the candidates will be mentioning the liquor problem in the coming election? The President of the United States is concerned about new gun laws, and rightly so. 6,500 people were killed by guns last year. But last year 52,000 people were killed on our highways by automobiles . . . at least 25,000 of them died in automobile accidents where alcohol was involved. These were just the fatalities caused by drinkers. There was an additional 4,000,000 injured on the highways of America. Certainly, our citizens should be protected from death by guns . . . but don't we deserve any protection from death by drinking drivers on our highways? Four times as many people were killed by drinking drivers as were killed by men with guns in their hands. What candidate will have something to say about the need for heavier fines and for mandatory prison sentences for those who insist upon their right to drive when they are under the influence of alcoholic beverages to the jeopardy of their neighbor?

The Surgeon General of the United States has brought to light the harmful effects of tobacco and now its detrimental effect to health must be printed on every package of cigarettes, even though the letters may be small. Now it is time for the Surgeon General to make a study of the effects of alcohol on those who consume it . . . for the number of alcoholics continues to grow by at least a quarter of a million people every year. There is a rumor that the days of cigarette advertising may be short-lived. Why should the nation continue to permit the advertising of alcoholic beverages as though alcohol was a boon instead of a blight, an asset instead of a pathway to bankruptcy or a benefit instead of a destroyer of the mind and soul and body of those who become overpowered by it?

There's one more thing that we should be looking for in the campaign addresses and in the platforms of our political parties. Senator Dirksen has promised that by the middle of this month (July) he will again make an effort to permit our citizens, young and old, who are lawfully assembled in tax supported buildings, to be free to join in non-denominational prayers. We need to get prayer back into the schools of America. It won't do everything, but it will do something . . . something that we are needing . . . something good. When the President of the United States asked the people of America to pray for Senator Robert Kennedy after he had been cut down by the assassin's bullet, I immediately thought of the hundreds of thousands of children in our Public Schools who could not pray with their teachers for the Senator and his family and our nation in an hour of national tragedy.

The other day Senator Frank Carlson who has served the nation and the State of Kansas for 34 years as Governor, a Congressman and a United States Senator spoke to a Prayer Group on the subject — WANTED A MAN — A MAN WHO WILL STAND. He turned their attention to the words of the Lord found in Ezekiel 22:30 which says, "AND I SOUGHT FOR A MAN WHO WOULD BUILD UP THE WALL AND STAND IN THE BREACH BEFORE THE LAND, THAT I SHOULD NOT DESTROY IT." God is searching for a man . . . yes, for men, and women, too, who will stand

in the breach that our nation might not be destroyed. God needs unique men . . . saved men . . . men who are overflowing with the Holy Spirit of Power. God needs men like that and America needs them, too.

—This is a portion of Dr. Jeanes message.

**POSTER WINNERS**



Clyde Sabot

Marga Lunday

**BROWN'S VALLEY LTL**

May Day was a busy day for the Brown's Valley LTL. Mrs. Ray Blumhagen, mother to our club's president, Mrs. Dwight Celley, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lunday, snipped, taped and hammered until the flat box of a truck was converted into a beautiful blue-fringed float. A large white banner faced the front with the lettering "Woman's Christian Temperance Union founded by Frances Willard."

As the float rolled slowly down the streets of Bismarck, 15 children all dressed in white seated in a circle on the float, displayed their temperance slogans which they had worked hard to make.

The crowd was silent as they read the slogans:

"No Liquor, Live Longer" by Tamra Blumhagen

Liquor Can Kill, People Might Spill" by Laura Celley

"Drive Better Without Beer" by Clyde Sabot

"Be Wise, Don't Drink, Don't Smoke" by Marga

Lunday

"No Smoking, Keep Smiling" by Noeletta Lunday

"Do Not Drink Or Smoke Because You Could Get Cancer" by David Celley.

WCTU requested Brown's Valley LTL director, Mrs. Lunday to represent Frances Willard on the float. Mrs. Lunday wore an orange dress in early American style kindly furnished by the Bismarck Baptist Nursing Home.

The district convention judged the temperance posters and awarded 1st prize to Marga Lunday and 2nd prize to Clyde Sabot. Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Forde presented a beautiful cup to each winner and WCTU presented scripture pencils and booklets to each poster contestant.

Several weeks later, Bismarck WCTU under Freda Hagel's direction, presented a program and served punch at the Baptist Nursing Home and Missouri Slope Lutheran Home.

**NO MORAL RIGHT TO SERVE DRINKS**

The Social Code for Teen-agers proposed by the Parents Council of Washington, D. C., holds that no one has the moral right to serve any alcoholic beverage to other people's children. The Parents Council, composed of parents whose children attend some of the most ex-

clusive preparatory schools in the Nation's Capitol, drew up suggestions for home parties for teen-agers.

The six suggestions are as follows:

1. Be home when your children are entertaining; exercise appropriate supervision throughout.

2. Guest lists should be submitted to parents in advance of the party and approved. Only those invited should be allowed in.

3. Host parents should greet each of their children's guests on arrival. Be on hand to bid them good night. Any child who at any point leaves the party should not be permitted to return.

4. No beer, wine, whiskey nor other alcoholic beverages should be served or consumed.

5. Know exactly how and with whom your children are traveling to and from the party.

6. Suggested hours for ending the party, by grade: 8th grade — 10:30 p.m.; 9th Grade — 11 p.m.; 10th Grade — 11:30 p.m. and 11th and 12th — 12 p.m.

Mrs. Leslie Douglas, Parents Council President and founder of the organization, is the former Jean Wallace, daughter of the late Henry Wallace, one-time Vice President.

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