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"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH"

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## From The President's Desk

Greetings Comrades!

Through God we shall do valiantly: for He it is that shall tread down our enemies. Psalm 108:13.

As I write this, it is hard to realize that it has been two months since we closed State Convention, and over three months of our current year is already gone. We so much appreciated the spirit of optimism and challenge we felt in those who attended the convention, and are happy for the notes of progress which we have received from over the state. We trust every district will be able to report at least one new union this year. Thank you for your correspondence; I am sometimes a little slow in getting an answer to you, but I deeply appreciate your letters, and the assurance of your prayers. Do keep your letters coming!

It is encouraging to remember, as the above verse states, that God will tread down our enemies! We really have them in the narcotics: alcohol, drugs, and nicotine, and we need to look to our God to help us to stamp them out. We must not let ourselves become alarmed or discouraged; (Paul says not to be terrified by our adversaries - Philippians 1:28), nor must we become "weary in well doing," but let us press on with ACTION AHEAD, and attain our goals. We look forward to hearing some good reports from the Action Ahead Contest, which closed November 30. These next five years can be our best as we move to "On To The Century Mark." Our dues, now \$3.65 per year, are very minimum in comparison to the great amounts spent by the liquor and drug crowd, for the so-called "lift that turns out to be a sad "let-down." The picture becomes more heartbreaking as we hear of the toll among the very young increasing.

November was to have been the month for the Pepsi drive, but you may continue if it seems to be convenient or helpful. If for any reason you did not receive your materials, contact Mrs. Leon Hanson of Englevale. And, too, we want to be busy filling our "Foot of quarters to foot the bill" for our guest delegate from Finland at the World Convention in 1971 at Chicago. Each state is going to help a delegate from some foreign country to attend. Also - it is not too early to send in from your district, a request for a certain speaker for your convention. The General Officers will be meeting early in the year to make out the slate for District Convention speakers, and it will help us if we have your preference in to us. I'm sure you are all happy to know that Mrs. LeRoy Bartle of Dickey is our new Vice President. We were so grateful when she consented to take the office. You will find her a very enthusiastic, congenial worker, and also an excellent speaker! Why don't you drop her a "Welcome" line?

I trust you all had a happy Thanksgiving. I spent mine with my son Charles and family in Galena, Ohio. It was most pleasant. By the time you get this issue of the bulletins, the Christmas holidays will be over; but I pray they might have been blessed days for all of you as you gather in your churches and homes (or wherever you are) and remember the birth of the Christ Child, God's Son, the Hope of the world. May we be true to His cause, and that of Total Abstinence, doing our best to help the world for whom He died. May we remember too, "He alone can save the world, but He cannot save the world alone — He is depending on us!

We shall miss our little Centenarian Mrs. Liessman

who passed away recently. I was not able to attend her funeral, as I didn't know of it in time.

Thank you for your support and prayers; be assured of mine,

Eva M. Peet.

## Promotion Secretary's Letter

"My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest." Exodus 33:14.

"He knows, He loves, He cares,  
Nothing this truth can dim,  
He gives the very best to those  
Who leave the choice with Him."

Dear Co-Workers:

This verse of Scripture is a wonderful promise to claim as we have entered into another new year. The future is unknown but when He is our Guide we need have no fear. Let us then go forward with courage to promote the great cause of temperance.

It is now well established that alcoholism is the nation's number one health problem. Studies are still being made to determine just WHAT causes it. They declare that it is a DISEASE, but they are not willing to admit that alcoholism is caused by one thing, and ONE thing ONLY — namely, ALCOHOL. To avoid contracting a contagious disease a person will take the utmost precaution. IF alcoholism is a disease why not avoid the CAUSE, alcohol. The first step in becoming an alcoholic is taking the first drink. To avoid contracting this "disease" NEVER take that first drink.

It is estimated that there are now over 6 million alcoholics in the United States and more than 12,000 in North Dakota. These are startling figures and should stir everyone of us to double our efforts to teach our children and young people total abstinence from this product which brings such disaster and tragedy. Make use of the films that are available in our film library. Write to Mrs. Ralph Kraft, Box 63, Jamestown, N. Dak. 58401. Youth needs to know the TRUTH about alcohol.

Let us realize the importance of the printed page and place literature in the hands of children and young people as well as adults. There are many excellent leaflets available from Signa Press. These are but a few: "The Psychedelic Trap," "Death on the Installment Plan," "Life in Split Seconds," "Ten Counts Against the Cigarette," "LSD - Trip Without Return Ticket," "The City That Might Have Been," and many others. If you would like to have me order leaflets for you, please let me know.

I trust all of you are carrying out the various projects and gaining new members for your union. Promote the One in a Million Plan. Strive to reach the goals for becoming a Century Builder Union.

Did you read the convention banquet address by Mrs. Glenn Hays in the December Union Signal? We need to become INVOLVED. The women of long ago who entered the saloons to pray, did so because they recognized the NEED and were willing to do something about it. Our program is urgent and we must enter into it with GREATER ACTION AHEAD.

Best wishes to each one of you in this New Year.

Sincere greetings,  
Ragnhild Lima.

## Recommendations

Join the "Action Team" today! Goals plus participation equals PROGRESS. ACTION I: The wheels of progress are moving into line, moving "ON TO THE CENTURY MARK." You are an important spoke in that wheel else you break its continuity. This year you should have to your credit 6 new members and have given \$6.00 toward the "Million Member - Million Dollar" campaign. I recommended all members help by making contributions through the "ONE IN A MILLION PLAN" and obtain further recognition for yourself, your union and your state by becoming members of the KEY CLUBS, Silver, Gold, Diamond and Century. As we look to the Centennial Year - 1974, let us endeavor to reach these objectives outlined and:

- (a) Organize a local union, a YTC, and LTL, in 5 unorganized areas in your state.
- (b) Every County or District in U.S. organized for the WCTU.
- (c) Another active member and another Honorary member for every member in the local union.

When local WCTU members go away they should have a transfer card given them, and a letter should be written to the President where they are going notifying of the transfer of that member. We must highly value local members, they constitute the WCTU.

**ACTION II:** I recommend we begin ACTION to raise a HOSTESS FUND for the entertaining of the World's WCTU Convention, to be held July 28-August 6, 1971, in Chicago, Illinois. Each union in the U.S. will be given rulers for each member, and each ruler has space for \$3.00 worth of quarters. Our motto will be "A FOOT OF QUARTERS TO FOOT THE BILL." Letters of instruction and items in THE UNION SIGNAL will give specific details for raising this fund.

**ACTION III:** We recommend continuing the PEPSI-COLA Project, that of raising funds for furnishing free Pepsi, distributing through the USO, to American service men in the far east - Viet Nam especially.

**ACTION IV:** I recommend you be alert to the status of your STI law in your state, and take action if needed to hold this law in the state educational code. Continue your efforts to send teachers to the Narcotic Education Course in Evanston.

**ACTION V:** I recommend that we should secure ACTION by exerting our influence toward the elimination of alcoholic beverage advertisements through all media, especially on radio and television. Write your Congressman, urging a hearing on the Hanna Bill (H.R. 8388). Also, call for elimination of cigarette advertising over the ether waves, as another goal Move with ACTION when haste is indicated in the WASHINGTON LETTER. We should move with United Action toward the elimination of pornographic material and such advertisements thru the U.S. mails. Any such mail received by you or your family should be immediately reported to your local postmaster.

**ACTION VI:** I recommend any ACTION necessary to secure the abolition of the sale or use of alcoholic beverages at all fairs, expositions and exhibitions. Also prohibiting sale and use of alcoholic beverages in state and national parks, and places of amusement and recreation for the family, individual or group.

**ACTION VII:** I recommend that we continue to use ourselves to observe and to urge wider observance of World's Temperance Sunday, as well as the Quarterly Temperance lessons. Write to your denominational publishing house requesting that the Temperance lessons be retained and that suitable lesson material be prepared for such lessons. We would urge the local union to provide your Public Library and Sunday School libraries, as well as school and college libraries with a temperance library

shelf of up-to-date reference materials dealing with alcohol, other narcotics and tobacco.

**ACTION VIII:** I recommend ACTION is needed to promote and increase the circulation of THE UNION SIGNAL and THE YOUNG CRUSADER. Also, alert your church officials, school officials and your friends to the splendid output of the Publishing House. SIGNAL PRESS is gaining in stature as a national supply house, let's keep this moving ahead.

**ACTION IX:** I recommend ACTION Now and ACTION AHEAD, in the matter of opposing Sex Education as promoted in our schools through SIECUS. Know what materials are being used and what is being taught in your schools. Do you, other parents and Christian citizens believe this information is what you feel is proper from the Christian standpoint to be taught to children of tender years, and older maturity? If there is a committee in action on this matter join them; if no committee organized, lead out, going to your school board with your evidence and your united protest against the SIECUS program. Sex education without moral guidelines is objectionable. Be informed and act now in this vital matter.

**ACTION X:** I recommend ACTION now for a change in court rulings and public sentiment which will permit and encourage the reading of the Bible, without comment, in the public schools of our country. We need to again establish a strong national foundation based upon the Word of God. Ruskin, critic of art and master of peace, says, "All that I have known of art, everything that I have written, every greatness that there has been in any thought of mine, whatever I have done in my life has simply been due to the fact that when I was a child my mother daily read with me a part of the Bible, and daily made me learn a part of it by heart."

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Fred J. Tooze, President  
Rev. Eva M. Peet.

### NOBODY'S BUSINESS?

By George Y. Hammond

It's nobody's business what I drink;  
I care not what my neighbors think  
Nor how many laws they choose to pass;  
I'll tell the world I'll have my glass.  
Here's one man's freedom can't be curbed:  
My right to drink is undisturbed.

So he drank in spite of law or man;  
Then got into his old tin can,  
Stepped on the gas and let 'er go  
Down the highway, to and fro.  
He took the curves at fifty miles  
With bleary eyes and drunken smiles.

Not long till a car he tried to pass:  
Then a crash—a scream—and broken glass.  
The other car was upside down  
About two miles from the nearest town.

The man was clear, but his wife was not;  
And he needed the help of that drunken sot  
Who sat in a maudlin drunken daze,  
And heard the scream and saw the blaze,  
But was too far gone to save a life,  
By lifting the car from off the wife.

The car was burned and a mother died  
While a husband wept and a baby cried.  
And a drunk sat by—and still some think  
That it is nobody's business what they drink.

—National Voice, Sept., 1968

**News Of YTC**



The Oakes YTC held a Public Rally in Nov. at Faith Baptist Church at which the new officers were formally dedicated in a candle-light ceremony. The six main officers are girls this year and they all wore floor-length dresses for the very impressive service. A Fruesta-Fellowship was served by the Iota Sigma following the Rally.

The December YTC meeting was a Christmas Party and gift exchange at the home of our adult director, Mrs. Darrell Brademeyer. A good time was had by all.

Cindy Simpson, Reporter.

**Y. T. C. Sparks**

Max and Benedict YTC have lifted off into Action. We observed YTE Week in November by having a joint public meeting with the WCTU. Carolyn Fannik had charge of the worship service. David Meronuck, Harry Philipenko, and Carolyn Fannik played the hymn "God of Our Fathers" as a trumpet trio accompanied by Patti Philipenko. Beverly Johnson sang a solo accompanied by Bonnie Berg. Beverly and Bonnie sang a duet accompanied by Marge Fannik. All of the members of the YTC sang "Alma Mater" and "Y is for Youth." At the close of the evening we had a Bake Sale for our fund raising activity. We served fruit punch to everyone.

On November 23 our YTC went to a retirement home in Garrison with a Thanksgiving Program. We made nut cups resembling a turkey, filled them with mints and lemon drops, and gave to each resident. They were very grateful that we had come and we felt that it was worthwhile.

We are making plans to visit the home again with a Christmas Program. We will also sing Christmas Carols at the Garrison Hospital. We are using old Christmas Cards to make a scrapbook of the Christmas Story which we will leave for the children at the hospital.

The Max-Benedict YTC is having a "Good time with a Purpose" and hope that the other YTC's are doing the same.

Beverly Johnson  
Public Relations Director

**THE ONLY KNOWN REMEDY**

There may be many factors of predisposition to alcohol, but these should not be confused with the cause, which is alcohol; and the only known remedy for alcoholism is — no alcohol.

Joseph S. Honan (a recovered alcoholic) (Sunday Press)

**Loyal Temperance Legion Letter**

Dear LTL Friends, Leaders and WCTU Members:

A new year is here, may it be one of happiness and blessings for each one of you, and may our work of building for total abstinence prosper.

A year abounding with privileges and blessings has passed. To you who are new in our LTL family, I extend a very special welcome. For each LTL Leader I am more grateful than I know how to express, because without a Leader - we have no Loyal Temperance Legion. Now let us seek to spare the children from a future of distress and discomfort by giving of our time, talent and energy to train them in the total abstinence way of life. We are truly grateful to the unions as well as to the individuals who are organizing and help the LTL. We are proud of the new Legions in our state - Congratulations!

Before long we will have summer, which is the time for "Day Camps." It is always fun to picnic. Material can be ordered from the Signal Press, Series I, II, III for Day Camps. This is a good time to have dues collected — and also secure new members. Remember the LTL is a training ground for the citizens of tomorrow. The LTL Bulletin has information for leaders and good lesson material. This is sent to all leaders as soon as I get the list of them. "The Young Crusader," our good little magazine, priced at \$1.00 is full of good helps and interesting reading. This makes a nice gift for that little girl or boy. Remember you leaders! You are not expected to do this alone, but enlist the help of the WCTU members also.

Each child must sign the pledge and pay 10c dues — then leaders, please send dues to Mrs. John Guinness, 114 9th Ave. N., Fargo, N. Dak. 58102. These dues must not be sent in later than August. We must work to counteract the pressures and influences of today's alcohol environment. Can we sit idly by? A good clean habit instilled when young usually stays with one. Yes, our work with the children is one of the greatest and most important forms of mission activity in our nation.

Now don't wait to be called on to be a leader - volunteer! May God guide us to do our best and keep every LTL group both active and alive - and swell our membership.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Leonard Bilden,  
State LTL Secretary.

**Quotes Worth Quoting**

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

Mrs. Carl W. Bodin, Director

**ALCOHOLISM - 3RD RANKING HEALTH PROBLEM**

With ten million problem drinkers, including six and one-half million confirmed alcoholics, and affecting another 25 to 30 million members of their families, alcoholism has become a serious threat to the welfare of our nation. Some State Supreme Courts refuse to uphold convictions for drunkenness by the lower courts, defining compulsive drinking as a disease, not a crime. In view of these decisions, why are we not more concerned about its prevention in the future? On the contrary, pressures to drink increases as our youth is exposed daily to drinking scenes on television screens, on billboards and in magazines. This is accomplishing its purpose to ensnare youth with the false idea that it is the way of life.

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"The man who does not stand for something, will stand for anything."  
—Peter Marshall.



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## Pen Points

"Peace I leave with you,  
My peace I give unto you:  
Not as the world giveth, give I unto you.  
Let not your heart be troubled,  
Neither let it be afraid."

John 14:27

Dear White Ribboners:

By the time this reaches you, the TV's and radios will have ceased giving to us the joyous messages of "Peace On Earth, Good Will to Men," but instead will blare forth fightings, wars, murders, and distress of all kinds. Is God's Word wrong in it's statements? Jesus said, "MY peace I give unto you." Not the kind that the world tries to make, which, like everything else that is man made, perishes. I am thankful to our God who gave us the unperishable Gift of His Son who brings to the hearts of those who will accept Him the wonderful gifts of salvation, love and peace. Jesus is our all! In spite of the many things which distress and disturb us, we may possess these priceless gifts by trusting in God's wonderful grace and love in sending His only begotten Son, Jesus, to redeem us.

What does the new year hold for us as we labor to try to rid our community, state and nation of some of the evils which are bringing about so much distress? In spite of repeated warnings concerning the use of tobacco, it sounds as though the advertising of smoking is going to continue in 1970. One can hardly listen to a TV program without some individual bringing out some brand of cigarette and smoking it. Almost all secular programs have these spot advertisements of smoking and drinking of alcoholic beverages of some kind, all this beside the regular advertising.

Another evil which the TV is promoting is the illicit practice of sex in advertising of so many common, useful things as tooth paste, deoderants, hair spray, shaving lotion, soaps, etc. Just about everything is geared to attract the opposite sex and this is shown by lustful actions on the part of both sexes. How will this effect the future generations? Our morals are at a low ebb now — what will they be when this new generation takes over?

We must do what we can to stem this tide of evil. In the Sept.-Oct. issue of the White Ribbon Bulletin on page 3 under the heading of Special S.O.S. are the addresses of the three main broadcasting stations. We could write to them protesting some of these things. Then in children's groups and at home these evils could be explained and the results shown in a way which they could understand. Our LTL's are so important. That is an impressionable age. What they really get then, usually stays by them.

Some of us will say, "what can I do? I'm not in a position to do much. Or I'm old, can't see. I can't hold an office," etc. All can pray for our work (more is

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**Treasurer's Report**

October 15 — November 15, 1969

DUES—Benedict-Max 23, Bismarck 9, Cooperstown 11, Crosby 1, Edgeley 10, Julia D. Nelson Fargo 31, Glover 14, Frances D. Willard Grand Forks 1, Hettinger 20, Jamestown 34, Lisbon 31, Northwood 1, Oakes 14, Park River 8, Parshall 13, Rugby 19, Tioga 2, Tower City 10, West Fairview 9, Williston 21.

STATE REPORTS—Cavalier \$1.60, Langdon \$2.00, Marion \$1.00.

FRANCIS WILLARD FUND—Benedict-Max \$2.00, Edgeley \$2.00, Fort Clark \$2.00, Langdon \$5.00, Parshall \$5.00, West Fairview \$3.00.

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LTL DUES—Bismarck \$1.20.

CONVENTION OFFERING—\$97.95.

LITERATURE AND PINS SOLD AT CONVENTION—\$20.52.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS FROM CONVENTION—  
LIFE PATRONS—Miss Ragnhild Lima, Dr. A. D. Ottinger.

LIFE MEMBERS—Ewald Klitzke, Mrs. Oliver Johnson, Mrs. Chester Webb. From Parshall Union \$20.00.

MEMORIAL MEMBERS—Mrs. C. M. Carlson from Grand Forks Union \$10.00.

CHILD MEMBERSHIPS—Mrs. Lyle Trapp for her seven grandchildren; Mrs. Grondahl for Jon Orvedahl.

CONTINUING MEMBERS—Rev. Eva Peet.

GIFTS TO GENERAL FUND—Cooperstown \$56.28, Gilby \$6.03, for Mrs. Dora Carver from Oakes Union.

GIFTS TO CAMP—In Memory of Mrs. Grace Brunzell from Julia D. Nelson Union, Fargo, \$2.00.

GIFTS TO PEPSI COLA FUND FOR VIET NAM IN MEMORY OF MRS. A. D. OTTINGER—Cavalier \$10.00, Crosby \$10.00, Ellendale \$6.45, Oakes \$10.00, Parshall \$2.50.

OTHER GIFTS—From Hitterdal Lutheran Congregation, Adams, N. Dak. \$100.00. From Hitterdal Sunday School \$10.00.

WILLARD MEMBERSHIPS—Women 6.

HONORARY MEN MEMBERSHIPS—Benedict-Max 3, Bismarck 2, Edgeley 1, Jamestown 5, Northwood 11, Parshall 5, Williston 1.

TOTAL MEMBERSHIPS—Women 405, Men 48.

Mrs. John Gunness, Treasurer.

**PEN POINTS—** (Cont. from page 4)  
wrought by prayer than this world dreams of) and most can attend meetings and write letters, distribute tracts. Oh, there is something each of us can do in this New Year of 1970. Just remember, "I am but one, but I am one. I can't do everything, but I can do something. What I can do I ought to do, and what I ought to do, by the grace of God I will do." This should be our resolve in 1970. Each one win one, each one do something and report it to your secretary. Remember a dollar is made up of one hundred pennies.

My wish for all of you in 1970 is that you may have that peace and joy spoken of in the blessed Word.

Your Managing Editor,  
Hazel Huntley.

Dr. Andrew C. Ivy, a noted specialist in this field, gives us this remedy: "We must TEACH our children in the schools, churches and in the homes that abstinence is the answer."

**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**

"They have fought the good fight, their course has been run;"  
But the war they engaged in has not yet been won. Oh, may we not fail the Valiant and True Who battled till death. Let us fight the war through! Let us win new recruits who will still carry on, When our course is run, and we, too, have gone. Our Cause is God's Cause, against Satan and Sin— Let us rally God's people—and go out to win!

M. B.

The Oakes Union mourns the loss of a member, Mrs. Dora Carver, 94, who passed away in the Oakes Hospital, November 9, 1969.

Dora Merrihew was born in Story County, Iowa, on September 10, 1875. She was married to Ira Carver in 1896. They came to North Dakota in 1908, first living at LaMoure, then moving to Oakes in 1928.

Mrs. Carver was a faithful attendant at church as long as she was able, and was a long time member of the Woman's Bible class of the Methodist church in Oakes. She was a "Continuing Member" of the WCTU since 1945 and was active in all phases of the work beside being on the Flower committee for many years.

On her 94th birthday a group of Bible Class members, WCTU members, her neighbors and friends dropped in to visit Mrs. Carver and enjoy the birthday lunch. It was a memorable occasion. Mrs. Carver's last words were, "I'm going home."

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Our state WCTU Historian, Mrs. Charles (Viola) Liessman, passed away in November, 1969, after living over 100 years, with a good memory of past events and a lively interest in the present. She celebrated her 100th birthday last January. The history of her life and the account of the birthday celebration are in the May-June, 1969, issue of the White Ribbon Bulletin.

Mrs. Liessman spent this last year with her daughter, Mrs. Jack Vantine in Bismarck. Her husband, Charles, preceded her in death in June of 1963. Mrs. Liessman was active in obtaining voting privileges for women, and was also active in garden and art Clubs, the Women's Community Council, the Pan Attic study club and worked on community projects. She has been a long time member of the WCTU and has been a very active member and quite concerned about it's progress. We missed her this year at our State WCTU convention, since she always came if possible. She was also active in the Presbyterian church women's groups where she was a member.

She leaves one son, Emerson, of Bismarck, one daughter Thelma, (Mrs. Jack Vantine), Bismarck, two grandchildren and a host of friends.

Marcus D. Mangin, grandson of Mrs. Julia Romsdahl, a member of the Glover Union, was killed in Viet Nam, October 1, 1969. Funeral services were held in Oakes October 14th. We sympathize with the bereaved family in this loss.

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"We have more information, more means of getting information, than at any time in history. And yet we are bewildered." Robert M. Hutchins.

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You always have time for the thing you put first. Time well used, is ours forever.

## FORMER STATE PRESIDENT AND NATIONAL OFFICER DIES

Another great WCTU woman has gone to her reward. Mrs. H. E. Mielke, a member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union for 54 years, went to be with her Lord November 4, 1969, while in Winchester, Massachusetts, visiting relatives.

During these 54 years Mrs. Mielke was very active in WCTU work. Her first work being secretary of the Ryder Union where she first became a member. When she and her husband (now long time deceased) moved to Fargo in 1941, she headed the local union, was president of the Minot District for 15 years, served 4 years as state vice-president and was elected to be our state WCTU President in 1946. She continued in this office until 1952 when she became National Corresponding Secretary, which office she held until 1956 when she resigned because of failing health. Mrs. A. D. Ottinger of Valley City followed Mrs. Mielke as our state President. Isn't it odd that they should both leave us the same year?

Mrs. Mielke was both a state and a national Life member. Her three children were all members of youth groups and it was Anna Gordon herself who tied the White Ribbon on Mrs. Mielke's son, Robert, while Miss Gordon visited in Grand Forks, North Dakota. A daughter, Ruth (Mrs. J. H. Grostephan), was formerly National director of Christian Citizenship. Some of the Mielke grandchildren were child honorary WCTU members in North Dakota.

Funeral services for Mrs. Mielke were held November 7th in the Park Avenue United Methodist Church of Minneapolis, Minn., where she had retained her membership for 34 years.

## PROHIBITION AND PROSPERITY

Many people look upon the prohibition years as "the dark ages" when all was sinister and unwholesome. Such is the power of an alcohol-oriented press to deceive the public. But one of the amazing results of the dry era was an increase in general prosperity. Dr. Irving Fisher writes about it thus:

"That Prohibition has been of untold economic value is further corroborated by a recent investigation by Samuel Crowther for The Ladies Home Journal (Jan., Feb., 1930) and which was reprinted in book form under the title Prohibition and Prosperity (68).

"The concluding paragraphs read as follows:

"By the re-outing of at least two-thirds of the money which formerly went for drink into the buying of useful goods, a higher level of general living has been established in this country. This higher level has brought higher wages and still higher levels of living.

"We have as a nation been infinitely more prosperous since Prohibition than ever before. We are definitely going forward.

"It would seem that Prohibition is fundamental to our prosperity — that it is the greatest blow which has ever struck poverty."

The American Issue.

From: "The Motor," Sept., 1969.

## BERT'S PUNCH Makes 4 gallons

(This was served at one of the Fruestas at the Grand Forks WCTU Convention). By Bert Facey.

- 1 46 oz. can pineapple juice
- 1 46 oz. can grapefruit juice
- 1 46 oz. can apricot juice
- 1 pkg. grape cool ade
- 4 pkgs. raspberry cool ade, made as recipe directs
- 2 cans frozen orange juice
- 2 cans frozen lemon juice
- 1 or 2 bottles (large) 7-Up. To be put in at serving time.

## FRIEND OF WCTU WORK LEAVES US

Former State Senator Walter Troxel, 83, well known farmer and Republican legislator, was found dead by a neighbor in the yard of his farm home about 5½ miles northeast of Berthold on November 19, 1969. Since he lived alone after the death of his wife in 1959, a coroner was summoned who ruled his death was due to natural causes.

Mr. Troxel came to North Dakota from Indiana in 1905. He married a former Indiana school girl friend on November 2, 1909 in Minot, North Dakota. He was always interested in farming and soil conservation, also in civic affairs as well as a real crusader for total abstinence from alcoholic beverages and all other narcotics. The North Dakota WCTU felt they had a loyal supporter in Mr. Troxel. We will miss his good articles in the Every-one's Column of the Minot Daily News. The following is an editorial from the Minot Daily News:

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## A SOLID CITIZEN LEAVES US Minot Daily News — 11-19-1969

The News pays respect to the memory of a forthright citizen, Walter Troxel, a resident of rural Ward County more than 60 years.

Though his political and social views were sometimes at variance with ours, we do not hesitate to say that Ward County could stand to have many more Walter Troxels. The quality of our common life would be enriched if we did.

For one thing, likely to be overlooked by many, Mr. Troxel pretty well proved that farming on a relatively small scale can be a very satisfactory way of life for a family who wants to make it so.

For another, Mr. Troxel's straight-laced principles did not prevent him from being an outgoing man, ready to join in public and civic endeavors, and in movements for the betterment of agriculture. Anyone willing to take time to serve in the State Legislature as long as Mr. Troxel did deserves a public salute and the fact that he was re-elected to office shows that the people of the old Second District knew him to be trustworthy.

He practiced kindness, forbearance and common sense about as much as most of us find it within our capacities to do, except when his indignation against the use of alcohol and against public extravagance got the better of him. Then he spoke out, sometimes exasperatingly.

We note that our account of his life and death in The News on the day after he died, said Mr. Troxel was a crusader for temperance. In justice to him, that statement should be corrected. He stood for abstinence, and he practiced what he preached. He was, we might say, a temperate man in most things, but not in his indignation about social evils. At this moment, when the people of this community and region are deeply concerned about the dangers involved in experimental use of pleasure-producing drugs by some of our young people, we ought to be able to appreciate Mr. Troxel's indignation.

## Personal Mention

Mrs. Alida Whitfield of the Glover Union, has returned after enjoying a month tour of the eastern states with her sister, Mrs. Oscar Sporel.

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Dr. A. D. Ottinger visited cousins and friends this fall in Minnesota and while there he went to Rochester and got a check up which gave him a clean bill of health. From there he called on a niece in Lyons, Col., who was laid up with a broken leg. The doctor's sister Laura was taking care of his niece and family, so he got to visit her also. At present he is in Whittier, California, with his sister Mary where he intends to spend the winter. In case some of you would wish to write him, his address is: 8111 Davisto Drive, Whittier, Calif. 90602.

## A Word To The Wise

Dear Friends:

We are all busy now, I presume, trying to remember to write sevens and zeros on the date lines of our letters, instead of the sixes and nines that have become automatic in the past year. It is winter time now, in North Dakota, and the world is very white in my home locality. So far, we have been blest with wonderfully good weather for this time of year, and we are indeed grateful. We do have some nice snow, in which small boys with sleds are enjoying themselves whenever possible.

And yet the shadow of sorrow is over too many homes. The war - accidents - illness - these come and must be endured. Car accidents continue; the war goes on. Anxiety is a constant menace to peaceful sleep. Recent reports indicate that beverage alcohol is a frequent cause of crashes of private planes. Autopsies showed alcohol in the blood of at least one in every five of the dead pilots examined to determine the cause of the crash. This statement was made in the Grand Forks Herald for December 19, 1969, and is quoted from a doctor at the Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minn. I quote the statement made by Dr. Earl T. Carter, who said: "The FAA (Federal Aviation Agency) gets autopsy reports on the dead pilots and it is disturbing to learn how often alcohol is found in the blood." Think on these things.

Some years ago, verses written by a lady from Larimore whose name, (to my regret), I do not recall, were printed in the Grand Forks Herald. The poem was called "The Lights of Larimore," and expressed the feelings of one who returns at night from a journey and sees the lights of the home town in the distance. The last two lines were:

"And over the plains my glad heart strains  
To the lights of Larimore."

Those lines express something of my feeling, when I stand for a few minutes on the doorstep of my farm home at night, when the sky is full of stars, as a poet wrote once. Besides the stars I see the lights of my neighbors, and of three or four villages in the distance, when conditions are just right. Some I can identify, and remember that a friend lives there. So, to you, who are all my friends, though I do not know all your names, may 1970 and all the years ahead for you, have only good things in store for you. God bless you all.

Every your friend,  
Elizabeth C. Beasley.

### A FAIR QUESTION

Last year, the people of Mississippi voted whether to remain "dry" or not. The Mississippi Baptist Record printed a sharp-pointed article by W. L. Coggin of Oklahoma, addressed to the "Mississippi Wets" and asking the question, "Who do you want to drink it?"

Here is a condensed version of the article:  
Your son—to become an alcoholic?  
Your daughter—and become a harlot?  
Your doctor—then operate on you or your loved ones?  
Your clerk—and become a thief?  
Your nurse—then measure your medicine?  
Your sister—and wreck her life?  
Your neighbor—and become your worst enemy?  
Your mother who brought you into this world?  
Your president—and lead this nation to destruction?  
No? Then WHO will drink it?

Herald of Hope.

Of time we have full measure every day, yet "haven't time" from morn to night, we say.

Today is ours, tomorrow may not come.

## Notes From The Unions

On October 27th, at 4:00 p.m. the Northwood WCTU held a Teacher's Tea in the school lunch room, to acquaint the teachers with our WCTU work. We plan to again have the children of grades 4, 5, and 6 make posters so that we can have our usual poster contest in the spring.

Plans are to have a Tea and program at the Northwood Nursing Home at 2:00 p.m. on December 30th for those living there as well as for all those who work there.

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The Oakes Iota Sigma had an Institute in the Nazarene church in Oakes, October 20th, beginning at 1:30 p.m. The Glover Union served cookies and punch.

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The Marion Union has obtained two honorary (men) members, four "One in a Million" members, making a total of 23 members of honorary and active members. (Men are not active members).

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The Bismarck Union helped with the program on Temperance Sunday evening in the Calvary church there. Twelve WCTU women attended. They obtained Mr. Dan Chapman, a state patrol officer, to be the speaker of the evening. He gave a good message and praised the work of the WCTU. The youth were in charge of the program and for the refreshments afterward. One hundred pieces of literature were handed out.

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The First Nazarene church of Minot, North Dakota, was the meeting place of the Minot District WCTU Institute, October 30, 1969. There were 31 registered. This meeting began at 1:30 p.m. and had two sessions, breaking for refreshments served by the Minot Union.

The President, Mrs. Edward Fannik, Max, North Dakota, called the meeting to order. The song, "My Faith Looks Up To Thee," was sung in memory of our late president, Mrs. A. D. Ottinger. Rev. Marshall Vaughan, pastor of the First Nazarene church, led us in devotions. He read from Hebrews 12:1-4, speaking from the words "looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith." He stated that if we have no vision higher than human help we might as well quit now. God is interested in all of our cares and trials and he'll do great things for us if we'll let Him.

A solo, "I Believe In Miracles," was sung by Mrs. Edward Fannik. Mrs. Everett Johnson, Max, reported on her trip to National WCTU Convention in Lincoln, Nebraska. Six ladies who attended the state convention, reported on the highlights of the convention, bringing out many good points from the messages of Rev. Eva Peet, our state president; Mrs. H. J. Bodine, guest speaker; and Senator George Longmire, Banquet speaker. Following these reports was a business session ending with a question and answer period. Mrs. George Fannik, Max, closed the Institute with prayer.

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The Oakes Iota Sigma entertained their husbands at a "Christmas Buffet Supper and Party" at the Darrell Brademeyer home on Dec. 11th, with 11 couples attending. A program of readings, and devotions were given while everyone was seated together at a long table for the Candlelight supper. Everyone brought "White Elephants" for a jovial exchange, followed by a time of fellowship and group games. Three YTC girls served as waitresses wearing white aprons decorated with poinsettia flowers. A festive and fun time was had by all.

Enough BARBITURATES (Goofballs) are produced each year to provide 26 doses to every man, woman and child in the United States.



## Projection Methods

What an inspiration the Convention was! "He maketh His ministers a flame of fire." Heb. 1:7. Think God, He never meant us to be jelly fish!

The Projection Methods department is always well reported by those who give the time. The rest of the unions have done work which should have been reported, but, failing to do so, they are not accredited for what they have accomplished.

For each project, once it has been done, should be easier the next time. We have some grand veterans who consistently work with speech and poster contests and store demonstrations. We know they and their assistants will strive in the strength of their Lord again, as a fruit of His righteousness.

This year we challenge you who enjoy writing. The Ada Mohn-Landis Contest is open to all adults who write for selections to be used by children, young people and adults, in the medal contests.

It's lemonade and cooky time again, so, as your hostess, let me serve you:

### LEMONADE FIZZ

The juice of 1 lemon  
1 tumbler of cold water  
Sugar to taste  
1/2 tsq. soda

Squeeze the lemon and add to the water. Dissolve sugar in the mixture. When well mixed, put in the soda, stir well and drink while the mixture is effervescing. And

### CHOCOLATE-BUTTERSCOTCH BARS

Combine: 2/3 cup shortening and  
1 pound (2 1/4 cups well packed) brown sugar.  
One at a time, beat in 3 eggs,  
Blend in: 1 tsp. vanilla  
2 3/4 cups flour  
1/2 tsp. (teaspoon) salt  
2 1/2 tsp. baking powder  
1 cup chopped nuts.

1 package chocolate chips.  
Spread in greased and floured (15" x 10" x 1") pan.  
Bake about 30 minutes at 350. Do not overbake.

"My Master, lead me to Thy door:  
Pierce this now willing ear once more,  
Thy bonds are freedom; let me stay  
With Thee to toil, endure, obey."

In His name,  
Mrs. Robert McCleary.

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## THE SEX EDUCATION COURSE AND THE CONCERNED PARENT

Every parent should secure certain information concerning the sex education program in his child's school.

1. What is being taught? (Teacher's syllabus, student manual, audio-visual materials. The manner of the teacher and the reactions of the children may be the most important thing you will learn.)

2. Who is teaching the course? (Marital status and experience, general preparation, specific preparation.)

3. Get the facts about "horror stories."

4. Express your opinions where they will do the most good. (Classroom teacher? Board of education?)

5. Insist that the position of Christian morality be presented as a valid option chosen by a significant percentage of the community.

For more information on this subject, write to: The Schoolhouses Weathervane, National Association of Christian Schools, Box 28, Wheaton, Ill. 60187.

Order the March, 1969, issue on sex education.

"The first major commitment to what should be taught tends to make sex education a study of reproductive biology. . . The other major content component of

standard sex education programs attempts to respond to the undeniable fact that a considerable part of managing sexuality also involves managing social relationships."

This element which is tragically missing from sex education programs must be applied by the Christian parent through instruction in Christian principles in sex education.

## THE PARENT'S RESPONSIBILITY

"When we become parents, our children become children. When we are good citizens, they are good citizens. When we prove our love for them by protecting them from evil, even when they think it is good, they will be good. When we seem sure of what we are doing, they will be able to trust us."

(H. G. Felsen, Understanding Our Children)

## SMOKING CAUSES FIRE

More than one-fourth of the fatalities resulting from fires are due to careless smoking, often in bed, says a Metropolitan Life Insurance Company report. Almost as many women as men die in this way. (Listen - October, 1969).

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