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"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH"

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From The President's Desk

Dear White Ribboners:

The people who do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits. Daniel 11:32b.

We are now launched into a new decade, with many new challenges in a rapidly changing world, but how thankful that we have a God who is adequate to meet every situation with victory! It makes us happy to hear that inroads have been made on the smoking habit; there is no speculation, now medical science accepts the fact that it does produce emphysema, and lung cancer. Also the public is becoming alarmed over the increase in the number of alcoholics; Clinics are being held in many places trying to solve the problem of how to deal with the alcoholic. But we say, "Why, oh why do they not deal with the sale of ALCOHOL? Then too, we have an alarming problem of increasing drug addiction. Truly we have a real task on our hands; we must not falter for a moment!

Our treasurer, Mrs. Gunness just sent me a report and we want to commend the 12 unions who have **paid their dues in full!** Some have all paid with the exception of one or two (do get them, and be 100%). Some have sent in for about half, and some have sent in none at all. Could we not make a real effort to have these **all paid** by the time the next Bulletin goes to press? Oh, yes, and some new ones too! I'm sure if we get a White Ribbon box in the hands of each member, we will find it much easier to collect dues. The "Prayer and a Penny a Day" is a wonderful help. May I put it this way —

A prayer a day - what less could I do?
Than to send a petition to God above
That He would help our WCTU
To bless the world with true Mother Love?
A penny a day - what less could I give
To support such a worthy cause,
That tries to right a reeling world
And help it to see God's love in His laws?

You perhaps have seen that your president got her name in the paper; (by the Associated Press too!) it especially mentions that she didn't know that January 15th was Temperance day in the public schools of North Dakota; (was my face red?) However, I was not alone, many of the superintendents and teachers didn't know it either. If this ever comes up for a vote again, as it might, we must be ready to defend it. Let us show that we do think this law is important, and continue getting into the schools with our films, literature, and teachers packets. We must not lose this privilege.

No doubt you are making plans for your District Conventions; You will soon be hearing who your speaker will be - we try to fulfill your wishes. We hope that each district will have a record attendance and see new visions of our task. I hope to be able to attend some of them. I am always thrilled by the wonderful programs that you have. Our district presidents do a wonderful job. Our hearts go out to Mrs. Trapp of Marion for the loss of her beloved husband. Let us all pray for her, especially at this time.

It seems that there has been quite an exodus of our people to California, but don't worry - they'll be back, come spring - North Dakota calls! I know we all look forward to spring and warmer weather, but it has been much better than last year. In the meantime your president is thinking of you all and praying for you. Keep working, watching and praying - our labor in the Lord is

KEEP EASTER IN YOUR HEART

The beauty of a garden
Dew-wet and hushed and still,
Heavy with the fragrance
Of blossoms . . . Always will
Bring to us a message
Of that first Easter dawn
When Christ, our Lord and Saviour
Arose, and hope was born.

The grave that knew no victory,
The sorrow turned to joy;
A faith that glows forever,
And doubts cannot destroy;
All this and more is Easter,
And with thankful hearts we sing
Our joyous Allelulahs
To Christ, our risen King.

O lovely Easter lilies,
Forever set apart
With glowing, prayer-tipped candles
On His altar in my heart.

—Author Unknown.

YOUTH TEMPERANCE EDUCATION WEEK APRIL 17-25, 1970

"The perpetuity of this nation depends upon the religious education of the young." —George Washington.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the future of America lies in the hands of the youth of today; and

WHEREAS, youth is our greatest asset and resource, and

WHEREAS, youth must be conserved to guarantee a healthy, happy, successful, law-abiding citizenry, and a freedom-loving America; and

WHEREAS, total abstinence from alcoholic beverages and other narcotics merits serious attention and study by all concerned citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William L. Guy, Governor of the State of North Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of April 19-25, 1970, as

"YOUTH TEMPERANCE EDUCATION WEEK IN NORTH DAKOTA"

and urge that citizens in churches, schools, civic groups, and as individuals, focus their attention at that time and continuing throughout the year on the importance of total abstinence from alcoholic beverages and narcotics.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of North Dakota to affixed this 17th day of April, 1970.

William L. Guy
Governor.

ATTEST:
Ben Meier
Secretary of State

Man lives by affirmation even more than he does
by bread. —Victor Hugo

not in vain!

For God, and home and every land - and you.
Eva M. Peet.

LENT MEDITATION

"May no one stumble over me
 Because thy love they fail to see;
 But give me, Lord, a life that sings
 And victory over little things.
 Give me thy calm for every fear,
 Thy peace for every falling tear,
 Make mine, O Lord, thru calm and strife
 A gracious and unselfish life."
 Amen.

Promotion Secretary's Letter

"Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Gal. 6:9.

"Don't stop praying, but have more trust;
 Don't stop praying, for pray we must;
 Faith will banish a mount of care,
 Don't stop praying! God answers prayer."

Dear Co-Workers:

We have often heard it said that prayer changes things and prayer changes people. This is very true and the importance of prayer cannot be overemphasized. More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of. In fact, our work will be in vain unless it is preceded by prayer. Frances Willard said, "Prayer is the keystone of the arch of WCTU endeavor." Will you join in daily prayer with thousands of other White Ribboners? As you pray do not forget your financial obligation, for without it our work cannot be carried on. It is one of the best investments we can make, because the physical well-being as well as the eternal destiny of our children and young people is at stake.

"A prayer and a penny a day

Is not too much to pay

For the privilege of having a part

In the work so dear to our heart."

Please use your White Ribbon box.

I want to commend the unions who participated in the Action Ahead contest. The efforts put forth were not in vain for several unions gained new members. Marion had the most points and also the largest percentage of points based on membership. Prosper secured the most new members. Mrs. Stanley reports that Enid, Oklahoma Union, had the highest number of points in the nation, and Illinois gained the most new members, 227 women and 43 men.

I want to urge each one of you to make a special effort to win new members. Be a One in a Million member. This is the sixth year in our campaign. Win your sixth member now and give your sixth dollar to your local treasurer for the Century Fund. If you have not yet started, win six new members now and give six dollars.

March is Union Signal month. Every officer should be a subscriber, and the members too. It has a wealth of information and no one can afford to be without it.

Make your plans now for YTE Week. Posters, church bulletin inserts and leaflets are available from National. The posters, "Reach the Heights," is 15c singly; 75c for 12; \$1.50 for 25; \$4.25 for 100. The inserts are 70c per 100; 40c for 50; 25c for 25c.

The Parliamentary Quiz appears elsewhere in this issue. May I suggest that you set aside a time at one of your meetings when the members bring their White Ribbon Bulletin and study the quiz, and then lay aside the paper and write the answers to the questions. The president or secretary should send me the names of those with a score of 70 or more by June 30. Each one with a passing grade will receive a certificate.

Let us go forward with renewed courage and zeal.

Sincere greetings,
 Ragnhild Lima.

1970 Parliamentary Law Quiz

(Based on No. 2724, "Basic Principles in Parliamentary Law") — Passing Grade: 70 (7 out of 10)

TRUE OR FALSE (mark with T or F)

- T (1) The "chair" should remain strictly neutral on the subject discussed.
T (2) Each motion is entitled to full and free debate.
F (3) In discussion of a subject the remarks should be addressed to the person making the motion.
F (4) More than one subject can be considered at a time.
F (5) The "minority" has no right to speak to a motion.

(Fill in blanks)

- (6) The majority must prevail, but the minority must be preserved.
 (7) It is the duty of a member to address the chair before speaking.
 (8) Parliamentary law is common sense used in a gracious manner.

(Write Answers)

- (9) When is it proper for a member to ask for a "call to order?" When another member is speaking.
 (10) Why is it necessary for a member to yield the floor when there is a "call to order?" Courtesy

ANSWERS TO QUIZ

True and False

1. T; 2. T; 3. F; 4. F; 5. F.

Fill in Blanks

- (6) "majority," "minority."
 (7) obtain the floor.
 (8) "common sense," "gracious manner."

Write Answer

- (9) When the subject matter of the motion is not being discussed.
 (10) Courtesy for another's privilege.

Papers with passing grade of 70 or more should be sent to the state promotion secretary, Miss Ragnhild Lima, Cooperstown, N. Dak. 58425, to qualify for the certificate.

Home Protection

Dear Fellow Workers;

In a short time you will be receiving a letter which contains the green Home Protection sheet, and may I say "PLEASE" do not misplace this as I will be expecting you to return these to me with your report filled in, in Sept.

If you have any questions feel free to write and I will do my best to answer them.

I would urge each of us to keep the following things in mind - SEX EDUCATION - PORNOGRAPHIC LITERATURE - DOPE - These are all cripplers of the home and we cannot close our eyes and hope they will go away. We need to be on the alert and do our part. Recently in Williston we attended an all day Seminar on DOPE which I found very enlightening. I would say to all unions if you have an opportunity to attend one of these, GO and STAND UP as members of the WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION and let them know we are there in the fight against this crippler of the mind, the body and the Soul.

We MUST stand up and get INVOLVED if we are to see any progress in this fight against these that would rob us of the morality of our Children, as well as the principles our forefathers fought for so we could live in a free America.

Mrs. Joe Holt
 Home Protection Director

Notes From The Unions

The Oakes WCTU met at the home of Mrs. Carrie Murray on February 10th, to hold their annual Frances Willard Tea. Three visitors and eight members were present. Two of these members, Mrs. Clara Buland and Mrs. Mattie Elner are residents of the Oakes Manor Home and we were so happy to have them present. Mrs. Julia Dawkins, also from the home and a member of the Glover union, was one of our guests.

A very nice program honoring Frances Willard, was presented. Following the lunch an offering of \$8.00 was received.

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The Lisbon WCTU and Iota Sigma held a Frances Willard Tea on February 5th in the parlors of the Baptist church. About 25 ladies were in attendance. Mrs. LeRoy Bartel was the special speaker for the meeting. Mrs. James Wiltse sang a solo, accompanied by Mrs. E. Jones. A lovely lunch was enjoyed by all.

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The Prosper union held their Christmas meeting at the home of Mrs. George Rust. The Honorary members were present. A very inspiring Christmas program was presented by Mrs. Albert Waa. Mrs. Gordon Langseth dedicated the song, "On Christmas in the Morning," to the memory of Mrs. Lindsay. She was a charter member of the organization.

The January meeting was held at Mrs. Marie Rust's in Fargo. An interesting study on drugs and smoking was given by Mrs. Oscar Johnson, followed by an open discussion by the group. It was decided that some of the material was to be ordered and presented at our High Schools and Luther Leagues.

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On February 7th the Bismarck union held their Frances Willard Tea, to which they invited 16 children from six years to seventeen, also Rev. and Mrs. Walter Schott from the Good Shepherd United Methodist church in Mandan. The group sang and took charge of the devotions. It proved to be very enjoyable to all present, including the children, who wanted to do it again. Literature was given out and the children of the choir were told that their white capes were the same color that our organization stands for. This pleased the children.

Mrs. Julia Bender, 89 years old, gave a wonderful talk about Frances Willard and what she did. It was a pleasant meeting and long to be remembered.

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February 22nd was the Fifth Annual National Highway Safety Sunday. The Grafton union participated in this Crusade for Safety by mailing to each of 10 pastors a brochure put out by the National Foundation for Highway Safety. A personal letter was also enclosed asking for the pastor's cooperation. The purpose is the personal appeal of the pastor to his congregation.

The union sends the Union Signal and Listen Magazine to the public library and to the school library. They also provided a number of leaflets on drugs, smoking, and alcohol. They are again sponsoring poster contests in the 6th grade of 2 schools.

NOTICE!

Local unions which have sent money in to the treasurer to become Light Line Unions **MUST INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE MINISTER, SOCIAL WORKER OR MISSIONARY to WHOM THE SUBSCRIPTION TO THE UNION SIGNAL is to be sent, OTHERWISE YOU CANNOT BECOME A LIGHT LINE UNION**, as that is included.

Our treasurer informs me that quite a number of you have **not** included the name and address of the one to receive the magazine. **PLEASE SEND HER THE NAME AT ONCE ALONG WITH THE ADDRESS.** Thank you.

News Of YTC

**YOUTH TEMPERANCE COUNCIL REGISTRATION
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Are you reaching for the heights in establishing contact for YTE WEEK? Governor William L. Guy will decree the week of April 19-25, 1970 as YOUTH TEMPERANCE EDUCATION WEEK with a proclamation to be issued April 17th. (I trust local councils and unions will send him a note of commendation for his concern in this field of education.)

Have you ordered the posters and church bulletin inserts from Signal Press, 1739 Chicago Ave., Evanston, Ill. 60201? The posters are 12 for -1.50, and the inserts are 100 for 70c. "Reach the Heights" is the timely topic of these valuable aids for YTE Weew. A YTC who thinks of the most original or unusual place to display a poster will receive an award from our national secretary, Miss Leonard. Use your imagination and send her your ideas no later than April 2nd.

May is World Friendship month (YTC temperance missionary project). In 1971 we will be hosting the World WCTU Convention in Chicago, and the delegate from Finland has been designated as North Dakota's guest. The YTC is being asked to help with this program and financially through the World Friendship Fund. I encourage YTC'ers to learn all you can about this country and incorporate it, when possible, in your programs. Bring your suggestions to camp.

It was great to see news of two local councils in our last YTC column. Keep the spacecraft going so that we may be informed.

Mrs. Melvin Gangness.

Received for YTC funds:
 In memory of Mrs. Minnie Lindsey (by friends) \$12.00.

Y. T. C. Sparks

Our Dickinson YTC has been very active since we began in September of 1969. We had a Halloween party on October 29. On December 16th, we sang at the Dickinson Nursing Home. We ordered material for our YTC in December, also, we ordered 2 films for Temperance Education Week in January. We ordered materials to place in our schools during that week. The librarian at the Senior High School is going to put a few of each pamphlet on reserve for future reference. Our YTC is planning a Bake Sale for February 21, 1970, in the Big Sky Shopping Center. Mr. Walt Ross has given us permission to use the front of the Red Owl Store. We are preparing our speeches for the WCTU Junior Contest. We are bringing the younger children to YTC so that we may coach them with their speeches. We are holding the contest during YTE Week in April. We're launching into a new year in hopes of winning more for the right and CHRIST!

Sincerely,
 Carla Auch
 President, Dickinson YTC.

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Pen Points

Dear White Ribboners:

It has been brought to my attention that perhaps many of you who do not have a National Handbook of the WCTU, 1874 - 1974, may not know why we pay each January and February, the Lillian Stevens Legislative Fund and the Frances Willard Memorial Fund, so I will try to explain.

We'll first take the Lillian Stevens Legislative Fund, which should be paid in January as that month is designated as Legislative month. This fund is a Memorial to Lillian Stevens who succeeded Frances Willard as National President of our organization and under whose efforts the Bureau of Legislation was founded and the "Washington Letter" in the "Union Signal" originated as a source of information.

This fund bears the expenses of WCTU representation at hearings before the Congressional committees, for attendance at conferences dealing with legislative matters and the National Temperance and Prohibition Council. It also makes possible the research and compilation of data on legislation and on departments of government which are necessary for intelligent reporting of congress and the various departments and agencies of government which are charged with the administration of laws that the WCTU may have helped to enact. This is what the \$2.00 from each union helps to do. Mrs. Mildred B. Harmon is at present our Representative, Bureau of Legislation. You can read her "Washington Letter" in each issue of the "Union Signal." More members should have this paper in order to be "informed members."

Now the Frances Willard Memorial Fund which is also \$2.00, to be paid in February. This fund was suggested by Miss Anna Gordon, then the World's superintendent of the WCTU juvenile work, just 9 months after Frances Willard's death, February 17, 1898, at a Memorial convention which met to establish a suitable Memorial to her memory. It is interesting to note that the convention was held in St. Paul, Minnesota, November 11 - 16, 1898. Instead of a metal or marble monument, Miss Gordon proposed a living, continuous Memorial by suggesting a revolving fund for the promotion and expansion of the work for which Miss Willard gave her life. Thus, in memory of her work each union sends to our Treasurer \$2.00 in the month of February (month of her death) for the promotion of organizing new unions and to stimulate activity in lagging ones. This fund pays for all promotional work including the WCTU Handbook, the Annual Directory, YTC and LTL manuals. It also supports the Leadership Training School at Evanston, Ill., where workers are trained. It also defrays the program expense of the annual WCTU Day at Chautauqua, N. Y.

Each union may send in more than \$2.00 for this fund and all over \$2.00 will remain in our state to help with the organization work here in North Dakota. Our treasurer is happy when you send more. I hope this has been made plain to each of you. You see how important
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Treasurer's Report

November 15, 1969 - February 15, 1970

DUES—Beach 7, Bismarck 7, Bottineau 10, Cavalier 21, Crosby 1, Dickey 13, Dickinson 8, Fort Clark 1, Frances Willard of Grand Forks 4, Glover Union, Oakes 14, Grafton 16, Hettinger 21, Jamestown 34, Langdon 19, Minot 24, Napoleon 11, Nekoma 12, Oakes 1, Oakes Iota Sigma 13, Ray 14, Steele 15, Tappen 9, West Fairview 1, Williston 21.

WILLARD MEMBERSHIPS—22.

HONORARY MEN MEMBERSHIPS—Benedict-Max 15, Bismarck 2, Dickey 3, Edgeley 1, Jamestown 7, Marion 2, Napoleon 3, Northwood 11, Oakes 2, Williston 1.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS—Memorial Membership for Evelyn J. Westlund from Julia D. Nelson U., Fargo.

STATE REPORTS—Benedict-Max \$1.00, Crosby \$2.00, Dickey \$1.00, Frances Willard of Grand Forks \$3.00, Langdon \$2.00, Minot \$1.00, Napoleon \$1.00, Northwood \$2.00, Oakes Iota Sigma \$1.00, Prosper \$1.00, Steele \$1.80.

FRANCES WILLARD FUND—Benedict-Max \$2.00, Edgeley \$2.00, Fort Clark \$2.00, Frances Willard, Grand Forks \$2.00, Langdon \$5.00, Marion \$2.00, Minot \$2.40, Max YTC \$2.00, Napoleon \$2.00, Nekoma \$2.00, Northwood \$2.00, Oakes \$3.00, Oakes Iota Sigma \$2.00.

LILLIAN STEVENS FUND—Benedict-Max \$2.00, Cavalier \$5.00, Edgeley \$2.00, Fort Clark \$2.00, Frances Willard, Grand Forks \$2.00, Langdon \$5.00, Lisbon \$5.00, Marion \$2.00, Max YTC \$2.00, Napoleon \$2.00, Nekoma \$1.60, Northwood \$2.00, Oakes \$2.00, Oakes Iota Sigma \$2.00, Prosper \$2.00.

STATE LEGISLATIVE FUND—Prosper \$2.00.

LIGHT LINE UNIONS—Benedict-Max, Edgeley, Minot, Nekoma.

LITERATURE AND PINS—Frances Willard, Grand Forks \$3.00.

CENTURY FUND—Benedict-Max \$3.00, Fort Clark \$1.00, Grand Forks \$1.00, Marion \$1.00.

YTC CAMP—From Oakes Union \$2.00.

PEPSI COLA FUND FOR VIET NAM—Cavalier \$10.00, Crosby \$15.00, Enderlin \$10, Fort Clark \$1.45, Hettinger \$6.00, Northwood \$26.50, Tioga \$1.40. To Pepsi Cola Fund in memory of Mrs. Ottinger from Lisbon Iota Sigma \$10.00.

GENERAL FUND—From First Lutheran Church Women, Fargo \$50.00. In Memory of Mrs. Ottinger from Julia D. Nelson Union, Fargo, \$25.00. In Memory of Mrs. Ottinger from Mrs. Homer Smothers, Vista, Calif. \$5.00.

TOTAL MEMBERSHIPS—Women 666; Men 95.

Mrs. John Gunness, Treasurer.

ONE IN A MILLION MEMBERS

Mrs. Frank Van Dyke, Marion Union.

Rev. Eva Peet, Ft. Clark Union.

THE TIME TO STOP IS NOW!

Cigarette smoking is the major cause of lung cancer. Once you have this disease, your chance of being saved is only one in 20. If you stop smoking, however, the risk of getting lung cancer diminishes. What are you waiting for? The time to stop is now!—American Cancer Society.

PEN POINTS— (Continued from page 4)

it is that all of us do our part.. Without each of us contributing our share, this great work, local, state, national and world could not continue. Again I say, "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."

Yours for growth and endeavor,
Hazel Huntley, Man. Editor.

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

Our dear ones, summoned by the Lord, are gone; And, while our anguished tears have stilled our laughter,

And we cry out, 'We cannot bear our pain,'

We are assured there is a glad hereafter When loved ones, separated, meet again.

Until that time, close to our hearts we hold

Fond memories, which day by day unfold—

And in our thoughts, our loved ones still live on.

—May Brown.

The Marion union reports the death of an Honorary member, Mr. Lyle Trapp, husband of the president of the James Valley District WCTU.

Mr. Trapp passed away suddenly in a Valley City hospital from a heart attack on Jan. 14, 1970, after a brief illness. He had been a member of the Marion union since 1967. He is survived by his wife, Vivian, three sons, a daughter, one brother and a sister, beside many friends who greatly miss him.

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The last charter member of the Prosper union, Mrs. Albert Lindsay, passed away December 8, 1969 in her home in Fargo.

She was born July 18, 1890 at Harwood, N. Dak. She was an active and devoted member of the WCTU for 55 years, and had served in many offices in our local union. Her love for the work locally and worldwide, as well as her church and family were uppermost in her heart.

She is survived by one daughter, 3 sons, 1 brother and 10 grandchildren. Her husband and one son preceded her in death. Her friends and family miss her very much.

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Mrs. Alf (Kate) Eddington, an active member of the Cavalier union, passed away suddenly in the Pembina County Memorial Hospital in Cavalier December 21, 1969.

Kate McGillivary was born January 26, 1900 and lived all of her life in the Hamilton and Cavalier areas. She was an active member of the Hamilton Baptist church, being its pianist for years. She was an active member of both Cavalier and Hamilton Mission circles and a member of the Cavalier WCTU for over 30 years. She assisted at the Walsh county Potato Show by distributing leaflets at the Park River WCTU booth for two full days, one in 1968, the other in 1969.

Her death was very sudden, caused by a massive cerebral hemorrhage and consequently her illness was of but one day's duration. She leaves an empty spot in her wide circle of christian friends.

Only her husband, Alf Eddington, remains of her immediate family and he had recently made her a Memorial Member of our state organization.

Quotes Worth Quoting

"Alcoholism poses a greater menace than radio-active fallout. The dangers from radio-active fallout are guarded against and every effort to protect the public is made whereas very little is being done to protect the public from the disastrous effects of alcoholism.

There must be something drastically wrong with our sense of value, when we allow, without protest, the terrible ruination of human life caused by the use of alcoholic beverages."

Andrew C. Ivy, M.D., D.Sc., L.L.D.

A Word To The Wise

Dear Friends, All of you;

This is a sunny morning in February, as I write; frost sparkles on the window panes and the sky is beautifully blue. My small farm home is warm and comfortable, and the friend who is spending the winter with me, is making bread. Is there any perfume more enticing, to one who is hungry, than the scent of baking bread?

I hope that our work is going forward as bravely as is possible under winter conditions and that plans are being made for good things to do when Spring and Summer come in due season. People to whom the words "North Dakota" bring only thoughts of blizzards and ice-bound rivers, probably never consider that we do have long and lovely days in the spring and summer, as well as crisp Autumn days that are very enjoyable. Let us look ahead, and make sure that we do not miss any opportunities because we did not start in time.

Where did you put your copy of the November-December White Ribbon Bulletin? Mine is here on my desk, and I enjoy reading over some of the things it contains, especially the address of our state president, Rev. Eva Peet. She has given us much to think about, and I hope our thoughts will lead us to plan for effective ACTION AHEAD in the remaining months of our WCTU year. Children are learning something every day; Will any child fail to grasp the fact that beverage alcohol is a dangerous enemy, because we did not do what we could have done, to carry the message to them?

Many years ago I was a member of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, and words of the pledge are still in my memory. "Trusting in the Lord-Jesus Christ for strength, I promise Him that I will try to do whatever He would like to have me do —." That pledge is still binding, even though at times I am not sure what He would like to have me do! We all can pray — let us never neglect that privilege.

God bless you all!

Always your friend,
Elizabeth C. Beasley.

WE LIVE BY HOPE

By Hazel Hartwell Simon

We live by hope, we plant the living seed
In fertile earth and wait for food to grow.
It is not hard for people to believe
In harvesttime, it is a thing they know.

Men find a hope in science, when it finds
A better way to fight some dread disease;
Time after time there have been "miracles,"
And men have found a source of hope in these.

We feel a hope in education's works,
To teach men better ways and wiser thought.
The future grasps new rungs of upward surge
When men will learn and children can be taught.

In government we also base our hopes
For better things, more justice, nobler aims,
Remembering the way that we have come,
Recalling mighty deeds and honored names.

But in God's word the truest hope is found,
Of death destroyed, and life a certain thing;
Its promises are not an empty sound,
But joy and peace, when God shall reign as King!

"The great cause of social crime is drink. The great cause of poverty is drink. I go to the gallows and ask its victims the cause - drink. This I ask myself in perfect wonderment, "Why do not men put a stop to this thing?"
—Archbishop Ireland.

Education Department

Dear Co-Workers:

Each local president and district president should have received in November the green sheet with Plan of Work and the reverse side the form for the Annual Report that is not due until September 15, 1970. I hope you filed it in your secretary's book until you need it early in September.

The Union Signal has valuable material for science and health classes. We hope you sent a subscription to your school libraries. Your catalog lists many booklets that can be given to grade and high school instructors. The terrible results of using LSD are described in the leaflet entitled, The Psychedelic Trap. Every high school student should read it. For \$2.80 you can get 50 copies to distribute among students.

Some unions conducted essay contests in grades 7 and 8. Winning essays were printed in the local newspapers. We hope more unions will participate in this worthwhile project. Posters from various grades were displayed in business places last April during Youth Temperance Education Week. Contact the instructors soon to allow time for pupils to secure materials for good essays and posters. Use every means possible to encourage young people to become total abstainers.

May God bless everyone who participates in this important work for the youth of America.

Very sincerely,
Hulda T. Carlson

ACTION REQUESTED!

Madalyn Murry, the atheist crusader who was instrumental in getting Bible reading and prayer out of schools, now has succeeded in obtaining 27,000 signed letters protesting the personal decision of the astronauts to read the Bible from space as they orbited the moon in 1968. She plans to present these letters to NASA Headquarters, asking that those men be publicly censured for this act. Family Radio Broacast is asking the Christian public for 100,000 letters commending the astronauts. May I urge each WCTU member to write to NASA OFFICIALS, % Family Radio Broadcast, San Francisco, California, S3134, and tell them that you are wholeheartedly in favor of what the astronauts did. It should be the right of every human being to publicly express his faith in God and the Bible without fear of reprisal from the government or any other power. Ask others to write also.
Ragnhild Lima, Promotion Sec.

LT. COLONEL JOHN GLENN COMMANDER ALAN SHEPARD United States Astronauts

The space age has opened great opportunities for young men and women. Spacemen like John Glenn and Alan Shepard have shown that high moral and spiritual values are important to the total human - as are health habits, training, ability to make decisions, and physical fitness. Spacemen cannot be dependent upon artificial stimulants; they must be at peak performance at all times.

You may not DRIVE as you think you do. But as you THINK that's how you DRIVE. No need to tell us what you are. We'll find that out when you drive your car. The presence of a police car usually means absence of traffic violations. More drivers need a lighter touch on the gas and a heavier touch on the brake. When you exercise your RIGHT to drink you forfeit your PRIVILEGE to drive. There is no constitutional limit for restrictive legislation to safeguard the lives of all drivers. The pulpit can light a torch to lessen the deaths which stain our highways.

Letter To The Editor

December 3, 1969

Attention of the Editor:

The announcement of Sunday openings by several retail department store chains may not only have struck a blow that could throw general merchandising in America into a seven-day-a-week operation the year round but which could also have a damaging effect on thousands of churches and Sunday schools.

Sears, Roebuck Company has broken its long standing policy by opening on Sundays 150 of its 821 stores around the country. J. C. Penney Company, departing from the firm conviction of its founder, announced that it is taking the same course. Ernest L. Malloy, President of R. H. Macy and Company stated that some of their stores in California, Kansas and Ohio could be open on Sundays with the hope that this would be limited to pre-Christmas selling. And still another merchandising chain in Detroit has extended its operations to Sunday in its suburban units.

Certainly, this move toward business seven days a week is not taken in the face of declining profits. All of these chains have profited doing business six day a week. Macy and Company reported for the last quarter earnings of \$5,376,000. Their sales for that quarter reached a record high of \$223,919,000 compared with sales of \$210,369,000 for the previous quarter. J. C. Penney Company also rolled up some profits showing for a nine month period an earning record of \$65,970,855. Their sales for this 39 week period increased by 12% from \$2,234,968,403 to a record \$2,502,861,706. And Sears, Roebuck Company reported earnings of \$99.9 million for the quarter ending October 31st. Sears' sales for a nine month period increased by 8.4% to \$6.31 billion from \$5.82 billion a year earlier. All of these companies are paying good dividends to their stockholders.

Neither can these retail chains expect any increases in sales by adding Sunday to their business week! The President of the Macy Company has stated publicly what many Americans know. He said, that the practice of Sunday Business "will redistribute customer purchases over more hours each week without generating additional sales."

This new development cannot be considered a patriotic move either! A few weeks ago the President of the United States announced an effort to get America "on the road to recovery from the disease of runaway prices." The answer of the merchandising chains, however, will send the fever higher and could even jeopardize the economic health of the nation. Prices will continue to rise as we increase the number of business days. A seven day operation requires either added employees who are paid premium Sunday pay or else the required labor of regular employees who must work, many times against their religious convictions. To the increased labor costs must be added additional services, heat, light, etc. which are eventually paid for by the consumer in price increases.

Unless this trend toward Sunday business is reversed, we may see from coast to coast a complete take over of Sunday by the retail merchants, some of whom may be forced to do business seven days a week to protect themselves from the growing competition. Such a continued trend could seriously curtail the work of the churches and Sunday schools. It has been estimated that those employed in general merchandising together with the members of their immediate families could constitute about 20% of the population of many communities. The churches and Sunday schools now are doing their important work in an atmosphere that is not always too cooperative. A 20% reduction in their attendance and leadership personnel could constitute a serious blow. America needs

the ministry of its houses of worship. Every day we are seeing more and more indications of our sagging morality. A spot announcement on a Philadelphia radio station has been reminding the public that every hour the supermarkets are open, sixteen thousand items are stolen from the shelves by shoplifters. May we never forget that "where there is ignorance of God the people run wild!" (Living Proverbs 29:18).

What can the people do to stop this trend? There are several things. 1. Interestingly enough the retail department store chains have said that they will not open on Sunday in States and communities where there are restrictive laws. Hence, we need more state and local laws. Those communities that do not have protective laws could also discourage business seven days a week by increasing the tax rates by one seventh on business properties that have moved from six to seven days a week enterprises. And they can also move quickly to enact legislation that will restrict Sunday business permitting only works of charity or necessity.

2. Then every worker should utilize the protection of our laws! The Laws of our land protect every employee from labor on his day of worship. This is not protection offered by some ancient enactment. This protection is written into Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and is spelled out in Regulation Section 1605 of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission of the Federal government. As recent as June 10, 1969, a United States District Court not only required a large company to rehire an employee who was discharged because he refused to work on his day of worship and also refused to find a replacement, but it also ordered the company to reimburse him for the compensation that he lost. The court also ruled that any provision in a labor contract that required employment on an employee's day of worship was invalid because "a rule which forces a person to choose between his religion and compensation benefits is penalizing him solely because of his religion." We must all begin to recognize that a man does not have freedom of worship if he is compelled to work on his day of worship.

3. We should all practice the Golden Rule realizing that we must not require others to labor on their day of worship to meet our needs which could have been cared for by foresight and wise planning on another day of the week. Business on our day of worship is wrong on either side of the counter!

4. We can utilize the right of protest, too. In the State of Texas one Chain Department Store cancelled their announced plans for Sunday openings because of the outspoken leadership of one large church body which editorially wrote in their 400,000 circulation publication, "Shame on _____ Company. It once was among our favorite department stores."

The Old Testament prophet Amos has often been called the Prophet of Social Justice. In his day he uttered harsh words against the merchants who could not wait till the Sabbath ended and the religious holidays came to a close to bring out their wares to offer them for sale. What kind of words would the prophet utter today? Today the merchants in their thirst for profit don't even wait till the Sabbath is ended. For them the Sabbath is like every other day of the week. Business as usual!

Dr. Samuel A. Jeanes, Chairman
State and National Affairs Committee of the
Lord's Day Alliance of the United States.

Any man can work when every stroke of his hand brings down the fruit rattling from the tree to the ground. But to labor in season and out of season, under every discouragement, by the power of truth—that requires a heroism which is transcendent. —Henry Ward Beecher.

IT'S THE DRIVER!

It isn't the car that begins to whine
When forced to stop for an old stop sign—
It's the driver.

It isn't the car that takes a drink,
Then quickly loses its power to think—
It's the driver.

It isn't the car that fails to heed
The dangers of reckless, discourteous speed
It's the driver.

It isn't the car that steps on the gas
And causes an accident, trying to pass—
It's the driver.

A car may be bent and twisted awry,
But it isn't the car that will have to die—
It's the driver.

(The above poem was issued with all new D. C. auto tags, by G. A. England, Director of Motor Vehicles, Government of the District of Columbia.)

The World Today Is Looking For:

Men who are not for sale;
Men who are honest, sound from center to circumference, true to the heart's core;
Men with conscience as steady as the needle to the pole;

Men who will stand for the right if the heavens totter and the earth reels;

Men who can tell the truth and look the world right in the eye;

Men who neither brag nor run;
Men who neither flag nor flinch;
Men who can have courage without shouting it;
Men in whom the courage of everlasting life runs still, deep and strong;

Men who know their message and tell it;
Men who know their place and fill it;
Men who know their business and attend to it;
Men who will not lie, shirk or dodge;

Men who are not too lazy to work, nor too proud to be poor;

Men who are willing to eat what they have earned and wear what they have paid for;

Men who are not ashamed to say "No" with emphasis and who are not ashamed to say "I can't afford it."

God is looking for men. He wants those who can unite together around a common faith - who can join hands in a common task - and who have come to the kingdom for such a time as this. God give us men.

U. S. News and World Report.

"Granted, there is much that we do not know about contributory causes of alcoholism, is that any excuse for our not making use of what we do know? And we know that no one will ever become an alcoholic unless he drinks alcoholic beverages." Dr Edith Petrie Brown, M.D., President American Medical Women's Association.

I cannot give you the formula for success, but I can give you the formula for failure — which is: "Try to please everybody."

—Herbert Bayard Swope

Thank You!

Our North Dakota WCTU thanks Dr. A. D. Ottinger for the much needed addressograph, which he donated to our organization for addressing the many White Ribbon Bulletins which are sent out. The old addressograph was beyond repair. Again, thank you!

Mrs. E. J. Huntley, Editor WRB.

NOTICE!

Notice to those who receive the state report.

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