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From The President's Desk

Dear Co-Workers:

Greetings to each one of you!

You are the light of the world. Matthew 5:14.

What a challenging day to live in! Our world is dark, considering what threatens us on every side. However, we need to remember what the Apostle Paul had to face—he said "without were fightings, within were fears;" II Corinthians 7:5. His world, too, was full of tumult, but he did not despair, he said, "But God comforted me—." So He does today with His Word. He reminds us that lights are for dark places; let us take courage, "for a weak, flickering shines the brightest on the darkest night." For our times Jesus said, "Lift up your heads for your redemption draweth nigh." Luke 21:28. There is much to be done, and we want to be about our Father's business. Your good reports from the District Conventions were very heartening, and I appreciated them very much. I spoke at West Fargo where Mrs. Anderson and her group had arranged a most interesting program (and a warm welcome). Two other ladies rode with me through pouring rain to Hettinger where Mrs. Haag and her unions met, with a wonderful program also. Bismarck District (my own) was equally fine with Mrs. Mahin presiding, and Mrs. White conducting a Speech contest — there was one at Hettinger also. The White Ribbon Recruit services are always inspiring. We hope to see the reports of the other Districts in the Bulletin.

The next big event will be National Convention in Los Angeles, September 4-8. I look forward to going, and I hope there will be others who will be able to attend from North Dakota. Having never been in California, it will be a double thrill for me. We trust also, that many of you are making plans to attend State Convention at Minot September 30, and October 1 and 2. We covet a record attendance. Minot District is making big plans.

Just a few reminders: keep on working on the Pepsi fund; we are still supplying our Servicemen with Pepsi. Also each union is asked to send one dollar to Mrs. Gunness to help defray expenses for Miss Allen, National Narcotics Consultant, who visited our State Board of Education recently. Then too, Mrs. Everett Johnson would appreciate the help of one dollar (or more) from each union for materials needed for the State Fair booth at Minot. If you have some money lying in your treasury, why not make a generous donation to this most worthy cause? It will be a great encouragement to her, for this means a great deal of effort on her part, and those who help her. We so very much appreciate these like her, who are willing to spend time and effort on these projects. One thing that disturbs us is the number of unions that are considering "folding up." Please remember NO union is to ~~disband~~ without a State officer — you may become "inactive." Instead of thinking of disbanding, why not gird on the armor a little tighter, and renew your efforts? There is much land to be possessed! Oh, please, someone, in these unions accept the challenge, take on the presidency, and lead your union on to new victories to ACTION AHEAD. I am dependent on you to supply me with a good report at National. There are three months to make some more progress, find new members, organize new unions, YTCs, LTLs, and gather up loose ends. I am so very grateful for what you have already accomplished.

As many of you know, I am retiring from the active Ministry in two weeks. My new Address will be Sawyer,

Box 133, after June 22. Come and see me! Warm love, best wishes and prayers. Eva M. Peet.

STATE CONVENTION

To be held September 30th, October 1 and 2, in the Nazarene Church in Minot, North Dakota.

On September 30 the following groups will meet in the church. At 10:30 a.m. - General Officers meeting. At 1:30 p.m. - Official Board Meeting. At 2:30 p.m. - Executive Committee Meeting.

The General Officers are the President, Vice President at large, Promotion Secretary, Treasurer and Recording Secretary.

The Official Board are the general Officers, the Honorary president and the Presidents of Districts.

The Executive Committee is the Official Board, The Trustees, The General Secretaries of the YTC and the LTL, Department Directors, Organizers, Field Workers, Historians, Editor of the White Ribbon Bulletin and the Secretary of Members At Large.

Following these meetings there will be a Vesper Service for everyone at 4:30 p.m. The evening program will include the Presidents March with Reports of the District Presidents. There will be a Reception after the Evening Program.

The second day will include the usual reports of committees, rewards, recommendations. Memorial Hour, the Presidents Address and Report from the National Convention, followed by a Fruesta.

The highlight of the evening will be the convention Banquet at 6:30 p.m., with our World WCTU President and National Vice President, Mrs. T. Roy Jarrett as the banquet speaker. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity.

Special events of the third day will be the election of our state officers and their dedication, the Department directors hour, dedication of White Ribbon Recruits, with a special program in the evening by our state YTC group, who are always worth listening to. Let us show the youth that we do appreciate what they are doing to offset the evil in our nation, by being present for this annual event.

Convention Speaker

Mrs. T. Roy Jarrett of Richmond, Virginia, who for several years has been both our National WCTU Vice President as well as the World's WCTU President, and this means of 72 countries of the world, is to be the guest speaker of the North Dakota State WCTU Convention in Minot. We feel highly honored to have her with us. She will speak at the banquet on October 1st at 6:30 p.m.

Mrs. Jarrett's husband is a pastor. The couple have five children, two in-laws and four grandchildren.

This may be your only chance to hear a World's WCTU President speak — so come!

The liquor business is running wild, pervading every area of HUMAN LIFE. It has become a major Health Problem, a major Safety Problem, and a major Welfare Problem. It overshadows the life of every community. It is a business devoted to profit. It must be handled in an up-to-date way. —Dr. Charles X. Hutchinson, Editor of PROGRESS.

Promotion Secretary's Letter

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6.
Dear Co-Workers:

It was indeed inspiring to spend an evening at YTC Camp. A group of very fine young people had come to have a good time with a purpose. How I thank God for each one of the dedicated women who took time out to come to camp to teach these young people who will be the future leaders in our country. It can not be overemphasized that it is of the utmost importance to teach children and young people the things that are right.

We are happy to hear that money is coming in for the purchase of literature to be distributed at the Minot State Fair. In addition a Natural Fruit Beverage fund has been started. They would like to serve a fruit drink to those who stop at their booth, and together with the other leaflets give out recipes for natural fruit drinks. If any of you, or all of you would like to make a contribution to this fund it would be greatly appreciated. Send your contribution to Mrs. Everett Johnson, Max, N. Dak. 58759.

The "Foot of Quarters" rulers are still available to those who would like to have them. Each member is encouraged to fill one, but if this is not possible a ruler may be passed around at the meetings and each one put in a quarter. When one ruler is filled another one may be started. The local treasurer should send this money to Mrs. Gunness designated for this fund. As I mentioned in the last issue one dollar from each ruler will be retained by the state and will be used to entertain our guest from Finland, Miss Alli Palmroth, at the World's WCTU Convention in Chicago July 28 - Aug. 6, 1971.

Please fill out the annual report blanks mailed to you and return to me by Aug. 31. As stated earlier each local department director is to fill out the blanks on the green Work Sheet and mail to the state director of that particular department by Sept. 15. Their names and addresses will be found on page 4 of the White Ribbon Bulletin. Please observe the deadlines given for sending in these reports.

The time of our state convention is not far off. This year there will be a few changes in the program. A vesper service is planned for 4:30 on Wednesday, Sept. 30. The Presidents' March will be at 7:30 that evening at which time the district presidents will give their reports. A reception or fruesta will follow at the close of the meeting. The banquet will be held on Thursday evening with Mrs. T. Roy Jarrett as our guest speaker. Do make plans NOW to attend our convention at the Nazarene Church in Minot Sept. 30 - Oct. 2.

The National WCTU Convention will be in Los Angeles Sept. 4 - 8. Let us be much in prayer for Mrs. Peet as she represents us there.

If you have any questions about anything I will be glad to help you all I can. You may now reach me in my home by telephone. The number is 797-4894. Let us all work together to promote the temperance cause in a greater way than ever before. The liquor interests are working overtime to further their cause and we cannot afford to lessen our efforts.

Yours for Action Ahead,
Ragnhild Lima.

Notes From The Unions

On May 22nd the Bismarck union was honored by receiving a special invitation to meet at the Governor's mansion at 8:00 p.m.

Both the Governor and Mrs. Guy were there to receive them and gave them a gracious welcome. They were entertained with a movie of North Dakota, which all of the group enjoyed, and especially those who had lived

NOTICE!

Beginning with the September-October issue of the White Ribbon Bulletin, ALL material for the paper must reach my desk 5 DAYS EARLIER than before - that is by the 15th of the months of Feb., Apr., June, Aug., Oct., Dec. Therefore the material that you usually get to me by Aug. 20th, NOW you get it to me by AUG. 15th. This is the beginning of the change in dates.

Thank you,
Mrs. E. J. Huntley, Man. Editor

ELLENDALE DISTRICT WCTU CONVENTION

The annual convention of the Ellendale District WCTU was held in the United Methodist Church in Oakes on May 7th. The convention was called to order by the district president, Mrs. Violet White, with devotions by the host pastor, Rev. Edward Parker, in which he urged the group to surrender their lives to Christ and do His will. Harris Miller, representing the City Council, welcomed the convention to Oakes.

The remainder of the morning was spent in hearing reports of the local unions, the YTC and conducting the annual business meeting. Sixty-three posters were submitted for the poster contest. Judges were appointed and three prizes were awarded.

The morning closed with a Memorial Service conducted by Mrs. Murry in memory of Mrs. Augusta Morse of the Glover union and for Mrs. Dora Carver of the Oakes union.

The noon luncheon was served by the Glover and Oakes unions. The afternoon session opened with devotions by Mrs. Boyd Bremner of KEYD Station in Oakes, followed by a vocal solo by Mrs. Bremner. A White Ribbon Recruit Service was conducted by Mrs. Harry Shepard in which Jeremy Hill, Jonda Karas, Todd Bremner and Jolene Bradebeyer were brought by their mothers, who promised to teach them the principles of total abstinence and purity.

Guest speaker, Mrs. LeRoy Bartle, state vice-president, spoke on various phases of the WCTU work and challenged the group with the great need for continuing this work among the young people. This last years officers were re-elected for the coming year. Following the adjournment a fruesta was served by the Oakes Iota Sigma union.

here for many years. The group were impressed with the fact that the Governor and his wife truly love our state.

After the picture the group were shown the Governor's mansion and report that all of us can be proud of it. Mrs. Guy also showed paintings which had been done by North Dakotans and then all were asked to have refreshments which were served on a beautifully "set" table. Mrs. Huhncke and Mrs. Falgatter from Steele were also guests. The Bismarck union presented Mrs. Guy with a bouquet of white carnations, stating that white is our WCTU color. She was very pleased.

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The Northwood union met on June 2nd. The highlight of this meeting was a White Ribbon Recruit service, where six little children were presented by their mothers to become White Ribbon Recruits. They were Jenelle Rae, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Jacobson; Claudia Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Monis Jacobson; Michelle Marie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Jacobson; Janelle Beth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hetter; Dawn Renae, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Overby; Timothy Paul, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Vglem.

Eight young people from Northwood are attending YTC camp at Cooperstown this year.

FARGO DISTRICT WCTU CONVENTION

The 79th annual convention of the Fargo District WCTU was held May 4th at the community Presbyterian church in West Fargo, N. Dak. with an attendance of 42.

President, Mrs. Harry Anderson, called the meeting to order and all sang "Lead On O King Eternal." Mrs. Alvin Anderson, Prosper Union, led the flag salutes and Pastor John B. Cedar of the host church led the devotions from Luke, 9th chapter. He said that so many people today are living with the philosophy of "eat, drink and be merry" with no other goal in view. He challenged the group to try to help people to see that there is more to life than that. There are the eternal needs of the soul.

Mrs. Anderson welcomed the group and Mrs. Peder Haaland of the Fargo Union, responded. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted. In the reading of the reports from the unions, the Julia D. Nelson union reported 49 paid members and are in the process of uniting with the Fargo Union, making just one union in Fargo. They also reported sending \$30.00 to the YTC camp and are trying to get films into the schools. The Presper union with a membership of 21 has 11 honorary members. They sponsored an LTL camp with 17 children present. They also contributed \$25.00 to the YTC camp fund. The West Fargo union has a membership of 10 and their chief accomplishment was to enlist the help of two teachers in the L. E. Berger Middle School and to furnish literature and research material for an Essay and Poster contest during YTE Week.

Mrs. Alvin Anderson presented Mrs. Carl Bowman, Prosper Union, with a corsage and a Life membership, since she has been a member of the WCTU for 50 years.

Mrs. John Gunness, state treasurer, reported that so far she had received dues from only 756 members and was to receive more soon. An LTL Skit was presented by several ladies of the Prosper Union to help promote LTL.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Norman Swanson; vice president, Mrs. Harry Anderson; Secretary, Mrs. Oscar Johnson; Treasurer, Mrs. Amil Lund.

The Memorial Hour was in charge of Mrs. Fossum. Those who had passed away during the year were: Mrs. Ruth Ottinger, N. D. State President; Mrs. Minnie Lindsay, Prosper; Evelyn Westlund, Fargo; Mrs. Henning Erickson and Jennie Strand of Julia D. Nelson. At the close of the Memorial Service, Mrs. John Able of the Lutheran Free Church, sang a beautiful solo. Mrs. Grace Lovass offered the noontide prayer. A delicious luncheon was served by a unit of the Community Presbyterian church.

The afternoon session opened by singing "O Master Let Me Walk With Thee" with Mrs. Russell Duncan leading the devotions by reading Psalms 19, stressing the need for spiritual cleanliness of our hearts. An address by Rev. Eva Peet, state president, followed the devotions. She brought greetings from the Bismarck district. In her address she stated that inspiration without information is of no value. Schools are the key places to work. We need workers sympathetic to our cause. She challenged the group to recruit new members and closed with these lines from the Bible, "Ye have not because we ask not" also "Seek and ye shall find." An offering was taken after which a White Ribbon Recruit service was conducted by Mrs. Lawrence of West Fargo. Two recruits, Noel Sean Eckroth and Phyl Lynn Eckroth were dedicated. Mrs. Gordon Langseth sang "When He Cometh."

The winners of the Essay and Poster contests were presented prizes by Mrs. Harry Anderson. The winners of the Essay contest are: 1st place - Joseph Staples; 2nd place - Lori Slotten; 3rd place - Nancy Hoghead.

Winners of the Poster contest are: 1st place - Charles Kosin; 2nd place - Debbie Barta; 3rd place - Barbara

Holland.

Mrs. Melvin Gangness read "Paper Dolls" which was used at the state convention. Resolutions were read and approved. The Julia D. Nelson union will host next year's convention. The meeting closed with singing "Let The Beauty Of Jesus Be Seen In Me."

Coffee hour followed in the fellowship room with Julia D. Nelson union as hostesses.

MINOT DISTRICT WCTU CONVENTION

The annual Woman's Christian Temperance Union convention of the Minot District was held in the First Baptist Church in Max, N. Dak., on May 5th, 1970. A coffee and fellowship hour preceded and followed the days' meeting. Forty-seven delegates registered for the convention. The District President, Mrs. Edward Fannik called the meeting to order and led the group in singing, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness," with Mrs. Vera Page, Minot, as pianist for the convention.

Rev. A. E. Belzer, host pastor, led the devotions, reading from Matt. 9:32, speaking from the text, "Pray ye therefore." He urged all of us to keep ourselves spiritually energized. The Rugby union led the group in the flag salutes.

Mrs. Luke Barstow welcomed the group and Mrs. E. O. Lerberg gave the response. Reports were given by the different union presidents, followed by a duet by Mrs. Vernon Forthun and Mrs. Ruth Zimbleman of Minot.

Mrs. E. J. Huntley took charge of the election of officers for the coming year and installed them. The officers for 1970-1971 are as follows:

Mrs. Edward Fannik, Max, President
Mrs. Vernon Forthun, Sawyer, Vice President.
Mrs. George Fannik, Max, Secretary.
Mrs. Everett Johnson, Max, Treasurer.

Following the election Mrs. Edward Fannik sang a solo, "Day by Day."

The Minot union was in charge of the Memorial Service. Mrs. Helen Myers read some poems and then read the names of the deceased members. "Jesus, Blessed Jesus" was sung by Mrs. Ruth Zimbleman and Mrs. Jesse Bouness. Mrs. Vernon Forthun also sang, "Beyond The Sunset."

The afternoon session opened with devotions by Rev. E. J. Huntley. He spoke from James 2:14-20 and Luke 10:38, using as his text, "Faith without works is dead." He stated that we must know and love the Lord in order to be concerned for the lost and to be able to serve Him. Mrs. Alex Meronuck and Mrs. George Fannik of Max sang a duet.

Mrs. E. J. Huntley, convention speaker began her talk by reading from Psalms 14:1-5. She spoke of the harvest of evil we are reaping by removing Bible reading and prayer from our schools and in its place putting sex education. She showed the results upon the children of the indifference of parents concerning what went on in the schools, and their indifference to the statement, "God is dead," which was so well played up by TV, radio and the press. She quoted from Galatians 6:7 to show that the harvest of increased crime, drunkenness, destruction, disobedience to those in authority, unpatriotic activities and drug addiction are also direct results of spiritual instability in the home, the school, and the church.

Mrs. John Semmen, Douglas, and Mrs. Edward Sambor, Max, sang "Burdens Are Lifted At Calvary." Beverly Johnson, president of the Max-Benedict YTC reported on what had been done by their group this year. Two YTC girls, Bonnie Berg and Beverly Johnson sang a duet with a third YTCer, Marjorie Fannik, as accompanist.

The meeting came to a close by all singing "I Would Be True" and the closing prayer by Rev. Huntley.

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NORTHEAST DISTRICT WCTU CONVENTION

The 80th annual convention of the Northeast WCTU district met in Grafton Lutheran church, May 6, 1970. President, Mrs. Chester Webb, presided. Morning devotions were led by Mrs. H. Bellamy, Drayton. Mrs. K. Thorstenson extended a welcome to which Mrs. M. Gunter, Cavalier, responded. Union reports were given and the usual business conducted. There were 42 in attendance. Special numbers in music were furnished by members from Cavalier. A duet was sung by Mrs. Ruth Bochman and Millicent Eddington, also a solo by Mrs. Eddington. They were accompanied by Mrs. Paul Kemp.

The afternoon session was opened with devotions by Rev. Setness, Grafton. Mrs. Emma Gorder told us about the dedicated workers at the YTC camp and about the value of the camp. Mrs. Leonard Bilden spoke of the work of LTL and stressed the importance of conducting Day Camps and of teaching and training children in clean living.

An interesting address was given by Mr. Rodney Webb, States Attorney of Walsh county, on law enforcement and the new Supreme Court decisions.

The following district officers were elected for 1970-1971:

President ----- Mrs. Chester Webb, Cavalier
Vice President ----- Mrs. C. Thompson, Grafton
Treasurer ----- Miss Christine Gjevre, Nekoma
Secretary ----- Mrs. Wm. Schluchter, Cavalier

BISMARCK DISTRICT WCTU CONVENTION

The Bismarck District WCTU held their 71st annual convention in the Sterling School House, May 2nd. Mrs. Lettie Mahen, District president, presided. Reports were given by the Bismarck, Fort Clark, McKenzie, Steele and Tappen unions.

Rev. Eva Peet, state president, gave a talk on narcotics and Miss Ragnhild Lima, state Promotion Secretary, also spoke concerning our work.

At the speech contest here Renee White of Tappen received a bronze medal and Rhonda Dahn of Steele a silver medal. Music for the convention was provided by Elizabeth Lind of Wilton and Mrs. F. Stenerson of Driscoll. There was one White Ribbon Recruit. The McKenzie union served coffee both before and after the meeting also the good dinner at noon to the 43 members and visitors present.

The following officers were elected for the new year and installed:

President, Mrs. Chester Huhncke, Steele, N. Dak.
1st Vice President, Mrs. Lester White, Steele, N. Dak.
Speech Contest Director, Mrs. Lester White, Steele, N. D.
2nd Vice President, Mrs. Richard Salter, Menoken, N. D.
Treasurer, Mrs. C. DeKray, Steele, N. Dak.
Secretary, Mrs. Henry Larson, McKenzie, N. Dak.

The 1971 convention will be hosted by the Tappen union.

Treasurer's Report

April 15, 1970 - June 15, 1970

DUES—Bismarck 6, Fargo Julia D. Nelson 23, Grafton 2, Oakes 1, Rugby 2, Tower City 1, West Fargo 10.

WILLARD MEMBERSHIPS—2.

HONORARY MEN MEMBERSHIPS—Tower City 8.

YTC DUES—State YTC 12.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS—Life Membership for Mrs. Carl Bowman, Prosper from Prosper WCTU.

STATE REPORTS—Enderlin \$1.00, Parshall \$2.00.

FRANCES WILLARD FUND—Oakes YTC \$2.00.

LILLIAN STEVENS FUND—Oakes YTC \$2.00.

LIGHT LINE UNIONS—Dickey, Grand Forks, Langdon, Lisbon, Rugby.

LITERATURE AND PINS—West Fargo \$4.35.

CENTURY FUND—Julia D. Nelson, Fargo \$1.00.

WORLD CONVENTION HOSTESS FUND—Crosby \$3.00, Enderlin \$6.00, Valley City \$12.00.

HELEN ALLEN FUND—Crosby \$1.00, Enderlin \$1.00, Hettinger \$1.00, Ransom-LaMoure Dist. \$1.00, Northwest Dist. \$1.00, West Fargo \$1.00, Williston \$1.00.

CAMP FUND—In Memory of Mrs. Hennie Erickson, Fargo, from Mrs. M. E. Sletta, Moorhead, \$5.00; In Memory of Mrs. Grace Brown, Oakes, from Celia Ulness and Lillian Schulz, Oakes, \$2.00; Frances Willard, Grand Forks, \$20.00; Tower City \$10.00.

PEPSI COLA FUND FOR VIET NAM—Hettinger \$1.25; Rugby \$11.02.

DISTRICT PLEDGES—Grand Forks \$25.00, Bismarck Dist. \$25.00, Ellendale Dist. \$10.00, James Valley Dist. \$25.00, Northwest Dist. \$20.00, Ransom-LaMoure Dist. \$50.00.

OTHER GIFTS—To General Fund from Mrs. Gudrid Hetland, Cooperstown, \$15.00.

TOTAL MEMBERSHIPS—Women 809, Men 135.

Mrs. John Gunness, Treasurer

ONE IN A MILLION MEMBERS

Mrs. L. O. Grondahl, Julia D. Nelson, Fargo Union.



Newly elected officers of the Northwest District of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union pose with guest speaker, Mrs. E. J. Huntley of Enderlin. From left is Mrs. Morris Borstad of Tioga, president; Mrs. Huntley, Mrs. Harry G. Johnson, Williston, Vice President; Mrs. Julia Dordal of Williston, treasurer; Mrs. Thomas Brekke of Ray, promotion secretary. Not pictured is the recording secretary, Mrs. Guy Hoversten of Crosby.

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

I shall sing a glad song when my eyes shall behold
The city of jasper with portals of gold;

Oh, the joy I shall know, when the glories unfold

In my home in the Palace of Light . . .

No pain or sorrow, no gloom or night;

Beautiful Homeland, Palace of Light.

—Victor M. Hatfield

Mrs. Juliette Hove, who for several years has been in a nursing home, was released from earthly ills and pains, to go to her Heavenly home, on February 17, 1970.

Mrs. Hove was the first president of the Parshall WCTU and a faithful worker while she could.

(This notice came in late as Mrs. Lerberg was unable to send it sooner.)

NORTHWEST DISTRICT WCTU CONVENTION

The 60th annual WCTU convention of the Northwest District was held May 6, 1970 in the Zion Lutheran Church in Tioga, N. Dak. The meeting was called to order by District President, Mrs. Harry Johnson. After group singing the host pastor, Rev. Lee led the devotions, speaking from I Cor. 6:19-20. After greetings by the Tioga union, the Crosby union graciously responded. This was followed by the Flag Salutes, led by Mrs. Helle, who also read a poem called "The Drinking House Over The Way."

Mrs. Harry Johnson, District president, appointed committees and judges for the Poster Contest which are as follows: Rev. E. J. Huntley, Enderlin; Hiro French, Tioga and Mrs. Stace Long of Epping. Treasurer's reports of local unions followed.

The Memorial Hour was in charge of the Crosby union. After the Noontide prayer a delicious luncheon was served by the host union.

The afternoon session was opened by group singing and devotions by Rev. E. J. Huntley, who spoke on "making right choices," using the Bible account of Mary and Martha entertaining Jesus in their home. Jesus said of Mary who sat at his feet, "she hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her."

After a duet by pastor Bryan Van Wagoner of the Assembly of God church and his wife, Mrs. E. J. Huntley spoke of the harvest of evil we are reaping because of the indifference and lukewarmness of so called christian people in the past and present.

This was followed by reports of committees, reading of minutes and a report from those who judged the posters. There were over 100 posters on display besides those to be judged. The report of the judges was as follows: Grades 4 - 5 - 6. 1st Place, Bernie Olson, Williston, N. Dak.; 2nd Place, Barbara Dhuyvetter, Noonan, N. Dak.; 3rd Place, Julie Smith, Westby, Montana.

Grades 7 - 8: 1st Place, Rick Olson, Williston, N. Dak.; 2nd Place, Steven Mortenson, Williston, N. Dak.

The election of officers followed this report and the new officers for the coming year are:

President, Mrs. Morris Borstad, Tioga, N. D.

Vice President, Mrs. Harry G. Johnson, Williston.

Treasurer, Mrs. Julia Dordal, Williston, N. D.

Promotion Secretary, Mrs. Thomas Brekke, Ray.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. Guy Hoversten, Crosby.

After the closing prayer, Ray and Tioga unions served a delicious Fruesta.

GRAND FORKS DISTRICT WCTU CONVENTION

The 60th annual convention of the Grand Forks District WCTU was convened in the Augustana Lutheran Church on May 5, 1970 in Grand Forks. There were 36 ladies in attendance. Following the 9:30 coffee hour, the meeting was opened by Mrs. Henry Evanson, district president, who presided at both the morning and afternoon sessions. The theme this year was Psalms 145:4, "One generation shall praise thy works to another and shall declare the mighty acts." Assembly singing was led by Mrs. Elmslie, accompanied by Mrs. Mendora Bilden. The salute to the flags and the reading of our purpose was led by Mrs. Harry Facey. Mrs. S. P. Roehl gave the morning devotions based on the theme text. She stressed the fact that in Bible times the Word of God was passed on by word of mouth and that each coming generation is one generation from God.

Mrs. Westicott welcomed the convention and Mrs. Allen Kagel gave the response. Mrs. Evanson appointed committees and presented the district and state officers who were present. She also suggested that a nominating committee to select officers for 1971-1972 be appointed at this convention - rather than later, to facilitate matters. A motion was made and passed to do so. The reports from the Secretary and Treasurer were read and approved. Mrs. Evanson, district president, gave her report. She stressed that in spite of our dwindling membership and discouragements in failing to get young women as members in our unions, we can still accomplish much by prayer and enthusiastic concern.

Mrs. Erva Traynor gave a brief account of her recent trip to Poland, Russia, Hungary, and Czechoslovakia, and showed a few slides. A vocal solo was sung by Mrs. Duane Nelson, accompanied by Mrs. Elma Osking. Mrs. Harry Jodock, assisted by Mrs. Kordahl, conducted the impressive Memorial Service for the following: Mrs. Chester Lowe, of the Gilby union; Mrs. Hannah Carlson and Mrs. C. A. Olson of the Frances Willard union; Mrs. Enger Njaa, Clara Draxlon and Anna Kappedal of the Northwood union and two honorary members, Olaf Olson of Northwood union and Lowell Erickson of the Frances Willard union. Eight candles were lighted to honor the memory of these departed ones, and at the close of the service "taps" were played.

Mrs. Ouradnick of Larimore offered the noontide prayer. A delicious noontide luncheon was served by the ladies of the host church.

At 1:15 p.m. the meeting was re-convened for the afternoon session, with assembly singing. In the absence of Mrs. Duane Mutch, the devotions were ably given by her teenage daughter, Martha. Martha also accompanied Mrs. Emslie and Mrs. Francis when they sang a duet.

Mrs. Benjamin Gorder was the speaker for the convention. She based her talk on Psalms 8:1. She spoke of mind pollution caused by pornography as well as air and water pollution. She discussed the increased use of drugs among younger children and youth, and cited as an example the arrest of 32 students in one high school for the possession of marijuana. She compared the facts of 52,000 people killed in one year in traffic accidents, most of them caused by alcohol, with only 40,000 killed in Viet Nam during the same period.

Following this Mrs. Elma Osking played one of her excellent piano solos, "Throw Out The Life Line." Next Mrs. Bilden gave suggestions for Day Camp planning and invited all who could to come to the YTC Camp at Cooperstown.

The following slate of officers were elected and installed by Mrs. Gorder: President, Mrs. Harry Evanson; 1st Vice President, Mrs. S. P. Roehl; 2nd Vice President, Mrs. Westicott; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Erva Traynor; Promotion Secretary, Mrs. Lynn Mutchler; and

Treasurer, Mrs. O. T. Stenmo.

Reports of the auditing and resolutions committees were read and approved. The Larimore union extended an invitation for the 1971 District convention. A motion was made to give \$50.00 to the YTC Camp this summer. Under Mrs. Westicott's enthusiastic guidance, 8 girls from South Junior High School took part in a Speech Contest. The winner was Vicki Vodden.

The meeting was adjourned after Mrs. Evanson thanked the assembly and hostesses for a good attendance, hospitality and program. A coffee hour followed.

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT WCTU CONVENTION

The Northwest District meeting was held in Hettinger on May 8th. The meeting was in the Congregational Church at 10:00 a.m. It was a cold, wet and rainy day and roads were bad, this prevented many from coming. We had a few from Dickinson and Bison. Mrs. Peet our state president, braved the weather and brought two visitors. About 25 attended the meeting. Mrs. Haag called the meeting to order, two songs were sung by the group. Rev. Jewell gave the devotions, using "Mother" as his theme. This was followed by a welcome and response. Mrs. Bayse and Mrs. Kvanvig sang a duet.

Mrs. Peet was introduced and gave a very inspirational address. Her message truly inspired those present and gave them encouragement to keep up the good fight. Mrs. Fred Kulish from Dickinson had charge of the impressive Memorial Service for Mrs. Ottoman and Mrs. Bartels in which a flower was placed on the altar in memory of each.

Noontide prayer was given by Mrs. Stocking, after which the meeting adjourned for the noon luncheon in the church dining room where these members who live so far apart could renew acquaintances and have a brief visit. At 1:30 p.m. the meeting was resumed in the sanctuary with a Hymn sing, led by Mrs. Haag. Mrs. Grey read the Scripture and led in prayer. Rev. Noah then spoke about the world condition and the youth of today, which he did not entirely blame for what is taking place. Mrs. Haag and Mrs. Boyce then sang a duet followed by another very informative talk by Mrs. Peet. Each unit gave their report of the year's work with a financial report from the District Treasurer. During the business meeting the question of uniting the two western groups came up and this was decided that this would have to be taken care of at the state convention, and the old officers will hold over until this is decided.

At 4 o'clock the winners of our speech contest came over and gave their speeches. The Hettinger union is sending 2 winners to camp at Cooperstown. Mrs. Kulish gave a report on the YTC and the Camp at Cooperstown.

The meeting closed with prayer and a social hour with coffee was enjoyed.

FOUR WAYS TO KEEP OUT OF JAIL

By Sheriff Fred Goff, Dane County, Madison, Wisc.

1. **DON'T DRINK**—Directly or indirectly liquor puts more people in jail than any other single factor. Avoid drinking intoxicants.

2. **USE YOUR HEAD**—Be a leader - not a follower. Some people are actually led into crimes by others. When they realize their mistakes it's too late to back out. Choose your friends well. Do your own thinking.

3. **GO TO SCHOOL**—Take advantage of every educational opportunity you have. Many people who land in jail are people who quit school too early and were unable, because they lack training, to lead successful lives.

4. **GO TO CHURCH**—A study of people who are jailed reveals they have little church interest. A person active in his church seldom lands in jail.

—The Motor.

Y. T. C. Sparks

The Max-Benedict YTC held a spring institute on March 15th. The afternoon session was held at the Fred Berg home. The evening session was at the Benedict Nazarene church. Rev. Charles McLain led us in the worship service. There were special musical numbers by the YTCers and the film "The Choice is Yours" was shown. Rev. A. E. Belzer was our guest speaker. An offering for YTC work was taken.

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During the week a large crowd attended an area rally and banquet at the Sweden House in Minot. The YTC supplied and served natural fruit beverages at the banquet. Beverly Johnson and Bonnie Berg sang a duet. Mr. LeRoy Fred, a Highway Patrolman, showed a film about highway safety. A very informative question and answer period followed.

**YTC SAMPLE SHEET OF CAMP NEWS
"1970 FLICKERTALES"**

**Cooperstown, N. D., June 10 - 14 — Twelfth Encampment
WHO ARE WE?**

We are 65 full time campers from 23 communities, and of 8 denominations. We came expecting great things, and the Lord did just that for us. We are thankful.

NOMINEES FOR STATE OFFICERS

President—Beverly Johnson, Max, N. D.
V. President—Lloyd Thompson, Grafton, N. D.
Secretary—Cathy Hoaby, Fargo, Rt. 1, N. D.

DEPARTMENT CHAIRMEN

Education—Diane Doty, Oakes, N. D. 58474
Spiritual Life—Marlowe Kulish, 1431 1st W., Dickinson.
Public Relations—Cindy Simpson, Oakes, N. D.
Social—Marge Fannik, Max, N. D. 58759.

CAMP CLASSES

Fifty-five alert young people divided into two classes according to age to receive narcotic education at camp. One of the books used was "Let's Talk About Drugs" by Lindsay R. Curtis, M. D. This gave an excellent account of LSD: A One Way Trip and Marijuana: The First Step to Drug Addiction, the results of gluesniffing were also given. The dangers of using barbituates, goofballs, pep pills, and tranquilizers, except when prescribed by a doctor were also stressed.

"What Everyone Should Know About Alcoholic Beverages" by Andrew Ivy was used. We read there are 6,000,000 alcoholics and 3,000,000 problem drinkers in the United States. Dr. Ivy says a moderate drinker is not a safe driver because he has false confidences and is less skillful.

"Smoking and Heart Disease" brought out there are more heart attacks among smokers than non-smokers. Lung cancer appears more frequently in cigarette smokers than in non-smokers.

CRAFT CLASS

The Craft Director, Mrs. Kulish, thought that maybe campers would enjoy something different and so the jig-saw wasn't included nor the plaster of paris plaques. Instead, seed kits were the craft, and then Rev. Kinzler's plastic braiding. The older girls helped with the banquet favors and the centerpieces, as well as some of the items that are being planned for the State WCTU Convention at Minot, which will be held there in October. Next year, kids, the jig-saw will be back and you can have your most favorite craft again.

SPORTS

No camp is complete without some good outdoor ball games. The softball field was dry for the most part

and was used every afternoon. Quite a number of the girls went to the field to play, some went to cheer their favorite team on to victory.

The tetherball was used by several. Some complain about sore wrists, and some say "I just can't make that ball do what I want it to do!"

Ping-pong was the sport that took on a competitive aspect. A tournament became the talk of the camp for several afternoons. The winner was Lloyd Thompson.

The King was Dave Meronuck of Max, and the Queen was Carma Kulish, Dickinson.

GIFTS

The following gifts have been sent or given to me for the Camp:

Grand Forks District	\$ 50.00
James-Valley District	25.00
Langdon WCTU	20.00
Adelle Ruliffson, Fargo	20.00
Mrs. Marguerite Topp, Juanita	5.00
Marlowe Kulish, Dickinson	20.00
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Mrs. Paul White, Stirum	10.00
Mrs. Lyle Trapp, Marion (Memory of Lyle) ..	10.00
Dennis Hoover, Osseo, Minn.	2.00
Mrs. Ben Gorder, Grafton	10.00

\$24.50 was given in memory of Martha Telford by Belfield WCTU which sponsored campers from that area. A heartfelt thanks to all of you who helped our camping program in any way.

Mrs. Melvin Gangness.

JAMES VALLEY DISTRICT WCTU CONVENTION

The 61st annual meeting of the James Valley District WCTU met May 15, 1970, at the St. Pauls United Methodist Church in Jamestown, N. Dak. District president, Mrs. Lyle Trapp, called the meeting to order. The group sang before the host pastor Walter Elmer took charge of the devotions. After devotions JoAnne and Cheryl Hoackle gave a special number. Mrs. G. Poulson took charge of the Flag Salutes. Mrs. G. L. Riffe greeted the convention and Mrs. Voorhees gave the response.

Introductions and announcements by the district president were followed by a business meeting consisting of minutes of last meeting and reports of the secretary, treasurer, union presidents and the District president. Mrs. Leonard Bilden spoke on LTL work and its Need.

The Memorial Service was in charge of Mrs. Ralph Kraft. The song, "The Old Rugged Cross" was sung and two poems read, "A True Light Cannot Die," and "There Is No Death."

Following the noontide prayer a noon luncheon was enjoyed by all. Posters from the "White Shield Indian School" of Parshall, N. Dak., were displayed.

Mrs. Frank VanDyke of Marion took charge of the afternoon worship service, followed by a duet by Mrs. Frank Van Dyke and Mrs. Walter Piehl, there was also a special number, "How Great Thou Art," by the Jamestown union. An offering of \$28.00 was taken. Mrs. LeRoy Bartle, state vice president and the convention speaker, gave her address entitled "Lifting of the Standard." She also gave a history of the WCTU. A White Ribbon Recruit dedication service was conducted by Mrs. James Vondergeest. Next years meeting will be in the Presbyterian Church in Tower City.

"Evil habit first draws, then drags, then drives."—Coleridge.

The Facts About Prayer In Schools

By Louis Cassels

I am quoting portions from this article by Mr. Cassels to show exactly what decision the Supreme Court did make regarding Bible reading and prayer in the public schools. —Editor.

Quoting from this article in the March 23, 1970 issue of the U. S. News And World Report.

"Few Legal Opinions have ever been more widely misinterpreted than those handed down by the U. S. Supreme Court concerning prayer and Bible reading in public schools."

Even among school authorities and journalists, who should know better, the idea persists that the Court **"banned"** prayer and Bible reading from public school classrooms. **IT DID NOT!**

All that it held unconstitutional was the formerly widespread practice of beginning each school day with a miniature worship service, which typically included a devotional reading from the Scriptures and unison recitation of the Lord's Prayer.

In Abington School, V. Schempp the following year, the Court said that a public school may NOT require the reading of a portion of the Bible or the recitation of the Lord's Prayer as part of a classroom religious exercise. **That is all the Court has forbidden public schools to do.**

The Court went out of its way to emphasize that there is no constitutional objection to any of the following activities in public schools:

—Use of the Bible as a reference work for teaching secular subjects.

—Study of the Bible for its literary and historic qualities.

—Objective instruction in comparative religion.

—Study of the history of religion and its role in the advancement of civilization.

Reciting historical documents, such as the Declaration of Independence, which contain reference to God.

—Singing the National Anthem or patriotic hymns, which include the composers' profession of faith in God.

—References to God in patriotic or ceremonial occasions.

Far from "banning" recognition of America's religious heritage, the Court went to unusual lengths to urge that public schools pay more systematic and effective attention to teaching about it.

What about "voluntary" prayers in the schoolroom?

If they are the private prayers of an individual or the group prayers of students meeting on their own time and of their own volition, they are clearly permissible under the terms of the Court rulings.

But if they are part of an official classroom exercise conducted under the aegis (auspices) of an agent of the Government (teacher), they would violate the spirit if not the letter of the Court rulings.

Some school authorities use the Court rulings as an excuse for avoiding what they see as a ticklish and difficult task — a dodge that helps to perpetuate public misunderstanding of the rulings.

Others say that no suitable curriculum materials are available. But this is no longer true. Plenty of good textbooks and course outlines are now on the market.

Any school or Parent-Teachers Association seriously interested in learning what can be done in public schools — what is being done successfully in some schools — can obtain detailed information from the Religious Instruction Association, Inc., 4001 Fairfield Avenue, Fort Wayne, Ind. 47807."

"Many people, after an accident excuse a man because he was drunk. I want to warn you that God permits no excuses. He makes no allowances. He holds you guilty."

—Billy Graham.

National Narcotics Consultant In Bismarck

Our National WCTU Narcotics Education Consultant was in Bismarck from April 26th - 28th. While there she stayed at the Patterson Hotel with the Bismarck union paying for her lodging.

On Sunday morning, April 26th, she attended the Sunday School at the Calvary United Methodist church, speaking to both the youth and adult groups and in the evening she spoke briefly to the Child Evangelism Sing-spiration group at the Evangel Temple.

On Monday, April 27th, she and Rev. Eva Peet, our state WCTU president, held conferences with school officials in Bismarck. She left the next day for Minnesota and Wisconsin where she was to make similar contacts. Before coming to Bismarck, Miss Allen had held workshops, conferences and speaking appointments in Washington, Oregon and Montana.

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