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President's Letter

Dear White Ribboners:

I MUST BE ABOUT MY FATHER'S BUSINESS.
Luke 2:49.

Greetings from Sawyer! At this writing, I find myself fairly settled in my new location, and have just enjoyed a visit from my son, Charles and his wife Millie, from Galema, Ohio. They not only visited me but did many things which helped me to get things in order. The past three months have been extremely busy ones with winding up my church activities both for the year and retirement, with moving and all that it entails. Besides this, I conducted a Vacation Bible School in Detroit Lakes, Minn., and visited some friends and my sisters and families before returning. My plans are now to concentrate on the work of the WCTU. It has been a rather disturbing year as to membership, which seems to have fallen off; whether this is due to the increase in dues, or lack of interest, I cannot say but we must make a new thrust.

It was a pleasure to visit the YTC camp again, and see the enthusiasm of the YTCers, and the efficient staff at work under the direction of Mrs. Gangness. We realize that this means a lot of planning plus headaches to make the camp a success; one of the hard things in every project is to get answers to letters.

By the time you get this issue of the White Ribbon, our new year will have already begun. I trust that you plan to start September off with a "Dues Drive;" how wonderful if we could get our dues paid right away, and our financial obligations taken care of at the beginning and then go on to other projects. We want to start right at the beginning to be NET GAIN.

The State Convention plans are being completed, also. We hope each one of you have put the dates of September 30 and October 1, 2 on your agenda and be with us in Minot. As we have already said, there will be some changes in the program which, we hope, will be acceptable (we can only try them). There will be a "Vesper Service" on Wednesday afternoon and the President's March that evening. The banquet has been planned for Thursday evening and our Convention speaker will also be our banquet speaker - our own Mrs. Jarrett, who is the World WCTU President as well. You will not want to miss the opportunity of hearing her. I know she will bless your hearts.

We appreciate Mrs. Everett Johnson and the YTCers who helped to make the booth at the State Fair a success. Dr. Ottinger came to our aid with another Memorial from our dear departed Ruth Ottinger. We can truly say of her, "She being dead yet speaketh." Hebrews II:4. The good this booth does only eternity will reveal. Let us continue to support it. We are grateful to each union that contributed to it, too.

I covet your prayers as I wend my way to Los Angeles for National WCTU Convention. This year, it appears, I will be the lone attendant due to distance; (unless the Lord provides me with a companion). Last year I so much enjoyed having Mrs. Kraft with me. And now, if you happen to be going by this way, be sure to drop in for coffee, or a "fruesta" - or a longer time if you are not in a hurry.

With you always in my prayers, and for ACTION AHEAD, I am,

Lovingly, Mrs. Peet.

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!

Convention Committees

Chairman—Mrs. Vernon Forthun, Sawyer, N. Dak.

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VOTE

Are you a qualified voter? Are your children, neighbors, friends also qualified. Voting is a Christian responsibility.

No one would turn the clock back if he could. The wilderness and the pioneer are gone, and we have said farewell to them. We must take life as we find it and improve it as we can. We can improve it only if we have a vision of things worth working for . . .

—Lloyd Garrison

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.

Notes From The Unions

July 30, the Marion WCTU held a Day Camp for LTL boys and girls from ages 6 - 12 years in the Litchville Reformed Church. This year the membership has reached 29. The refreshments and recreation were held in the Litchville park.

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The following guests were present at the Tower City's regular WCTU meeting June 17th: District President Mrs. Lyle Trapp with a friend from Marion and former White Ribbon Recruits and their mothers. Mrs. Trapp told of her days at the YTC Camp from which she had just returned. Two White Ribbon Recruits were dedicated.

Mrs. Durward Otterness directed a children's program and supervised the posters which were at young children's level. She is the daughter of that unions president and has 4 children of her own. The children had on display many small posters they had made. They gave two skits from the Young Crusader and then all enjoyed a song fest led by the host pastor of the Presbyterian Church where this was held.

Following the program an informal fellowship hour and lunch was served in the church basement.

WHERE ARE THE PARENTS

A graduate student doing a study of juvenile delinquency had difficulty collecting data. His project was to telephone 10 homes at nine o'clock each night and ask the parents if they knew where their children were at that hour.

"My first five calls," he lamented, "were answered by children who had no idea where their parents were."

—Listen News.

Promotion Secretary's Letter

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Philippians 4:13.

"O for a faith that will not shrink,
Though pressed by many a foe,
That will not tremble on the brink
Of any earthly woe."

Dear Co-Workers:

The main point of importance at this time is the VICTORY AHEAD CONTEST which extends from Sept. 1 to Nov. 30. September is the month in which the dues are to be paid, and you will note that 20 points will be earned for each member who pays her dues in September. The points decrease if dues are not paid until October or November. This is also the ideal time to recruit new members.. Each new member over 30 years of age counts 25 points and each new member UNDER 30 counts 75 points.

If you are a Holdfast Union (all dues of members paid) by Nov. 30 you have earned a bonus of 100 points. If you are a Steadfast Union (same number of members as last year) by Nov. 30 you may add a bonus of 150 points. If you are a Fruitful Union (more members than last year) your bonus points will be 250. You can count the points for either the one or the other, not both. For instance, if you are a Fruitful Union you can not count the points for a Steadfast Union.

Subscriptions to the Union Signal, either new or renewals, will count 25 points each during this contest. Young Crusader subscriptions will earn 20 points while combination subscriptions (both papers) give you 35 points each. You will note that in addition there will be a bonus of 150 points if all five union officers are subscribers.

You will note that points are also given for participation in the One in a Million Plan and the World Hostess Fund during the time of the contest.

We would encourage you to conduct an institute in October. Twenty five points will be given for EACH member and EACH guest attending both sessions. Points are also given for each member and guest who attends the September and November programs, together with a bonus of 35 points for each member attending the entire 3 programs during the contest. This also includes guests.

It is important to remember that all points for this contest must be earned between Sept. 1 and Nov. 30 The purpose of the contest is to do certain things within a time limit. For example, ONLY the funds collected for the World Convention Hostess Fund (foot of quarters) between Sept. 1 and Nov. 30 will count as points in this contest even though you may have filled a number of rulers before that time. May I urge each union to participate in the Victory Ahead Contest.

How quickly the summer has passed by! The convention is just a short time away. I trust that each union will be represented.. The importance of each union president attending, plus other delegates from your union, cannot be overemphasized. Come one, come all, and enjoy a time of instruction, inspiration and fellowship and thus be better fitted to go back to your union to carry on the temperance work. We look forward to seeing you in Minot Sept. 30 - Oct. 2. We MUST move AHEAD TO VICTORY.

Sincere greetings,
Ragnhild Lima.

Alcohol impairs the vision.
The margin between safe driving and unsafe driving is too narrow to permit drinking.
Alcohol first affects the brain and nerves. It's the brain that counts.

State Fair Report

By Mrs. Everett Johnson

The Minot District WCTU and the Max-Benedict YTC would like to take this opportunity to express their gratefulness to a number of people and unions for their help in making the State Fair Booth a success. The unions that sent in donations for literature up to July 31st were: Crosby, Williston, Minot, Hettinger, Ransom-LaMoure District, Gilby, Grafton, Lisbon, Julia D. Nelson, Cooperstown, Prosper, Oakes, Steele, Fort Clark, Rugby, Langdon, Max-Benedict, Sawyer, Lisbon, Iota Sigma, Northwood, Parshall, Tower City, Enderlin, Dickinson, and Dickinson YTC.. This was a larger number of donations than last year so we were encouraged and want to say, "Thank You." Mrs. Violet Olson of Fargo sent a personal donation.

The Max-Benedict YTC had a fruesta booth. Dr. Ottinger made a memorial donation which made the plans for this undertaking a reality.. We didn't use all of this money so we will have something to work with next year. We used rhubarb juice as the main ingredient. We want to thank the ladies who gathered and fixed the rhubarb namely: Mrs. Alex Maronuck, Mrs. Luke Bostow, Mrs. Nick Baklenko, Mrs. Melvin Braunberger, and Mrs. E. Johnson. Marge Fannick and Beverly Johnson were in charge of the booth and were assisted by Bonnie Berg. They served 12 gallons to 500 people serving two hours a day for two days. Everyone enjoyed the fruit drink and were interested in the fruit juice recipes that the girls gave to every adult who stopped. We hope to improve our booth next year.

The literature table remained in the exhibit building throughout the fair. Ladies from Max-Benedict and Minot Unions supervised it. David Maronuck and Dale Timothy made an electric question and answer board which was an added attraction this year. We wish we could have a little more room to display these things in the building. The exhibits from schools, the art and needlework increase each year and if there is any room left over we have it for a booth. We must make use of every opportunity.

Golden Wedding

The Golden Wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Gorder was celebrated July 5 by a family reunion at their farm home. A 12 o'clock dinner was served to over 100 relatives. The oldest person present was 88 year old E. P. Thompson of Crosby, the youngest 6 months Scott Ries of St. Ann, Mo. Coming the longest distance were Mr. and Mrs. Bert Gorder, Merryville, Wash. All the brothers and sisters of the honored couple were present.

The dinner and the open house which followed, was arranged by nieces and nephews with Mrs. Donald Mitchell and Mrs. Wm. E. Gorder, co-chairmen of the group.

During the afternoon hours a reception was held in the social room of the Grafton Lutheran Church. Pink and white peonies decorated the room. A program was presented with Rev. Robert Gillquist, pastor of the Grafton Baptist Church, giving devotions and the closing prayer. Howard Gorder gave a talk relating many incidents in the lives of the couple. Mrs. Gillquist and Mrs. Orlando Torblas sang, "I Have The Answer," and Nancy and Muriel Moe sang "Surely Goodness and Mercy."

On behalf of the assembled guests, Wm. E. Gorder congratulated his uncle and aunt and presented them with a basket of remembrances. Both responded with thanks and appreciation.

The tea table was centered by a beautiful anniversary cake, the gift of their foster son, Edward Skime and Mrs. Skime, Silver Bay, Minn. Serving at the tea table, at the punch bowl, and at the guest book were nieces and great nieces of the couple, and grand daughters, Mona and Vicky Skime. (Cont'd. on next page)

RANSOM-LaMOURE DISTRICT WCTU CONVENTION

The 70th Annual Convention of the Ransom-LaMoure District WCTU convened May 12, 1970, in the United Methodist Church in Lisbon with Mrs. LeRoy Bartle, district president, presiding. The host pastor, Rev. McDowell, brought devotions from Psalms 8. He mentioned the pollution of our air and water and its damage then asked, "What about the moral pollution of our day?" From there he expressed grave concern and suggested remedies.

Mrs. Geneva Hanson welcomed the group and Mrs. Hentgen responded to it. The flag salutes were led by Mrs. Leslie Hastings of Enderlin. Mrs. E. J. Huntley was introduced as our guest speaker of the day. She spoke briefly concerning the White Ribbon Bulletin, state paper, which she edits.

The business for the day included the roll call of unions, Secretary's report, which was accepted, the Treasurer's report which was read and placed on file for auditing and the appointment of committees. Mrs. LeRoy Bartle, district president, gave her report for the year. It was decided to send greetings to the following persons: Mrs. Elizabeth Farnsworth, Mabel Sandager, Mrs. Eva Peet, Mrs. Dorrance, Mrs. Scea, Mrs. Darling and Mrs. Paul Elijah.

The Lisbon WCTU took charge of the Memorial Service for the following deceased members: Mrs. Herman Olson, Mrs. Ida Huntley, Mrs. Mielke, and Mrs. Ottinger. Mrs. Ernest Jones read from II Timothy the 4th chapter. Prayer was offered and Mrs. James Wiltse sang "Precious Memories." Following this Mrs. Jespersen offered the noontide prayer. After the noontide luncheon Mrs. Bartle called for a meeting of the executive committee where the district business was discussed. It was decided that each union was to pledge extra money to help our pledge to the state.

The afternoon session began by the group singing "I Would Be True." Mrs. Fred Maack of the Lisbon Iota Sigma, led the devotions, using Psalms 118:8-13. Roll call was taken again with 5 more in attendance. Mrs. Huntley spoke at this time, the title of her talk was "The harvest." She read from Psalms 14:1-5. She showed the results, the harvest of evil that we are reaping from indifference and like warmness of parents to what is going on in the schools. She quoted from Galatians 6:7 to show that the harvest of increased crime, drunkenness, destruction, disobedience to those in authority, and drug addiction are the direct results of Spiritual instability in the home, the school and the church.

Next on the program were the committee reports.. The auditing committee found the treasurer's report correct, Mrs. McCleary reported 8 new subscriptions to the Union Signal. Mrs. Jones read the list of nominees for district office for the coming year. Mrs. Huntley took charge of the election. The following officers were elected:

President—Mrs. LeRoy Bartle, Dickey;
 Vice President—Mrs. Leon Hanson, Englevale;
 Promotion and Recording Secretary—Mrs. Adolph Huether, Lisbon;
 Treasurer—Mrs. Julius Jespersen, Dickey.

After the election a Skit was presented by the Dickey Union. Special numbers in song were given by Lisbon young people. A duet was sung by Alma McDowell and Randy Highness, also a duet was sung by Laurene Larson and Mary Wiltse. Both groups were accompanied by Janice Sullivan at the piano.

Teryna Huether, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Huether, became a White Ribbon Recruit following the musical numbers.

The Resolutions were read and accepted. The offering was \$32.80. Next year's district convention will be at Dickey. After the adjournment the group were served coffee and fruit juice in the church dining room.

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A Word To The Wise

Dear Friends:

This summer of 1970 is slipping away 'with incredible speed', as our Elizabeth Preston Anderson of blessed memory used to say. In the past few days of hot sunshine, the grain fields that I see from the windows of my farm home have turned from green to gold. Before we know it almost, the school bells will be calling the children from playtime to study time.

"School days, School days
Dear old Golden Rule days —"

I wonder how many of you once knew the words of that song? It was a somewhat sentimental ballad written years ago, when people first began to call children 'kids.' Now, the dictionary accepts that name for a small child. As always, some boys and girls will like school, and others will find it just something that has to be endured. My sympathy goes out to those children, and also to their teachers for I was once a country school teacher myself. There will be a good many new teachers this year, as well as children new to school life. Let us pray that God will guide them all in right ways.

I have been wondering if all these new teachers are aware that the school laws of North Dakota require that instruction as to the nature and effects of alcoholic beverages is required in the public schools. Of course, those who study Physiology, will find some information given in their text books on that subject, but I wonder if it is given enough emphasis today? When TV watching is a regular daily part of a child's life in most homes, perhaps parents should give more attention to what the youngsters are seeing and hearing there. Because I am hard-of-hearing I do not pay much attention to those programs myself, but I hope the mothers of the children do.

It is early yet, but let us keep in mind that the Third Friday in January is designated by the school laws of North Dakota as Temperance Day, and is to be observed each year for not less than one hour, in all public schools. Should we not offer some help in the way of suitable material for a program on that day? The National WCTU has quantities available. Let us use it!

Cordially yours, Elizabeth C. Beasley.

GOLDEN WEDDING—

Emma E. Eck, a native of Gonvick, Minn., and Benjamin Gorder, a life long Graftonite, were married at Bagley, Minn., July 2, 1920. A short time later they settled on a farm in Grafton township, where they still reside. Mr. Gorder has recently retired from active farming. Both are active in church and temperance work. Mrs. Gorder is presently serving her 12th year as North Dakota WCTU recording secretary. She taught school for a number of years and many of her former pupils were present at the reception.

Treasurer's Report

June 15, 1970 - August 15, 1970

DUES—Bismarck 2, Belfield 9, Fargo Julia D. Nelson 14.
 WILLARD MEMBERSHIPS—2.
 LTL DUES—Marion 27, Prosper 21.
 LIGHT LINE UNIONS—Marion, Prosper, Tower City,
 Fargo Julia D. Nelson.
 LITERATURE AND PINS—Northeast District \$3.00.
 DISTRICT PLEDGES—Northeast District \$50.00.
 WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN—Steele, \$1.00.
 WORLD CONVENTION HOSTESS FUND—Lisbon
 \$6.00, Lisbon Iota Sigma \$3.00.
 HELEN ALLEN FUND—Enderlin \$1.00, Lisbon \$1.00,
 Fargo Julia D. Nelson \$1.00, Lisbon \$1.00.
 PEPSI COLA FUND FOR VIET NAM—Grand Forks
 Frances Willard \$20.00, Langdon \$10.00.
 CAMP FUND—In Memory of C. Ed. Olson from Oakes
 Union, \$5.00; In Memory of Mrs. Karl Kleppe from
 Napoleon Union, \$5.00; Gift from Miss Vendla Vitalis,
 Bismarck, \$2.50.
 OTHER GIFTS—To General Fund from Mrs. Hazel Web-
 ster Byrnes, Petersburg, N. D. \$10.00; For Minot State
 Fair Booth from Violet Oleson, Fargo \$1.00.
 STATE REPORTS—Fargo Julia D. Nelson \$2.00.
 TOTAL MEMBERSHIPS—Women 836, Men 135.
 Mrs. John Gunness, Treasurer.

Pen Points

Dear White Ribboners:

Again our organization is faced with another bill which is before our National Congress and will no doubt be backed by the Liquor Industry. It is S.3835 and is listed as the "Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970.

This bill originated by Sen. Harold E. Hughes and 37 other senators, May 14th of this year. Hearings have already been held on this bill, which is not strange since Sen. Hughes is chairman of the subcommittee of the committee on Labor and Public Welfare.

What is wrong with this bill? The very title explains this. Alcohol ABUSE means MODERATION NOT ABSTINENCE, and we know as do the beverage alcohol industry that moderation in alcoholic beverages is very near impossible with most imbibers.

The definition of alcohol abuse and alcoholism is defined as one who uses too much and gets a disease, which is to be treated at the taxpayers expense. In other words, don't prohibit people using this narcotic drug (beverage alcohol) which is habit forming and at least one out of 8 or 9 users becomes an alcoholic or alcohol abuser. The rest of us are to be taxed to train them to drink moderately (which is almost impossible with many) and for those who don't, our money is to be used to try to put the broken fragments of their lives together and make decent citizens out of them. A big expensive job, using the tax payers money to pay for a National Institute for the Prevention and Control of alcohol abuse and alcoholism, but don't stop them drinking, just teach them to use a little, if it can be done. We pay for training the workers in this Institute, in the newest devices to carry on the work; We also pay for a complete evaluation of existing governmental educational materials and programs concerning alcohol abuse and alcoholism. This of course is where the moderation thesis is presented and will no doubt be used in our schools to teach our children how to drink and hold their beverage alcohol. Do we want this?

The latter part of the bill takes up proposed treatment of alcoholics among employees, military personnel, veterans and Federal offenders. "All health and disability insurance policies and plans for Federal employment shall cover alcoholism in the same way as other health problems and diseases that are NOT SELF IN-

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

Each year the Master calleth
 Some loved ones to endless rest,
 And our thoughts, though filled with sorrow
 Can but say, He knoweth best."

Mrs. Fred (Grace) Brown, 65, passed away June 7, 1970, at Portland, Oregon, where she had spent the winter with her children. Her husband passed away in 1960. She had been in poor health for some time.

Mrs. Brown was a member of the Oakes Nazarene Church and a member of the Oakes WCTU since 1948. At the time of her death she was Vice President of the Oakes local union.

Left to mourn her death are one daughter, Mrs. Wilford Slaight, (Elaine); one son, Robert, and nine grandchildren, all of Portland, Ore.; one brother and one sister in Oakes, N. Dak.

Victory Ahead Contest

DATES—Sept. 1 to Nov. 30, 1970. ALL points must be earned within this period of time.

CONTEST CLOSES—Nov. 30, 1970. No points should be added after that date.

REPORTS—Local union report should be sent to the STATE Promotion Secretary by DECEMBER 15th. Bonus of 250 points for sending by DECEMBER 10.

CONTEST SCORE SHEETS—Study carefully the instructions on the contest score sheets sent to your union. If you need more score sheets, or if you have any questions, please write to the State Promotion Secretary.

PEN POINTS—(Continued)

FLICTED." Just who forced people to drink in the first place? Was it an accident?

In regard to welfare. The agency is charged with attempting to reduce the insidience of financial indigency caused by alcohol abuse and provide for treatment and rehabilitation services for those needing it. It further states that persons otherwise eligible for welfare assistance shall not be ineligible for such assistance because of alcohol abuse. In other words let them keep on drinking what they want, while sober hard working tax payers supply the money to help sober them up, provide for their families, and try to make presentable citizens out of them in between the drinking bouts.

Even in highway crimes because of alcohol abuse, the bill specifically states that Federal and State funds may be expended for education, treatment and rehabilitation and NOT for purposes of punishment. If this bill passes, who will be safe on the highways?

I haven't space to tell all concerning this bill but you may read all about it in the August, 1970, Union Signal from the Washington Letter. This 49-page document is getting considerable favorable attention and could come to the floor for a vote this summer. The liquor interests well know that such a bill will help their business and sort of put a good face on the results of their product, so they favor it.

Please write your legislators AT ONCE, asking them to vote against S.3835 - Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, Prevention, Treatment, and Rehabilitation Act of 1970. TELL WHY YOU DON'T WANT THIS BILL PASSED. LET'S NOT GO TO SLEEP LIKE WE DID WHEN WE LOST THE PROHIBITION LAW. THIS IS AN ALERT - GET EVERYONE YOU CAN TO WRITE OUR CONGRESSMEN ABOUT THIS.

Yours to defeat this bill,
 Hazel Huntley, Man. Editor.

"OUR HERITAGE"

Address given by Christina S. Haibeck
"Freedom - An Heritage"

At this "4th of July" celebration of our national independence and freedom, it behooves us to take stock of our inheritances - with the purpose of establishing a greater appreciation of them and a greater pride in our citizenship, that we may find some practical ways of expressing our patriotism - and participation in the preservation of our inheritance.

I shall open with the WCTU emphasis for our July program by Mrs. Stanley, our National Secretary. (Excerpts from her speech.)

"We have boasted of our American heritage with the phrase found on our coins, "In God We Trust," but how deep is our christian heritage of faith in preservation of liberty and justice under His reign?" It would appear at times that only in the material things money can buy do we find satisfaction of trust in God. . . .

In our 'Declaration of Independence' we see reference to dependence of our nation on God. . . . Consider the four specific acclamations found within it: '(1) laws of nature and nature's God'. We carelessly defy the laws of nature with attempts to destroy the sacred rights of God's planned nature for man — as witness our so-called "new morality," relaxing of marriage vows, etc. (2) ". . . that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights. Our heritage as American citizens was intended to bring to all people justice and equality as God's standards. (3) 'Appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions.'" Instead, we have created some very critical problems by appealing to the mortal Supreme Court, instead of to God, our Supreme Judge. (4) 'with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence', we have gone far afield from this kind of faith. Instead of relying on God's great protective power, we are constantly building up dependence on aid from the government for 'providential' care." End of quotes.

Our inheritance as Americans, is that of freedom and responsibility to maintain it, of liberty — paid for by those who treasured it, and the right of participation earned by those willing to become involved.

As christian citizens we value and covet for others these same privileges, obligations and responsibilities. Proud as we well may be of our heritage of freedom, we are not doing much about it, as a nation, to tell the world about our good side. . . . Columnist, Jenkin Lloyd Jones, laments that to idealistic youth, in many countries - the fraud of Communism appears synonymous with morality, while we, the chief repository of real freedom, are regarded as being in the last stages of decay.

But its an even greater tragedy when our own people are led to believe that we, as a nation, are in the last stages of decay. Let us not be intimidated into thinking that our democratic system has failed.. We have failures as does anyone else, but not the system as a whole. I, for one, would like to turn our country's "sunny side" up. As I see the apathy and lack of concern with governmental affairs by some of our citizens, I can't help wondering if our people are truly deserving of the many blessings and freedoms this nation offers them; and let's stop placing all the blame on our young people. What can we expect, with a generation of adults, who seem to be more concerned with their comfort and leisure than in devoting a few moments on occasion to publicly display their love of country. May I suggest that our "silent majority" be more vocal, and e.g. (a) show respect for our flag, (b) teach others to abide by the will of the majority, (c) obey the laws of our land and never dignify disobedience. You can't have freedom without law and order, because without these, freedom is only an illusion. Remember "free-

dom is just a word until you lose it." (d) help others develop a proper sense of civic responsibility.

Developing an optimism about the future of our country is a kind of loyalty. America offers freedoms and advantages that no substitute systems could ever provide. Remember that "all that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing."

Our national purpose needs to be strengthened with the kind of patriotism that built this great nation. Let's have the sincere faith of a Billy Graham, who has said, "I don't know what the future holds, but I know who holds the future." Our Founding Fathers established as a basic freedom on which our national heritage must derive — the freedom to worship God. Its preservation must depend on our guarding this inheritance by making a basic pattern of our daily lives and by voluntary christian service.

As scientific research advances in technology, developing spiritual insights into the purpose of creation, social and economic concerns have inspired intelligent, brave and daring men to push back the frontiers of civilization at a rapid pace - in ever-widening circles - our world is becoming smaller and bringing all of us into closer contacts so that we, and most certainly our children, are going to have to learn to love people we may not like very well.

One of the great bishops of the church has told us that Americans must help overcome worldwide injustice, or find ourselves beset with increasing foreign and domestic troubles. I quote Bishop Nichols, "Unless we overcome worldwide systems of injustice, exploitation of the weak by the strong, racism and the careless abuse of our God-given natural environment, there will be more Vietnams, more erosion and calamity. Black, white, yellow, and brown people, christians and other faiths combined, must join hands to save the world."

As our young people - faced with seeking ways to "do their thing" in the brief span of life apportioned to each of us, look upon the hypocrites between talk and practice in government, education, economic and social affairs, even in the church - can we blame them for characterizing our world as "absurd?" We can see it ourselves - and almost hear echoes from Ecclesiastes, "Vanity, vanity, all is vanity."

I was interested in a brief summarization of views of elder statesmen of the National Council of Churches at a recent meeting in New York, that our present crisis in church life was an extension of the crisis in the nation; polarizing classes, races, generations and other groups on issues of national policies and objectives and that so far as the churches are concerned, the only unique contribution they can make is a philosophy of life that seeks to reconcile men to one another and to God.

Surely this is a time to speak out with concern on what is right with America and take a good look at our dedicated young people who are peacefully working out the problems of change in making a better America. Probably we have never had a better informed, more actively concerned and dedicated youthful generation, as a whole. They are our finest and best reason for the dedication to God and country by our "Sisters of the White Ribbon Bow" - the pride of our beautiful America.

May we all echo the prayer so well expressed in concluding the opening stanza of "America, The Beautiful"

America! America!
 God mend thine every flaw.
 Confirm thy soul - in self-control,
 Thy liberty - in law.
 America! America!
 God shed His grace on thee,
 And crown thy good with brotherhood
 From sea to shining sea.

PICTURES FROM THE JUNE 10 TO 14
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The YTC officers and Herman Renner with Mrs. Gangness. Herman was telling the details of the Finnish Flag.



Irene Morse from Minneapolis, Minn.. She's where the fun it. This was stunt night.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

President Nixon said recently about drug addiction among youth, "One of the great tragedies of the past decade has been that our schools, where our children should learn about the wonder of life, have often been places where they learn the living - and sometimes actual - death of drug abuse. There is no priority higher in this administration than to see that children - and the public - learn the facts about drugs in the right way and for the right purpose through education."

And Governor William T. Cahill of New Jersey in proposing a commendable program for the control of drug abuse rightly labeled the drug problem as "a menace that threatens an entire generation of our society . . . a problem which in practical terms is out of control."

It is hard to identify all of the contributing factors that have brought us to this painful hour when we must admit that the drug problem is out of control. Some devilish forces have been at work corrupting the youth of our land. Among them has been the liberal paint brush that covers up clear cut moral decisions of right and wrong, black and white, with the dull grey of indecision and permissiveness. This brush has been wielded by some spokesmen in the areas of education, government, and even religion to the confusion, detriment and destruction of too many young lives. Another has been the underground press tolerated by too many schools and communities. This has often been used as a vehicle of confusion for the youthful reader on the subject of narcotics. I have seen such dirty sheets that were circulated in area schools that were dirty, not only in actual appearance, but also in content which seemed to have the dirty objective of bringing our youth to the low level of moral irresponsibility. Public apathy has certainly contributed to the problem to say nothing of the attitude of those who have objected because President Nixon's effort to stop the flow of narcotics across the Mexican border has caused some personal inconvenience.

Our youth must be told clearly and plainly what marihuana and other narcotics can do to them. What a tragedy it would be to have a whole generation of Americans infected by this drug, the effects of which are, in the report on Drug Dependence for the World Health Organ-

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Installation of Officers. Left to right: Beverly Johnson, Pres.; Kathy Hoaby, Sec.; Lloyd Thompson, V. Pres.; Margie Fannik, Social; Marlow Kulish, Spiritual Life; Cindy Simpson, Pub. Relations; Mrs. Gangness; Mrs. Gorder, who represented the WCTU as each officer lit their candles from hers.

Communism now dominates more than two thirds of the world's population and are investing 38% of their gross income to accomplish their program. American Christians spend less than 1% of their income for foreign Missions.

ization, described as follows:

"Among the more prominent subjective effects of cannabis . . . are hilarity . . . carelessness . . . loquacious euphoria . . . distortion of sensation and perception . . . impairment of judgment and memory; distortion of emotional responsiveness; irritability and confusion. Other effects, which appear after repeated administration . . . include: lowering the sensory threshold, especially for optical and acoustical stimuli . . . illusions and delusions that presuppose to antisocial behavior— anxiety and aggressiveness as a possible result of various intellectual and sensory derangements; and sleep disturbances."

And the United States Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs warns that: "The effect of marihuana on the nervous system and brain are undoubtedly most profound and constitute the greatest problem for the user and the persons around him. These include the precipitation of psychotic episodes during which the user becomes mentally unbalanced for varying periods of time."

Our Federal agency, after establishing the manner in which marihuana causes or induces criminal behavior, concludes:

"The important question for society is no longer in what manner marihuana use causes crime, but rather how many crimes would not be committed but for the addition of this drug to the social environment."

Our youth must be told these facts by their friends to counteract the fuzzy thinking of those who have been enticing and encouraging them to experiment with death in the name of permissiveness and indecision.

Youth and their parents must also be shocked to consider the real consequences of drug violations that await them in a world that cannot adjust to a "drugged society." The Congressional Record recently carried such an article that originated in a publication of the New Mexico Municipal League. It was entitled AN OPEN LETTER TO KIDS. It answered the question, "What kind of future is there for a young person who is convicted on a drug charge?" In plain language it said, "A drug conviction can dog you for the rest of your life. It will ride on your back forever." It said in part:

"Suppose you're picked up and the police find one . . . ON marijuana cigarette on you. You're convicted and maybe put on probation, since its your first rap . . . no fine, no jail term."

You think, "Boy, I got off easy!" But did you . . . sucker? The picture of you and your name in the newspapers may fade, but the record never does."

Very clearly the OPEN LETTER talks about how one escapade can affect an individual life. It says, "You have cut yourself off forever from all government jobs. They don't want you." You might just as well forget any job where a license is required . . . a beautician, a practical nurse, a registered nurse. Add to the list a lawyer, a doctor, a pharmacist, a chiropractor, a private investigator, an insurance claim adjuster, a teacher . . . these and dozens of other occupations that require licenses demand "good moral character." That record can prevent you ever becoming an officer of a banking institution or a specialist in securities. That record can keep you from obtaining a bond. You are not considered a good risk to handle other people's money. You can probably get a job even with a conviction. But when promotion time comes the boss may have to choose between you and the man with a clean record.

The OPEN LETTER makes a strong appeal to all youth saying:

"Before you get involved, you smart kids, stop to think what effect your police record will someday have on YOUR children. It's like you throw a pebble in a pond. The ripples you make are ever widening and eventually, they touch all shores."

Governor Cahill has challenged all segments of life

to join in this battle to control drug abuse including the churches. And we cannot do this without the help of God and the moral strength He affords.

Too often our young people have been told that they are less than God made them to be. God made us in His image and likeness. And though the image has been marred and broken by rebellion and sin, He has provided redemption through His Son, Jesus Christ who died for us all. Your body is not a hovel. It is not a shack. God says it is a temple in which He may dwell. It should not be corrupted or polluted. It should not be desecrated. But it takes more than human will power to break a death dealing habit that has corroded the foundations of moral decision within the heart and mind. It takes the kind of power St. Paul wrote about and experienced when he said, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthened me."

This message of divine help and its implementation can be the role of every church . . . of your church, in helping to solve this problem of the seventies that MUST be solved for today as well as for the future of America.

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