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A Call To Prayer In An Age Of Crisis

CALL TO PRAYER: (Unison)

The world is asking where our God is. Many seem unable to find Him. We are living in what has been called "the post-Christian era," when Christian principles are ceasing to be recognized in areas like politics, justice, sex, economics and spiritual life. We Christians, who have been called "the temple of the living God," need much help to be able more effectively to reveal God to the world. We come in prayer, seeking this help.

SCRIPTURE READING (Leader) Psalms 44:20-26

LET US CONFESS (Leader)

Our failure to demonstrate God's presence adequately; any lack of reality in our own faith and life.

LET US PRAY (Unison)

That we may be subject to Christ as Lord;

That the world shall not fail to see God in us.

LET US INTERCEDE (Leader)

For the world without God; that men may find God in Christ;

For lay witnesses and those who teach them,

For Christian missions, missionaries, evangelists and effort to evangelize;

For all efforts to demonstrate God's presence through life and action:

For a greater outreach in our program of total abstinence;

For success in our ONE IN A MILLION campaign.

A SPIRITUAL CHECKUP (National Director)

1. IN THE WORLD:

Who am I? Am I really somebody? Attender? Spectator? Disciple? Am I known as a Christian? Is Christ loved more by others because of the way I live? Do I speak the truth? Am I a person of the strictest honesty? Are some people outside the church because I am inside? In my relations with others, am I pure in deed? Word? Thought?

2. IN THE HOME:

Do those who know me best believe in me most? In the morning, half-awake, and in the evening, over-tired, am I still a Christian, courteous, grateful, good-humored? Do I acknowledge God with grace before every meal; and do I ever call the family to prayer?

3. IN MY HEART:

Have I given myself to God without any reserve? Do I live day by day in conscious dependence on GOD, and am I alert to the guidance of Him? Do I find time every day for Bible study? Unhurried prayer? Quiet listening to God? Do I love God's Day. His Word? His Holy Table? Do I seek fellowship with other Christians in the week?

YOUR SPECIFIC REQUESTS:

CLOSING PRAYER (Leader)

BENEDICTION

Mrs. Carl Bodin, Director.

THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving Day is any day . . . to men with hearts to feel . . . aware that God gives breath and drink . . . and food for every meal . . . for men who know life is a gift . . . from Him who made all things . . . corn, cattle, orchards, rivers, stars . . . rose smell and robin wings . . . Thanksgiving Day is any day . . . for men whose hearts can trace . . . the path to Calvary and touch . . . the fountainhead of grace . . . who know the Spirit's healing power . . . the wonder of His word . . . Thanksgiving Day is any day . . . for men who love the Lord.

("Chapel Rimes" —Lon Woodrum)

President's Address

Minot, North Dakota

October 1, 1970

To Mrs. Jarrett, White Ribboners, and Friends, on this second day of our eighty-first annual Convention, I bring my second yearly address to you here in Minot, called the "Magic City" of North Dakota. It is the ninth time that Minot has entertained the State Convention; the last time being in 1962, which incidentally, was my first convention in North Dakota. We want to express our deep appreciation to the Minot Union and District and all who have had a part in making this such a wonderful convention. Being so near, I have known all their activities and plans. Mrs. Vernon Forthun and Mrs. Edward Fannick deserve much credit and many thanks for their untiring efforts. We want to say a hearty "thank you" to them and all who contributed in any way to this great task.

We feel so very privileged to have Mrs. T. Roy Jarret, World WCTU President, and National Vice-President with us in our convention, and as our speaker. She will be with us during the last two days of our convention, will be speaking at the banquet Thursday night, is having two radio appearances, and also is to be guest speaker at the Trinity United Methodist Church on Sunday morning. Let us give her a hand!

We are very grateful for the good coverage we have had in advertising by the Minot Daily News, and the two radio stations KHRT and KLPM, as well as other papers and stations over the State. Our National Convention, too was well covered by TV, Radio and News. For this we give our God praise.

As to my own activities, for the past year I carried on with my Church assignment until June when I retired from the active ministry. We held our mid-year officers meeting in February at Miss Lima's home (no blizzard this year); I visited the YTC Camp in June (as did the other officers, and we had another meeting there). Considerable time was spent around Hazen in an effort to get a new union there. I spoke at the Fargo and Midwest District Conventions, as well as attending my own, bringing a brief message on drugs. Last November I spoke at an Institute at Max. For the past year I acted as president of the Fort Clark union, and traveled approximately 2,000 miles in the interest of the WCTU. Miss Helen Allen visited us in April, and your president made an appointment for her to confer with the State Educational Department to introduce our literature. She also appeared in two churches in Bismarck. I accompanied her to her appointment, and then entertained her for two days in my home, which was a delight to me. It was in-

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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS— (Contd.)

deed a great privilege to represent North Dakota at the National Convention at Los Angeles; thank you so much for sending me. I was very happy when Mrs. Melissa Dick called to say she would also be attending, so again the Lord provided a delegate for us.

I've entitled my address "UP, THIS IS THE DAY." This is taken from Judges 4:14. It was the command that Deborah gave to Barak as the armies Sisera gathered to destroy the Israelites; it was to be a day of victory for the Israelites, for God would turn the battle in their favor. We, too, are being besieged by the enemy on every hand. Satanic forces are at work on every side to destroy us and our nation. We cannot let him win in his plan. We, too, must say "UP, THIS IS THE DAY!" Truly it is.

The day of **SKY-ROCKETING CRIME**. According to FBI reports, our crime rate has increased yearly from 13 to 17% for the last few years. Taking into consideration our population explosion this is a tremendous increase. This leads to our day of violence. Every day our news media gives reports of violence. Almost every event seems to trigger an occasion for a riot. We wonder what will happen in Washington during the scheduled "Victory March" on October 3. We tremble for our leaders as they go from place to place, and we wonder if they will return alive. All over our nation are continued bomb threats — we had one close to home very recently. Much of our crime is a direct or indirect result of the increased use of alcohol. It is estimated that there are nearly 10,000,000 alcoholics in our country, and one third of these are women. It is a known fact that alcohol inflames the emotions, and many crimes are committed because of drinking an alcoholic beverage, (including beer, which is claimed to be so harmless.)

Along with our rise in crime and alcoholism, is the tremendous increase of the use of drugs. It seems that we are all aware of it, and yet are we fully awake to the vast number of our youth who are becoming addicted. We need to rouse ourselves to realize that this is the generation that will be the governing body soon, and many of us will be subject to their rule. It will be a day in which we will not want to live.

IT IS THE DAY OF ACCEPTANCE. Any and every thing goes. We have accepted an undressed society; a few years ago, a person dressed in a bathing suit was not allowed on the street. Now it isn't even noticed. We have accepted the mini-skirt; we are accepting the alcoholic. We are being asked to accept the homo-sexual, legalize marihuana and pornographic literature. Our "great" society seems to be asking us to accept every thing that is leud and base. Already our movies and TV programs are vile beyond comprehension. This is what the youth of our land are being led to accept as "normal." Our standards of morals have lowered so rapidly that soon we will have to look to see bottom. It is the Day of Alarm — for many are asking "what are we coming to?"

It is **THE DAY OF AWAKENING** for some. I just recently read that the Desert News of Salt Lake City will refuse to advertise some types of movies; the cigarettes will soon not be advertised on TV and radio. Also more research is being made as to the harmful effects of alcohol, drugs and tobacco. Many are realizing we must start cleaning up. It is the day for praise and protest. Every citizen has a right to protest to those things that he or she feels are not right. Let us use our privileges while we have them.

But I say to you, White Ribboners, Friends, "Up, for this is the day" for us, for we are needed! No need for an army when there is real peace; no need for weapons if there is no enemy. But we have a real foe. So it is the day, for us to "pray and legislate, pray and educate, and

pray and agitate" until our enemy is overcome. It is the day to organize more unions, Iota Sigmas, YTCs, and LTLs. We must enlist new recruits, including young mothers, who will have to see their children grow up in this alcohol, drug addicted age. We must more than ever speak out for **TOTAL ABSTINENCE**, (for everywhere we are encouraged to accept moderation). Let us promote our Youth Program, and challenge them to keep their minds healthy and clean, with strong bodies through total abstinence. We want to get our literature and films into schools and churches, or other organizations that will cooperate with us.

I recommend that we use all of our department plans to promote our work, beginning with our Christian Outreach, which is basic to Christian character. It is the **DAY TO PRAY!** Let us pray as we have never prayed before, knowing that our God is Almighty, and answers prayer. May we use our secret weapon; "for the weapons of our warfare are mighty to the pulling down of strongholds." II Corinthians 10:4. We will, as Christian women go forth as David of old, who said, "I come in the name of the Lord." Mrs. Tooze has requested that we make January 16 a WCTU Day of Prayer. I trust we will all cooperate.

There is much land to be possessed: "Up, this the day," let us arise and move **AHEAD TO VICTORY.**

Respectfully submitted,
Eva M. Peet,
President.

NOTICE!

A new film "Just One" has been purchased for our film library. We are grateful for the gift of money which has enabled us to purchase this. We do not have it just now but will have it in the near future. Remember that we **NOW** order our films from Mrs. Robert McCleary,

Film Library,
Dickey North Dakota 58431

Also note that the \$5.00 which each union was to send to the Treasurer for this film, will now be sent to the Treasurer to help with the "Hostess" fund for our delegate at the World Convention in Chicago, July 28 - Aug. 6, 1971. The Foot Of Quarters To Foot The Bill and this money for the Hostess Fund MUST reach our Treasurer by March 1st, instead of May 1st.

Man. Editor.

ATTENTION PLEASE!

I take this means of calling attention to some insidious advertising which appeared in the October issue of the North Dakota Journal of Education. The American Legion had an ad offering a free drink to teachers attending the Teacher's Convention in Bismarck, Oct. 14-16. Eleven other bars had similar ads in the Journal, some of these ads had a coupon good for one free drink included in the ad. The editor, Richard J. Palmer, Box J., Bismarck, N. Dak. 58501, should be told by every reader of the WRB that we oppose such advertising. It is not only our privilege but our duty to write him a letter of protest. Please write!

Mrs. Benjamin Gorder.

CORRECTION

In the September-October issue of this paper please make this correction: In the Treasurer's report under the title **CAMP FUND — In Memory of C. Ed. Olson** from Glover (instead of Oakes) Union, \$5.00.

Thank you, Man. Editor.

"Before a man can move the world, he must first move himself."

Resolutions

We, the members of the North Dakota Woman's Christian Temperance Union, assembled in annual convention in Minot, North Dakota, September 30, October 1-2, 1970, do confirm our faith in Almighty God and give thanks to Him for His love and divine guidance through another year.

We are conscious of the confusion and crisis in our country and our concern has resulted in commitment in the conflict which confronts us. People are our concern and since alcohol and other drugs are among their chief enemies, we dedicate ourselves to seek to eliminate these causes from our society.

THEREFORE be it Resolved:

ALCOHOLISM — Since interest in alcoholism and the alcoholic is being accelerated in the press and in legalized efforts at local, state, and Federal levels with almost complete emphasis on rehabilitation, we propose renewed efforts in the field of prevention, including stepped up efforts to disseminate factual evidence of the dangers of the use of alcohol including the dissemination of new research findings which indict alcohol for the role in brain, heart, liver, and other bodily damage.

We urge study at the national level to relate alcohol to health, industry, transportation, the home, welfare, economy, and socio-psychological aspects of the country.

Believing that the moderation theory of drinking, supported by our Government, some churches, and other organizations to be deceptive in concept, we call for an educational campaign through press and other mass media in conformity with the people's right to know the alternative to moderate drinking and the truth about alcohol.

LIQUOR ADVERTISING — Believing that it would not be in the best interests of home, health, and safety to have glamorized picturization of alcoholic beverages broadcast into the home, we recommend action on Congressman Richard T. Hanna's bill (H.R. 8388) to amend the Communications Act of 1934 in order to prohibit the advertising of alcoholic beverages on radio and television.

We call upon the major networks to police themselves in refusing liquor advertising in the best interests of the public.

HIGHWAY SAFETY — Since beverage alcohol is recognized as a major cause of highway injuries and fatalities, we urge that all states adopt uniform chemical tests, including blood and breath, for alcoholic concentration in the blood with 0.06 percent as the alcohol content, above which driving while under the influence is presumed. We urge more effective enforcement of laws and suitable penalties for these offenses against public safety and welfare.

State Highway and Safety Commissions and members of state legislatures should be reminded that in failing to comply with the Federal Safety Act the state is in danger of having a possible loss of a portion of Federal highway construction funds. The act calls for a content of 0.10 percent as evidence of alcoholic intoxication. It also invokes the "implied consent" provision which gives legal status to the presumption that any one who holds a driver's license consents to an alcohol chemical test if he is involved in a traffic accident.

NARCOTICS — Viewing with alarm the growing misuse of narcotics and the terrible hazards in life and property caused thereby, we urge the strengthening of the narcotics education in schools, churches, and homes and the enforcement of stringent laws regarding the use and sale of narcotics.

Since beverage alcohol is an addiction producing narcotic, we urge its proper classification and that it be included in the Uniform Narcotics Act.

PEACE — Believing that war is destructive to life

and property and that there are better ways of settling differences between nations, we support the efforts being made by the President of the United States to bring a speedy end to the war in the Far East and in the Middle East and we hereby express the hope that it will be a just and lasting peace.

EDUCATION — Knowing that the success of any moral or worthwhile movement is dependent upon the thoroughness of the educational program used for promotion of the cause, we urge the continued use of materials giving the scientific facts about the effects of alcohol, other narcotics, and tobacco on the human body, as a part of the curriculum in schools. We urge the churches to accelerate their progress of narcotic education which includes alcohol, with emphasis on the moral implications and a positive stand for total abstinence.

We urge the study and the support of the U.S. Mission to the United Nations in the observance of International Education Year.

We urge the observance of Youth Temperance Education Week during the fourth week in April of each year.

SCHOOL CRISIS — The Woman's Christian Temperance Union has been known as organized mother love. It has for nearly 100 years been opposing those forces which weaken and attack the family unit and threaten the well-being of the children of this nation.

We oppose those forces which are promoting the schools as a political force. Actions which were perpetrated to improve the education of children have actually worked to retard their progress, and create conflict and chaos.

We oppose the use of schools as clinics where various types of experiments (i.e. drugs) can be used to control the behavior of students.

SEX EDUCATION — Since this organization was chartered for the protection of the home and family life we protest the teaching of all courses of sex education at all age levels, which present sexuality as a means of relaxing nerve tensions, as a way of making adjustments between the young of different races, or as a method of removing status friction between boys and girls at any age. We oppose the use of Health, Education, and Welfare funds (Government tax money) for promoting such sex education.

SENSITIVITY EDUCATION — Since the strange and new doctrine of "sensitivity" promotes nudity as a means of casting off inhibitions, fears, unpleasant moral convictions, shame, and guilt complexes, we protest the "sensitivity training" at all age levels in public schools, colleges, universities, churches, community life, and local government. Sensitivity Training teaches those who take the courses to take their problems to "the group" and not to their family. "The Group" decides future action, and we believe that this will lead to the destruction of family life. We oppose the use of mental health funds for promoting sensitivity training.

CRIME — With the continual increase in crime and the awareness that it is largely related to alcohol or other drugs, comes the responsibility to reassess our approach to the problem and arrange values to their proper places.

We urge that courts place greater emphasis on guilt or innocence rather than look for loopholes in order to release the offender; and that the public be given equal rights with the criminal.

We further urge that laws which bind the hands of law enforcement officers be relaxed in order that violators alcohol and other laws may be apprehended before more serious crimes are committed.

THANKS — We extend our most hearty thanks to the Minot Union and the Minot District for inviting the

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81st Annual State WCTU Convention

Instead of writing a detailed account of the convention, I'll just give you some of my impressions. The Vesper Service on Wednesday afternoon, which consisted of songs, testimonies, scripture quotes and prayers for our convention, it's workers and the WCTU work in general, seemed to set the tone of the entire convention. "Ask and ye shall receive that your joy may be full." John 16:24b.

I was impressed with the Pages, Mrs. Ed Fannik and Mrs. Fred Schmidt, who were dressed as Finnish women. Their costumes were colorful and becoming. They were representing the country of Finland, whose delegate to the World Convention in 1971 in Chicago, is to have her expenses paid by the North Dakota WCTU, using the "Foot Of Quarters To Foot The Bill."

Another item which impressed me was the wonderful music and special numbers in song, provided for each session. The hostesses and committee along with those who opened their homes to us for our comfort, made every one feel welcome. I was also favorably impressed with the publicity the convention received.

Sorrow filled our hearts when we thought of the more than 30 active members we have lost by death in the past year. This was a "nudge" to each one of us to gain that new member to help fill the gap.

The Presidents Annual Address, "Up! This Is The Day," was an inspiration to each one. You will find it in this issue, and her "One Minute" speech, which I will quote here, I felt was quite unique: "I report for North Dakota, the wonder state. Some wonder wher eit is, others wonder how anyone can live there - we wonder how anyone can stay away. The wonderful women of North Dakota have been busy. There have been LTL Day Camps, a YTC Camp, Fair Booths, Institutes, receptions for teachers, Speech contests, literature distributed, films shown. You name it — we probably did it. Also we had Miss Allen visit our state education department. We plan to work harder next year and move ahead to victory."

We all enjoyed the YTC skit, directed by Mrs. Gangness, who used some of the ladies to represent the YTC'ers. The Annual Banquet turned out to be a smorgasbord, with much delicious food. After the invocation and group singing, led by Mrs. Leonard Bilden, we were welcomed by those representing various groups and I felt, as did others, that each welcome was sincere. It was a delight to listen to them. Our Banquet speaker, Mrs. T. Roy Jarrett, World President of 72 countries, in her pleasing, friendly way, brought to us various facts about our work here in the United States and in the other countries of the world where the WCTU is active. To show how people try to tangle her up, one man asked her what our organization is against and she said, "Our organization is for everything good." She stated that the WCTU believes in "Total involvement." She also told of a new slogan that the liquor interests gave to the National Council of Churches, it is: "Know how much you can drink," instead of the former one which said, "If you drink, don't drive."

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Treasurer's Report

August 15, 1970 - October 15, 1970

DUES—Belfield 20, Bismarck 15, Crosby 12, Edgeley 8, Enderlin 11, Fargo 25, Glover 11, Frances Willard of Grand Forks 18, Larimore 14, Minot 20, Napoleon 12, Northwood 58, Oakes 1, Grafton 5, Parshall 9, Prosper 17, Sawyer 9, Tower City 10, West Fargo 7.

WILLARD MEMBERSHIPS—2.

HONORARY MEN MEMBERSHIPS—Belfield 1, Enderlin 3, Glover 4, Napoleon 4, Northwood 10, Parshall 1, Prosper 5, Sawyer 2, Tower City 7.

LTL DUES—Northwood \$7.20, Cavalier \$2.00.

LIGHT LINE UNIONS—Grafton, Parshall.

DISTRICT PLEDGES—Fargo \$25.00, Minot \$15.00.

FRANCES WILLARD FUND—Bottineau \$2.00, Dickinson \$2.00, Glover \$4.00, Jamestown \$2.00, Parshall \$5.00, Park River \$2.00, Fargo \$3.00, Tappen \$2.00, West Fargo \$1.25.

LILLIAN STEVENS FUND—Bottineau \$2.00, Dickinson \$2.00, Fargo \$2.00, Glover \$4.00, Jamestown \$2.00, Park River \$2.00, Parshall \$5.00, Tappen \$2.00, West Fargo \$2.00.

WORLD CONVENTION HOSTESS FUND — Grand Forks Frances Willard \$9.00, Bismarck \$3.00, Fort Clark \$3.00, Dr. A. D. Ottinger \$10.00.

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HELEN ALLEN FUND — Dickey \$1.00. Fort Clark \$1.00; Minot \$1.00.

CAMP FUND—Memorial to H. G. Meuwissen from the Crosby Union, \$5.00; Memorial to Mrs. Emma Langsund \$3.00; and Mrs. Mary Strassen \$3.00, from Julia D. Nelson Fargo Union; Memorial to Mrs. Julia Dawkins from Glover Union, \$5.00.

STATE REPORTS—Bismarck \$1.00, Parshall \$2.00, Minot \$2.00, Tappen \$1.00.

OTHER GIFTS—Anonymous Gift for Purchase of Film on Drug Abuse - \$300.00; Merchants National Bank, Fargo, \$15.00; Hazel Webster Byrnes, Petersburg, \$10.00.

CENTURY FUND—\$1.00.

CHILD MEMBERSHIPS—Paul Edward White, Stirum, N. D., from Mrs. Violet White, Stirum; Brian Lee Johnson, Decatur, Ill., from Mrs. Everett Johnson, Max; Miss Kelly Corbett, Billings, Mont., and Jonathon Schmidt, Duluth, Minn., from Mrs. Fred Schmidt, Minot; Travis Lee Trapp, Forman, N. D., from Mrs. Lyle Trapp, Marion, N. D.

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TOTAL MEMBERSHIP—Women 238; Men 31.

Mrs. John Gunness, Treasurer.

ONE IN A MILLION MEMBERS

Mrs. O. L. Otterness, Tower City Union.

REMEMBER!

That the third Friday, January 15, is to be used for teaching **TOTAL ABSTINENCE** in the schools of North Dakota. I hope each union will make use of this time.

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

"I cannot think of them as dead,
Who walk with me no more;
Along the path of life I tread—
They have but gone before.
And still their silent ministry
Within my heart hath place.
As when on earth they walked with me,
And met me face to face.

We are saddened to hear of the death of Miss Judith Rue, a former faithful member of the Bismarck Union, but at the time of her death, living in California.

Miss Rue was a faithful worker in our cause while living in Bismarck. Beginning in 1958 she was also our very efficient State Legislative Director until in 1963 when she resigned because of her mother's failing health. Miss Rue passed away quite recently

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Mrs. Ritterbush, also a member of the Bismarck union and a faithful worker in the cause, also passed away recently. We hate to hear of these faithful members leaving us.

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The Belfield Union also lost a faithful membe in June. The Union sent two youth from Dickinson to the Cooperstown YTC Camp in her memory.

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Mrs. Herman (Gina) Dahl, a long time Grafton resident, age 74, passed away September 10th. She was an active member of the Grafton Lutheran church, the Sunset Auxiliary and the WCTU. She will be greatly missed. Survivors are her husband, one son, Paul, of Fargo, her mother, 2 sisters, 2 brothers, and 2 grandchildren.

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Mrs. Andrew Haibeck, 611 8 St. S., Fargo, a long time member of the Fargo Union, which now has joined the Julia D. Nelson Union, died September 28th at her home.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, and was buried in the Riverside cemetery in Fargo.

Christine Scott was born in Main, March 10, 1895 and was reared in Kidder County, N. Dak. She was married April 4, 1922 at Steele, N. D. She had been County Superintendent of schools at Steele for many years. She was a past president of the American Legion Auxiliary and a member of the Board of Education at Steele, active in PTA and a member of the retired teachers association.

She leaves her husband, three sons and a daughter to mourn her departure as well as many friends who will miss her.

STATE WCTU POSTER CONTEST

Grades 3 and 4 — 1st prize - Kim Kringlie, Northwood. 2nd prize - Gary Gylden, Northwood.

Grades 5 and 6 — 1st prize - Bernie Olson, Williston. 2nd prize - John Kjas, Williston.

Honorable mention - Gerald Bachmeier, Northwood. Grades 7 and 8 — 1st prize - Jim Fercho, Jamestown.

2nd prize - Charles Kasin, West Fargo. Honorable mention - Rick Olson, Williston.

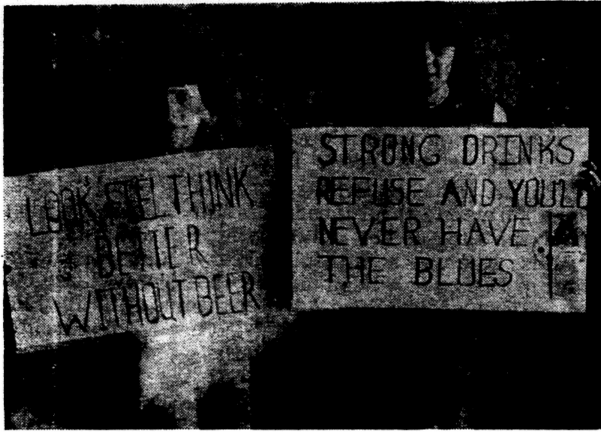
Judged by: Rev. Marshall Vaughn, Minot

Mrs. Everett Johnson, Max
Mrs. Walter Piehl, Marion

Notes From The Unions

The following article from the Bismarck union was sent to the wrong person and the editor did not receive it until the state convention but I thought the picture was so good and also what was done could be encouraging to other unions, so though it's OLD NEWS, its good news — Editor.

POSTER CONTEST



Amy Lunday, Tamra Blumhagen

For Youth Temperance Education Week in April the Bismarck Loyal Temperance Legion showed two temperance films, "Becky" and "Too Tough To Care," at the Veterans Memorial Library. Forty young people viewed the film and enjoyed refreshments served by the LTL afterwards.

These same films were made available to Simle Junior High where 175 students in science classes viewed the films. The Rita Murphy elementary school and The State Industrial School also viewed these films and enjoyed the entertaining education.

Mrs. Fred Holweiger judged the LTL's temperance posters and awarded Amy Lunday first prize, "Look, Feel, Think Better Without Beer," and Tamra Blumhagen second prize, "Strong Drinks Refuse and You'll Never Have the Blues."

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September 11th the Valley City union held their first meeting of the new WCTU year. The highlight of the meeting was a visit from their District president, Mrs. Lyle Trapp, who gave a glowing account of the Coopers-town YTC Camp this year, where she was a helper. She considered it a privilege to be there.

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Mrs. Erva Traynor of Gilby, District Secretary, was the guest speaker at the September meeting of the Northwood union. She told about her trip to Europe, Russia and other places, showing pictures taken on her trip. Members had invited guests and all enjoyed her talk and the pictures which were shown.

At their October meeting several guests were also present and enjoyed the reports given by the delegates to the State Convention in Minot.

A memorial service was held for two active members, Lydia Skordahl and Anna Kappidal, who had recently passed away, also for one honorary member, Mr. Karsten Knutson. A solo was sung by Robin Holte and a piano solo was given by Mrs. Don Savage.

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The Enderlin WCTU served coffee, pie and ice cream to about 40 teachers in the Home Ec. room of the Enderlin Public School on Monday, Oct. 12th at 4:00 p.m.

Several large posters, showing the harmful effects of beverage alcohol, were displayed.

The latest catalog from our Publishing House and leaflets on aids in teaching narcotic facts were given to each teacher. A list of our films and film strips were given to the School Librarian and the School Principal. Mrs. Huntley explained how and where they could be obtained, to the group, she also passed out leaflets which explained about the narcotic education packets for each grade, explaining their helpfulness.

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The Bottineau WCTU invited the WCTU of Rugby to their annual picnic in July. About nineteen guests came in a hired school bus. The picnic was held in the Bottineau City Park. Following the supper an interesting program was given. This included devotions, taken from the Union Signal and several readings from other pamphlets. One of the Bottineau members gave an interesting report of her recent visit to the Holy Land and the Congo in Africa. Another member, a retired Missionary from Rhodesia, told us of some of the drinking problems there. The president of the Rugby union gave an interesting report of their activities. They have about twenty members.

The Bottineau President and Treasurer along with two other members attended the State Convention in Minot on the second day. The Treasurer's husband, an honorary member, attended the banquet and part of the meeting. One of the Bottineau members reported enjoying the Spiritual tone of the convention.

Day Camp

On August 5, 1970, our Cavalier WCTU sponsored its third annual Loyal Temperance Legion Day Camp in our City Park. Mrs. Leonard Bilden of Northwood, State LTL chairman, assisted us by conducting the first two Day Camps. However, this third Day Camp was conducted jointly by two local WCTU members, namely, Mrs. M. W. Gunter and Mrs. Chester Webb.

National material used was entitled, "Good Ship LTL." After registration of nineteen boys and girls, pledges to the American, Christian and Temperance flags were given in unison. Several stories from "The Young Crusader" were used and two lively songs were sung. A flannelgraph story entitled "Away With You! Unwelcome Guests," was enjoyed.

Six out of the seven girls who were sent to YTC Camp at Cooperstown this year by the local union, were present to assist with the handcraft and serving of the refreshments to the Day Campers. Two of the girls gave brief reports of their camping experiences.

The cookies were made by volunteers from our union and several came to help. Mrs. Fred Forbes was lunch chairman. Others helping were Mesdames McKechnie, Schluchter and Lila Belle Fuller.

Before the refreshments were served all of the 19 boys and girls signed the Temperance pledge. Handcraft was enjoyed. White sailer hats were made from Dairy Queen bags, reversed and labelled LTL. Small name tags in the shape of an anchor, in keeping with the theme, were tied to each small wrist.

Happy boys and girls went home filled with cookies, lemonade, good resolutions and handwork trophies.

THANKSGIVING

Have you ever stopped to realize that without God there would be nothing for which to be thankful? We are reminded time and time again of the goodness of God, in the Holy Scriptures. We have a heavenly Father who knoweth that we have need of food and clothing, therefore we can give thanks.

"The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad."

—Ora M. Schuyler
N. Y. Temperance Work

81ST ANNUAL STATE WCTU CONVENTION—

I'm sure that all of us were pleased to re-elect all of our State General Officers. Mrs. Jarrett dedicated the officers in a very touching ceremony. I enjoyed the Directors hour in which each director told of the work done in her department, and the dedication of six little White Ribbon Recruits by the State Director, Mrs. Joe Holt, was precious. One father and mother brought four little children — what a family unit! Two mothers each brot one little child. We are happy to see parents concerned for their children.

We don't want to leave out our two oldest members, who were present, Mrs. Bessie Beasley, 86 and former Editor of the White Ribbon Bulletin, and Mrs. Mattie Truax, 96, another great WCTU worker. These two attended the entire convention, showing keen interest in what was going on in the work. Their pictures are in this issue. While talking about former great workers, I want to mention about the WCTU flag which was lost years ago and was found at Drayton by the young pastor there who contacted me about it. Last May he brot it to me and I had it dry cleaned. It's a beautiful silk flag with silk fringe. It has a very good stand with a white metal bow at the top. All seemed glad to have it back, especially the older ones. I was pleased with the attendance at all of the sessions, even Youth Night. There were 92 registered - 77 active members and 15 honorary members. We were happy, too, to have so many pastors with us.

Friday evening was Youth Night, and very interesting with singing and speaking by the youth, followed by a talk by Dr. James Brandt, counselor, psychologist at the Minot State College. Having visited Rock festivals and places where hippies live in Madison, Wisc., he was able to warn young people about drugs and that kind of life. He gave three reasons for youth using drugs: broken homes, lack of communication with parents and curiosity. He told the youth that they are living in difficult times but why add drugs as an additional burden to carry.

A fruesta, by the Sawyer union followed this meeting. Thanks to all who helped to make this a good convention.

Hazel Huntley, Man. Editor.

RESOLUTIONS— (Continued)

convention here, and for the excellent arrangements made for our comfort and convenience; to the pastor, Rev. Marshall Vaughn, and the trustees of the First Church of the Nazarene, for the use of this fine building; to the citizens who welcomed us and opened their homes to us; to those who gave us the fine music; to those who gave us such hearty and sincere welcomes; to those who served the banquet and other meals. We especially thank our guest speaker, Mrs. T. Roy Jarrett, World President, for her informative and inspirational message, and our thanks to all others whose kindness and cooperation made this State Convention a very real success.

Respectfully submitted,
 Five General Officers
 Mrs. Ralph Kraft
 Mrs. Lyle Trapp.

Don't expect too much of Christmas Day. You can't crowd into it any arrears of unselfishness and kindness that may have accrued during the past 12 months.

—Oren Arnold

CHRISTMAS

And Jesus Was Born

"Light looked down and beheld Darkness,
 'Hither will I go,' said Light
 Peace looked down and beheld War,
 'Hither will I go,' said Peace.
 Love looked down and beheld Hatred,
 'Hither will I go,' said Love.
 So came Light, and shone;
 So came Peace, and gave rest;
 So came Love, and brought Life.
 Light and Peace and Love said,
 'Hither will I go,' and Jesus was born."

—Teunis E. Goywens

PICTURES FROM STATE CONVENTION



At left, Mrs. Joe Holt, State Director, making White Ribbon Recruits of six little children brought by the parents for dedication.

MINOT DISTRICT OFFICERS



Minot District Officers at dedication service at District Convention. These Officers took a major part in the State Convention. L. to R. Mrs. Huntley, dedicator; Mrs. Everett Johnson, Treas.; Mrs. George Fannik, Sec.; Mrs.s Vernon Forthun, Vice President; and Mrs. Ed Fannik, President.

"God's love gave Christmas to the world, and only that love in human hearts can keep Christmas in the world."

Tribute to Our Oldest Member

November 7, 1874, a daughter, Mattie, was born to William and Catherine Gibb in Compton, Quebec, Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Gibb were formerly from Wigtonshire, Scotland. When Mattie was six years old, the family moved to Lake Park, Minnesota. Seven years later they moved to four miles south of Des Lacs, North Dakota.

The father, William Gibb, upon finding no schools in this new territory promptly brought governesses from Scotland to care for the educational needs of his family as well as for other families in the surrounding area. While attending High School, Mattie became a member and an organizer of the Good Templers in the Minot school as well as in Towner. This was a Temperance organization among the youth in the schools. Later on she helped Mrs. George Wilson organize an LTL.

Mattie Gibb grew up in an atmosphere of christian love in a christian family, which was exemplified by her entrance into teaching school and her church activities. Her first school was in 1892 in St. Mary's district, north of Burlington. After this she attended the Minot State Teachers College for two years. This was followed by her teaching near what is now Upham and Willow City. During this period Mattie became a charter member of the "Mary Young" WCTU of Towner.

In 1894 she joined the First Presbyterian church in Minot, where she is still a member. Her church activities included teaching Sunday School classes, organizing the first Christian Endeavor Group, being a Charter member of the first Missionary Society there, and in 1911 became a member of the Board of the Minot Presbyterian. She was also active in other organizations in which the WCTU held an important place.

Shortly after her marriage to Charles F. Truax in 1899 in Minot, she began filling various offices in the WCTU. She was local president for several years. In 1926 she was elected vice president of the Minot district WCTU and later became it's president. She attended all the district conventions and most of the state conventions. She also attended several National conventions, one in Washington, D.C. and one in Long Beach, California, beside several others. In 1950 she attended the World WCTU Convention in England. For several years she was State Director of Radio and TV.

Mrs. Truax has been a faithful worker in the Temperance cause since her High School days when she became a Good Templar and then got the other High School students to become Good Templers too. She has been a faithful member for over seventy years and her smiling face has been an inspiration to all of us. By the time you read this she will be ninty-six years old, November 7, 1970. She, along with Mrs. Bessie Beasley, who is now 86 years old and has attended every state convention for 55 years and was for 40 years our state Recording Secretary and for 20 years was the Editor of the White Ribbon Bulletin, attended all the sessions of this 81st Annual Convention of the WCTU in North Dakota, and took keen interest in the proceedings. The statement was made that if you want to live long just join the WCTU. I am inclosing a picture taken of Mrs. Truax and Mrs. Beasley together at this convention, both wonderful christian women and faithful workers in our organization.

I will conclude with these verses from the Bible: "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High, shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. . . With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation." Ps. 91:1, 16.

Managing Editor.



L. to R., Mrs. Mattie Truax, Mrs. Bessie Beasley, at WCTU Convention in Minot, September 30 - October 2.

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