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President's Letter

Dear White Ribboners:

The Lord is the saving strength of His anointed. Psalms 28:8.

Greetings from home, after a 57 day stay in the hospital — it was quite an experience, and I hope with many lessons learned. I want to express my deepest gratitude for all the many lovely cards, letters of encouragement, and especially the Birthday shower of cards, along with the money which was included. It was such a beautiful gesture, and so thrilling. I would love to answer each one individually, but I'm sure you understand that I am not physically able; but as I opened and read them, I saw each one of your dear faces and thanked God for you. I want to give thanks, too, to those who visited me so faithfully while I was in the hospital. Laura Forthun called on me every day or so, and kept especial track of my condition. I have so much to thank God for, and to know Jesus as my personal Saviour. I'm sure that it was your prayers that brought about my recovery as quickly as it was.

It has been so heartening to hear of all the good work that is being done by the different unions — such as institutes, giving of literature and showing of films. Three films were shown in the Minot schools, and many thousands saw them. The new film "Just One" seems to be taking very well. I hope that we will soon have one on drugs. There is so much to be done, and it seems that we must be on our toes every minute. The attempt to get Marihuana to be legalized is very strong. It seems that all admit that alcohol is worse, so we must not let up on our fight against it.

Let us not forget that March 31 is the deadline for our "Foot of Quarters," and do our best to fill as many as possible. North Dakota does not fail!

We will soon be holding our mid-year officers meeting so we trust you will get your requests in for your District Convention meeting speakers which are not too far off! Time really gets away from us. Let us see how many new members we can get before that time. I feel that more people are getting alarmed at the many evils that are coming upon us, and we should be able to convince them that they need to join us to help fight the evils. Today is the day that they may vote on allowing the nineteen year olds to drink; we have heard many that are not in favor of it, so we will hope and pray that it does not pass.

The present plans are to have State Convention in Dickinson. I cannot at this time tell you the place, or the specific dates, but will as soon as possible. I hope many of you are making plans to attend World Convention in Chicago. There will be only one day of committee meetings for our delegates.

Thank you again for all you have done for me in my illness and may you have a very joyous Easter Season as we rejoice over our Living, Loving Lord.

Praying that the Lord will give all of you a very fruitful year,

With much love and appreciation,
Eva M. Peet.

"I am a total abstainer from alcoholic liquors. I always felt I had a better use for my head." Thomas A. Edison.

PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS, youth is our greatest asset and resource, and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William L. Guy, Governor of the State of North Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of April 18-24, 1971, as

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of North Dakota to be affixed this 21st Day of January, 1971.

WILLIAM L. GUY,
Governor

ATTEST:
BEN MEIER
Secretary of State
By: Jay M. Bryant
Deputy

PLEDGE OF SPRING

The Spring will come again to field and hill
As it has come each year. The snow will melt
And every rock-strewn brook and river fill
To overflow. The last storm will have dealt
Its wintry blast. Once more blue skies will boast
The flight of whirring wings, unerring, strong.
Each swamp and fen will glisten with a host
Of marigolds, and frogs will chant their song.
Grass roots will quicken underneath the earth,
And songbirds' mating carols fill the air,
The groves and meadows dance with silent mirth,
And buttercups spill color everywhere.
Then every budding flower and green-leafed tree
Will be a pledge of immortality.

— Bess Berry Carr, The War Cry

SPRINGTIME

I went in search of Spring one day,
I looked on hill and dale;
I found a robin redbreast's nest
And crossed a chipmunk's trail.
I sniffed the blossoms on the trees.
I tramped through the rain
I saw a rainbow in the sky,
I wandered down the lane.
I found the promise of new life.
Wherever I had trod,
Some folks might call it Springtime -
But I call it, God.

April - Sunshine - magazine.

Promotion Secretary's Letter

"We may boldly say, the Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me." Heb. 13:6.

"A mighty fortress is our God
A bulwark never failing;
Our helper He amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing."

Dear Co-Workers:

May the above verse of scripture give us courage and may we all experience its truth as we go forward in our fight against alcohol. Time is passing very rapidly and we must be diligent if we are to accomplish the many tasks which lie before us.

I know you are eager to hear the outcome of the Victory Ahead Contest. Of the 16 unions that participated Northwood had the most points, with Prosper following close behind. Enderlin had the largest percentage of points based on membership as of Sept. 1. Benedict ranked first in the number of new members gained during the contest. They secured 5 new members. A total of 24 new women members and 21 new Honorary members was gained during the contest. Thank you to each union that took part. It was encouraging to hear from so many and I am sure this number can be doubled next time.

The Century Builder Score Sheets have been sent to each union and here EACH union has an equal chance to win. May I urge you to please try your best to reach the goals listed. All you need for each of items No. 1 and 2 is ONE NET GAIN, and the other goals are not difficult to reach. It is something that all can do. So please make a special effort to be a Century Builder Union. Send one copy of the score sheet to me by June 30 and keep the second copy for your records.

During the past year we had two Flagbearer Unions, with a 10% increase in membership. They are Prosper and Marion. Congratulations!

Have you won your seventh new member and given your seventh dollar to the Century Fund? If not, do it NOW.

YTE Week is April 18-24. Again this year church bulletin inserts are available from Signal Press. These inserts have a clear message and can be used on school bulletin boards and literature racks in public places. The cost is 50c per 50 and 80c per 100. The YTE posters are \$2.75 per 50 and \$4.25 for 100. I trust that each union is planning to have something special for the young people during YTE Week.

The new poster entitled "Drug Abuse is Dangerous" is excellent. This poster is 10½ by 16 inches and lists the various drugs, and the physical symptoms and dangers of the use of each one. The cost is \$1.40 per 50 and \$2.50 for 100.

Is your union a subscriber to the Monthly Promoter Packet of Literature? This contains "The Promoter" sheet which gives information on temperance materials and includes samples of new leaflets put out from time to time. It is available from Signal Press for \$1.00 per year.

"I am but one, but I am one, and though I cannot do everything, I can do SOMETHING." Let EACH one of us do what we can.

Sincere greetings,
Ragnhild Lima

DOWN TO EARTH

Though I'm thought square as I can be,
I'll take no trips with LSD
I'll go, and go without a fuss,
By plane or train or even buss.
Whatever means, whatever station,
I like to know my destination.

—Richard Armor, Wall Street Journal.

Christian Outreach

We are well into another year and this is a good time for us to review our department work sheets, which may give you suggestions for new projects to be done. There is something every union can do to promote education in temperance.

Be sure to save your work sheets and report all that you have done, even though your activities may be very few. It will help me make a more accurate state report this fall, of the various projects carried out by our unions.

June is our Light Line month and a good time to check our treasury to see if we have the \$8.80 it takes to become a Light Line Union. Remember that of this \$8.80, \$5.00 is a gift to the WCTU World program and \$3.80 is for a Union Signal subscription to a foreign missionary.

Last year we had an increase of four Light Line unions and this year we are hoping to do much better.

We should encourage missionary societies and church school classes to strengthen the missionary work in becoming "Beacon Lights" by contributing \$8.80 through the local WCTU to help promote World and National WCTU activities, the same as the Light Line Unions.

After our February review of the Life of Frances Willard, let us praise God for her and may each of us feel challenged anew in reach-out in service to humanity.

Mrs. Glen Stemen, Director.

Projection Methods BROADWAY SHAKE

1 Cup Pineapple Juice
¼ Cup Raspberry Syrup
¼ Cup Cream
¼ Cup Crushed Ice.

Put all ingredients in shaker. Shake well; serve immediately. 4 servings.

DATE-NUT CANDY

2 Cups Pitted Dates 2 Cups Walnuts.

Both dates and nuts must be put through fine blade of food chopper. They are even nicer if whirled in the blender. Each is to be done separately. Then mix together, using back of spoon until smooth. Spread about ½ inch thick on buttered plate. Let dry a bit, then cut into square or diamond shapes. Sprinkle with powdered sugar. If used for dessert, cut slightly larger, serving topped with whipped cream.

This candy is a nutritious snack that the children will welcome.

A PRAYER

Dear God

All this day is Thine. Help me to plan it so that every task will be completed with love and faith, so that I may serve Thee in the small things as well as the large.

Sign here _____

Then read Proverbs 21:5.

In His love,
Mrs. Robert McClear
Projection Methods

"The Bible has been the Magna Charta of the poor and oppressed. The human race is not in a position to dispense with it."

—Thomas Huxley.

Ere thou sleepest gently lay
Every troubled thought away,
Put off worry and distress,
Drop thy burden and thy care
In the quiet arms of prayer.

—Henry Van Dyke

Notes From The Unions

In observance of Temperance Day in the schools on the third Friday of January, the Lisbon WCTU, Lisbon Iota Sigma and the West Fairview WCTU, sponsored Dr. James E. Brant, a student Counselor at the Minot State College, to speak on Drugs and Drug Abuse. He spoke in the Gwinner, Lisbon and Verona public schools and the Methodist Church in Lisbon, showing films and giving very informative and convincing talks in each place. These talks were received very well by the pupils. Each session was followed by a question and discussion period.

The sponsors of these sessions wish to thank Mr. Brant for coming so far at this time of the year, when the temperature was so cold. Due to the extreme cold, he had some car difficulties and was unable to go to the Oakes school as scheduled.

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At their January meeting, the Lisbon WCTU held a special observance of Frances E. Willard's life and dedicated work for the cause of Temperance. Some of the members reported making calls and writing letters of protest about the bill on legalizing beer for eighteen year olds.

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For the Temperance Day observance in schools in January, the Oakes WCTU showed the film "Food For Thought" in the elementary Oakes and Guelph schools to grades second to sixth. They also showed the film "Any Boy, U. S. A." in the Oakes High School.

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The Northwood Union served a Teachers Tea at the Northwood public school, November 16, 1970, at 4:00 p.m. to acquaint them with the work of the WCTU. Mrs. Avis Osland was the speaker.

Then on December 29th, at 2:00 p.m. they sponsored a Tea for the residents and workers of the local Retirement Home and those at the Hospital. A program was given immediately after the lunch in the Home dining room.

At their January meeting the Northwood Union used "The Call to Prayer in The Age of Crisis," and members were asked to use it again individually, as requested, on January 16th.

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The January meeting of the Enderlin Union was held in the home of Mrs. Harold Pribbenow, with nine members and two Honorary members present besides one visitor. The "Call to Prayer in An Age of Crisis" was used in our devotions. The program was searching to our hearts. Prayer was offered for the officers and work of the World, National and state work as well as for the local.

At their February meeting it was reported that 30 letters in all had been written during the months of January and February to state legislators concerning the "Sunday Open for Work" law, opposing it, and the Bill to relax our present law on abortion. Some of these letters also went to the Department of the Armed Services, objecting to the serving of alcoholic beverages in army camps.

In January, eight booklets on alcoholic beverages and other narcotic drugs along with six posters by well known athletic coaches on drinking alcoholic beverages were put in the school library and in the school gym by the Enderlin Union.

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The Williston Union met at the home of Mrs. Harry Johnson on January 15th, using the "Call to Prayer In An Age of Crisis," as outlined in the White Ribbon Bulletin. A time of prayer was held for all of our work and its leaders. There weren't many out but those present felt that it was time well spent.

The Tower City WCTU met in early January for the regular meeting using "The Call to Prayer in An Age of Crisis." The vice president, Mrs. Herbert Meyer acted as leader for the occasion. Several members used the service again on January 16th as requested in the White Ribbon Bulletin.

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The Dickinson Union hosted a Frances Willard Tea at the Crown Room of the First National Bank, on February 16th, between the hours of 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The Union invited the local Police Commissioner and the law enforcement personnel of Dickinson and Stark County, also their wives, as well as the clergy and their wives to be their guests. The Union felt that this might bring about more understanding and co-operation among the groups, also showing the willingness of the WCTU to help in any way they could to bring about better law enforcement.

The Union here has been working hard and are seeing more interest. Prayers are being answered, though much prayer is still needed.

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During this past year the two Unions in Fargo have united under the name of Fargo WCTU. They have had several interesting programs. In February they had a Legislative program at which Mrs. Russell Duncan very ably discussed important legislative bills. Loving tribute has been paid in the meetings to several faithful members who have passed on to their eternal reward. As an added activity they have been making and buying things for layettes for North Dakota Indians.

Personal Mention

The Howard Stemen's, of Dickey, welcomed a new baby girl into their midst, on January 11th. This makes two boys and two girls in this little family. The three older children are all White Ribbon Recruits, so we are looking for a new little recruit soon. Congratulations!

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Mrs. A. V. Sheppard is recuperating from recent surgery in Hot Springs, Arkansas. We all wish you a speedy recovery! She and her husband celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in September, while at their summer home in Manvel, N. Dak.

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Mrs. A. R. King of Grand Forks, is also recuperating from surgery. Our wishes, too, are for a speedy recovery for you.

THE UNION SIGNAL	THE YOUNG CRUSADER
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Pen Points

"Bless The Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits;" Ps. 103:2.

Dear White Ribboners:

We have some things to rejoice over at this writing. First, our state president, Rev. Eva Peet, is home after 57 days of illness in a Minot hospital. While she isn't completely recovered, yet she is able to be home and to write her letter for our paper. I'm sure she'd appreciate our continued prayers for her complete recovery.

Another thing to be thankful for is that the bill to make it legal in North Dakota to keep business places open on the Lord's Day, was defeated and the bill to change our present law on abortion, which only permitted abortion when a mother's life was at stake, to one where this operation would be left to the woman and the doctor in charge, which, I'm afraid would have encouraged more immorality among our youth, was soundly defeated.

A third item to be thankful for is that since 1966 more than 13 million Americans are reported to have kicked the smoking habit," Arlene L. Fields. It is so much more pleasant now to watch TV without a constant advertisement of smoking before our eyes. It was disgusting to say the least. If smoking advertisement can be removed from the TV, why can't beverage alcohol advertisement be removed? We do have legislators which have suggested such a move. Read about this in the February, 1971, issue of the Union Signal and get busy with our letter writing to our congressmen to support such a move.

Remember again our Worlds WCTU Convention, July 28 - Aug. 5, 1971, in the Pick Congress Hotel, Chicago. This isn't so far away from us so perhaps many of you can plan to go. This also reminds me that we must get our hostess fund money from our "Foot of Quarters To Foot The Bill" in to our state treasurer by March 1st or as near that as possible. This fund will help with the World Convention but \$1.00 out of \$3.00 will stay in our treasury to help entertain our special guest, Miss Alli Palmroth of Helsinki, Finland. We don't want to let her down, so let's get busy and get all Hostess Fund money in to our Treasurer, telling what it is for.

Don't forget that March is Union Signal month and if you do not have the Union Signal, order this wonderful publication at once. YTE Week is coming up and I'm looking forward to seeing what each of you did to enlighten our youth during this week. Alcohol is even a worse enemy than drugs and leads to other drug addiction, as we know that beverage alcohol is a narcotic drug. We not only need to enlighten our youth about these enemies but we need to pray much for them in this evil day.

Hazel Huntley, Man. Editor

Bishop Ralph Cushman said: "The liquor problem is SUPREMELY the job of the church. I believe that the LIFE of the churches in America is at stake on the solution of the liquor problem."

Treasurer's Report

December 15, 1970 - February 15, 1971

DUES—Bismarck 9, Cavalier 3, Dickinson 8, Fargo 22, Fort Clark 1, McKenzie 8, Nekoma 12, Oakes 8, Rugby 1, Steele 12, West Fargo 1, Williston 2.

WILLARD MEMBERSHIPS—20.

HONORARY MEN MEMBERSHIPS—Bismarck 3, Benedict-Max 8, Jamestown 7, Oakes Iota Sigma 5, Prosper 12, Rugby 2.

LIGHT LINE UNIONS—Tappen.

FRANCES WILLARD FUND—Bismarck \$2.00, Cavalier \$5.00, Crosby \$5.00, Fargo \$2.00, Grand Forks Frances Willard \$2.00, Langdon \$6.00, Lisbon Iota Sigma \$3.00, Marion \$2.00, Max YTC \$2.00, McKenzie \$2.00, Napoleon \$2.00, Prosper \$2.00, Rugby \$2.00, West Fargo \$2.00, Williston \$2.00.

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TOTAL MEMBERSHIP—Women 640, Men 125.

Mrs. John Gunness, Treasurer

ONE IN A MILLION MEMBERS

Mrs. John Gunness, Fargo; Mrs. Gladys Bot, Lisbon; Mrs. Everett Johnson, Benedict-Max.

A Word To The Wise

Dear Friends:

It is Washington's Birthday, as I write; the sun is shining somewhat faintly through the clouds. Do we have snow here? Indeed we do; drifts almost as high as my head around the house, and out by the barn they are higher than the top of the sliding doors. There is time enough so we may get a lot more snow yet, before spring gets here. But the roads have been kept open so we get mail. Our faithful carrier has missed only one day in getting around his route, and that was the day I believe the papers called a 'blizzard' with visibility zero. My little house is snug and warm, the old friend who is keeping me company through the winter months keeps busy making quilt blocks, and every day we find something to laugh about.

Of course all of our women are distressed because of the illness of our State President, The Rev. Eva M. Peet, who has had to be hospitalized for a time this winter. Only our Heavenly Father knows how many prayers for her have gone and are still rising to Him every day, from our women who love and admire her. I hope all of you have written to her. Her address is in The White Ribbon Bulletin, and I am sure she will be glad to hear from our members at any time, and from any others who know her. Why not write again?

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

The Homeland! Oh, the Homeland!
The land of souls free-born;
No gloomy night is known there,
But aye the fadeless morn.

—H. E. Haweis.

The Frances Willard Union mourn the loss of a long time faithful member in the death of Mrs. Esther Roland who passed away in December, 1970, after a short illness at the age of 77 years.

She had been a member of the WCTU in Thief River Falls, Minnesota, before coming to Grand Forks in 1943.

She is survived by two sons, a daughter and nine grandchildren.

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Mr. C. B. Bernhardson, an Honorary member of the Grand Forks Frances Willard Union, passed away unexpectedly at his home recently. He was always very cooperative in bringing his wife and others to our meetings.

He is survived by his wife, a daughter and several grandchildren.

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Mrs. Gust H. (Marie I.) Sjoblom, 74, Bismarck, died December 1, 1970, in a Bismarck hospital.

She was born Jan. 3, 1896, at Bismarck to Robert and Anna Stebbins. Mrs. Sjoblom was a member of the Salvation Army, and a member of the local WCTU for more than twenty-five years, serving as its secretary for many years. She had also served as secretary of the Bismarck District several years ago. She was also a member of the Christian Woman's Fellowship, Gideon's International, the V.F.W. Auxiliary and Burleigh County Pioneer Association.

A WORD TO THE WISE (Continued)—

The daylight hours are growing longer again, so we know that spring is on the way. I wonder how many of us have accomplished those bits of work that we intended to do when cold weather kept us at home. I have not, but I still hope to 'catch up' on some letter writing. Everybody has been so wonderfully kind about writing to me. And I do wish to prove that I am grateful. If I write only one letter each day, I should make some progress. Just a short note is sometimes a great comfort. I had one like that this week, from the mother of a dear little girl of three years, who had major surgery last week, telling me that the little one is 'doing fine.'

It is hard to get all the WCTU work attended to during the winter months in our big state, but we can make plans for use in warmer weather.

Why not start a 'Round Robin' letter to go to all your members, one at a time, and urge each one to write something at once when she receives it, and then send it on to the next on the list? Have you visited your school this year? Do you have leaflets to give out? Do you have a catalog of literature available from the National WCTU? Do you read their advertisement that appears in every issue of the White Ribbon Bulletin? "If not, Why Not?"

Always your friend,
Elizabeth C. Beasley.

Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people.' Proverbs 14:34.

NEWS OF YTC

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Are you UNITING in effort to promote and publicize the week of April 18-24, 1971, as YTE Week? The governor's proclamation designating such a week may be found in this issue. (Remember to commend him for his concern, too). Additional materials may be ordered from SIGNAL PRESS, 1730 Chicago Ave., Evanston, Ill. 60201. Such as: YTE Week poster "United" at fifteen cents each or 25 for \$1.50. The bulletin inserts (similar to poster) are priced at \$.80 for 100. Leaflets: "Physicians Viewpoint" No. 264 are \$1.20 per 100. "Double-danger, Drugs and Alcohol" No. 1933 cost \$3.00 for 50; "Alcohol and Your Brain" (a reprint from the Reader's Digest) is No. 166 and sell for \$2.00 for 50. The ever popular Bee Bookmarks are \$.95 for 100. There is also a book of brand new selections for the senior speech contest, No. 30 for \$.75. Remember to check catalog for postage rates. Order WCTU films from Mrs. Robert McCleary, Dickey, N. Dak.

NOW, here's a quiz for you:

1 How many new verses have you added to our theme song? (We will use them at camp).

2. Did you note that two N. D. YTC councils earned national recognition and were listed in the January issue of the Union Signal?

3 How are the points adding up in each of the four departments? Remember the projects emphasized for YTE Week.

4 Have you sent in a news item or a picture to Mrs. E. J. Huntley, Enderlin, N. Dak.

5 Are you enlisting a friend or two to come to camp, July 7-11?

6 Have you sent in dues of fifty cents to Mrs. John Gunness, 114 9th Ave. N., Fargo?

A REMINDER OF WORLD YOUTH DAY at Pick-Congress Hotel, Chicago, July 31st, 1971. Check the January-February issue of the YTC Bulletin for details and cost. Begin now to earn money for camp and Youth Day.

YTC'erly,
 Mrs. Melvin Gangness

Dickinson YTC

The Dickinson YTC has been very active since the beginning of this year. In September we elected officers. We have all of the departments well started now. Our officers are President, Carla Auch; vice president, Glenodean Smith; secretary-treasurer, Noreen Auch; Christian Living Department, Carma Kulish; Social Department, Dale Clifton; Public Relations, Glenodean Smith; Education Department, Rhoda Klempel.

We have been studying narcotics for the past four or five months. We had a banquet in October at which Mrs. Peet spoke. We also had Mr. Robert Baird speak to us about the alcohol problem in Dickinson. We enjoyed both very much.

We are planning several membership drives as well as several fund-raising ideas. We plan on having a pro-

gressive supper in April during YTE Week. We also plan on participating in the WCTU speech contest.

So far this is all we have in mind.

This is the Dickinson YTC Signing Off,
 Carla Auch, President.

INSTITUTE

A joint institute was held at the Herby church by the members of the West Fargo and the Prosper unions. Theme of the institute was "In His Hands," with scripture passages from John 20:27 and Luke 24:36-40. Special music included a selection "The Nail-Scarred Hands" by a trio (Mrs. Geo. Rust, Mrs. Gil Gangnes, and Mrs. Gordon Langseth) and a solo by Mrs. Langseth, "How Shall The Young Secure Their Hearts."

The education department was stressed by Mrs. Gordon Langseth, and summarized with a skit called "Information Booth." Mrs. Harry Anderson of West Fargo had charge of the White Ribbon Recruit service, assisted by Mrs. Grace Lovas of the same union. Recruits were: Lori Beth Gangnes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gangnes, Argusville, and Michael William Lynde, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lynde, also of Argusville.

The film "The Choice is Yours," followed the fruesta hour, with fifteen guests and 18 members viewing the same. Comments were sobering, and leaflets were handed to the women present. Refreshments were served at the close of the second session. Mrs. Alvin Anderson, president of the Prosper union voiced her thanks in behalf of all members to all guests and participants.

WHITE RIBBON RECRUIT SERVICE



Left to right: Michael and Mrs. Lynda; Lori Beth and Mrs. Gangnes; Mrs. Harry Anderson.

WHY THE SOCIAL WASTE IN AMERICA

Beer is again being given the big advertising push in this country. "The Brewers Big Horses" are running again. Since cigarette advertising was declared on the way out "romantic" wines, beer and champagne are gradually filling the gap. These enticements enter millions of American homes, through TV channels. We are sowing a ghastly harvest by such permissiveness. Junior and his sister are being conditioned to like alcoholic drinks, even in Christian homes. On the other side of the social problem, relief rolls are increasing, a burden of poverty is laid on all taxpayers; in industry absenteeism and workers rendered incompetent through drink are creating a dangerous complex in the nation's production.

(Progress - December, 1970)

THE CHALLENGE FOR 1971

DR. SAMUEL A. JEANES

Those who remember their American history will recall how a woman stopped Benjamin Franklin outside of Carpenter's Hall in Philadelphia following the adoption of the Constitution in 1789. "What kind of government have you given us, Mr. Franklin?" she asked him. That great American statesman replied, "A Republic, madam if you can keep it." Franklin knew the contents of that document to which he had just affixed his signature. We ought to know it too. It gave us a government high in positive powers with its checks and balances to prevent misuse. But fundamentally it established so much a government of the people that the ultimate character of that government would be determined by the character of the people themselves.

That character today is indeed a caricature of a sick society that needs a physician - the Great Physician - if you please. Our society has been torn by violence while we continue to spend millions of dollars to enforce the law. Devisiveness has cut us asunder though we try to bind up our wounds with millions for education. Moral decay and corruption eat away at the national fibre while we stretch our ecclesiastical muscles to go beyond the walls of the church with the gospel, utilizing all the modern means of communication. We assassinate national leaders, murder judges in the court room, bomb public buildings, pollute not only the atmosphere but the minds and souls of our people with obscenity and filth, dabble in nudity, blow our minds with drugs and deaden our moral, mental and physical powers with alcohol. At the same time we spend multiplied millions of dollars for welfare at home, put our nation in debt to build the economy abroad, draw up social blueprints to grant every family a guaranteed income with or without work and finally put a man on the moon.

Of course there is still much good in America, but repeatedly this good is diluted by evil. We are so undisciplined spiritually that Paul's words fittingly describe us, "For the good that I would, I do not, but the evil which I would not, I do." We have breathed in so much of the current anesthesia of personal freedom and personal rights without responsibility that we have lost our power of protest and all we can do is faintly gasp out the words, "Anything Goes!"

But the character of our people is important, because it is their character that will determine their government. We must come to grips with those things that undermine, weaken and destroy human character. A man may be economically poor but he can be morally good. He may live in poor housing but he can have a soul that possesses the riches of the Spirit. He may read by candlelight but if he makes good thoughts a part of the furnishings of his mind and spirit he will be a good man. And with God's help he can rise above the evil and will discover within himself a divine initiative that will enable him to make a way in the world.

We cannot deal with all the evils that can make a man less than God intended him to be. Our task today is very specific. The evil before us is very well defined. It is propagandized by press, radio and television, utilized in high and low places, idolized by some politicians who tax it and glamorized by the Madison Avenue fraternity. But its destructive nature must be advertised so that all will be warned. It should be stigmatized by the church, penalized by every court and legislature and ostracized by every community in the land. The enemy is beverage alcohol.

Let me set forth for your consideration a program of action for 1971.

1. THE CASE AGAINST ALCOHOL MUST BE PUBLICIZED. Americans must be shocked by the

facts . . . the bare facts of the toll that alcohol is taking upon human life. Drugs are deadly but alcohol is deadlier. And alcoholism is the number one health problem of the nation. Alcoholism is caused, not by a virus, not by a germ, not by an infection . . . it is caused by drinking alcohol. Dr. Daniel X. Freedman, the Director of the American Psychiatric Association's task force on drug abuse is quoted by the AMERICAN DRUGGIST magazine of November 30, 1970 as saying, "America's major drug problem is alcohol, not marijuana, amphetamines, nor LSD." As proof he points out that there are between seven to nine million alcoholics in the United States and that alcohol caused 30,000 deaths on the highways of America each year. And Virginia Payette in a syndicated column reported that half of all first admissions to mental institutions can be associated with the use of beverage alcohol as can also 40% of all arrests. She also said that \$9 billion in individual and industrial losses find their cause in alcohol consumption. Chargeable also to this public enemy are untold agonies from cirrhosis, diabetes, gout, high blood pressure, heart disease and brain damage to say nothing of the insufferable anguish leading to insanity, divorce and suicide. Take a pencil and paper and figure out for yourself the cost of caring for nine million alcoholics who cannot work nor care for themselves because of the ravages of beverage alcohol as well as the care of those who are dependent upon them. Taxation on liquor would not begin to pay the bill for such loss.

We need to band together our forces to create a loud, positive and articulate voice that will disseminate these facts again and again to the church constituency, editors of both the secular and religious press, the communication media, leaders of labor, industry and government and every citizen of the land. The case against beverage alcohol is so damaging that only a thoughtless man or a knave would speak out in its defense if he knows the facts.

2. WE MUST ALSO ADOPT A STRATEGY AGAINST ALCOHOL. Wars are won by studied, reasoned and aggressive action. One man secured equal time on radio and television to alert America to the dangers of cigarette smoking. One man, the Surgeon General of the United States, called the attention of the American people to the fact that "cigarette smoking is a health hazard of sufficient importance in the nation to warrant appropriate remedial action. And cigarette advertisements have vanished from radio and television. Does not the existence of millions of known alcoholics plus the fact that cumulative brain damage and chronic degenerative diseases can be attributed to the drinking of beverage alcohol warrant not only a pronouncement about the health hazards of alcohol by the Surgeon General but also restrictive action by the Congress on the advertising of such a health destructive product?

Never forget that it is the health, life and safety of our citizens that are in jeopardy. We, the tax payers, are shouldering the burden of care for the broken wrecks created by the liquor industry. A current release from the Nation's Capitol indicates that the Secretary of Transportation and the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare have signed an agreement for coordinating alcoholism programs for the National Institute of Mental Health and the Highway Traffic Safety Administration. This agreement followed the signing by the President of the \$300 million Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcohol Prevention Treatment and Rehabilitation Act. The report says that a huge public education program via all media will be used to center local attention on "undisciplined driving" and to demonstrate that "reasonable" drinking is not incompatible with modern living. Do you believe that? How much "reasonable" drinking can a

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man do before he takes his car out on the New Jersey Turnpike without becoming a menace to other drivers? The government report admits that alcohol causes 800,000 accidents on the highways and accounts for economic losses estimated at \$7 to \$8 billion dollars a year. If we do not like our tax money spent to promote "reasonable drinking" some letters ought to be going to Capitol Hill in protest.

This evil will never be curtailed by apathy, lethargy or indifference. Evil men are always busy while good men do nothing. In every community as well as on the national scene we must put into action the slogan of Frances Willard . . . "Educate, Agitate and Legislate."

3. **THINK ALSO OF THE POWER THAT CAN DEFEAT THIS EVIL.** Do we need to be reminded that "we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places?"

Dr. W. A. Criswell of Dallas, in an excellent fifteen page booklet called **WATER OR WINE**, takes the reader back through thousands of years to the ancient civilization of Babylon to discover a man with courage enough to say when the pressure was on to drink wine, "Give us water to drink!" The enticement and enducements of that ancient kingdom to conform to custom were there. But Daniel and his three friends courageously said, "Give us water to drink!" Daniel had purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the king's wine . . . What a choice of words! Defile himself! Daniel had character and God had a role for him - a leadership role for God always uses men of character. It was only the power of God that strengthened him. And it is only by His power through Christ our Saviour that we can accomplish our righteous task. We need believers who will have sufficient courage to say, "Give us water to drink! - not alcohol! - not wine!" This must be the theme sounded often in every pulpit and every Sunday School class. It should be well known and accepted as practice as well as faith in every Brotherhood and Women's organization, the youth groups and every body of people that bears the name of Christ and seeks to be their brother's brother.

And with the message of temperance must always go the power of the Gospel. It must be taken to the people one by one. The Charlotte, N.C., Observer on Christmas Day, 1970, wrote about the Christmas Eve visit of Methodist Bishop Earl Hunt to the men and women in the Mecklenburg County jail. He undertook this visit to encourage ministers throughout the area to seek out those in trouble. Often gripping the bars and thrusting his white maned head forward to peer into the cells the Bishop told the prisoners there is a "miracle at Christmas." "God cared enough to come to us as a man. This is Christmas Eve and the meaning of Christmas, of course, is the love of Jesus Christ that has come for all of us." "That love," the Bishop said, "can redeem us, restore us and help us pick up the pieces of our lives."

And it is only that love that can create character . . . Christian character . . . righteous character that can overcome evil and perpetuate on this continent a government and a society that will be an honor to God and a blessing to all mankind.

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"More than three billion workers are now alcoholics, or 5.3 per cent of all workers in business, industry and civilian government. This represents a rise of at least one million new alcoholics over the past five years. Tragically it is that our nation—or any nation—has to suffer such loss in both manpower and money before it can be brought face to face with the reality of its plight and be led to deal with the cause of the problem rather than merely dabbling at the surface." (Mr. Francis A. Soper.)

THE GLAD EASTER MESSAGE

On this happy Easter morning
Tokens everywhere we see
Of the resurrection wonder,
Viewed in every budding tree.
Lillies in the grassy meadow
Springing fresh from bed in earth,
Speak to us of new creation,
Through our Saviour's lowly birth.
Hallelujah! Christ is risen,
That from earth we too might rise—
Changed, and glorified and ready
For our mansions in the skies.
Who but He, the world's Redeemer,
Could achieve this triumph great?
Hallelujah! This same Jesus
Comes again—for Him we wait.

Alice Maude Tarbell

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