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## President's Letter

Dear White Ribboners:

He giveth more grace! James 4:6.

Here it is time for another chat with you. By the time this reaches you, summer will be about half gone-how time flies! Since the last writing, many events have taken place, one of which saddened all of our hearts; that was the tragic accident which took the lives of two of oour outstanding YTC girls, Beverley Johnson, and Marjorie Fannick. Our hearts go out in deep sympathy to the parents and loved ones.

Truly we have marveled at the wonderful Christian grace with which they withstood this great shock; surely they have mainifested that "He giveth more grace." These two lovely grils will be missed also by their many friends, as well as al of us, but we rejoice that they left such a wonderful Christian testi-

mony.

Since the last time I wrote, I spent another eight days in the hospital; this time with intestinal infection, but thank God, it has cleared up. I hope this ends my hospital trips

We look forward to YTC camp July 7-11 and

trust that this will be the best camp yet.

I hope to be able to visit for a day or two.

Then comes National and World WCTU Convention July 8-August 4, in Chicago at the Pick-Congress Hotel. Mrs. LeRoy Bartle, our fine Vice-President will represent me, as I don't feel equal to the rigors of such an extended convention. I very much appreciate that she is willing to go in my place.

Our state is allowed only one delegate at the World Convention, but it is a great opportunity for any who can attend as a visitor, an I understand that we

have some who are planning to attend.

We should have some good reports at State Convention, which will be coming up October 6-8 at Dickingson, and we hope many are making plans to be there, we want this to be another outstanding Convention, and your presence is needed.

Mrs. Kulish is already making great plans. The place is the Seventh Day Adventist Church, 22 East

8th Street, Dickinson.

My heart has rejoiced at the good reports of your District Conventions. This year I was privileged to

attend one-at Minot.

It has been so encouraging to hear of all of your projects, and the work that is being done all over the state, and to know that our WCTU women are not relenting in their efforts to combat the alcohol and drug evils of our day.

We must not let down in our efforts especially with the new menace of trying to legalize marihuana, and to make people believe that it is not a dangerous drug, when we know that a large number go on to the

harder drugs.

It is reported that marihuana was involved in the

recent Alberquerque riot.

How said too, to hear how many of our service men are coming home as drug addicts! Truly our challenge is great. Let us not forget to keep working at membership, and moving "on to the century" mark. We welcome the new Mrs. Ottinger into our fellowship and wish them many years of happiness! May all go well with you, and His presence be your constant comfort and guide.

The Ottingers new address is: Dr. and Mrs. A. D. Ottinger, 1525 N. 3rd St., Fargo, N. Dak. 58102.

Looking up with hopes for new victories,

Lovingly, Eva M. Peet

# Promotion Secretary's Letter

"The Lord seeth not as man seeth." I Samuel 16.7.

"Whatsoe'er our lot may be. Calmly in this thought we'll rest-Could we see as Thou dost see, We should choose it as the best."

Dear Co-Workers:

Our hearts go out in deep sympathy to the families of two of our beloved YTCers, Beverly Johnson and Marjorie Fannik who were suddenly taken from us in an automobile accident. It is a warning for each one of us to be ready to meet the Lord, and also to do what we can to reach our young people. May God comfort the sorrowing ones.

Our WCTU year is quickly drawing to a close. Have you organized that new WCTU, LTL or YTC? There is still time. May I urge each district president to TRY to organize a new group before Aug. 31. I would be so pleased to hear from you to the effect that this

has been accomplished.

According to the report in the last issue our membership was 750. This is far short of what it was last year. If there are unions who still have not sent in the dues for 1970-71 may I urge the treasurer to collect these dues and send them in immediately to Mrs. Gunness. Please be working to win NEW members so that our state may be net gain by World Convention time.

It is a rare privilege to have the World Convention so close this year .It is hoped that a goodly number from

North Dakota will be able to attend.

Please do not forget the parliamentary quiz. The deadline for sending me the answers is July 31. The study of parliamentary procedure is important as it helps the union conduct its business more efficiently.

Please study the annual report blanks carefully and answer each item. Please return to me by AUGUST 31. The department directors will fill in the blanks on the yellow work sheets sent to each union by the state director. These should be returned to the state directors

by September 15.

Continue working the One in a Million Plan. Win that new member and give your dollar to the Century Fund. Are you a "White Ribbon Investor"? You ARE if you have gained at least 10 new members and given \$10.00 to the Century Fund since the program began in 1964. If you have reached this goal please let me know.

We trust you are planning ahead for the state convention to be held in Dickinson Oct. 6-8. Great things are in store, among them, an inspiring message by Mrs. H. J. Bodine of St. Paul. Will YOU be there?

Sincere greetings, Ragnhild Lima

#### THE BIBLE REPLIES

Who was the first drunkard?—Gen. 9: 20-21.
Who took the first temperance pledge? —Judges
13: 13-15.

Did anybody mentioned in the Bible ever take a pledge of his own accord?—Dan. 1:8

Was he any healthier or wiser in consequence?—

Ought kings to drink wine?—Prov. 31:4.

Can any drunkard enter the Kingdom of Heaven?—I Cor. 6:9-10.

Ought we to make companions of drunkards?—I Cor. 5-11.

Does God pronounce woe upon drunkards?—Isa. 5:11-21.

Is temperance a vice?—Gal. 5:23.

-Vermont Home Guards.

## A Word To The Wise

Dear Friends:

June, as I write, and to my mind the most beautiful time of the whole year in our prairie state. The time when grain fields and pasture land, gardens, roadsides, and the trees that form shelter belts, and groves are all wearing their lovely new dresses of green. There are flower gardens too, resplendent with the bright red and pink Peonies. Even the humble dandelion, scorned by many, gives great pleasure to the children who pick them in handfuls. My kitchen has a bright yellow bouquet picked and brought to me by little hands, almost every day.

The District conventions held earlier, I am sure have given a "boost" to the spirits of all who attended them; are we going to follow the good suggestions? I wonder how many, hearing what others have done, have said to themselves — and to others, I hope — We can do that. Such meetings as our district conventions are not just social gatherings, fine as they are in promoting acquaintance and friendship among members. Hearing what others are doing and planning to do can be like opening a new door. One thing we all can

do, is pray for the work and the workers.

Many years ago, when I was a teenager, I attended a small school located about nine miles from my home. That was before there were high schools in almost every small town. That one was called "Grand Prairie Seminary" and was sponsored by Methodist Churches. There was a Chapel service every school morning, which all students were expected to attend. I still recall some of the things I heard said there. But the memory that has never faded, is of the elderly uncle with whom I stayed then and the prayers he conductel every morning. Bits of the petition he voiced are engraved on my brain. Kneeling beside his chair, he would nearly always say, in the course of his prayer, "Remember our friends with much mercy, hold them in thy kind and protecting care," and always, before he said "Amen" - "Hasten the time when WARS shall be no more when Intemperance and the saloon shall be banished from our land and, world, and when none shall say unto his brother "Know Ye the Lord? for all shall know Him." (How little our needs have changed!)

My uncle was a retired farmer, the son of a minister he had taught school in the winter, for a time. He read a good deal and talked well, taught the men's class in

Sunday School for years.

I hope there are many men like him today, I do not happen to know any. But let us never allow ourselves to say "What's the Use?" Let us kept on praying.

Who knows what young person may be watching us?

Elizabeth C. Beasley

## THE VOTER'S OBLIGATION

It is a citizen's duty to vote.
Ignoring a duty does not remove it.
Indifference to duty does not diminish responsibility.
Interest your friends and neighbors in voting.
Invest your vote in worthy candidates.

"It isn't the number of qualified voters, but the number of qualified voters who vote that constitute the strength of a nation."

—Abraham Lincoln

#### Bismarch District

The 72nd Bismarck District WCTU Convention was held at the Fire Hall in Tappen, April 29, 1971. Thirty-four were registered from the five unions who were represented including three visitors.

District president, Mrs. Chester Huhncke, Steele, was presiding officer. After registration and coffee, she called the meeting to order. The hymn "Back To God America" was sung by the group and Rev. Marvin Schulz who led the devotions also sang "How Great

Thou Art", accompanied by Mrs. Lind.

Mrs. Lester White of Steele, led the salutes to the three flags. Mrs. Mahin of Tappen welcomed the delegates and visitors and Mrs. Lind responded. The minutes of the 1970 convention were read and approved, also the Treasurer's report was read and accepted. Reports from five of the six unions were read, since there was no one from the Fort Clark union present. Mrs. Julia Bender of Bismarck conducted the Memorial hour. A delicious luncheon was served by the Tappen ladies.

The convention re-concened at 1:00 P.M. with Rev. Huntley leading the devotions. The guest speaker was Mrs. E. J. Huntley, Editor of the White Ribbon Bulletin, who gave an interesting and informative address.

Mrs. Huntly took charge of the election. All former officers were re-elected for the ensuing year. They are: President—Mrs. Chester Huhncke, Steele; First Vice-President—Mrs. Lester White, Steele; 2nd Vice-President—Mrs. Richard Salter, Menoken; Treasurer — Mrs. Cornelius DeKrey, Steele; Secretary—Mrs. Henry Larson, McKenzie.

The entries to the poster contest all came from Bismarck and first, second and third place ribbons were placed on the posters in that order. In the speech contest which followed Jodi Bodovig was the Bronze medal winner and Renee White the Silver medal winner.

Mrs. Richard Salter conducted the White Ribbon Recruit Service for James A. Adams of Tappen. Plans were made for sending young people to the YTC Camp at Cooperstown in July.

The 1972 convention will be hosted by the Steele union. After adjournment coffee and cookies were ser-

ved.

## THE UNION SIGNAL THE YOUNG CRUSADER

The World WCTU convention is just around the corner. What about giving a gift subscription to the UNION SIGNAL to the guest your state is sponsoring; also a gift subscription to the YOUNG CRUSADER for a missionary working with children. Be thinking about the above suggestion and then bring your subscriptions to the convention in July.

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**Notes From The Unions** 

Mrs. George Ivery and Miss Frieda Hagel of the Bismarck union, distributed about 1,350 pieces of temperance literature at the May Day parade. They said they had a chance to give to all kinds of people including boys, girls, teen-agers (long hair and otherwise) and all seemed happy to get and read them. The ladies said that they saw different ones reading the leaflets and that after the parade they saw no leaflets laying on the streets.

The May meeting of the Bismarck union was held in the Library, May 11th, with Rev. David Walters of the First Pentacostal church, as speaker. He labeled drinking as a sin, since the Bible says that no unsaved drunkard can go to heaven. He said that the cure for drunkeness is Jesus Christ.

Nine or ten of the women also went to the Missouri Slope Lutheran Home and sang songs, Mrs. Elizabeth Lind also sang a lovely solo, following this with devotions. After devotions the whole group sang two songs. The ladies distributed 85 flower nut cups containing nuts and candy. They were received with much appreciation.

The ladies next went to the St. Vincents Home, putting on their program there and giving out 94 of these lovely flower nut cups made from egg cartons, with candy and nuts in each. The folks here were also thrilled to be remembered. \* \* \* \* \*

The Hettinger WCTU sponsored a program, April 24th, in observance of "Youth Temperance Education Week". The meeting was in the "Friendship 7" room of the First National Bank. The program began with group singing and devotions. The film "Just One" was viewed by members and several youth.

A speech contest was held with students from grade 9 participating. The winner was awarded an expense paid trip to the YTC camp at Cooperstown in July. While the speeches were being judged, the leaflet entitled "Debits vs. Credits" was used in the form of a quiz, which led to some interesting discussion. Posters made by the 5th grade students of the Hettinger public school were displayed—these were judged previous to the meeting.

A song was sung by the group at the close of the program, after which all enjoyed cup cakes, coffee and fruit drink.

The film "Just One" was also used in the Hettinger school during YTE Week. It was viewed by all Junior and Senior High students and was highly praised by the school principal.

The Dickey Union observed Youth Temperance Education week by showing the film "Just One" in the Marion school and distributing leaflets ,April 21st. At 1:30 P.M. of that day the Dickey and Marion unions met in the United Methodist church parlors to exchange ideas and to evaluate their work. A short meeting was conducted.

At 4:00 P.M. cookies, bars, coffee and fruit juice were served to fifteen school faculty members and ministers. Temperance material was made available for the teachers to use in their class rooms. Mrs. LeRoy Bartle, the District president, who is also the State Vice-President, was present at this meeting.

The Enderlin Union observed the Youth Temperance Education Week by providing the film "The Choice Is Yours" to be shown in the Enderlin public school. It was used during the week and was shown in the different grades of the school. The union also gave out literature to the different church youth groups.

The Northwood Union held it's regular public meeting in the Evangelical Lutheran church on April 25th with a goodly number in attendance. The program consisted of a Bell choir, Washington church Men's chorus, piano solo by Elma Osking of Hattin, and an accordion solo by Grace Jacobson of McVille. The speaker was Harold Valinski of Grand Forks. A question and answer period followed his talk. Winners in the poster contest received their awards after this. A delicious lunch was served following the meeting.

At the June meeting of the Northwood Union Mrs. Sigemore gave a report of the District convention and one child, Dan Yell Rae Guler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stan Guler, was dedicated as a White Ribbon Recruit to our organization.

### ELLENDALE DISTRICT CONVENTION

The annual convention of the Ellendale District W.C.T.U. met at the Church of the Nazarene in Oakes on Tuesday, April 20, The meeting was called to order by the District President, Mrs. Violet White. Mrs. Stanley Swanson led us in a song, accompanied on the piano and organ by Mrs. Orville Olderness and Mrs. Darrell Hill. Rev. Clarence Ketterling of the United Methodist Church ed in morning devotions. He chose scripture from the 6th Chapter of Matt., where Christ exorts us to take no thought for ourselves but to put our trust in Him. He spoke on how people worry today about their threatened security, but we as Christians are to seek first the Kingdom of God.

Mrs. Robert Olson led the pledges to the flag. Mrs. Stanley Swanson welcomed us to the convention and Mrs. Carrie Murray of the Oakes Union gave the response. Mr. Ira Long welcome the convention to the city on behalf of the city officials. A song written by a former Oakes girl, Mary Hankel Warner, was sung by a group of Iota Sigma ladies. This was followed by the annual business meeting and the giving of reports by the Unions and the Y.T.C.

The morning session closed with a memorial service conducted by Mrs. Mildred Baska in memory of Mrs. Julia Dawkins and honorary member, Mr. Ed Olson, both having been members of the Glover W.C.T.U.

The noon lunchion was served by the Iota Sigma Union. Mrs. Gangness had the noontide prayer.

The afternoon session opened with devotions by Lyle Larson, councelor at the Oakes High School. He used the "Love" Chapter of I Cor. as his text. He said if we as Christians want to do something good for others we should LOVE our fellowman. Follwing this Mrs. Larson sang a solo.

June Olson had charge of the White Ribbon Recruit Service. Mrs. Gangness tied white ribbons on the arms of Crystal, Allen, Beverly, and Margie Lewis, children of Mrs. Gil Lewis.

Our guest speaker for the day was Mrs. Melvin Gangness of Harwood. She gave the convention a "verbal bouquet" in the form of a poem entitled "Friends". She explained some of the workings of the Y.T.C. Then she stressed the importance of membership and urged us not to become discouraged as that is a tool of the devil. She closed by repeating the words of the song "Set Us Afire, Lord" given us by our late state president, Mrs. Ottinger.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Mrs. Violet White; Vice-President, Mrs. Darrell Hill; Secretary, Mrs. Harry Sheppard; Treasurer, Mrs. Robert Olson. The meeting closed with reports from the committees, repeating the W.C.T.U. motto and the Aaronic benediction. A fruesta was served by the Oakes

Union.

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## **Pen Points**

OUR NATIVE LAND God bless our native land! Firm may she ever stand Through storm and night: When the wild tempests rave, Ruler of wind and wave, Do Thou our country save By Thy great might!

-C. T. Brooks

Dear White Ribboners:

This portion of the poem by C. T. Brooks should be our prayer. On July 4th we bring to remembrance the birth of this great nation, brought into existance by sweat, blood, tears and much prayer. The founders of our constitution sought Divine guidance in writing it and no constitution in the world has given more just freedom to the individual than this has. Yet today there are those who would do away with that which makes us free. True, freedom is based on God's rules for living which are a disciplined opportunity for each individual. Without the guidance and direction of the great Creator of the universe, how long will this great democracy stand? Our common enemy, satan, is at work day and night to plant unbelief and doubt in the hearts of people. He is working through his followers to bring about the downfall of that which was founded on true faith in God and His Son Jesus Christ. We have a hope when we remember that a small group with God is a majority so let us take courage, trusting in Him and witness to His power in our own lives, let us press forward in faith to do that for which He has called us, for He is able to do all things.

> Your Man. Editor Hazel Huntley

#### GOD SAVE THE FLAG

**Oliver Wendell Holmes** 

Washed in the blood of the brave and the blooming, Snatched from the altars of infamous foes. Burning with star-fires, but never consuming, Flash its broad ribbons of lily and rose.

Vainly the prophets of Baal would rend it. Vainly his worshippers pray for its fall; Thousands have died for it, millions defend it Emblem of justice and mercy for all.

Justice, that reddens the sky with its terrors, Mercy that comes with her white-handed train, Soothing all passions, redeeming all errors Sheathing the sabre and breaking the chain.

God bless the flag and its loyal defenders, While its bright folds o'er the battle fields wave, Till the dim star-wreath rekindle its splendors, Washed from its stains in the blood of the brave. -The Ohio Messenger.

# Treasurer's Report

April 15, — June 15, 1971

DUES-Bismarck 2, Fargo 23, Grafton 2, Minot 2. WILLARD MEMBERS—1

HONORARY MEN MEMBERS-Marion 9, Minot 2.

YTC DUES—Oakes Iota Sigm 18.
DISTRICT PLEDGES—Bismarck District \$25.00; Grand Forks District \$25.00; James Valley District \$25.00; Northeast District \$50.00; Ransom La-Moure District \$75.00.

LIGHT LINE UNIONS-Fargo, Grafton, Grand Forks

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GIFTS TO YTC—In Memory of K. R. Thorstenson from Grafton Union, \$10.00; from Mrs. K. R. Thorstenson, Grafton \$27.00. In Memory of Marjorie Fannik and

Beverly Johnson, Max, N. Dak. from Mrs. Marian Bartle, Dickey, \$5.00; from Mrs. Emma Gorder, Grafton

\$5.00; from Minot Union \$20.00.

GIFTS TO CAMP FUND—Tower City Union \$15.00;
In Memory of Marjorie Fannik and Beverly Johnson, Max, N. Dak. from Ragnhild Lima, Cooperstown, N. Dak. \$5.00.

Mrs. John Gunness, Treasurer

ONE IN A MILLION MEMBERS Mrs. Vivian Trapp, Marion, N. Dak.

#### STATE CONVENTION

Be making plans now to attend our State WCTU Convention in Dickinson, October 6-8, in the Seventh Day Advantist Church, 22 East 8th St., Dickinson. Mrs. H. J. Bodine of St. Paul, Minnesota, will be the Convention speaker and those of you who heard her in Grand Forks, two years ago will be looking forward to hearing her ever inspiring message, and you who have not heard her before, come and receive inspiration to press onward in our work.

-Editor

### THANK YOU!

"One life to live, t'will soon be past, only what's

done for Christ will last.'

Our sincere thanks to all of you for all the prayers, comforting cards, words, and Memorials in memory of our precious Marjorie. She is now home in heaven with her wonderful Lord and Savior.

Special thanks to Mrs. Melvin Gangness, teachers and all YTCers for their inspiration in her life. We thank

the Lord for His comfort and strength.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fannik Virginia, Carolyn and Dennis Max, North Dakota

# **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*

Blest be the dear, uniting love, That will not let us part; Our bodies may far off remove, We still are one in heart. Partakers of the Saviour's grace, The same in mind and heart. Nor joy, nor grief, nor time, nor place, Nor life, nor death, can part.

(John Wesley)

Our sincere sympathy goes to the George Fannik and Everett Johnson families of Max, North Dakota in the loss of their daughters, Marjorie Fannik, 16, and Beverly Johnson, 17, in a one car accident which occured about 6½ miles south of Minot, as these two girls along with three other you people were on their way to a meeting in Minot.

Marjorie Ruth Fannik was born on March 10, 1955 in Minot North Dakota to Mr. and Mrs. George J. Fannik. She was reared on a farm near Max. She was a member of the sophmore class of Max High School, where she was active in band and chorus and a member of the Honor Society. She was also a member of the First Baptist Church and the Sunday School pianist. She was president of the YTC of Max-Benedict, State YTC social department chairman and attended YTC camp 3 years. She was secretary of Rocky Acres 4-H club, a junior leader for 4-H and in the County 4-H speech contest she spoke on Drugs and received a blue ribbon for her speech. She was also a member of the Ward County Farmers Union Senior Youth.

Surviviors include her parents; two sisters-Mrs. Harold (Virginia) Sides of Atlanta, Ga. and Carolyn of Minot; a brother, Dennis, at home and her grand-

mother, Mrs. Olive Johnson of Douglas.

Beverly Jean Johnson was born April 22, 1954 in Minot to Mr. and Mrs. Everett Johnson. She was reared near Max and was a member of the Junior Class of Max High School. She was active in Chorus and on the annual staff. She was state president of the YTC, state YTC queen in 1969 and attended National WCTU convention that year. She was also secretary-treasurer of the Max-Benedict YTC. She attended Benedict United Methodist Church. She also was a member of the Ward County Farmers Union Senior Youth.

Survivors include her parents; a brother, Gordon L. of Decatur, Ill. and a sister, Mrs. Jay (Marilyn) Miitchell of Surrey.

A joint funeral was held Saturday, May 22nd at 2 p.m. in the Max high school auditorium. Rev. John Giles of Immanuel Baptist Church of Minot, Rev. Clarance Schaeffer of Trinity United Methodist Church of Minot and Lyle Thorpe of Williston officiated. Honorary pallbears for Beverly were the members of the junior class. Honorary pallbearers for Marjorie were the members of the sophmore class. Burial for Beverly was in the Methodist Cemetary, rural Benedict. Burial for Marjorie was in the Max Baptist Cemetary.

The community is very saddened. There was an overflow crowd of 1200 in attendance at the funeral. However, we know God's ways are perfect and already many have come to know the same Christ Beverly and

Marjorie knew and loved.

## MEMORIALS

Up to this time over \$500.00 have been received in memory of the two YTC girls, Marjorie Fannik and Beverly Johnson, who were killed in a one car accident. This money is all being invested in the Lord's work. Camp fees for four youth to go to YTC camp will be paid out of this fund. Already the following have received money from this fund: Bakklenko girls in Ecuodor, Billy Graham, the Gideons, Asbury Camp, YTC Camp and to Lyle Thorpe's Evangelistic Campaign and what ever is left of this fund will be sent to help further God's work.

To this time these are the names of contributers to this fund: Mrs. Melvin Gangness, State YTC, Mrs. Eva Peet, Mrs. Lena Grondahl, Mrs. John Gunness, Mrs. Benj. Gorder, Mrs. LeRoy Bartle, Minot District WCTU, Benedict-Max Union, Minot Union, Mrs. Schimko, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schmidt, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Forthun and family, Ruth Zimblemon, Mrs. Lyle Trapp, Mrs. Violet White, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Bakklenko, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bonness, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Berg and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Fannik, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Kizims, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Meronuck and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Moseng, Mr. and Mrss. Ted Scheresky, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kulish and Corma, Mr. and Mrs. John Semmen.

In the next issue will appear Mrs. Johnson's "thank

you" and a poem she wishes printed.

#### THE GREAT DESTROYER

According to the U.S. Department of Transportation "the use of alcohol by drivers and pedestrians leads to some 25,000 deaths and at least 800,000 crashes in the United States each year. By contrast, the regrettable and horrible war in Vietnam has taken the lives of 32,000 American soldiers since its inception eight years ago. During the same eight years, however, alcohol has taken 200,000 lives, or six times as many as the way.

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### THE SIGNAL PRESS

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NORTH EAST DISTRICT WCTU CONVENTION

The 81st annual Convention of the North East District WCTU met in the Presbyterian Church of Cavalier, N. Dak., May 4, 1971. President, Mrs. Chester Webb presided. Thirty-one were in attendance.

Morning devotions were led by Rev. Melvin Wipf, the Presbyterian pastor. During the morning service we enjoyed two duets by Mrs. Bachman and Mrs. Eddington of the Cavalier union. Mrs. LeRoy Bartle, state vice-president, was the guest speaker. She used Rom. 12:21, "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good" as a basis for her talk. Mrs. Benj. Gorder, Grafton, gave an interesting report on last years YTC camp, stressing the importance of teaching our children the dangers involved in the use of alcohol and other drugs.

The usual business was conducted, each union gave a report on the years activities, and pledges were made

for district work.

Mrs. Beasley conducted the Memorial service for Mr. G. Scholey, Mr. Howard Bellamy, Mr. K. Lillico, Mr. K. Thorstenson, and Mrs. A. B. Thompson.

The afternoon session was opened with devotions let by Rev. C. Barkey, Baptist pastor. Mrs. Dale Watson, Cavalier, presented her two boys for the White Ribbon Recruit Service which was conducted by Mrs. M. W. Gunter. A solo was sung by Mrs. Eddington.

Winners in the Poster contest were: Cheryl Feltman, 1st; Erin Oihus, 2nd; Cheryl Sanding, 3rd; Georgia Languski and Lisa Kopperud, Honorable Memtion, all from Grafton.

All District Officers were re-elected, they are as

follows:				
President	Mrs.	Chester	Webb,	Cavalier
Vice-President M	Irs. Ch	ester Th	ompson,	Grafton
Treasurer M	Iss C	nristine	Gjevre,	Fairdale
Secretary	Mrs.	Wm. Sch	luchter,	Cavalier

## GRAND FORKS DISTRICT WCTU CONVENTION

The 61st annual convention of the Grand Forks District WCTU convened in the Methodist Church in Larimore, May 4, 1971. 54 members and friends were registered. After the 9:30 A.M. coffee hour, the meeting was called to order by Mrs. Henry Evanson. The theme for this year was Ephesians 5:16 "Redeeming the time because the days are evil". Assembly singing at both the morning and afternoon sessions, was led by Mrs. Emslie accompanied by Mr. Duane Mutch. Mrs. Berthuison conducted the flag salutes and led the group in repeating the purpose of the WCTU.

In her devotions Mrs. Harry Jodock stressed the importance of time, (Eph. 5:16) and how we must structure our time to get the most out of it. It be-

comes more precious as we grow older.

After devotions Mrs. Emslie welcomed the group and Mrs. Westacott responded to it. At this point we were pleasantly surprised by a group of kindergartners from the Larimore school, who sang for us. Mrs. Evanson appointed the committees and introduced the district and state officers. The secretary's report was read and approve as was the treasure's report. In her president's report Mrs. Evansoon stated that the district membership was 109 plus 21 honorary members. She said that 17 young people had attended the YTC camp at Cooperstown last June and suggested that a donation of cookies or personal money gifts from any of the members would be welcome and very much needed. She emphasized the importance of prayer and felt that early morning is an especially appropriate time to ask for blessing and guidance. She asked the assembly (Continued on page 7)

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for their opinions on holding an institute or workshop in the fall, possibly after the state convention. Comments seemed favorable so this may be done. It was voted to give \$25.00 to the YTC Camp in Cooperstown July 7-11, 1971. It was voted to instruct the Secretary to send greetings to those who were unable to attend the convention. These were: Mrs. Eva Peet, Mrs. Joice Dickson, Mrs. Cullen Allen, Mrs. Pettit, Mrs. Blondie Berg, Mrs. Bessie Darling and Mrs. Lottie Johnson. (Incidentally we were happy when Mrs. Johnson, a member for 60 years, came to the afternoon session).

Mirs. Wilbur Fisher, wife of the Lutheran pastor in Larimore, sang a solo. In the absence of Mrs. Peet, because of illness, our morning speaker was Mrs. Bartle of Dickey. She reviewed the life of Frances Willard, who invested herself in humanity and the world. She said a person may love without serving, but he can't serve without loving. Mrs. Westacott, assisted by Mrs. Sorboe, conducted the impressive Memorial Service. Five candles were lighted to honor the memory of: Mrs. Esther Roland of the Grand Forks Frances Willard union, Mrs. Lydia Skordahl of Northwood, Mrs. Ruth Larson of Larimore and two hoonorary members — Mr. Karsten Knutson of Northwood and Mr. C. B. Bernardson of Grand Forks.

Before the noontide prayer, corsages were given to the oldest member present, Mrs. O. T. Stenmo and to the two youngest members, Mrs. Allen Anderson and Mrs. Kieth Carlson, also to the member who had driven the farthest that day, Mrs. Berthuison of rural Grand Forks, and to Mrs. Elma Osking, Hatten for her delightful piano solos and to Mrs. Facey for her years

of faithful service and leadership.

Mrs. Ouradnik offered the noontide prayer. A very delicious noon luncheon was served by the Methodist

Church ladies.

The afternoon session began with assembly singing. The devotions were led by Mrs. Earl Stover, after which the indergarten children sang again and Mrs. Elma Osking played another of her piano solos, using

another sacred song, "Rock Of Ages".

The afternoon speaker, Mrs. C. O. Oslund followed the theme of the meeting and spoke on "Time". She said that all are time conscious with our clocks, watches, birthday card etc. She quoted, "Time is our alloted days on this earth. Today is the first day of the rest of your life". Her talk was followed by a duet by Pastor and Mrs. Sunde of Northwood. Mrs. Leonard Bilden brought greetings to us from the Fargo District meeting she had attended the day before. An offering was taken which was \$26.10. The following officers were elected for another year:

President \_\_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Henry Evanson
First Vice-President \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. S. P. Roehl
Second Vice-President \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Westacott
Recording Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Erva Traynor
Promotion Secretary Mrs. Lynn Mutchler
Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. O. T. Stenmo

Mrs. Facy took charge of the election and after-

ward installed these officers.

Reports of committees were read and accepted. An invitation to the 1972 convention was extended by the Northwood union. Following the adjournment the group met for a period of refreshments and fellowship in the church dining room.

Japan has its drinking problems. The Tokyo police reported 1,432 drunken women were taken into custody last year as compared to 261 in 1969.

Tokyo (AP)

BOOTLEGGING

"The propaganda that bootlegging is a product of Prohibition is not true. It is repeated so frequently and universally that the uninformed accept it without question. The truth is that illicit liquor was big business before and during Prohibition. Repeal did not wipe out or even reduce it materially. Dealing in illicit liquor is probably more wide spread and lucrative today than ever before in United States history. The liquor business is the only business which has the questionable distinction of selling its wares on a large scale by law-defying methods." Mrs. Glenn G. Hayes.

### FARGO DISTRICT WCTU CONVENTION

The 80th annual convention of the Fargo District WCTU was held May 3rd in the First Lutheran Church in Fargo with the Fargo union as hosts, with an attendance of 40 members and two visitors.

Mrs. Norman Swanson, local president, called the meeting to order and "Back To God America" was sung by the group. Pastor Cole of First Lutheran church in his devotions for the morning session, said that the WCTU should become involved in drug education also. He encouraged the group to commend the youth for bringing the issues of ecology and racism to the forefront.

The West Fargo union presented the flag salutes under the direction of Mrs. Harry Anderson. Reports of unions were read. The Julia D. Nelson union reported that after uniting with the Fargo union both unions will be known as the Fargo union. They reported 60 paid up memberships and also reported making lap robes for a nursing Home and had sent layettes to India.

The Prosper union reported a membership of 19 active members and 12 honorary members. They held an LTL Day Camp for 23 children in June and an Institute iin October using the theme "In His Hands."

The West Fargo union has a membership of 10. They sponsored Poster and Essay contests in the Middle school under the direction of Mrs. Roy Johnson, teacher. Prizes were awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each division. A Skit which depicted the work of the Social Service department was presented by the Prosper unioon.

Mrs. Amil Lund conducted the Memorial Service for Mrs. A. J. Johnson, Mrs. Maude Clark, Mrs. Haiberk

and Mrs. Massey.

The afternoon Session featured Mrs. Leonard Bilden, State LTL Director, as speaker. She told us that our opportunities with children are greater than ever, also temptations are greater therefore our responsibility is geater toward them. It's going to take patience and love to impress the youth and especially love, and youth work is a vital need today. The meeting closed with reading the winning essay from the L. E. Berger middle school by Lynn Carlson.

"There's Danger In One Drink"

With every alcohol drink a person takes he may be destroying a few brain cells, cells which are irreparable. This applies to the social drinker as well as the alcoholic. This conclusion was the result of study conducted by Dr. Melvin H. Kinsley, professor of Anatomy at the Medical University of South Carolina, and has been made into a 26 minute color film by Narcotic Education, Inc.

It is illegal to sell a man as a slave, yet those who traffic in dope and alcohol contribute to an enslavement of their fellowman from which he may never be set free.

Anonymous

A FAIR QUESTION

Last year, the people of Mississippi voted whether to remeain "dry" or not. The Mississippi Baptist Record printed a sharp-pointed article by W. L. Coggin of Oklahoma, addressed to the "Mississippi Wets" and asking the question, "Who do you want to drink it?"

Here is a condensed version of the article: Your son—to become an alcoholic?

Your daughter—and become a harlot?

Your doctor—then operate on you or your loved

Your clerk—and become a thief?

Your nurse—then measure your medicine? Your sister—and wreck her life?

Your neighblor—and become your worst enemy? Your mother who brought you into this world? Your president—and lead this nation to destruction?

No? Then WHO will drink it?

Herald of Hope.

### "Alcohol Is Number One Drug"

The No. 1 drug problem is alcohol, not marijuana, amphetamines or LSD, according to Daniel X. Freedman, M.D., Director of the American Psychiatric Association task force on drug abuse. Dr. Freedman says that there are between seven and nine million alcholics in the United States and last year drinking drivers and pedestrians accounted for 30,000 auto deaths.

## On Gambling

The report of the first six months of operation of the New Jersey lottery indicates that there has been a response to the wide spread advertising purchased by the State government as well as the week by week coverage of the news media. A total of 114½ million tickets have been sold and the public has paid \$60 million dollars for them. This should generate about \$17 million dollars for the State. Projected over a year there could be 229 million tickets sold costing \$120 million dollars to generate \$34 million dollars for the State of New Jersey. This could make a small dent of about 2 per cent of the total budget of State Government.

It may be too soon to evaluate the long term results. However, the flow of \$60 million dollars into the purchase of lottery tickets has not decreased our New Jersey unemployment rate which for April of this year was 7.2 per cent of the employable work force. This is higher than the National average which has held around 6 per cent of the labor force since last November. The New Jersey State Department of Labor and Industry reported on April 29, 1971 that a "real and sustained surge in consumer spending upon which so much depends if the pace of recovery quickens, remains elusive."

It should be noted that millions of dollars spent on lottery tickets cannot favorably affect the economy. The same sums of money used in consumer spending could purchase commodities that turn the wheels of commerce and industry. For every million lottery tickets sold there are reported to be one thousand winners. So during the first six months of opertion there were 114,385,500 unsuccessfu lottery tickets which have less value than a cancelled postage stamp. The same amount of money channeled into consumer spending for food, clothing and the necessities of life could have aided that sustained surge in consumer spending that the Department of Labor and Industry says is needed to quicken the pace of recovery and reduce the list of unemployed.

The New Jersey lottery may have created some jobs through its State created bureaucracy. Gambling,

however, creates little employment in comparision to productive industry that provides goods and services. The Ministry of Labor of Great Britain reported that 41,500 persons were employed by legalized gambling enterprises that handled 1.3 billion pounds in bets while the clothing and footwear industry with a turnover of 1.2 billion pounds employed 388,501 persons.

The estimated \$34 million dollars that may be collected by New Jersey from the lottery could have been easily raised by a small direct commodity tax. Millions of dollars would not have been diverted into non-productive channels. The State would not have assumed an immoral role of encouraging its citizens to gamble thus exploiting a human weakness. The establishment of another government bureaucracy with its political overtones that will become another expense to be born by the taxpayer, particularly if and when the lottery loses its appeal, could have been avoided.

The gambling road is not a safe road for government. There may be short term profits but we may well expect long term deficits . . . economic deficits as well as moral ones, too. In the days of the prophet Haggai, the government and its people were following an easy road that led to a wrong destination. He summed up their plight in these words:

"Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages, earneth wages to put in int oa bag with holes."

Sincerely yours, Samuel A. Jeanes, General Secretary Lord's Day Alliance of New Jersey Box 1103, Merchantville, N. J.

James Valley District Convention

The 62nd annual meeting of the James Valley District WCTU was April 16, 1971, in the Presbyterian Church of Tower City, with district president, Mrs. Lyle Trapp calling the meeting to order. Group singing was led by Mrs. Walter Piehl. Mrs. Lt. Margaret Guetschow and Mrs. Robert Pierce of the Salvation Army of Valley City, took charge of the devotions. Mrs. Robert Pierce sang a solo. Mrs. Frank P. Van Dyke. president of the Marion union led in the Flag Salutes. Mrs. Oscar Otterness of Tower City welcomed the group to Tower City. The Valley City union responded to the

Introductions and announcements were made by the district president, followed by the Secretaries report of the 1970 convention and the Treasurers report, which were accepted. The local union presidents next gave a report of their work.

Mrs. John Gunness, state treasurer, had charge of the State Officers Hour. The group were sorry that their State President was not able to attend, but glad to hear she is recovering from her recent illness. State vice-president. Mrs. LeRoy Bartle, gave an inspiring message entitled "To Do Our Utmost For God" from Romans 12:20.

The Memorial Hour was in charge of Mrs. Frank G. VanDyke, Marion. Following the noontide prayer by Mrs. Art Liebing, a noon luncheon was enjoyed by all.

The Jamestown union took charge of the afternoon Worship Service, which included a special number by Mrs. Ralph Kraft and Mrs. Winefred Hart, titled "Jesus tWhispers Peace". An offering of \$36.60 was taken. A White Ribbon Recruit Service was led by Mrs. Dorothy Nelson. Valley City. The attendance was good with 37 present. Marion union gave the invitation for next years convention.