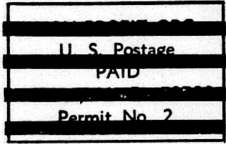


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THE PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL ADDRESS

To the officers, honorable speaker, Mrs. Bodine, members and guests of the Convention:

It is, indeed, a privilege to bring this address to the 82nd Convention of the North Dakota Woman's Christian Temperance Union. We are indeed happy to meet with you here in Dickinson; it is the first time that our State Convention has been held in this fair city; we appreciate the invitation to come here, and with all the work, preparation, and forethought that has been put into the planning for this time, I am sure that we can look forward to a very pleasant time with you for the next couple of days. Mrs. Kulish and her brave ladies have had quite an undertaking, but have looked well to making us all comfortable and happy.

This has been a good year in many ways and I have been thrilled at the way you have carried on, I have especially appreciated the wonderful cooperation and help of this group of dedicated officers.

As you all know, I was unable to carry on as I had anticipated - my plans included a lot of field work, but due to my hospitalizations and extended illness, my plans were changed.

However, I did speak at a YTC Rally at Dickinson last October, and tried to meet with the Cooperstown union (but was unable to arrange a meeting); I attended the Midyear Officers meeting in March, and carried on the necessary correspondence.

I have visited several unions, spoke at the Minot District Convention, and have been local president of the Sawyer union.

I had to cancel two of my District obligations due to lack of transportation for I was unable to drive.

I wish to take this means of thanking you as a group, and individually for your care and concern for me the past year.

You were all most kind and considerate, showing yourselves Christian women indeed. The birthday card and money shower was such a thrilling and pleasant surprise, and netted about \$125.00 (I couldn't keep accurate account), and was indeed a great blessing and help at that time.

Then several ladies came in July to paper and paint my living and dining room. This was a project that the Max-Benedict YTC had planned, but due to the tragic accident that took the lives of Beverly Johnson and Marjorie Fannik, it was changed, and some very wonderful women undertook to do the task. I owe a great deal to Laura Forthun, who so unselfishly pushed both of these projects, and who stood so loyally by me all through my illness even until now. May the Lord richly bless her, and all of you who have done so much for me all of the time.

My address is entitled "We Shall Reap". I take it from two texts: "In due season we shall reap," and "As ye sow so shall ye reap." I am thinking of our nation as we stand today, and our work in the future. As we look at circumstances around us, we will all agree that we are not in very good shape.

Politicians, commentators, and theologians alike say that unless something happens to change our trend, we are doomed.

There is not much to make us happy for as we have sown, so "we shall reap." There is the triple threat before us: drugs, smoking and alcoholism; they may be individual threats, but they are also related, and tie into one another. It usually starts with smoking, then either alcohol or drugs - maybe both. Smok-

ing seems now almost mild in comparison to the other two, but we know that it is still killing thousands yearly, and destroying the health of many. There are conflicting view points as to whether there has been an increase or decrease in smokers, but tobacco companies are not giving up, now they are sending complimentary packs through the mail; with the vending machines, and carelessness in selling to children, cigarettes are easy to obtain.

As to drugs, can we say enough about this terrible threat, especially in relationship to our teenagers who are dying by the hundreds due to overdoses of the dreadful stuff?

Most of our milder drugs end up with the using of heroin. Thank God they are not legalized, and our government is trying to do something about them. We appreciate all the workshops, clinics and rehabilitation centers for the drug abuser, and the menace of drugs as they face us today. The average drug abuser, they tell us, comes from the average home, and is a result from a wrong home environment, a lack of love and discipline. Where there is a neglected home there is a terrible threat. We have sown to child indulgence, and neglect, and we shall reap a generation of teenagers who want something that will satisfy, but they will not find it in drugs.

But what about Alcohol? It is still our greatest threat! There are far more alcoholics than drug abusers. Every year there is a marked increase of alcoholics, especially among women, that are not being counted. And **alcohol is legalized!** Any one of age can purchase it from countless numbers of places. What can you do, when people are made to believe that it is the "thing"? Alcohol is **glamorized!** Practically every TV show, every story makes it seem the thing to do to offer an alcoholic beverage to their guests whenever they drop in. Many homes have bars, keep drinks in the refrigerator; when you ride on a plane, almost the first thing you are asked is, "Would you care for a beverage?" (this includes alcohol), and you sit next to one who drinks whether you like it or not. Social drinking is being pushed more than ever. We hear them say now "that it isn't the social drinker who is the menace on the road, but the drunk! So if you drive, don't drink too much!" How much is **Too Much** - who knows? Then on the Rezener Report I heard it suggested that our top men get together on Friday nights for drinks (not social, but drinks) to iron out the differences between our countries - he said that with drinking they would be able to dissolve differences. What a trap! When men need clear minds, to debauch them with alcohol! From these philosophies **we shall reap!**

Ladies, there is still much to be done! We shall continue to sow to righteousness and we shall reap! We shall continue to sow through our policy of TOTAL ABSTINENCE; we shall sow through our different departments - each one of them offer many ways to work for the Lord and the WCTU. We shall work through our YTC and LTL Camps; our churches, and schools with our films, literature, and through our Fair Booths. Also through our personal lives and individual examples of purity and righteous living of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, lives of prayer and dedication. We shall work through our membership - each one striving to win one! As we do this, I assure you, **we shall sow - and we shall reap!**

Prayerfully submitted
Eva M. Peet, State President.

NORTH DAKOTA

ONE MINUTE REPORT EVA M. PEET, President

Looking unto Jesus! Hebrews 12:2

North Dakota has had a good year in many ways. The President's extended illness and hospitalization curtailed field activity, but the work was still carried on by faithful and zealous women. We had an outstanding State Convention at Minot, with Mrs. T. Roy Jarrett as our guest speaker.

Several new members were added to the numbers as a result of the Convention.

As of the last report, we had 820 paid-up members, institutes were held, 3 new LTLs were organized.

We had another successful YTC Camp, and a booth at the State Fair. We purchased the film "Just One" which was shown to thousands, and we have also purchased a new drug film. We met our quota for the "Hostess Fund". With God's help we will move AHEAD TO VICTORY again this coming year.

PROJECTION METHODS

We need not wait til January 1, 1972 to begin a New Year. The Birth we celebrate this month is the beginning. 'Behold, now is the acceptable time' for each one of us to unite our love, service, and worship to His glory.

CHRISTMAS PUNCH

MIX 2 quarts cranberry-juice cocktail
 Juice of 4 lemons (¾ cup)
 1 quart orange juice
 ½ cup sugar

Pour into punch bowl over ice. Add 2 quarts chilled ginger ale, slowly pouring down side of bowl. Makes 6 quarts. Trim with floaters: Stack an orange slice, a lemon slice, and a halved maraschino cherry. Place on surface of punch.

Mrs. Robert McCleary

I see not a step before me
 As I enter another year,
 But I've left the past in God's keeping,
 The future His mercy shall clear -
 And what looks dark in the distance
 May brighten as I draw near. -MGB

The Christians' Address by J. Z. Nettinga is relevant to the time and task for which you and I live and work:

"Nineteen hundred years ago, Jesus Christ brought forth into this world a new religion, conceived in love and dedicated to the proposition that he who so wills may have life eternal. Now we are engaged in a great battle with the world, testing whether that religion so conceived and dedicated will continue to endure. We must dedicate ourselves to the memory of those who have given their lives that that religion might live. It is fitting and proper that we should do this.

But in a larger sense we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this memory. It is for us to be dedicated to the great task remaining before us, that from these honored martyrs we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion, that we highly resolve that they shall not have died in vain, and that this religion under God shall have a new birth of freedom, and that this religion of God, by Jesus Christ, and for Humanity, shall not perish from this earth."

The Liquor Dealer reports that he sells more in three days of Jazz Festival than all the rest of the year.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

We come on this Thanksgiving Day
 With grateful hearts and glad;
 We thank Thee for the air we breathe,
 And for the bread we've had,
 And while we thank Thee for the gifts
 From soil and sun and rain,
 We thank Thee, too, for things unknown
 Which spared us bitter pain, - -
 And for the oppositions that
 Have made us better men,
 Through which we've wrought high victory
 Again and yet again.
 But most of all, for Thine own love
 In gratitude we pray,
 And ask, through Christ, Thou help us keep
 Thanksgiving every day.

Lon Woodrum,
 Georgia White Ribbon Bulletin

PROMOTION SECRETARY'S LETTER

"For I the Lord thy God, will hold thy right hand,
 saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee."

Isaiah 41:13.

"Sometimes our skies are cloudy and dreary
 Sometimes our hearts are burdened with care;
 But we may know, whate'er may befall us,
 Jesus is always there."

Dear Co-Workers:

What could be more comforting than the promise that God will be with us and help us as we seek to carry on the work? When God is on our side we are in the majority even though it may appear to some that we are in the minority. Through Him we are more than conquerors.

Another state convention is now history. It was good to see so many of you in Dickinson and to enjoy the fellowship of the fine Christian women. It was indeed an inspiration to hear Mrs. Bodine speak again. She is well informed and has a unique way of presenting her message. To Mrs. Kulish and the other ladies of the Dickinson Union, as well as those from Belfield and Hettinger we express our sincere thanks for all the efforts put forth to make this a successful convention. It was good to be with you.

I trust all the unions are active in the Leadership Expressway Campaign which began Sept. 1 and will close Nov. 30. Follow the six points listed on the mimeographed sheet that was sent to each union. Do plan to have a campaign for new members Nov. 14-21. We need to get new members to take the place of those who have passed away, as well as those who have moved away.

Every union should sponsor an LTL and a YTC. The children and young people of today will be the leaders of tomorrow and it is important that they get the training needed to make them good leaders. Why not plan NOW to organize that LTL and YTC? I shall be waiting to hear from you.

Now is also the time to be working toward becoming a Century Builders Union this coming year. Be net gain in women members as well as Honorary members. Pay the Willard, Stevens and Light Line Funds and have the required number of Union Signal subscriptions. At least nine regular meetings must be held during the year. The use of the Program Planner Manual and kit is required, and at least three department projects suggested in the Program Planner Manual must be completed.

May we launch into the work for the coming year with renewed courage and zeal, knowing that God will give us the victory.

Yours for VICTORY AHEAD,
 Ragnhild Lima

YOUTH NIGHT

- Prelude — — — — — Carma Kulish
- Meditation & Prayer — — — — — Mrs. M. Gangness
- Song—"This Is My Father's World" — — — Audience
- Skit - "Now Then" — — — — — Carla Auch & Mrs. Lerberg
- Camp '71 Report — — — — — David, Carla, Noreen,
Carma, & Barbara
- Solo — — — — — Bonnie Berg
- Report of World's Youth Day — — — — — Cindy Simpson
- Solo - "Let the Whole World Know" — — — — — Noreen Auch
- Message — — — — — Rev. Noah, Hettinger
- Piano Solo - "I Will Serve Thee" — — — — — Donna Evans
- Offering
- Benediction — — — — — Rev. Tanberg

The crowns, for the king and queen of temperance chosen at each camp season, were dedicated by Rev. Tanberg of Hettinger. These permanent and beautiful crowns were given in memory of Beverly Johnson and Marjorie Fannik by their parents. The five state YTC Officers present were introduced as were camp staff members. Carma Kulish and Karen Forthun were accompanists for the special numbers. Fruesta and fellowship followed this inspirational program.

Miss Irene Morse, Bible teacher and counsellor at camp since its beginning, had had surgery, and would like to hear from any of you who have had the pleasure of listening to her living witness. Her address: Miss Irene Morse, 1520 W. Broadway, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55411.

Larimore, Northwood, Inkster YTC reports a membership of fourteen and more prospects. They are planning a Hallowe'en special with a drive for funds for an orphanage (local) in the traditional Trick or Treat style.

YOUTH TEMPERANCE COUNCIL REPORT 70-71

The prairie wildrose, the official flower of our state whispers greetings to you from the youth of our state.

The first petal, enthusiastically, tells of our 1971 camp, held July 6-11 at the Cooperstown Bible Camp. 67 campers studied, fellowshiped, and truly had a good time with a purpose. At camp in that beautiful Sheyenne Valley we were challenged to strengthen and lengthen our ranks. In the words of the theme in our new plan of work, we were encouraged to "REACH OUT." Two new YTC councils, Larimore, Northwood, Inkster, and Fargo-West Fargo, are now in the budding stage.

The second petal has a good memory and reminiscences about the YTC Rally held during the state WCTU Convention in Minot last October. It was at this rally that our now departed, state officers Beverly Johnson and Marjorie Fannik, served and planned so faithfully.

Petal number three relates the many activities of YTC Week the fourth week in April. The governor's proclamation, plus leaflets, talks, films, speeches, essay, poster contests, and exhibits (all on the topic of temperance) were shared throughout the state. This was the busiest of weeks - so many possibilities and not enough hands.

Eagerly, the next petal blossoms forth with the sharing of our means. Contributions to the Friendship Fund, Lillian Stevens Frances Willard funds have been made by local councils and through special offerings at camp. Through this we have become better acquainted with the temperance work in other countries. The past year we studied much about Finland.

The following petal rejoices that there have been brightened moments for shut-ins and handicapped with the sharing of carolling, programs, scrapbooks, tray favors, treats, and just plain visits. We cannot measure the worth of an hour of sharing with someone less fortunate.

Petal number six fears that we forget to mention that the Max-Benedict and the Oakes councils once again received national recognition for attaining required standards. Dickinson attained 80% of its efficiency standard. Look for the names of these councils and its leaders in the Union Signal.

The remaining petals of the wildrose issue forth sweet fragrances and give added incentive for increased membership and activity. Such as: securing parents, teachers, and adult friends as honorary members, and inviting other youth to the meetings. Rummage and bake sales are held to boost the local treasury in order to carry on the program at home & to help with the cost of going to camp. Besides the YTC parties, the youth sponsor teas, banquets, and special events for parents, teachers, and leaders.

Now all the PETALS OF THE WILDROSE echo these thoughts:

"A praying and a studying council is an informed council

An informed council is an interested council

An interested council is an acting council

An acting council is a serving council

A serving council is a Christian council."

Mrs. Melvin Gangness
General Secretary

NEWS OF YTC

Oakes YTC held a hay ride for their September meeting. The group rode out to Boy Scout Dam where they had a time of devotions and singspiration, led by Diane Doty, Phil McIntire, and Donna Evans. This was closed with a Friendship Circle of Prayer. Refreshments were served and the night ended with a fine drive back to town.

A camp evaluation:

This was my 3rd year at YTC camp. As usual, I enjoyed it! The get acquainted night, hayride, banquet, films, stunts, dedication service, along with Morning Watch and our classes in YTC, Christian Living, and Narcotics were as good as ever. The presence of God was felt in nearly all we did. What I appreciated the most this year was the Memorial Service held for two of the greatest girls that I can think of. I know that all of the kids are going to be able to live better Christian lives because they attended - YTC) Camp of '71.

Love In Jesus, Donna

1971 Camp created enthusiasm for two new YTC Councils at Fargo - West Fargo with eleven pledge signed members. Mrs. A. D. Ottinger is leader for this group. Mrs. Earl Stover, Larimore, is the leader of the Larimore, Northwood, Inkster group.

May we hear from others!

Our YTC Camp at Cooperstown next year will be from the 2nd Wednesday through the following Sunday. The "Youth Night" program which formerly was at our State WCTU Convention on Friday evening, has been discontinued because of the difficulty many youth had to get permission to be absent on school days, and because so many of our members, for various reasons, have been forced to leave at the close of our convention on Friday afternoon, leaving such a small group for the youth night program, it was voted to have the "Youth Night" program on Saturday evening at the Youth Camp, urging as many adults as possible to attend, thus giving all of the youth a chance to take part in the program.

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PEN POINTS

Dear White Ribboners:

I will give you a review of the 82nd Annual State WCTU Convention in Dickinson, North Dakota on October 6-8, 1971.

The Convention began with a Praise and Prayer Service the afternoon of Oct. 6th. in the Seventh Day Adventist church, where our convention was held.



Seventh Day Adventist Church

The evening consisted of the Presidents' march, led by Rev. Eva Peet, state President, and Mrs. LeRoy Bartle, state Vice-President. Each session of the convention was opened with devotions by one of the Dickinson pastors or by one from the surrounding country. We were truly blessed in having interested pastors in our convention. At this meeting the District presidents gave reports of the work done during the year in their districts, which was very interesting. A Fruesta followed this meeting.

Thursday morning was given to reports, recommendations and special music. Indeed during the entire convention, at almost every session, beautiful solos and duets were sung by members of the different churches of Dickinson and from the Baptist church of Killdeer, N. Dak. We enjoyed them all. At 11:30 A. M.: Mrs. Huntley took charge of the Memorial Hour for 20 active members, 12 Honorary (men) members and 2 YTC members.

The service began with a duet, "Sometime We'll Understand", by Mrs. Bilden and Mrs. Forthun. Mrs. Huntley read Rev 14:13 and a short poem. She then read names of the departed ones. Miss Lima offered prayer and Rev. Peet paid tribute to those departed. Mrs. Gangness also paid a special tribute to the two

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Shyller & Wilton - told thru Lucille - Edgley - left

TREASURER'S REPORT

August 15, - October 15, 1971

DUES: WOMEN - Crosby 15; Enderlin 11; Grafton 10; Napoleon 12; Northwood 61; Rugby 21; Sawyer 9; Tioga 16; West Fargo 10.

HONORARY MEN - Enderlin 4; Napoleon 5; Northwood 12; Rugby 1; Sawyer 2; Tioga 8.

LTL - Cavalier 17; Marion 20; Northwood 82; Prosper 10.

YTC - Larimore 15.

LIGHT LINE UNIONS - Bottineau, Grafton, Marion, Nekoma, Prosper.

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Matthew Stephen Johnson, Valley City, N. Dak. by Mrs. Sadie Fossum, \$5.00.

James William Weaver, Indianapolis, Ind. by Mrs. Sadie Fossum, \$5.00.

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP TO DATE FOR 1971-72 -
Women 150, Men 32.

Mrs. John Gunness, Treasurer.

ONE IN A MILLION MEMBERS

Mrs. E. J. Huntley, Enderlin
Rev. Eva M. Peet, Sawyer

PEN POINTS — Continued from Page 4

YTC girls, Marjorie Fannik and Beverly Johnson who were so suddenly taken from us.

Our Treasurer, Mrs. Gunness, placed an evergreen wreath tied with a white ribbon bow - signifying the world wide work to which the departed ones had belonged. Mrs. Huntley placed a large white ribbon bow, which is the symbol of purity, righteousness and temperance of our organization, asking those left behind to re-dedicate ourselves to the task before us. Rev. Peet closed the service with prayer.

Thursday afternoon our president, Rev. Eva Peet, gave her address which will appear in this issue. We were all so happy that after so much illness she was able to give it. Beside a lovely duet by the Rev. and Mrs. Pointer, the afternoon was taken up by reports of the YTC work and the World's WCTU Convention in Chicago.

Thursday evening was the Annual Banquet in the Congregational church, with Rev. Peet as toastmistress. It was reported that 100 attended. The program consisted of greetings by the churches of the city, the

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

"God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble. - "Psalms 46:1
To you and your family
This message extends
The heartfelt sympathy
Of loving friends.

Mrs. Janette McKay passed away in August of this year. She had been a member of the Grand Forks union for many years and will be greatly missed by them, as she was such a cheerful worker and giver. Beside this union, she leaves her husband, Dr. McKay and family, to mourn her departure.

schools, the city of Dickinson, the Southwest District WCTU and the Dickinson WCTU. We were truly made to feel welcome. Mrs. Lyle Trapp, Marion, responded in a gracious manner.

Beside group singing led by Mrs. Forthum, her daughter Karen, sang a lovely solo, "Fill My Cup, Lord", and Betty Howard sang Mrs. Beasley's song of "North Dakota", which reminded us of our dear member who was not able to be with us. Our guest speaker, Mrs. Wilma Bodine, St. Paul, Minn., surely did not disappoint us. She quoted from II Chronicles 7:14, using that for a basis for her address. She gave many instances of the effects of drinking alcoholic beverages on people of every age and its effect upon home life, driving on the highways, on little children and society in general. When we know what it does and that it is only harmful, why does our government continue to legalize that which they KNOW is harmful, without setting up committees and institutes. Why don't they just turn off the faucet. Instead President Nixon has appointed Dr. Morris Chafetz to the high place of director of the National Institute on alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. This man has been recognized as one who is in sympathy with the use of alcoholic beverages. She urged us to write President Nixon about this.

Friday morning the credentials committee reported 79 registered and more came in after that. The election of officers resulted in re-electing the present officers, for which we were all happy. Mrs. Gorder installed the officers. In the afternoon the Directors of departments gave reports of work done in each department. Mrs. Bartle was in charge. More reports on the National and World's conventions were given beside Resolutions and the report of the Budget Committee. All unfinished business was taken care of and the 82nd Convention of the North Dakota WCTU was adjourned.

That evening was Youth Night but I was unable to attend but I will try, from the program, to give you some idea of what was done. Several youth from outside that district came to take part in the program, which appeared to be very interesting, with a Skit, singing by the group, Camp reports, with special music announced five different times in the program. A report of the World's WCTU Convention in Chicago was to be given by Cindy Simpson of Oakes. Mrs. Gangness, YTC Secretary, was in charge. A Fruesta followed this program.

Mrs. E. J. Huntley, Man. Editor

The years teach much which the days never know.
—Ralph Waldo Emerson

YTC RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES 1970-1971

RECEIPTS:

Gifts -----	\$ 161.70
Memorials -----	77.00
Pledges (campers) -----	111.00
Registration -----	963.75
Friendship Offering (camp) -----	33.85
Craft material sold -----	3.25
YTC dues (state members) -----	13.50
TOTAL -----	\$ 1364.05

EXPENDITURES:

Educational Materials (\$59.70 plus 16.47) --	\$ 76.17
Memorial (Bev & Marg) -----	10.00
Camp Rent -----	910.00
Staff fares -----	30.00
Dues & Friendship Fund -----	47.35
Delegates to National & World Conv. -----	50.00
TOTAL -----	\$ 1123.52

I have received the following gifts for YTC since August 15th:

Barbara Andriash, Dickinson -----	\$10.00
Mr & Mrs H. Langseth (Mem. G. Monson) -----	2.00
Mrs. Melvin Gangness General Secretary	

THE OAKES YTC NEWS

The Oakes YTC is back in full swing after a busy summer. In June we worked with the Iota Sigma at a Rummage sale, netting \$85.00, out of which we sent four Oakes girls to camp. We were proud to have Cindy Simpson from our Council, represent the North Dakota YTC at the World's WCTU Convention in Chicago this year.

Jaeky Evans is our new president this year, with Byron Swanson as vice-president, Ray Olderness is Treasurer, Sandy McDaniels - Rec. Sec., and Diane Daty, Promotion Secretary.

The first meeting of the new YTC year was a hay ride on Labor Day evening, with a time of guitar music, singing and devotions in a lovely country setting - just at sundown. God was felt - very near!!

The October 14th meeting was a "kick off" for Plans and Goals, with 17 teens in attendance. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Dennis Anderson, who is the new Co-director with Mrs. Brademeyer. We voted to call our local council the "YT Club". Donna Evans was appointed "COP" (carry on Parliamentary procedure). Enthusiasm was high as each one met in their appointed department groups for a "Buzz" session of planning ahead, with the groups in competition with each other for monthly total point count.

A Halloween Party is planned for Oct. 30th at the Brademeyer home.

Plans for "YTE Week" include a "Public Installation Rally" (formal) and a fund raising project of selling cards.

TOMORROW

"I saw Tomorrow marching by
On little children's feet;
And in their forms and faces read
Her prophecies complete.
I saw tomorrow smile at me
From little children's eyes
And thought, "How carefully we'd teach
If we were really wise!"

A strange disease has hit our land
And stranger are the facts
Our government sells the cause of it
And then collects a tax.

By Elsie Trueblood Hollis

A CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

Christmas Eve! So many years ago He came!

Dear God, when shall it be —

Thy Heavenly Will on earth be done?

Isn't there something I can do —

Some gift or deed — or seek through prayer?

Oh, may I ask for just one thing,

Some special thing to bless the world?

And God spoke clearly then to me:

"Yes, come, look in my treasure-chest,

Each gift therein was made to bless,

The chest is open wide."

As I beheld the wondrous gifts of God,

Ready for all to have for simple faith and love,

I saw one shining thing that caught and held my eye.

"God, my Father, would that help all mankind?"

God spoke again: "Yes, each one has that chance.

Would you choose that gift to give?"

I nodded; no words would suit my need —

For what I saw was Myself as God meant me to be.

NOTICE!

Because this year we have no National project as, "The Hostess Fund", which was met so generously, and because of added expense to the White Ribbon Bulletin in changing printers, which seemed necessary, it was voted at the state convention to assess each union \$5.00 as minimum giving to the "White Ribbon Bulletin Fund" and it is to be hoped that unions who have bank balances, will be even more generous. Memorials could also be made out to this fund.

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—Will Rogers

ARISE AND GO!

DR. SAMUEL A. JEANES *Jesus*

Pastor of First Baptist Church of Merchantville, N. J.

Beginning with the eighth chapter of Matthew, scene after scene, event after event, miracle after miracle transpire to demonstrate the authority of Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God. He cleanses a leper. He heals the servant of a centurion. He touches the hand of Peter's wife's mother and a raging fever leaves her body. He, Who made all things and Who holds the winds in the grip of His fist and allows the waves of the deep to toss to and fro in the palm of His hand speaks the word that quiets the winds and makes placid the troubled waters of Galilee. No wonder His disciples ask, "What manner of man is this that even the wind and the sea obey Him?" Coming upon two men whose bodies cannot find rest, because they are violent men, fierce men, angry men, men who have been consigned to the tombs, the Lord Jesus sees the reason for their restlessness, their violence, their anger and He drives the demons from their bodies by just one word, a little word, but a powerful word when it falls from His lips. The word was "go", and the Bible tells us that "the demons came out."

Mark tells us that when Jesus returned to His own city, He was in the house. And so many people crowded into that house to see Him, to hear Him, and to experience His healing power of body, mind and soul, that they were crowded right up to the door. But there was a man in that city who especially needed Jesus. He was not a restless man, nor was he violent nor fierce, nor angry. He was sick. He was very sick and his illness had paralyzed his body. He could not walk. But thank God, he had friends. And those friends picked up his bed with him in it and carried him to the house where Jesus was. And when they could not get in because of the crowd, they lugged that helpless man, bed and all, up to the roof and lifting the tiles from the roof, they lowered him into the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ. And Jesus, seeing the faith, not of the sick, weak, paralyzed man, but seeing the faith of his friends, He said, "Son, be of good cheer, thy sins be forgiven thee."

There were some in that crowd who challenged the authority of Jesus. They didn't say it out loud. They just thought it. In their minds they were saying, "This is blasphemy." But Jesus Who knows everything, knew what was in their minds and He asked, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? Is it easier to say, thy sins be forgiven thee, or to ask, Arise and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of Man hath power on earth to forgive sins, Arise, take up thy bed and go unto thine house." And the Bible says, "And he rose and departed to his house."

Well, the Lord Jesus had done all that He could for this man. He had told him to cheer up. Hope was here. So was healing. His sins were forgiven, whatever they may have been. And with guilt gone he should have been a new person. You are, when Christ forgives you. What more can Jesus do? Man, you can't spend the rest of your life lying on that bed, even in the presence of Jesus! Jesus has wrought the miracle of salvation. He has healed you for a purpose. Arise! Go home! And the man obeyed!

There is so much unfinished business in the church and in the world because we do not obey. We continue to lie on our beds, rejoicing that our sins are forgiven, enjoying our weakness, using our paralysis for an excuse. But Jesus says, Arise . . . Go!

Jesus says, Go, and we want to stay. He says, Arise, and we want to sit.

Maybe it is our fear that holds us back. William Arthur Ward wrote,

"Realize what God can do through you and minimize what man can do to you."

Just as God raised up Amos centuries ago to thunder out against the social injustices of his day, so the Almighty has raised up the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and you, its members in this year of our Lord, 1971, to continue to sound the alarm of what alcohol and other narcotics can do to the body, mind and soul of men who are made in the image of God and for whom Jesus died.

America is down on drugs and we ought to be. They are being smuggled into our country. A conference at the White House brought out the fact that they are even being smuggled into our country in religious forms. They take crosses and fill them with heroin. They take a crucifix and fashion the back of it out of heroin. They will mold hashish into a piece of pottery, and they keep smuggling this over our borders. The problem is tremendous because 250 million people cross our borders every year and 67 million parcels and packages are mailed in. There is no heroin in America. It has to be smuggled in, and they are doing it. And President Nixon says that the youth who are using drugs have a spiritual problem. He said, "The worst thing that can happen to a young person is to have no faith and no belief in anything. The heart of the problem is a spiritual vacuum." That is the judgement of the President of the United States, and only followers of Christ can fill that spiritual vacuum.

But as awful as heroin and hashish and marijuana and other narcotics may be, alcohol is still the most widely used and legally used drug for evil that mankind has ever known. Now that we have lowered the voting age to eighteen, watch the drive begin to lower the drinking age, too. Politicians in every State will start to carry that banner while the brewers and distillers cheer them on. We have bars in homes, and bars in the air, and bars on trains, and bars at the race tracks, and bars on the highways, and even bars in the military service. But you can speak out against the injustices of alcohol and the evils of alcohol and the insanity of its use. Arise, the Lord says. Give the word. Back it up with action. This is why you are called. Realize what God can do through you and minimize what man can do to you.

You may not feel very strong, but when Jesus told that man to arise, He gave him the strength to do it. Dr. Norman Vincent Peale gave an address in the Nation's capitol on the Greatness of George Washington. He gave it on Washington's birthday. . . the real birthdate, February 22nd - not the one Congress has been tampering with. And in that address Dr. Peale gave some facts of history which showed the faith of the Father of our country. It took faith and courage to fight the revolution. There were only two and a half million people here scattered over 1,200 miles. On the west they were hemmed in by the hostile French and Indians and on the East was the Atlantic Ocean . . . thirteen little colonies, and the only thing they seemed to have in common was a language. And of the two and a half million people, one half million were slaves, and one million were women who were not expected to bear arms. So that left one million and ten percent of that million were boys under age or old and infirm men. That left 900,000 and of that 900,000 another half million were said to be Tories who were sympathetic and loyal to the British crown. That left only 400,000 and out of that number all they could muster during the whole duration of the war was 50,000 most of whom were boys and half of them were ill. But out of that Washington formed and led an army against the mightiest world power in existence since the days of Rome. That took courage, call it audacity. Call it Faith.

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Washington was defeated on Long Island, and driven through Manhattan, over the Palisades and on to Hackensack. One defeat after another he experienced through our State of New Jersey. Defeat after defeat. And he was left with a shabby, ragged, defeated army.

But then on Christmas Eve, young General Nathaniel Greene came to him and said, "Sir, can we go on? Our men are frozen. They are unfed. Their weapons are poor. Sir, what shall we do?" And Washington said, "There is only one thing we shall do. We shall go on, and on, and on!"

And while the Hessians were drunk, Washington took Trenton and the fortunes of war turned.

We Christians are sober. Thank God. Our minds are clear. They are not befogged by drugs. By the Holy Spirit, God is in you. He has the answer. Arise! Go. Realize what God can do through you. Minimize what man can do to you.

A WORD TO THE WISE

There is a chilly wind blowing from the Northwest this morning. "October's bright blue weather", about which a poet has written beautiful words, has given us clouds and the wish to stay near the source of heat. A well-behaved furnace is a treasure! We have had rain here recently which has interfered with completing the harvest of grain, and there is some anxiety about completing it before snow comes. Once a lot of years ago, there was a heavy fall of snow here much earlier than usual, and many, many shocks of wheat and other grain was not threshed until late in April, instead of in October as expected. (I know of one farm where some 300 acres of grain is still waiting for Combining weather now). I did not live here at the time when the grain was threshed in April, but neighbors told about it. Farmers who did not have livestock to care for, had no work to do for months. Of course we all hope that will not happen again. A restless, worried farmer is a sad sight! The Bible verse that says "In the sweat of thy face thou shalt eat bread" was a blessing, not a curse.

For the first time since I came to North Dakota in 1915, and became a member of the W.C.T.U., I have not attended the state convention. My absence was noticed, and I received a most kind greeting from the meeting at Dickinson, sent, as ordered by the meeting, by our fine promotion Secretary, Miss Ragnhild Lima. It surely is fine to be remembered! I am as well as usual, and very comfortable here at home, but the distance to Dickinson from here is a lot of miles. It was with deep regret that I declined the most kind offer of Mrs. Benjamin Gorder, of Grafton, our fine recording secretary, to see that I got to the convention safely. My thoughts and prayers were with you all, and I am waiting eagerly for the convention story, which I know our efficient editor of the White Ribbon Bulletin, will give to us. I'm watching for that paper!

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About two weeks ago, I had the privilege of attending the regular meeting of the Langdon WCTU. They have a fine membership there. The lady at whose home the meeting was held is a former member of the Nekoma union to which I belong, and she invited all our members to her home for the evening meeting. It was nice to be there, and to see a number of ladies I always enjoy seeing, and seldom do see, except at their meeting. Truly, "The fellowship of kindred minds, is like to that above."

I hope and pray that our winter will not be severely cold; that the unions that can do so, will meet regularly, and will try to do things that will be helpful to those who need help, in whatever way the opportunity comes. Sometimes a cheerful "Hello there" on the telephone can brighten a whole day for someone who is lonely. Think about it!

Cordially yours,
Elizabeth C. Beasley

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