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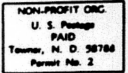
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PRESIDENTS LETTER

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, Serve the Lord with gladness: Come before His Presence with singing." Psalms 100:1,2.

This is exactly what the youth did at camp. What a thrill it was for me to attend Camp for the first time. I appreciated the lovely camp site in the Shyenme Valley - made new friends from our neighboring state of Minnesota and also our own state. How wonderful of these folks from Minnesota to come each year to assist at camp. A big thanks to them! I did get to take in several classes, including one LTL class, even took a test and made a passing grade-joined in learning the YTC pledge. I enjoyed every minute at camp. Sorry to have missed "Stunt Night" but was there for "Youth Night." The program for Youth Night was wonderful; vocal numbers, instrumental numbers and speeches. So very sorry not many WCTU members were there to enjoy it with me. Our State YTC Secretary does a magnificent job at camp and throughout the year. We are indeed fortunate to have such a dedicated youth leader, helpers and enthusiastic youth for our camp.

Our State Convention will be in the St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Jamestown, October 4-6th. You will find further information about this elsewhere in this paper. However I hope that like the youth you will come to it and "make a joyful noise unto the Lord and serve Him with gladness" and prayers of faith.

By the time this issue of the paper reaches you, a new WCTU year will have begun, and my wish and prayers are that each member will try to make this a wonderful year for our North Dakota WCTU. To help to bring this about let's pay our dues in September, the beginning of our year. That way needed money for our state work is available, then try to win new members so that we can become a net gain state, striving to reach goals set by National. Let us strive to project a good image of our WCTU wherever and whenever we can, not forgetting to pray always for strength and wisdom from on High for your President, she needs it.

In our own strength we can do nothing, but God has promised in His Word in Haggai 2:4, "Be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the Lord and work: for I am with you, saith the Lord of Hosts."

Looking forward to seeing you all in Jamestown October 4,5,6.

Prayerfully,
Marion Bartle

STATE WCTU CONVENTION

Our State WCTU Convention will be held in the St. Paul's United Methodist church in Jamestown on October 4-6, 1972.

General Officers meeting to be at 10:30 A.M., Oct. 4th in the church. Executive Committee meeting to be 1:30 P.M. Oct. 4th in the church. Official Board meeting at 2:30 P.M. Oct. 4th also in the church.

The Executive Committee is composed of: the General officers, District Presidents, Branch Secretaries, Directors of departments, Willard Secretary, the Trustees and the Editor of the White Ribbon Bulletin.

The Official Board is composed of the General Officers, the Honorary presidents and the Presidents of Districts.

The Prayer and Praise Service will be in the church beginning at 4:00 P.M. Please be prompt for these meetings so that we will not be late for the Banquet to be held there in the church at 5:45 P.M.

The local and district presidents march will be Thursday evening, Oct. 5th, when the District Presidents will give reports of new and extra work done in their Districts.

Department Directors will be ready to give their reports on Friday morning, Oct. 6th. Also of note is that the North Dakota Mother of the Year, Mrs. Ernest Stedje of Hettinger, will speak Thursday afternoon.

Please note that the Banquet and luncheons will be served in the Host church. We urge all who can to come to the banquet and hear Dr. Brandt speak, you will not be disappointed.

CONVENTION COMMITTEES

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It would be nice if you would send in early reservations for housing or just to notify the Registration chairman that you intend to come.

STATE WCTU CONVENTION SPEAKER

We are happy to announce that Dr. James E. Brandt, Director Student Counseling, Minot State College, will be our Convention speaker on Oct. 4, 1972 at the Annual Banquet given that evening in the St. Paul's United Methodist church, at 5:45 P.M.

Dr. Brandt received his education in Northwest Bible College - two terms, Lee College A.A. 1955, Minot State College B.S. - 1957, University of Iowa M.A. - 1961 and the University of Iowa Ph. D. - 1967.

He was an instructor in the Northwest Bible College from 1957-1964, also Director of Student Counseling at the Minot State College until the present. He has written articles for various educational periodicals. He has also written the books, "College Handbook For North Dakota High School Counselors," published in 1969 and "Guide To North Dakota Colleges and Universities," published in 1972, and "A Report To The North Dakota Legislative Council On Services Provided By The Mental Health And Retardation Centers And The Area Social Service Centers of North Dakota."

Don't miss this Annual Banquet where he will speak. Everyone is invited to come, whether you are a member of the WCTU or not. Dr. Brandt has some vital information which all need to hear.

PROMOTION SECRETARY'S LETTER

"Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." Eph. 6:13

Dear Co-Workers:

"The foe is stern and eager, the fight is fierce and long; but He has made us mighty and stronger than the strong." It is a great comfort to know that we are not fighting the battle in our own strength, for then we could only fall. With the whole armour of God we will be able to overcome, as we are more than conquerors through Christ.

Time passes by so very quickly! We will be well into September by the time you read this, and our new WCTU year will have begun. Remember, this is dues paying month--so PLEASE make a special effort to get the dues from all your members and send to Mrs. Gunness as soon as possible. September 1 to November 30 is the time that the special dues paying membership campaign will be carried on. The state reporting the largest percent of local unions sending in 100 percent of membership dues after Sept. 1 and before Nov. 30 will receive an award. An award will go to the local union of 15 or more members reporting the payment of dues of ALL members FIRST. May I urge all unions to participate in this campaign.

This is the 9th year in our One in a Million plan. Win your 9th new member and send your 9th dollar designated for the Century Fund to Mrs. Gunness.

The time for state convention is drawing near. It will be in St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Jamestown, October 4-6. The banquet will be on Wednesday evening, October 4 with Dr. James E. Brandt of Minot State College as the guest speaker. Why should YOU attend the state convention? First of all, to get a spiritual uplift and vision. Then you learn how others do things and get information about the work of the various departments so that you may more effectively carry out the different projects in your own union. By attending the convention you show the liquor interests where you stand. You also receive a greater enthusiasm and renewed zeal to press forward in your union. You should attend because it is YOUR convention and you ought to be there. No one else can fill your place. Won't you give these reasons your most careful consideration and plan to be there?

It seems that there is a "disbanding epidemic" which has broken out among our unions. This ought not to be. During the past ten years a goodly number of unions have disbanded, even without calling in a state officer as well as a district officer, or even letting the state officers know what they have done. This is deplorable! May I urge any union who is on the verge of wanting to disband to please make a special effort to carry on. We need you and cannot afford to lose a single union. What is more, we

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need to organize NEW unions. Please decide to carry on. Our work is IMPORTANT! There is nothing that would please the liquor interests more than to see the WCTU die. They are always busy thinking of new ways and means of getting more customers. Can we be unconcerned? Let us pray about the matter and determine to press on.

Just a reminder to the union who has the Union Loving Cup and to the district who has the District Loving Cup: PLEASE BRING THEM TO THE CONVENTION IN JAMESTOWN.

I hope to see many of you in Jamestown on October 4-6.

Cordially Yours,
Mrs. Gilbert F. Johnson

YTC CAMP

There were a total of 80 registered this year at the camp. Rev. Gray from Dickinson drove a school bus filled with children and two counselors beside himself to the Cooperstown camp. Rev. Gray not only helped with counselling but also brought the Sunday Sermon.

The Camp queen was Laurie Hanson and the Camp King was Luther Sunde. Here is a photo of the Camp



Counselors and leaders:

Left to right; Marlo Kulish - devotions; Dean Sulerude, Mrs. Gorder, who assisted; Mr. Ottinger-Christian Citizenship; Mrs. Ottinger-Crafts; Mrs. Gangness-Camp Director; Robert Hoover-Dean of Men; Irene Morse-Dean of Women; Violet White-Counselor; Vivian Trapp-Counselor; Mrs. Salum-teacher; Melissa Dick-Counselor.

“Alcohol, the greatest trap that life has set for the feet of genius.” Upton Sinclair

YTC NEWS

“Sing out for YTC” was the theme for our 1972 YTC encampment, July 5-9. Balmy weather enhanced the camp atmosphere where seventy-nine full time campers prayed, studied and fellowshiped together. YOUTH NIGHT which was held at the camp this year instead of at the state WCTU Convention, was most heartwarming. A number of former campers returned to participate in the activities, and guests were also in the audience. Pastor Tom Gray of Dickinson, who brought a busload of campers from the Southwest district, was the guest speaker on Youth Night, and again, for the Sunday morning services.

We are eternally grateful for the dedicated staff members who so willingly gave of their time, means, and talents to carry on this phase of our work. To all those who sent cookies, a sweet word of thanks. These were used for the reception following Youth Night activities. The many gifts of money enabled us to carry on a complete camp program. In behalf of the YTC, THANKS, and may God reward you richly.

Laura Hanson of Inkster and Luther Sunde of Northwood were crowned queen and king of YTC camp following the banquet on Saturday evening. 1971 King Marlowe, and 1970 Queen Carma, in the absence of 1971 Queen Donna, conducted the crowning ceremonies. (You will remember that these crowns were presented to the YTC camp in memory of Beverly Johnson and Margie Fannik.) Qualifications necessitate membership in a local YTC and being a 3-year camper.

The following were installed as state YTC officers for the coming year:

- President - - - Dave Meronuck, Max
- Vice-pres. - - - Carla Auch, Dickinson
- Secretary - - - Dawn Felton, Inkster
- Christian Living Dept. - -Marlowe Kulish, Dickinson
- Education Dept. - - Debbie Grabanski, Inkster
- Public Relations Dept. - -Debbie Osland, Northwood
- Social Dept. - - -Steven Kordahl, Northwood

STICKABILITY

“There was a little postage stamp
No bigger than your thumb;
But it stayed right on the job
Until its work was done;
They licked it and they pounded it
‘Till it would make you sick,
But the more it took a lickin
The tighter it would stick.”

Anon.

Courage consists in holding on one minute longer.
—Theodore Roosevelt. From Virginia Call.

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PEN POINTS

This will be the last issue of our paper before the November election. One of the items of real interest to us in this election is the proposed change to more liberal exercise of abortion in our state. President Nixon opposed abortion except where necessary to save the life of the mother. This is now the existing law in North Dakota. It is proven that life begins at conception. The heart beats of the unborn child can be decerned at 20 days after conception. No mother has the right to order the murder of her unborn child. Be at your voting place in November and help to keep our existing abortion law intact. Also watch out for sneaky laws to permit or legalize gambling of any sort in our state. Be sure to study carefully the proposed measures to be voted upon in our state. Usually these come out in your daily paper. Listen carefully over your TV or radio just before election for the explanation of these measures. Be sure to vote in November. Watch for the time - help others to see the need for keeping both our present abortion and gambling laws intact.

It's important for each of us to vote, especially on these important issues.

Your Man, Editor

Dr. Thomas B. Rice, professor Public Health at Indiana State University says, "the use of alcoholic beverages disturbs normal family life by reducing the earning power of the bread-winner, by diversion of family funds, by directly or indirectly causing a higher rate of infant deaths and causing delinquency among juveniles. What ever adversely affects the family injures the race. The family is the source of the race.

Many a person throws his tongue into high gear before he gets his brain going.

TREASURER'S REPORT

JUNE 15 - AUGUST 15, 1972

DUES; Women - Fargo 12
 HONORARY MEN'S DUES - Bismarck 3
 LTL DUES - Dickinson 20
 YTC DUES - from North Dakota YTC Camp 35
 WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN FUND- Fargo WCTU \$25.00; Oakes Iota Sigma \$2.00; West Fairview \$5.00; In Memory of Mrs. Erlene Winkelman, Marion, from Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCleary, \$2.00; In Memory of Mrs. Joe Miedema, Marion, from Marion WCTU \$5.00; Vivian Trapp, \$5.00; Mrs. Hazel Baker, \$3.00; Mrs. LeRoy Bartle, Dickey \$3.00; In Memory of Clarence E. Trapp from Violet White, Oakes \$2.00.
 FRANCES WILLARD FUND - N. Dak. YTC \$2.00

LILLIAN STEVENS FUND - N. Dak. YTC \$2.00

LIGHT LINE - Northwood

YOUTH CAMP - Cavalier \$25.00; Fargo \$23.75

WORLD FRIENDSHIP FUND - From N. Dak. YTC Camp \$50.37

DISTRICT PLEDGES - Northeast District \$50.00; Northwest District \$20.00; Ransom - LaMoire District \$100.00; Southwest - Midwest District \$10.00.

TOTAL MEMBERSHIPS TO DATE FOR 1971-72

Women ----- 734
 Men ----- 125

Mrs. John Gunness, Treasurer

ONE IN A MILLION MEMBERS

Effie C. Nelson, Bismarck.

GIFTS TO YTC (Since April, 1972)

James Valley District	\$35.00
Fargo District	5.00
Grand Forks District	25.00
Lisbon (memorial to Sadie Hentgen)	30.00
Memorial, L. Bilden, Northwood	20.00
Pledge to YTC Camp (Bob Hoover's)	50.00
Marlowe & Carma Kulish (pledge)	15.00
Steven Kordahl	5.00
Dr. A. D. Ottinger	50.00
Earl Stover, Larimore	20.00
Vivian Trapp, Marion	20.00
Jane Hoaby, Fargo	20.00
Vi White, Stirum	15.00
Rev. T. Gray, Dickinson	5.00
Betty Stover, Larimore	10.00
Mrs. L. Bartle, Dickey	10.00

Respectively submitted,
 Mrs. Melvin Gangness

NOONTIDE HOUR OF PRAYER

"It is always noontime somewhere, and across
 The awakening continents from shore to shore
 Somewhere our prayers are arising evermore."
 Lift up a standard for the people." Isa. 62:10

IN MEMORIAM

When comes to the weary a blessed release,
 When upward we pass to His kingdom of
 peace,
 When free from the woes that on earth we
 must bear,
 We'll say "good-night" here, but "good-
 morning" up there.
 Good morning up there where Christ is the
 Light,
 Good morning up there where cometh no
 night.--Lizzie De Armond.

The Northwood Union lost another Honorary member by death. Pastor S. H. Njaa, 101 years of age. He passed away July 20th at the nursing home in Northwood where he had been a resident for the last three years. If he had lived until August 8th, he would have reached 102.

He served as chaplain at the Home from 1949 to 1969. Before that he was pastor of a rural parish here for 36 years. His early life was spent in Canada, 1903 to 1913, ministering on the frontiers of Saskatchewan. His wife passed away in 1969.

Surviving the pastor are four daughters and one son, eleven grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

The Marion WCTU lost one of their charter members, when death claimed Mrs. Joe Meidema (Agnes) who passed away unexpectedly at her farm home on Thursday, June 29th.

Agnes DeBries was born November 28, 1908. She was baptized and confirmed in the North Marion Reformed Church, where she was a member up to the time of her death. She taught Sunday School there for 33 years. Agnes was married to Joe Meidema on Sept. 28, 1932 and resided on the same farm the remainder of her life.

She was the secretary of James Valley District WCTU at the time of her death and had been District Secretary for several years preceeding her death. She is greatly missed by her sister WCTU members and friends beside those of her family.

"A Christian citizen is a man who loves God first, his country next, himself last. He prays when he votes and votes as he prays. In his personal family, and political life, he unostentatiously sets an example which, if followed by all, would make democracy safe for the world."

DOROTHY AND ROBERT HOOVER



Robert and Dorothy Hoover come from Osseo, Minnesota where Robert is on the police force, and every year they come to our YTC camp at Cooperstown to spend their vacation and to help in the camp. This year Robert was Dean of Men.

If I remember right Dorothy and Robert met at our YTC Camp and became interested in each other. This budding romance blossomed into marriage. This did not stop them from coming to camp every year - even after they had two children, Dennis and Kathleen, who are veteran campers.

Dorothy is the daughter of Mrs. Geneva Hanson of Englevale and received a special award for attending camp for fourteen years. Robert is working hard in his effort to control narcotics and their results. We are proud to have them each year as our camp helpers.

DRINKING DRIVERS CAUSE 70 PERCENT OF TRAILL COUNTY FATALITIES

The Traill County Coroner was way too busy in 1971. There were ten traffic fatalities in Traill County in 1971.

You may say SO!, so what! But let's take a longer look at these figures. Of the ten deaths, seven were legally under the influence of alcohol (drunk), and of the seven legally drunk individuals, four were below the age of twenty one. Legally drunk, but not legally old enough to drink. To restate the above, 70 percent of the traffic deaths in Traill County in 1971 were legally drunk. What about the cause of the accidents that killed the other three people? Two were in the older drivers, age 75 and 60, and they just did not pay enough attention to their driving and hence were in fatal accidents. Cause---driver error---lack of proper attention. The other death was a seventeen year old in which excessive

speeding was the cause of the accident.

I think it is interesting to note that in none of the fatal accidents was mechanical failure, road conditions, or weather conditions the cause of the accidents. They were all driver error. Seventy percent made the error of drinking and then driving, and the other thirty percent made the error of driving and not paying the attention needed to safely operate their vehicles.

I broke the ten deaths down a little more. By using the National Mortality Tables of the Insurance Companies of America, we lost 446 man years of life in Traill County in 1971 because of traffic accidents. If we use the figure of \$5,000 per year as the average income per person, per year, we lost \$2,270,000 in lost income because of Traill County traffic accidents in 1971. It was estimated there was also about \$650,000 in property damage in these accidents, or a total loss of about \$3,000,000 yes, three million dollars -- because of these accidents.

The figures are interesting, but what are or can we all do about this tremendous and needless loss of lives and dollars? First, if we drive, do not drink, and if we drink, do not drive. However, this just does not seem to be enough. Each and everyone of us is going to have to be our brothers and neighbors keeper. We are going to have to drive home those who are drinking, whether it be at our homes, at our clubs, or at our bars. If they refuse our assistance in getting safely home, we are going to have to be policemen by making citizen's arrests, and having our sheriff or police officers take them either home or to jail. Traill County just can not afford ten deaths or three million dollars loss per year!

James M. Little, M.D.
Traill County Coroner
Steele County Press
January, 1972

GRAND FORKS DISTRICT WCTU CONVENTION

The 62nd annual convention of the Grand Forks District WCTU met in the Swarstad Chapel in Northwood on May 2, 1972, with 51 members and friends registered. After the 9:30 A.M. coffee hour the meeting was called to order by District president, Mrs. Henry Evanson.

Assembly singing was directed by Mrs. Duane Mutch, accompanied by Mrs. Ross Mutchler. The devotions were led by Mrs. Henry Evanson, who used a portion of the district theme verse from I Thess. 5:6 as a basis for her talk in which she brought out the different benefits of prayer. Mrs. Allen Anderson led the flag salutes and the reading of the purpose of the WCTU. Mrs. Sizemore gave a hearty welcome to the group and Mrs. Berthuson responded to it.

Committees were appointed and both district

and state officers who were present were introduced. The Secretary's report was read and approved, also the Treasurer's report.

The District president's report showed a membership of 107, with 19 honorary members; 13 young people attended camp at Cooperstown last year. She also reported a new YTC in Larimore. Mrs. Evanson also presented the Gold Loving Cup, given at the state convention to the District having the largest net gain in membership

It was voted by the assembly to give \$25.00 to the YTC camp and also \$25.00 to the State WCTU. The morning speaker, Mrs. Westacott used the Bible quotation, "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength," which was a real inspiration to those present. She said that belonging to the WCTU was one of her greatest joys and that working with youth in Speech contests was most interesting. Ruth Knutson sang a solo, "I Know of a Sleep In Jesus," which was followed by the Memorial Service which was conducted by Mrs. Stover, assisted by Mrs. Kylo, for the following deceased members: Mrs. C. A. Mrs. Ingebord Olson and Mrs. Clara Jenson, of the Northwood Unions, also for Mr. Joseph Bilden, an honorary member from the Northwood union. The service was concluded by singing, "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee."

Mrs. Carlson offered the Noontide prayer. A delicious noon luncheon was served by the Miriam Circle of the E.L.C. in the Chapel basement.

The hymns, "Take The Saviour With You," and "Lead on O King Eternal," were sung in opening the afternoon session. Mrs. Roehl gave the devotions, which were also based on the district theme from I Thess. 5:6, mentioning how evil hates light and we should constantly seek to divert people to the light where peace and happiness can be found. Mrs. Asking again played one of her delightful piano solos. Mrs. Gangness, state YTC secretary, stopped in briefly to make a few remarks about the YTC camp, which will be July 5-9, price per camper \$15.00. She emphasized the fact that the camp as well as our WCTU is a non-denominational organization. She also read two poems called, "Grandmother" and "Tomorrow."

Mrs. Gorder, state Recording secretary, gave the afternoon address, saying among other things that alcohol is twice as bad as before; drugs and alcohol did a 50 billion dollar a year business last year and this brought a cost of 25 billion dollars to our nation in crime and arrests. She said that Norway has such strict drinking driver laws that during a vacation period no accidents were reported. Mrs. Gorder's address was followed by a solo, "His Name is Wonderful," sung by Mrs. Don Savage.

Mrs. Mendora Bilden, state LTL secretary, assisted by one of the members, gave a very

clever Skit. To introduce the White Ribbon Recruit Service, Thilda Haugen sang, "Happy The Home Where God Is There." The following children were brought to be dedicated; Sarah Lee Buchanan, Stephanie Ann Thompson, Mark Phillip Korsmo and Michelle Renee Korsmo.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

- President - - - - - Mrs. Henry Evanson
- Vice-President - - - Mrs. S. P. Roehl
- 2nd Vice-President - - - Mrs. R. B. Westacott
- Recording Sec. - - - - Mrs. Oscar Moen
- Promotion Sec. - - - - Mrs. Lynn Mutchler
- Treasurer - - - - - Mrs. Arnold Olson

A beautiful pin was given to the former Treasurer of the District, Mrs. O. T. Stenmo, who retired after 19 years of faithful service to the district.

An invitation for the 1973 District Convention was given by the Grand Forks union and accepted by the group. Following adjournment coffee was served in the chapel dining room.

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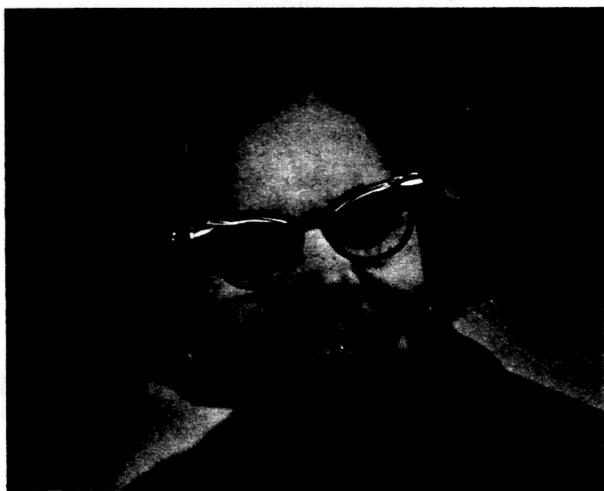
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MOTHER OF THE YEAR

Mrs. Ernest Stedje, Hettinger, N. D.



Mrs. Ernest Stedje of Hettinger, N.D., who was chosen "Mother of the Year" of 1972, spoke at

She was a former member of and officer in the local WCTU, but because of many other activities and an ailing mother, she had not been a member for some time, but just recently has re-joined the local union.

We congratulate Mrs. Stedje in the appointment to this high position.

NORTHEAST DISTRICT WCTU CONVENTION

The eighty-second Annual Convention of the Northeast District Woman's Christian Temperance Union convened in the Lutheran church in Nekoma, N.D., May 10th. President Mrs. Chester Webb was in charge. Thirty members registered.

Pastor Patrick of Langdon led in devotions and gave a meditation on "The Whole Armour of God." Mrs. Marvin Moen, Nekoma and Mrs. Lester Edgington, Cavalier, each sang a solo with Mrs. Dora Parnell, Cavalier, at the piano.

Business was conducted, pledges to the District work were made and annual reports of the activities of the unions represented were given. The following unions were present: Langdon, Park River, Cavalier, Grafton and Nekoma.

Mrs. Benjamin Gorder, Grafton, told of the plans for the YTC camp at Cooperstown which is to be held July 5-9 this year. Mrs. Gilbert Johnson, Promotion Secretary, gave the address, using as her topic the quotation, "Let us not be weary in well doing—".

Winners in the poster contest were:

1st prize— Barbara Ledbury; 2nd: James Le Haise; 3rd: Becky Baumann, all from Grafton.

Dale Edward Gronhovd, Nekoma, was presented by his mother to become a little White Ribbon

Recruit. Mrs. Holt of Grafton conducted the service.

Officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows:

President - - - Mrs. Chester Webb, Cavalier
Vice-President - - - Mrs. Chester Thompson Grafton

Treasurer - - - Christine Gjerve, Fairdale
Secretary - - - Mrs. Wm. Schluchter, Cavalier

A noon luncheon, coffee in the morning and afternoon were provided by the host union.

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

By Elsie Trueblood Hollis

ENTHUSIASM

Enthusiasm in a project
Works like yeast cake in the dough
Mix the yeast and dough together
Zip! the stuff begins to grow;
Your project will slip and sour
Like a heavy batch of bread
With enthusiasm lacking
And with energy all dead.

NOTES FROM THE UNIONS

Fargo WCTU Picnic

About thirty members of the Fargo WCTU enjoyed a delightful outing on their regular meeting day on Friday, August 4th. The group was entertained at the cottage home of Mrs. R. J. Loucks on Cormorant Lake, near Lake Park, Minnesota, with a bountiful noon picnic meal served. During the afternoon meeting an excellent devotional talk was presented by Mrs. Russell Duncan. It was decided to give a substantial gift of money to our White Ribbon Bulletin Fund.

