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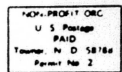
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PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL ADDRESS

It is with mixed emotions I greet you. I count it a joy and a privilege to speak at this convention. It also brings sadness as I realize how very much we all miss our dear former president, Rev. Eva Peet. We are extremely sorry she couldn't continue in this work which she loved, was dedicated to and carried on so capably. I know we are all thinking of her as we meet during these convention days.

I do thank each one of you for your interest, zeal and dedication to this work, also for your many kindnesses to me and your prayers are very much appreciated and needed as I have endeavored to carry on as your President. It is only by the grace and goodness of our God that tasks are accomplished and the work moves forward.

This is the tenth annual WCTU Convention that has convened in Jamestown. It was here in 1890 that the first State WCTU Convention was held in the state of North Dakota and now in 1972 our State convention is meeting here for the tenth time. We are delighted to be back with the Jamestown ladies and to enjoy this rapidly growing city. We thank you for all that you have done for our comfort, convenience and for a number one convention. A very special thanks to the pastor of the church, church board and members for the use of this beautiful building and it's facilities.

I have chosen as a title for my speech, "Let Us Build," taken from Nehemiah 2:18. Sanballet told the people of Israel that the hand of God was good upon him, even after viewing the broken down walls of Jerusalem, the distress of the nation and the Holy City laid waste. He urged the people with these words, "Come, let us build that we be no more a reproach for the hand of God was good upon me. The God of heaven He will prosper us." The people said "Let us rise up and build." So they strengthened their hands for this good work. What was the outcome of their united efforts? In Nehemiah 4:6 we read, "So we built the wall; for the people had a mind to work." Did the work go forward without any interference you ask? Of course not, no good work escapes harassment by opposing forces. You have all read the account in the Scriptures and know how Nehemiah and his workers coped with the situation.

So even today the forces of evil oppose us through various means: discouragement, ridicule and other ways. Let us as did Nehemiah and the Israelites of old determine to build and strengthen our hands for this good work, for it is a good work the WCTU carries on. First in the field of

education, warning and informing the adults and youth of the dangers to health and very life itself from the use of tobacco, alcohol and other narcotics. Alcohol is the most abused drug in the United States, so says the Health, Education and Welfare department in it's first annual report to congress on alcohol and health. 55,200 people were killed on our highways last year, 400 more than in 1970. Alcohol is involved in 50 to 60 percent of highway accidents, causing 28 to 30,000 deaths annually, and 800,000 crashes and last year 2,650, 000 were injured. It drains our economy of 15 billion dollars yearly. For every dollar of revenue the government receives from the sale of alcoholic beverages, it costs \$7.36 to re-habilitate alcoholics, maintain jails and sanitariums, to care for families left homeless and without food because father and too often mother drink and the children are not properly cared for, they the innocent must suffer, also others. Whose money pays these bills? Yours and mine! We are the government.

The consumption of alcohol, we are told, shortens ones life span from 10 to 12 years. We have 9 million problem drinkers and 9 million alcoholics in the United States, making 18 million alcohol addicts. Between 80 and 90 million Americans died because of alcoholic beverages. 79 percent of the male and 63 percent of the female population imbibe this deadly brew. Think of the numbers directly involved in this scourge but what of the thousands of innocent victims, the children, those killed or maimed for life in highway accidents, rape and outright murder because of alcoholic drinks. The user of this poison is not only disabled physically but mentally, yes, even those born of alcoholic parents often do not escape. The sins of the parents are visited upon the children.

Consumption of alcohol increases our crime rate. The uniform crime report points to some two million arrests annually for liquor law violations - these do not include liquor created homicides, suicides and divorces. Crime in the United States as measured by the Crime Index, offenses increased 6 percent during the calendar year 1970-1971. The Crime clock for 1970 reads like this: a serious crime, 11 each minute, violent crime, such as forceable rape, robbery, assault to kill (one every 43 seconds), a murder every 33 minutes and larceny including auto thefts (one every 34 seconds). Be not deceived, beverage alcohol contributes it's share to the motivation of these terrible crimes.

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Alcohol also loosens the tongue and lets down the bars of decency and morality. In the September 1972 issue of the Readers Digest, an article stated that we have a venereal disease epidemic reaching more than 2.5 million Americans yearly. This frightful figure, the article says, represents only the tip of a fast-growing ice-berg. Could consumption of alcoholic beverages have any connection with this dreadful threat to the health and life of our society?

It is a good work to warn, teach, to educate, to legislate, to agitate, and to pray for the elimination of these evils, including the rest of the narcotics which are on the increase, involving more of our youth at increasingly younger ages. Much could be said against this evil traffic that has even blighted lives of innocent infants. In New York today, as reported in Listen Magazine, there is a virtual epidemic of babies born addicted to "heroin." The first few days of life are a torment to these tiny victims as they are withdrawn from the drug, taking from 3 to 10 days to get the narcotics out of their systems. One wonders how many survive and how many succumb to the vicious killer.

To warn, to educate, to legislate, to agitate against gambling, betting and lottery is certainly a good work. They really profit no one but those whose dastardly business it is.

It is a good work we carry on through legislation. Frances Willard and the Crusade ladies said, "pray and educate, pray and agitate, pray and legislate." We know that our letters to congressmen and others in authority do help as the liquor in candy incident proved. It is good to be concerned with getting the right people in office, promoting good citizenship, exercising our right to vote and helping others to do so, showing respect for our flag, our Nation, our government and it's leaders even when we do not always agree with all they do.

Time will not permit me to enumerate all the good work we can carry on. Our Youth organizations; YTC and LTL are most important, WRR service a way to reach young parents with needed information. Our YTC camps with their wonderful educational program and christian emphasis for pointing our youth to Christ, which after all is our main concern for them - all else will fall in line.

We have our summer schools of Narcotic education for public school teachers, school packets, leaflets, pamphlets, posters, books, films, film strips, essays, speech contests in schools and churches, all provisions for carrying on this good work - SO LET US BUILD!

Each of our 8 departments has specific ways to carry on the work. Above all let us never forget that we are a christian Woman's organization - we

teach and build by our living examples. I have given you facts and figures on a national basis and you all know how these things effect your local communities, so let us face this new year determined to build for the good of all, in our homes, our communities, districts, state, national and all around the world. When asked to take part, please don't say you haven't time. If asked to join, please don't say you belong to too many organizations. In the emergency we face today with women, young people, even children as prime targets for the liquor and other narcotics traffic, you are needed. Older ladies with your wealth of knowledge and experience, younger ladies with your fresh vigor, enthusiasm and new approach, men, and youth you are needed as never before. Remember the motto, "I am but one, but I am one; I cannot do everything but I can do something; What I can do, I ought to do and what I ought to do, by the grace of God, I will do."

What an inspiration our former president, Ruth Ottinger was and is - the first "Century Key Club" member in the nation. Blessed be her memory, she is now with her Lord. How about these words from Frances Willard written as a Resolution by her for the organizing Convention 98 years ago. I quote, "That fully recognizing the fact that our cause is and will be combated by mighty determined and reluctant forces, we will, trusting in Him who is the Prince of Peace, meet argument with argument, misjudgment with patience, denunciations with kindness and all our difficulties and dangers with prayer." Unquote. The impossibles with man are possible with God - "ye have not because ye ask not or ye ask amiss - If ye ask anything in my name in faith believing, ye shall receive." Perhaps we have been negligent in asking others to join us, in working for new unions, in re-activating others, in organizing YTC and LTLs, enlisting WRR, encouraging our men to join us and in praying for leadership. Like Nehemiah of old let us be no more a reproach, but ask and work in faith believing. Let us make a drive for members, unions and activities, these are our "priorities for victory," ON TO THE CENTURY MARK! Let us build, nothing daunted and in the words of the song writer, "Be not dismayed for I am thy God, I will still give thee aid. I will strengthen thee help thee and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous omnipotent Hand.

Mrs. LeRoy Bartle

NOTICE

If any of the District Presidents did not get enough of the rules for the "National Poster Contest" and the "Centennial Song Writing Contest," for their Unions please notify Mrs. LeRoy Bartle, Dickey, and she will see that you get them.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE

83rd ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE NORTH DAKOTA STATE WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION, OCTOBER 4-6, 1972 HELD AT JAMESTOWN, NORTH DAKOTA

We, the members of the 83rd Annual Convention of the State Women's Christian Temperance Union, meeting in Jamestown, North Dakota, October 4-6, 1972, give thanks to Almighty God for His Leadership and Blessings.

Although mindful of conditions which surround us in the world today, our face is toward the future and our faith in our Heavenly Father who has led us across the years as we have sought to do His will and to help meet the needs of our fellowmen.

Our program has been challenging, our members have been dedicated, and believing that the challenge is greater than ever, we commit ourselves to our task with courage and confidence.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

TEEN-AGE DRINKING - With growing concern about the increase in teenage drinking and a realization of the serious drinking problems among young people, we deplore the change in some state laws which permits the sale of alcoholic beverages to 18-year-olds; also because of the efforts being made in other states to change their laws to permit this, we urge that a uniform law be enacted by congress setting 21 years as the minimum age at which alcoholic beverages may be purchased.

HEALTH WARNING ON LABELS - Believing the public has a right to know the truth about beverage alcohol, we recommend support of Senate Bill No. 1540 which would require a health warning on the labels of bottles containing alcoholic beverages.

ADVERTISING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES Having sought passage of a law prohibiting the advertising of all alcoholic beverages for many years, and still being convinced that such a law should be enacted, we support HR No. 4836 and HR No. 3649 to prohibit broadcasting of alcoholic beverage advertising on television during prime time hours of viewing by children and young people.

DRUGS - Since for many years we have been concerned about the entire drug problem, we urge continued effort in this field of education. We further urge punishment of pusher and user commensurate with the crime.

VIOLENCE ON TELEVISION - Believing that television programs showing violence are detrimental to the viewing public of all ages, and especially to children and young people; and that it is responsible for much of the crime in our country today, we request broadcasting companies to establish self-regulations to eliminate violence in their programs.

LEGALIZING GAMBLING - Noting the increase

in the number of states enacting laws to permit legalized gambling, and believing that gambling is morally wrong and financially unprofitable, we suggest a thorough study of the problem and urge that a strong effort be made to discourage gambling in any form.

ALCOHOL ABUSE AND ALCOHOLISM - After years of urging the President of the United States to set up a commissioner to study alcohol and related problems, looking toward its elimination, we regret that, instead, the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism was set up with an appropriation of many millions of dollars to promote "responsible drinking" which is moderation and rehabilitation rather than prevention.

We request the President to have the National Institute give emphasis to a program of prevention.

EDUCATION - Realizing that any legislation not endorsed by 80 per cent of the people will be impossible to enforce, we emphasize again the need of reaching teachers and all educators with factual material, training and methods of teaching the dangerous effects of alcohol, other narcotics and tobacco.

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

CRIME - Since lawlessness is rampant, most of which is alcohol or other drugs related, and when misinterpretation of the law restricts law enforcement, it is time the rights of the general public be given consideration.

VENEREAL DISEASES - We believe education is essential to the elimination of venereal diseases and we urge that such studies include the relation of alcohol and other narcotics to the contraction and spread of the diseases.

CHURCH - Believing in the importance of the work of the church we urge churches to emphasize the importance of total abstinence in the prevention of alcoholism through their educational programs and ask all Church members to discourage the use of alcoholic beverages on all occasions.

PORNOGRAPHY AND OBSCENITY - Believing that pornography and obscenity are poisoning our society, we urge strict enforcement of laws governing the same and commend the President of the United States for his statement "So long as I am in the White House there will be no relaxation of the effort to control and eliminate smut from our national life."

RESPONSIBILITY OF DISPENSERS OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - Feeling that the manufacturer, distributor, seller and server as well as the consumer are equally responsible for the effects of the use of beverage alcohol in deaths, highway accidents, crime, property damage, et cetera, the courts should hold them equally responsible in the costs of damage and punishment.

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YTC RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES

1971 - - - 1972

RECEIPTS:

Registration - - - - - \$1002.05
 Memorials, pledges & gifts - - - - - 411.75
 Dues, Stevens & Willard Funds - - - - - 22.00
 Friendship Fund - - - - - 50.37
 TOTAL - - - - - 1486.17

EXPENDITURES:

Friendship Fund - - - - - \$50.37
 Educational materials - - - - - 40.20
 Banquet & craft supplies - - - - - 11.39
 Staff fares - - - - - 40.00
 Stevens & Willard Funds - - - - - 4.00
 W. R. Bulletin Fund - - - - - 10.00
 Camp Rent - - - - - 1185.00
 YTC Banquet Tickets (1/2 of cost) - - - 34.00
 Dues - - - - - 19.50
 TOTAL - - - - - \$1394.46

(\$91.71 bal. for year)

Actual bank balance Oct. 1st, 1972 - - -327.56
 Includes \$10 outstanding & 3.12 cash
 Mrs. Melvin Gangness

PLEASE NOTE!

Article XIII and Section 3 of our Constitution reads:

No money from the treasury of the state WCTU shall be appropriated or given to any object or organization not controlled by the state or national WCTU except by recommendation of the general officers and two-thirds vote of the official board.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Aug. 15th to Oct. 15th, 1972

DUES (Women) - Minot 1, Grafton 14, West Fargo 9, Edgeley 9, Bismarck 4, Nekoma 6, Prosper 20, Enderlin 11, Fargo 29.

HONORARY (Mens) Dues - Minot 1, Fargo 1, Prosper 13, West Fargo 2, Edgeley 2, Bismarck 1, Enderlin 4.

MEMBERS AT LARGE - Women 2, Men 1.

LTL DUES - Cavalier 32, Northwood 67, Grafton 30, Ypsilanti 24.

YTC DUES - 4.

LILLIAN STEVENS FUND - Valley City \$2.00, Tappen \$2.00, Bottineau \$2.00, Nekoma \$2.00.

FRANCES WILLARD FUND - Bottineau \$2.00, Tappen \$2.00, Nekoma \$2.00.

STATE REPORTS - Minot \$1.00, Bottineau \$2.00, Tappen \$2.00, Nekoma \$2.00.

GIFT TO YTC - West Fairview \$15.00

LIGHT LINE - Prosper, Nekoma.

MEMORIAL - For Mr. Leonard Bilden from Emma Gorder to WRB fund, \$2.00

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO WRB - \$1.00

LIFE PATRONS - Mrs. Marie Adsero by Mrs. L.O. Grondahl, Mrs. Emma Gorder by herself, Mrs. E. J. Huntley by Rev. Huntley, Mrs. L. O. Grondahl by Mrs. LeRoy Bartle

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS - Mrs. Leonard Bilden by Mrs. Dagney Bilden, Mr. Thomas Waldie by Mrs. Waldie, Mr. Gilbert Johnson by Mrs. Johnson, Mr. John Sheldon by Mrs. Sheldon, Mrs. Syneva Norheim by herself.

MEMORIAL MEMBERS - Mr. Leonard Bilden by Mrs. Bilden, Mrs. Frank Regath Mr. Oscar Kjorlie by Dorothea Newramon.

CHILD MEMBERSHIPS - Mrs. Fred Kulish, 2 grandchildren, Mrs. Chester Molm, 2 grandchildren, Mrs. Salter, 2 grandchildren, Mrs. Harry Anderson, 1 grandchild.

CONVENTION OFFERING - \$83.25

LITERATURE & PINS SOLD - \$31.22

Mrs. L. O. Grondahl, Treasurer

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

NEW YTC

The Ransom-Sargent YTC members met for the first time at Terry Hopewell's home. Mrs. Paul (Violet) White and Mrs. Elmer (Melissa) Dick were co-chairmen during the election of officers. The officers elected are: President-Terry Krchnavy, Vice-President- Doug Christenson, Secretary-Debbie Johnson and Treasurer, Ranae Officer.

The other members are Judy Johnson and Terry Hopewell and we are expecting many more to join us. Our next meeting will be at Mrs. Violet White's home.

Debbie Johnson, Secretary

LTL DAY CAMPS

The Cavalier union sponsored an LTL Day Camp once again this year, for the 5th year, in the Cavalier City Park. Thirty-two youngsters attended, and at the close of the session, all signed the pledge. There were stories told by Mrs. M. W. Gunter and singing led by Mrs. Chester Webb. Hand-Craft consisted of making LTL Doggies that held paper napkins. Everyone enjoyed the Tang and three cookies apiece. August 9th was a day to remember for we learned that the best is THE TEMPERANCE WAY.

The Marion Union also held a Day Camp for the LTL, August 24. The Program and work for the children was held in the church parlors but for lunch and games the group went to the City Park. 24 children signed pledge cards and paid their dues of 10c. It was a smiling group of children and some adults that enjoyed the day.

STATE WCTU POSTER CONTEST

4th Grade

1st prize - - - - - Jeffrey Ostlie, Northwood, N.D.

2nd prize - - - - - Dean Gylden, Northwood, N.D.

5th Grade

1st prize - - - - - Mark Sunde, Northwood, N.D.

2nd prize - - - - - Kathy Marbeck, Northwood, N.D.

6th Grade

1st prize - - - - - Sharon Limesand

11th Grade

1st prize - - - - - Dawn Fellon, Inkster, N.D.

Judged by

Rev. E. J. Huntley, Enderlin; Miss Hulda Carlson, Grafton; and Mrs. Blattner, Bismarck.

The following statement was made from a patient in a hospital. "The pleasure I got from smoking can never compare to the suffering caused by smoking."

Alcohol is the most abused drug in the United States. So told the Health, Education and Welfare Department to the Congress in the government's first annual report on alcohol and health.

There are now 9 million alcoholics or problem drinkers in America-- almost 10 per cent of the work force-- and alcoholism is an epidemic among American Indians, according to the report submitted under a new law drafted by Sen. Harold E. Hughes, D-Iowa, a reformed alcoholic.

NORTH DAKOTA WCTU CONVENTION

For lack of space, I'll give just a brief account of our convention in the St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Jamestown, October 4-6.

The banquet was served by the host church the first evening with about 130 people served. The food was delicious and plentiful, the welcoming group made us feel happy. The musical numbers were beautifully rendered and we enjoyed them. Our guest speaker, Dr. James Brandt, in his address entitled, "Hope For the Future" did an excellent job of showing us how in spite of technology, inventions, physics, chemistry etc., to help make life easier and more enjoyable, that human behavior hasn't as yet been solved, we haven't learned to live together and we haven't moved one inch in our civilization - we are going backward. He said the answer is "To Love as Jesus taught it." He stopped there, failing to tell us the source of the power to do this, which is Christ's Spirit dwelling only in the heart of a believer. Philippians 4:13

The next day our State President gave her annual Address, which you may read in this issue. The "Mother of the Year," Mrs. Ernest Stedje, Hettlinger, N.D., spoke on the home and the importance of the mother's place there.

We all enjoyed the good music furnished by Mrs. McCoy, who was our pianist, and all others who played and sang. The inspiring devotions given by different pastors were encouraging and the Fruestras were a boost to our energies. We appreciated the luncheons served each day by the host church which were so good and different.

The following officers were elected for the year 1972-1973:

President - - Mrs. LeRoy Bartle, Dickey, N.D.
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Credentials Committee reported that 104 persons were registered for this 83rd annual State WCTU Convention.

Mrs. E. J. Huntley, Man. Editor

Here are some counts against the cigarette:

In 1969 Americans spent over 10 billion dollars for tobacco.

In 1970 an average of 9.7 pounds of tobacco were consumed by persons 18 years and over in the U.S. Statistics show that a person starting to smoke at an early age has a life expectancy of 54.4 years. Building-fires in 1969 amounted to 111,000, caused by smoking and matches.

In 1970 carelessness caused more than 14,500 forest fires.

Close to 15 percent of entering 7th grade students smoke.

STATE GENERAL WCTU OFFICERS



Left to right - Mrs. Bartle, White, Johnson, Grondahl, Gorder.

NORTH DAKOTA ONE MINUTE REPORT AT NATIONAL CONVENTION

MRS. LEROY BARTLE-PRESIDENT

North Dakota held 10 planned, inspiring district meetings this spring. We are pleased to report two new YTC's and a new LTL. Our 14th annual YTC Camp was held with 85 enthusiastic youth. Our governor proclaimed April 17 - 23 as YTE week.

Our films, "Just One" and "LSD - Insight Or Insanity," the award winning filmstrip, it's companion and others were shown extensively throughout the state, especially in January for "North Dakota Temperance Day" observances in schools.

A first was initiated in North Dakota, an annual "Safe Drivers Clinic" in which the WCTU was invited to share. This we did by displaying a very thought-provoking poster made by the LTL members and by distribution of our literature. So we keep moving forward to victory over evil with God, "For God and home and every land."

THE UNION SIGNAL

THE YOUNG CRUSADER

Once again it is time to be thinking about giving for Christmas. What better gift can be given than a subscription for THE UNION SIGNAL, THE YOUNG CRUSADER, or a combination subscription. Gift subscriptions are on the list of AIMS for promoting THE UNION SIGNAL in the year ahead, so this is a fine time to begin promoting through your union or by yourself.

Gift cards will be sent for either, or both, publications which are Christmas gifts.

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NOTES FROM THE UNIONS

The Langdon WCTU held its August 7th meeting in the parlors of the Presbyterian church. The Nekoma Union ladies were our guests. Mrs. Veda Howatt presided at the meeting. The daughters of Rev. and Mrs. Patrick sang several beautiful numbers accompanied by their brother on his guitar. Rev. and Mrs. Patrick can be proud of such fine young children.

Our guest speaker was our District President, Mrs. Chester Webb of Cavalier. A delicious lunch was served at the close of the meeting by the hostess WCTU.

At the October 7th meeting of the Bismarck Union, a new member was gained and plans were made to sell scripture linen calendars as a fund raising project. Mrs. Nettie Dance and Mrs. Mabel Salter of Menoken, who had attended the State WCTU Convention in Jamestown, were visitors and they with Mrs. Bender of Bismarck, gave reports of the convention.

For the Centennial this year in Bismarck, the WCTU there, planted a pine tree in the Centennial Forest on the outskirts of Bismarck. The name of the WCTU is on a plaque at the entrance of this area. The Centennial celebration was July 23-30, 1972 and the following persons pictured below marched in the parade.



Left to right: Mrs. Lind, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Haase, Mrs. Bender

RANSOM-LAMOURE DISTRICT CONVENTION

The 72nd annual meeting of the Ransom-LaMoure District WCTU was held at Edgeley in the United Methodist church.

Mrs. LeRoy Bartle, district president, called the meeting to order. A song was sung by the group and Mrs. Bartle, in the absence of the pastor, led

the devotions by reading the 150 psalm, giving a short message from it. She closed her devotions with prayer. The flag salutes were given next. Mrs. Bartle gave a history of each flag before it was saluted. She then explained why our guest speaker, Mrs. Melvin Gangness couldn't be at the meeting.

Mrs. Fred Kreutsberg cordially welcomed the group to Edgeley and Mrs. Leslie Hastings, Enderlin, gave the response. The total number registered was 19 members, 2 visitors and one honorary member—a total of 22 in attendance.

Reports from the 5 unions represented there, were given, showing much good work done during the year. Mrs. Bartle gave her annual report, stating that we are a Banner district, and that 5 unions were Holdfast and 4 Steadfast. She informed us that our State Convention will be in St. Paul's United Methodist church in Jamestown, on October 4-6, and that our guest speaker, Dr. Paul Brandt, Minot, will speak at the banquet the evening of October 4th. She reported that Youth night will be on Saturday evening at the Youth Camp, which is from July 5-9.

Following the appointment of committees the group sang "Lead on O King Eternal," after which Mrs. Huntley was given a few minutes to speak about the White Ribbon Bulletin. She urged members to send to her accounts of the different activities in their unions, also to send her accounts of members who have passed on to their eternal home.

Mrs. Nash conducted the Memorial service for Mrs. Ernest Hentgen and Mrs. Gus Alinder, both from the Lisbon union, who are deceased. Mrs. Clarence Johnson, Enderlin, offered the Noontide prayer for our work.

The afternoon session was opened by the group singing, "The White Ribbon Rally Song" followed with devotions by Phyllis Baker, Lisbon, whose text was taken from John 10:1-11,16. Because of Mrs. Gangness absence, Mrs. Bartle gave the convention address using Isaiah 54:2 for her very inspiring talk on the scriptures "Enlarge the Place of thy Tent." Following her address she and Mrs. Robert McCleary gave a very clever skit, which all enjoyed.

At the business meeting it was voted to raise our district pledge to the State to \$100.00 for the coming year. The following officers for the district were elected:

- President - - - Mrs. LeRoy Bartle, Dickey
- Vice-President - - - Mrs. Glen Stemen, Dickey
- Secretary - - - - Mrs. Adolph Huether, Lisbon
- Treasurer - - - - Mrs. Leslie Hastings, Enderlin

The new officers were installed by Mrs. Huntley. The Enderlin union invited the District Convention to be in Enderlin next year. The invitation was accepted.

Both morning and afternoon coffee was served by the host union, which we all appreciated.

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HIGHWAY SAFETY - Since beverage alcohol is recognized as a major cause of highway injuries and fatalities, we urge more effective enforcement of Highway Safety laws and stronger penalties for such offenses against public safety and welfare.

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

ALCOHOL IN CANDY - Deploring the efforts of the Liquor interests to have a bill enacted in Congress which would allow the inclusion of alcoholic beverages in candy, inevitably leading many children and young adults to acquire a taste for alcoholic beverages at an age when they cannot realize the dangers involved, we call upon Congress not to consider such a bill.

LIQUOR ON PLANES - Since alcohol is a great menace to airline safety and with the introduction of greater jet speeds, incidence of hijacking, larger plane passenger loads, and the lifting of consumption limits of alcoholic beverages by the airlines, thus constituting frightening proportions of danger to those who travel by plane, we urge the Federal Aviation Authority to ban all sales, service and consumption of alcoholic beverages on commercial airlines.

ABORTION - We urge all voters to vote against the Abortion issue that will be on our November 7th election ballot. VOTE NO.

THANKS - We give our most grateful thanks to the WCTU of Jamestown and Marion for the fine arrangements made for this convention. We give thanks to the pastor and trustees of St. Paul's United Methodist Church for the use of this building and its facilities and for the help with our program. We thank all those who provided the good music, the women of the church who served the banquet and other meals, for our convenience. We thank the Jamestown people who welcomed us and opened their homes to us, the business firms who gave us gifts, the press for the news coverage and pictures of our convention. We thank the unions who served the Fruestras. We thank our guest speaker, Dr. James E. Brandt, from the Minot State College, for his presence and helpful evening address, and all others who helped in any way to make this state WCTU convention of 1972 a success.

Respectfully submitted,

The State Officers, Mrs. Walter Piehl
and Mrs. Sam Holt.

WHITE RIBBON RECRUIT SERVICE

A new little girl, Jana April Jones, about 1 1/2 years old and the daughter of Jean and Jerry Jones, became a White Ribbon Recruit at our State WCTU Convention in Jamestown, on October 6, 1972. We are always so happy to have mother's dedicate their children to Total Abstinence.

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