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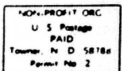
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## THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

"I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is yet day; the night cometh when no man can work."  
John 9:4

Greetings White Ribboners:

Yes, we surely need to work diligently while it is yet day. As I write this we are still in "72", you will read my words in "73." Time passes so swiftly that we need to use each day wisely. Some one has said wealth lost may be regained—even health lost is sometimes gained back but time lost is gone forever.

Wasn't it good to be together at the State Convention, gaining inspiration, information and energy anew from fellowship together. The reports, musical numbers, devotions from various pastors, banquet speakers and Rev. Huntley all brought us a challenge to "keep on keeping on" in this great and much needed work. May that challenge carry us to bigger and better things in "73." The Jamestown ladies entertained us royally, many thanks to them and to all who had a part in making the State Convention successful. I appreciate your confidence in voting me in as your president. My prayer is that in all ways, at all times I may justify your faith and trust. I earnestly covet and need your prayers.

The WCTU year will be almost half gone when this issue reaches you. I trust we have all been working hard at all "priorities," especially on membership. Wouldn't it be wonderful if a North Dakota union could receive the 1973 National "Home Builders Award?"

I wish to congratulate the Max-Benedict YTC, their Executive Director, Mrs. Everett Johnson, our State Executive Director, Mrs. Melvin Gangness, for achieving 100 percent of the Efficiency Standards. WCTU ladies let this challenge us to gain National recognition. There are many ways to do this, "Home Builders Award," "White Ribbon Investor," "Century Builder" and "Centennial Flagbearers"—you name it and let's do it.

There is much that needs to be done—we have materials to work with from National Headquarters also a planned program for added incentive. If our blessed Lord felt the urgent need to be about His Father's business, should we not feel that necessity also?

Since our paper comes out six times a year, it is never the proper time to wish you Happy Holidays. But I do sincerely hope you all had a truly meaningful Thanksgiving which will trans-

late into Thanks living, and a Blessed Holy Christmas which will be translated into blessings reaching around the world; then as we ring out the old year and ring in the New Year, shall we ask ourselves, "What will we do with this New Year?" "Oh! Give to the hours your purposed Powers, your zeal with a heart aflame!" Remembering Phil. 4:6,7; Hebrews 4:16.

With Love,  
Marion Bartle

## EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

The new 1972-74 work sheet has been sent to each union president. It is lavender in color and should be kept in the secretary's book. On the reverse side there is room for information needed for annual reports to be sent to me by Oct. 1, 1973, as I must get a state report to the National director, Mrs. Olive Forbes by Oct. 15.

Three leaflets were enclosed as a sample of materials you may want. The one entitled Drugs and Alcohol and Today's Youth is especially helpful and costs only 75 cents per 100. The purpose of the education department is to let every child know the truth about narcotics, alcohol, tobacco and all other drugs. The drug problem is very serious now and worse than the effects of tobacco.

Thanks for your cooperation,  
Hulda T. Carlson Director

## PERSONAL MENTION

In September, Mrs. Marion Voorhees of Tower City, visited in Casper, Wyoming. She decided while there to visit Mrs. Bessie Darling who has been residing at the Skyline Towers, but found she had left there for the Paradise Valley Health Care Center at the edge of Casper. Mrs. Voorhees grandniece and her daughter took Mrs. Voorhees there in her car. They found Mrs. Darling ready to go out with her daughter-in-law, however she visited a short time with them. Mrs. Voorhee's little great grandniece sang a song for Mrs. Darling who really appreciated it. She said she would love to be back in Grand Forks but her relatives live there. Mrs. Darling used to be our State Home Protection director and made scrap books of the little White Ribbon Recruits, with their pictures etc. She was a faithful director for many years. Letters from White Ribbon Bulletin readers, especially those who knew her, would be most welcome.

## PROMOTION SECRETARY'S LETTER

"For the Lord your God is He that goeth with you, to fight for you against your enemies." Deut. 20:4.

It is comforting to know that we are not asked to go alone, but God goes with us. In His strength we shall be victorious. As we enter the new year let us claim this promise in our fight against the forces of evil.

How time does fly! It hardly seems possible, as this is being written, that two months have gone by since we met for our state convention. It was a most delightful experience to meet each and every one of you who came from all parts of the state. The Jamestown ladies, as well as those from Marion, had planned so well for everything and we all felt such a warm welcome. Thank you so much for your grand hospitality!

It is now time to be working in earnest to achieve our goals for the coming year. One of these is that of CENTURY BUILDER UNION. It seems to me that EACH UNION can meet all of the needed requirements. As far as membership is concerned, all you need is ONE more WCTU member and ONE more Honorary member than you had last year in order to be net gain. If one member has passed away since last year's report you must win TWO new members in order to be ONE net gain. The National and State Funds are not difficult to meet. Under "Subscriptions" you can choose ONE out of four plans, whichever is best suited to your group. For example, if you have 10 subscriptions, you qualify under No. 1, no matter how many or how few members you have. If, for example, you have nine members, and your Union Signal subscriptions equal three, you will still qualify under No. 2 because this would be equal to one-third of your membership. Under "Participation" you will note the requirements to be met in order to qualify. If you have further questions about anything please write me and I will be most happy to help you. The score sheets will be mailed to each union and you should have them by the time this paper reaches you. Please begin to work toward these goals NOW. One copy is to be sent to me and the other retained for your files. Send me the report in June. This will give you time to reach all the goals. The deadline is JUNE 30, 1973. Let us have 100 percent CENTURY BUILDER UNIONS in North Dakota in 1973. WE CAN DO IT!

If your union has not as yet received a copy of the Annual State Report it should reach you soon. It is suggested that you include it in your union program plans. The union will receive five points toward becoming a Banner Union if this is carried out. Another five points will be earned if \$2.00 is sent to the state treasurer for each copy. Check the State Report as to the other projects to be carried out in order to become a BANNER UNION

and also the projects which the districts must perform to enable them to become BANNER DISTRICTS.

Best wishes for a very Happy New Year!

Sincere Greetings,  
Mrs. Gilbert F. Johnson

## A WORD TO THE WISE

Dear Friends:

It is a very white world indeed, that I look out upon from my windows today; there is no color to be seen out of doors in any direction. The earth, the sky right now, the branches of small trees on this place, the open fields that extend in all directions from my home, all are covered with thick white frost. The only spots that are not white are roof tops and solid walls from which the snow has blown away. The Prairie Land of North Dakota still lives up to its reputation; we still have plenty of wind. Yet I like to think of the words of a poet of long ago whose name I have forgotten: "If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?" Today, even the smallest twigs on the trees appear to be inches thick, and we do not look for Spring weather until several weeks of real winter have been pinned on the calendar. Maybe it will be months that we count, instead of weeks! Another verse that I like says: "Never yet was a Springtime when the buds forgot to bloom."

Having lived at least some part of every year of my life on a farm, it is natural that I feel concern when farm problems arise. Since the heavy snow came recently, the grass in the pasture is hidden from the view of the horses. They have shelter from the storms, but the grass to which they have been accustomed is hidden from their sight. So they paw the snow away, when they are let out. There is a little spotted colt, six months old, that I like to watch; the way she does exactly the same things that her mother does, to get food, is something to see. If human parents and children could and would understand the rules for living good, safe lives, what a wonderful world we might have!

Let us not forget that our leaders in the work for Temperance are busy people, that they need our cooperation and our prayers. If the plans and suggestions they give in The White Ribbon Bulletin meet your approval, send a card or letter to the one who is responsible for the good headwork, and tell her so, and keep on praying as one of the songs that used to be sung, suggests. May God bless you all!

Always your friend,  
Elizabeth C. Beasley

## PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

**PRIORITIES FOR VICTORY** is the general theme for the next two years in the WCTU Program. We will recommend a few priorities which, if carefully followed will help to move us "ON TO THE CENTURY MARK."

**SPIRITUAL PRIORITIES:** I would emphasize again our trying hour, 12 Noon, the noontide prayer, inaugurated and continued, for the work and workers. Many of the new members may not know of this designated time when we meet at the Mercy Seat, and make our petitions known to our God. Especially I would ask prayer now for the Centenary Plans in all details, and for the Committee in their promotion and projection of the plans. Ask God to deepen the spiritual life of each individual member, young and old, and make it a rededication of life to the total abstinence cause. Ask the Lord to give us wisdom for the task, vision for the planning, courage for the work, grace for endurance, and VICTORY at last.

**MEMBERSHIP PRIORITIES:** We could not exist without the local member in the local union. These form our membership priority. The foundation of the work is the dedicated and consecrated woman, individual and collective. I like the idea of securing members under 35 years of age to be CONVENTION TOPS. Let us be CENTENNIAL TOPS and continue this effort for the next two years, getting the largest number of local members under age 35. Who'll be first? Which state will be the CLEVELAND INDIAN CHIEF when we go into 1974?

**FAMILY PRIORITIES:** If there is any area in our society which needs strengthening today, it is the family and family life. The WCTU is organized for the protection of the home. Family life is an art; let us cultivate it. The community needs the extension and enlargement of the influence of the family. Try to stop the break-up of families, and work for the restoration of families and family life where such difficulty exists due to alcohol and attendant evils. Christian marriage will never end. Let us uphold Christian standards of chastity before marriage and fidelity within the marriage contract. Establish a systematic plan for Bible reading and prayer within the family, in other words, the family altar. Step by step witness to them of the love of God in Christ, and help them to declare themselves for total abstinence. Focus on the family NOW.

**YOUTH PRIORITIES:** The direct attack of the liquor interests is leveled at young people and children. The WCTU cannot hold itself guiltless of what liquor may do to these unless there has been every possible effort made to forewarn them as well as protect them. Every local union, if no other thing is done, should mother an LTL and or a YTC. In addition all possible help should be given to leaders of youth and children in

Sunday School, Vacation Bible school and public school, kindergarten through 10th grade, with information on alcohol, other narcotics and tobacco. A strong and continued educational program working through the teachers is recommended. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

**CITIZENSHIP PRIORITIES:** This is a crucial year for our nation, and our right of citizenship should be exercised in getting out the vote, and in preparing ourselves to assist new voters in their right of franchise.

**CENTENNIAL PRIORITIES:** Here is a message to us from Frances E. Willard. It surely applies now as we move ON TO THE CENTURY MARK, 1974. "Let me reiterate the statement I have so often and earnestly made, that we must begin to collect temperance books, documents and souvenirs now while they are to be had. It has pleased me greatly that some good friends have brought to me this very summer invaluable documents which, as I told them, I shall carefully preserve and hand over to our keeper of archives. "We and hand over to our keeper of archives." We need these things NOW. See what you have or can locate and endeavor to make them available to us. God bless you.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Fred J. Tooze, President, Natl. WCTU  
Mrs. LeRoy Bartle, President, N.D. WCTU

## NOTES FROM THE UNIONS

The Northwood WCTU met Tuesday, November 7, at 2:30 P.M. Devotions were led by Hannah Haga. In the absence of Secretary Ellen Sizemore, the minutes of previous meeting were read by Dagney Bilden. Reports of the state convention at Jamestown were given by Mendora, Dagney and Bertina.

The department emphasis was "Legislation." Parts of the Washington letter were read by Director Dagney Bilden.

An impressive memorial service was held for the following deceased members: Mabel Olimb, Flora Onsager, Lizzy Bilden; Honorary members: Leonard Bilden, Joseph Bilden, Martin Danielson and Pastor Njaa.

Candles were lit in memory of each one by relatives and friends of the deceased.

Ruth Knutson sang a solo, "I Know of a Sheep  
Ruth Knutson sang a solo, "I Know of a Sleep in Jesus Name." Bertina Evanson was in charge of the service. Members sang the consecration hymn. Prayer by Bertina, Lord's Prayer and table grace.

When a twelve year old, every day of his life sees his mother take a pill to calm herself down or pep herself up, is it any wonder that the kid comes "tripping" after?

McCalls, September 1971

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## LETTER

Dear White Ribboners:

I bring you greetings from Ohio. It is so good that I can reach each one of you this way through the WRB. I think of you so often, and have you much in my prayers. I do appreciate each one of you, and what you are doing through the WCTU. It was really good to have the greeting from the State Convention and to hear the good reports. Thank you so much.

As I write this, the Christmas season is still ahead and I hope it is a very joyous time for all of you, because of our Saviour's birth. May His rich blessings be upon you. By the time you read this, the New Year will have begun, and I pray it will be the best ever for you individually and as groups working together.

I am involved in church work, doing what I can and enjoying it; so far I haven't found a WCTU group around here to work with, so I am still a part of North Dakota.

Praying God's best for you in the New Year.

Lovingly,  
 Eva Peet

A report recently sent to Congress by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and alcoholism notes that alcohol addiction warps some nine million lives, costs about 15 billion dollars annually causes directly or indirectly almost half of all the arrests in this country, and accounts for about 28,000 motor vehicle deaths a year. It is estimated that heavy drinkers shorten their life span by 10 to 12 years and cause incalculable grief to their loved ones.



TREASURER'S REPORT

OCT. 15, 1972 - DEC. 15, 1972

DUES (Women) - Napoleon 12, Parshall 15, Crosby 12, Edgeley 1, Larimore 12, Cavalier 17, Bismarck 21, Grand Forks 26, Marion 17, Northwood 57, West Fairview 9, Tioga 14, Minot 21, Tappen 7, Dickey 11, Bottineau 8, Rugby 21, Max-Benedict 17, Tower City 12, Glover-Oakes 24, Hettinger 19.

HONORARY (Mens) Dues - West Fairview 2, Napoleon 5, Parshall 5, Bismarck 2, Grand Forks 6, Northwood 11, Tioga 8, Dickey 2, Max-Benedict 9, Glover-Oakes 5, West Fargo 1.

MEMBERS AT LARGE - 2

LILLIAN STEVENS FUND - Parshall \$5.00, Crosby \$2.00, Bismarck \$2.00, Grand Forks \$2.00, West Fairview \$3.00, Tioga \$2.00, Edgeley \$2.00, Max-Benedict \$2.00.

FRANCES WILLARD FUND - Parshall \$5.00, Crosby \$2.00, Bismarck \$3.00, Grand Forks \$2.00, West Fairview \$3.00, Tioga \$2.00, Edgeley \$2.00, Max-Benedict \$2.00.

STATE REPORTS - Parshall \$2.00, Bismarck \$5.00, Grand Forks \$4.00, Minot \$4.00, Max - Benedict \$2.50, Glover-Oakes \$2.00, Edgeley \$1.00, Dickey \$2.00.

WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN FUND - Edgeley \$5.00, Northwood \$5.00, Parshall \$5.00, Bismarck \$7.00, Williston \$5.00, Max-Benedict \$3.00.

GENERAL FUND - Grand Forks \$15.00, \$2.00 in memory of Anthony Boom by Mrs. Vivian Trapp, Jamestown Union \$5.00 for literature and Program Kit.

CENTURY FUND - \$8.00 Mrs. Lerberg, Mrs. Pete DeVries, Mrs. George Rust, Mrs. George Fannik, Miss Frieda Hagel.

MEMORIAL MEMBERSHIPS - Mrs. Anna Morganson and Mrs. Ada Hennigar by the Williston union, Mr. Joseph Bilden by Mrs. Anna Bilden.

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP - Women 467, Men 75  
Mrs. L. O. Grondahl Treasurer

Abraham Lincoln said: "The liquor traffic is a cancer in society, eating out its vitals and threatening destruction. There must be no attempt to regulate cancer; it must be eradicated, not a root left behind, for until this is done, all classes must continue in danger of becoming victims of strong drink."

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 I come to the end of the long, long road,  
And trials will all be past,  
I shall look in the face of my dearest Friend,  
Safe home in His Heaven at last.

—Lizzie DeArmond

Mrs. Clara E. Schell, a long time resident of Crosby and Divide County, passed away at her home here December 5, 1972, following a long period of declining health. Her death occurred 20 days before her 89th birthday.

Clara E. Schell was born December 23, 1883, at Terry, Mont., to Frank and Caroline Zahl, who were among the last of the buffalo hunters. Shortly after her birth her family moved to Morris, Minn., where she received her education and grew to womanhood. She taught school for a short time before taking up the dressmaking trade.

On January 17, 1917, she was united in marriage to Joe Schell and they moved to their farm in Plumer Township, N.D. They farmed there for 40 years before retiring. They moved to Crosby in 1956, where he died in November of 1961. She served as clerk of the school board for 42 years. She received a diamond pin award and certificate for 20 years of leadership in the Plumer 4-H club. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Crosby, the Crosby WCTU and other organizations.

Surviving are two sons, a step-son, several grandchildren, five sisters and several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Schell had been a member of the Crosby WCTU for a number of years and was greatly loved by all.

YTC NEWS

1—1973 is now before us. Begin now to plan for YTE Week in April.

2—The camp board has given us the dates of June 13-17 for our encampment. Hope these dates will not conflict with other Bible camps. Let me know your approval or disapproval in regard to dates, please.

3—The cost of camp has risen. This year we will be assessed \$18.50 per camper. So begin now to earn that extra money.

MONEY RECEIVED BY ME SINCE OCTOBER 1  
Mrs. Mabel Solum, Fergus Falls, Minn. - \$101.00  
YTC DUES - (Holt - Williston) - - - - - 1.50  
Mrs. Melvin Gangness

## PEN POINTS

**A Way to a Happy New Year**

To leave the old with a burst of song,  
 To recall the right and forgive the wrong;  
 To forget the thing that binds you fast  
 To the vain regrets of the year that's past;  
 To have the strength to let go your hold  
 On the not worth while of the days grown old;  
 To dare to go forth with a purpose true,  
 To the unknown task of the year that's new;  
 To help your brother along the road  
 To do his work, and lift his load;  
 To add your gift to the world's good cheer,  
 Is to have and to give a glad New Year.

—Author Unknown.

Dear White Ribboners:

By the time this reaches you, you will have commemorated the coming of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, God's great gift to man. "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable Gift." II Cor. 9:15.

Four months of our new WCTU year have already passed and many of you have already given Teas or Coffee parties for the teachers in our schools to acquaint them with our educational supplies, and I hope most of you have sent in all of your dues for 1973 to Mrs. Grondahl. It is really just as easy to get the dues in early as later, then Mrs. Grondahl will know just how many members we have and our State will have your money to work with.

The new calendar year is ahead and we always feel that its like turning over a new, clean page. We leave the mistakes behind and with God's help we press forward to our goal of total abstinence. January is the special month to observe "Temperance Day" in the schools of North Dakota. This year it is on January 19th. It is on the third Friday. In January we also observe Lillian Stevens memory by sending in to the State Treasurer at least \$2.00 to help carry on our work through the legislature. This helps to keep our Mrs. Mildred Harmon in Washington, D.C., who acquaints us with the bills to vote for or against through our legislators and to keep us acquainted with important activities at the National level.

In February we observe Frances Willard Day by sending a memorial fund of at least \$2.00 or more, which goes to help organize new unions, and other branches of our work.

Mrs. Johnson has urged us to try, at least, to get new members. I know its hard - but try! Lets try to be Century Builders as well as Home builders.

Yours for a Happy and Blessed New Year!  
 Hazel Huntley Man. Editor

PLEASE!

I need to have a NEW CORRECT mailing list to send to our printer. You who haven't sent in your dues and a correct mailing list of your members, PLEASE DO SO AT ONCE, or as soon as possible. This will help both the printer and myself. Thank you so much for your prompt action.

Sincerely,

Mrs. L. O. Grondahl State Treasurer

A brilliant re-classification of the old time "seven deadly sins" comes from the pen of E. Stanley Jones who gives them the following titles:

Business without morality  
 Pleasure without conscience  
 Knowledge without character  
 Science without humanity  
 Politics without principle  
 Worship without sacrifice  
 Wealth without work

**START OFF RIGHT!  
 YTE WEEK MATERIAL . . .**

**Tune in poster No. 901**

100/\$4.30; 50/\$2.85; 25/\$1.65; 15¢ singly  
 (handsome unusual design; yellow and black inks)

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**Tune in church bulletin insert No. 1280**

100/85¢; 50/60¢; 10¢ singly  
 (a real eye-pleaser with vital message)  
 (the above material for YTE Week April 22-28 will be available by January 15, 1973)

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**Marijuana vs Alcohol No. 1907**

100/\$1.50; 50/80¢; 10¢ singly  
 (dandy 6x9 - 6 pager)

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**V. D. chart**

8 inch size: \$1.00; large 22 inch size-\$5.50

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## LOYAL TEMPERANCE LEGION

Dear Friends:

The New Year is well on it's way, and I trust you all had a blessed Christmas. I wish you all a very happy 1973. I extend to you sincere wishes for health and success in your efforts to advance total abstinence. We want to make the most of every opportunity to teach youth the necessity of total abstinence through our program of education. We want them to be good leaders in their turn, and they need strong christian characters. A new year always means a fresh start; let us try and work even more diligently to spread the gospel of this vital cause.

We are grateful to the unions and the individuals in our state who are concerned and are organizing and helping the Loyal Temperance Legions with their meetings, Day Camps and whatever way they can to further the instruction of abstinence from all things harmful. We are always happy to announce new LTL's in our state. Thanks to you good ladies for your concern for our children. Why does the signing of a pledge help a boy or girl? It puts them on their honor, because when, before God and man, they pledge to abstain from drinking, smoking and swearing, they will hesitate to break the pledge.

The Young Crusader makes a wonderful birthday gift for a young boy or girl. Ask the one to whom you give it to take it to school so others may use it also. All LTL leaders will find this little magazine very worthwhile - price only \$1.00 per year. Nearly every WCTU member has a grandchild or two, a nephew or niece who would enjoy and benefit by receiving this gift. The dues for membership are only 10 cents. Please Leader, send these dues to our State Treasurer, Mrs. L. O. Grondahl 1037 5th St. N. Fargo, N.D. 58102. Not only send in your dues but also let me know of your LTL and how many members you have. You have until August to send dues in.

Remember the LTL is a training ground for the future. Let us seek to spare the children around us from a future of distress and discomfort, by giving our time and energy to train them in the Total Abstinence way of life. May God guide us all to do our best, and keep every LTL group both alive and active.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Leonard Bilden Executive Director

**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.**

S. O. S.

I need news, NEWS, NEWS! Personal Mention, Notes From The Unions, accounts of members lost through death, and NEW UNIONS, NEW YTC's and LTL's. Without news there will be no White Ribbon Bulletin. PLEASE come to my rescue!

Your Managing Editor,  
Hazel Huntley

From Amsterdam, Holland, comes this bit of news: The Heineken brewery said it stopped serving free beer at the stockholders meetings because the beer made stockholders too verbose and decreased the quality of their questions.

—UPI

Hats off to California! The citizens rejected the proposal to soften the laws regarding marijuana.

## PROJECTION METHODS AND FILMS

Dear Friends,

Some parents say: "We will not influence our children in making choices and decisions in matters of religion!"

WHY NOT?

The ads will

The press will

The radio will

The movies will

The TV will

Their neighbors will

Their business will

Their politicians will

We can use our influence over flowers, vegetables, and cattle. Shall we ignore our children?

For those of us who decided not to go south or west this winter, let's think a moment about an annual event taking place about this time in Vermont—the gathering of the sap of the sugar maples. Then invite a few friends in for your own "Sugaring off" party of your own.

## HOLIDAY MAPLE PUNCH

1/2 cup maple-blended syrup

2 quarts syrup

1 quart coffee ice cream

Nutmeg

Soften ice cream in bowl, reserving several scoops. Add syrup and milk. Stir to blend. Top with reserved ice cream and sprinkle with nutmeg.

Mrs. Robert McCleary

## MODERATION

"The booze gang says, 'no harm to drink—Just learn one's proper ration';

But such advice stirs in our hearts

The fiercest condemnation.

We know that every drunkard

Began with moderation."

Anon.

Prepared by:  
Mrs. A. F. Groom  
National Director WCTU

The prospect of legalizing "Pot" frightens many law officers. A National Commission on Drug Abuse report calling for liberalized marijuana laws drew fire from law enforcement officials who say legalized use of the drug would at best change nothing and at worst could debilitate society.

Reactions to the report released March 22nd by a 13 member panel ranged from calculated skepticism to emotional rejection. Those who supported the report said people would go on smoking marijuana anyway.

Vice President, Spiro T. Agnew called the report frightening. "I think it is wrong of us to in anyway encourage the use of marijuana." Agnew said in New Orleans. He said it is wrong to permit private use of the drug when public use is not condoned. He further stated that it is frightening because no nation in world history has ever legitimated the use of marijuana. "Use of marijuana and hashish in Oriental countries has really debilitated those societies," said Agnew.

A New York Daily News editorial attempting to summarize the report and the controversy it has wrought concluded: The moral of all this would seem, then, to be: Experiment with pot if you must, but be careful and conservative. And if you just leave the stuff alone, you will lose nothing and may well save yourself and your family a lot of grief.

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.

It said the problem causes 28,000 traffic deaths a year and drains the economy of 15 billion dollars annually.

While we are horrified by the abuse of such drugs as hallucinogens, narcotics and stimulants by our youth, we pay little heed to the most abused drug of them all— Alcohol.

Washington (UPI)

It's a fact that back in 1920 the following notice was posted in Henry Ford's Detroit factory: "From now on, it will cost a man his job, without any excuse or appeal considered, to have the odor of beer, wine, or liquor on his breath, or to have any of those intoxicants on his person or in his home."

—Listen Magazine

Earl F. Zeigler, former editor with the Presbyterian Board of Christian Education, in his "Open Letter to Church Members Who Drink" makes the following points: If moderation were a cure for the alcohol problem, there would not be nine million alcoholics; the majority of drinking church members are unaware of the nature of alcohol.

He expressed the desire that church members read up on alcohol because those engaged in the manufacture and sale of intoxicating beverages are definitely gunning for the church members. They know who drinks and who does not. They are willing to spend millions for ads to capture these non-drinkers. They know that the drinking church member will not interfere too much with their business. He will write few letters to legislators whom they are anxious to control.

"Remember when a fellow had to go out of his way to get some liquor? That was during prohibition. Today your young folks have to go out of their way to avoid it."

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