PRESIDENT'S LETTER

"For Lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth, the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in the land;" Cant. 2:11

Dear Co-Workers, Greetings!

When you read this we will indeed hear the song of the birds - meadow larks are already giving us a lift with their cheery songs. The flowers will surely be blooming, although my tulips seem to come very slowly, or could it be that I’m impatient - I don’t know about the voice of the turtle, never having heard one.

We are thankful for the concerned voice of our Governor in his veto of the bill to lower the legal age for drinking alcoholic beverages to 19 years in our state. I do hope many of you wrote commending him for this. We also thank him for his Proclamation for YTE week in our state, although it came out too late to get in our last issue of the WRB.

Remember YTC Camp will again be held - dates June 27 to July 1st. Youth night will be Saturday, June 30th. I urge WCTU ladies to attend if possible (try to make it possible). This will encourage our youth. Demonstrate our love and concern and show our appreciation for all they do. It will also be an inspiration to you as you listen to the excellent program they present.

The wealth and future welfare of our nation is our youth and children. Let us continue to warn them against life’s pitfalls, doing all in our power to make this world a safer, saner and healthier place. "From it’s beginning the WCTU has been concerned in protecting our youth and children as well as adults. This protective concern must come from the home, the church and our schools as well. The WCTU seeks to teach youth the effects and habits alcohol, tobacco and drugs will have upon every phase of their life, teaching them that their source of true wisdom is from God." (A quote from our National Promotion Secretary, Mrs. Edith K. Stanley). I would add that God’s plan for them will lead to richer, fuller lives here on earth and life eternal.

Let us send as many youth as possible to our YTC Camp in the beautiful Sheyenne Valley. This will encourage our very efficient and dedicated State Executive Director of YTC, also the faithful leaders of local YTC’s. It will also be encouraging to have a good representation, should our National Executive Director, Miss Leonard, be with us.

We need lots of LTL Day Camps this summer too - I know Mrs. Bilden will be happy to help you with suggestions, information and also be with you if possible.

We need more members for the North Dakota WCTU - now and in the future. Therefore we must enlist children and youth today. So please do all that you can to enlist not only youth and children but more women - you are needed. We need White Ribbon Investors, Home Builders, our younger ladies, Honorary members - we need you all! I know so many things take our time, our energies and attention, but remember that we labor not alone. The Psalmist said, “Through God we shall do valiantly; for He it is that shall tread down our enemies.” Psalms 108:13 And Daniel said, “The people that do know their God shall be strong and do exploits.” Daniel 11:32.

Sincerely,
Marion Bartle

MEMBER-SHIP OF THE WCTU
There are ships that sail the ocean with rich merchandise in store;
There are ships that carry passengers to many a welcoming shore;
There are ships that seek adventure in the old lands and the new,
But the best ship is the Member-ship of the WCTU!

She is bound for that fair haven of a land forever freed
From Alcohol’s dominion and the Liquor Traffic’s greed;
For the port of Civic Righteousness and every mortal good,
Where Right is law, and Law is right in the land of brotherhood.

She is built of staunch endeavor,
and of purpose strong as steel;
Love, and Truth, and Faith triumphant, welded into hull and keel.
Though not always smooth the sailing though not always calm the sea,
She rides the waves with never a doubt of her glorious destiny.

Many a ship sails many a sea, for joy or health or gain,
But never a ship on holier quest has sailed the bounding main.
She’s a pleasure ship and a treasure ship, and a ship of service, too
Oh, come aboard the Member-ship of the WCTU! - Annie Durham Methvin.
PROMOTION SECRETARY’S LETTER

‘In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us.’ Romans 8:37.

Dear Co-Workers:

The above Scripture verse is our theme for the year. It should certainly give us great encouragement to press on in our fight against alcohol to press on in our fight against alcohol. We will not be defeated but will be MORE than conquerors through Christ.

When you receive this issue we will be well into May and we have just a little over a month to complete work on requirements needed to be a Century Builder Union. Please get out your lavender score sheets and check on the six points on which you must qualify. Perhaps you have already met as many as five of the goals. You still have plenty of time to achieve that sixth one, so go to work NOW and accomplish it. Fill in your score sheet and send to me by JUNE 30. Keep the second copy for your records. PLEASE state the number of Women members as well as Honorary members you had last year, and the number you have now as of the time you send in your score sheet. BE A CENTURY BUILDER.

In the last issue I noted that we had 576 members. We need 210 more to be net gain. May I urge the local treasurers who have not as yet sent in the dues for the members of their unions to collect them immediately and send to Mrs. Grondahl. Please win new members to make up any loss because of death or moving away.

I also want to appeal to each district to organize a new group between now and Aug. 31. Who will be first to inform me of a new WCTU, LTL or YTC? I will be waiting to hear from you.

The Parliamentary Quiz will be found in this issue. Please designate one of your meetings at which to spend part of the time studying the questions and answers. Then put away all helps and have each one present write the answers as the leader reads the questions. Each one should sign her name on the answer sheet. Send the papers to me by Aug. 15. Each one with a passing grade will receive a certificate.

May is White Ribbon Recruit Month. I would urge each union to have a White Ribbon Recruit Service. The children are our immediate concern and we need to teach them the principles of purity and truth. Please send the name, date of birth and the name of the parents of each recruit to Mrs. Joe Holt, R.R. 1 East, Box 190, Williston, N.D. 58801.

We are truly grateful that Gov. Link vetoed the drink bill. Have you written him to commend him? If not, do so. Did you know that reliable authorities say that of the persons who start drinking BEFORE the age of 21, ONE in TEN become alcoholics as compared with ONE in TWENTY of those who start drinking AFTER the age of 21? Thus we see how important it is to teach our young people the dangers involved in the use of alcohol.

YTC Camp will be June 27 to July 1. Make plans now for your young people to attend. The price is $18.50. If there are those who cannot pay their way please plan to sponsor them. It is a most worthwhile investment.

Sincere Greetings,
Mrs. Gilbert F. Johnson

PROJECTION METHODS

Included in a Monthly Packet from National some time ago was a small booklet entitled THE WEDDING FEAST. If your Union doesn’t have a copy I urge you to get one; better yet, buy 10 copies and give them as shower gifts to summer brides. Are church members saying the Bible condemns drunkenness, not social drinking? So you have a new neighbor….an unsaved neighbor? Take over a copy of ‘The Wedding Feast’. Order from: Allen B. Kraft
1630 East Castle Avenue
Indianapolis, Indiana 46227

Price: 75 cents each or 10 for 60 cents each

Fresh strawberry time is here and we all like to have a different way in which to use and preserve this summer fruit.

‘Strawberry Sparkle’

1 recipe strawberry syrup
3 cups orange juice, unsweetened
½ cup plus 1 tablespoon lemon juice
Combine and chill thoroughly. At serving time, add:
1½ quarts ginger ale, chilled.
Strawberry Syrup
1 quart fresh strawberries
¾ cup sugar
½ cup sugar
3 tablespoons lemon juice
¼ teaspoon salt
Mash berries; add ¾ cup sugar and let stand 1 hour. Force through strainer (should have 2½ cups juice). In saucepan combine strawberry juice with ½ cup sugar, lemon juice, and salt. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Boil 4 minutes. Remove from heat and skim off foam. Bottle and seal immediately or cool and use in this punch or one of your own.

With the addition of 2 tablespoons butter and ½ teaspoon vanilla, serve this syrup over waffles or French toast.

Now is the time, also, to replenish your annual store of rhubarb juice.

Maranatha,
Mrs. Robert McCleary
PEN POINTS

‘Let us do our work as well,
Both the unseen and the seen;
Make the house, where God may dwell,
Beautiful, entire and clean.

Build to-day, then, strong and sure,
With a firm and ample base;
And ascending and secure
Shall to-morrow find it’s place.

From ‘The Builders’—Henry W. Longfellow
Dear White Ribboners:

We are indeed builders but not with wood, cement, brick or stone, but with the most precious material ever given to man—a human soul. This material, at it’s beginning is very easy to work with because it is soft and pliable, yielding to our every desire. We can shape it while it is soft but after it becomes hard, it can no longer be shaped by man—only God can break and remake it, and that sometimes is a painful process.

How many young mothers to-day, realize this when they turn this precious, pliable human soul over to one who just isn’t concerned about its shaping or moulding, but only concerned with the care of the body which perishes—while the soul is eternal. Just what is the soul? It is that part of me which can and does communicate with myself and with you. It’s the part of me which lives on through the endless ages. If the souls of our children (which are tender and pliable to begin with) are neglected or worse yet, formed into ugly, selfish, dangerous and useless beings by selfish parents who think only of satisfying their own desires, what will be the future of our country? We hear of many parents who neglect and abuse these precious little ones, even to killing them, because they are in the way, or bother the parents. Walt O. Williams of Moorhead, Minnesota, tells how he saw in an eastern paper, where a doctor says that some babies are born drunk from alcoholic mothers. He also says that over six million women today are alcoholics. This type of mother cannot shape and mold a soul to be God fearing, unselfish, loyal to its country and a citizen to be proud of. Even the U.S. News and World Report is greatly concerned about the family life in America. With six million pre-school children who have ‘working mothers’ and the fact that there are six million alcoholic women in America is it any wonder that the homes which are the very strength and heart of any nation, are disintegrating? We need more White Ribbon women to agitate for more home builders and less mothers working away from home. We have a great opportunity in this by getting more White Ribbon Recruits and supplying their mothers with leaflets and other literature concerning beverage alcohol, drugs and the importance of the home in the life of a child. There are also the LTL’ers (6-12 year olds), though by that time the clay has begun to set some, but is still is workable. Our YTC is for youth who have had good home life and this council is to strengthen good habits, and encourage clean, wholesome living and to quote their motto, ‘To give them, in fellowship with others, ‘A good time With A Purpose’. What opportunity we have!!

Before I close I wish to commend Governor Link for maintaining his stand against allowing 19 year olds to drink beverage alcohol, in spite of Minnesota granting it. I’m proud of one who will stand firm, in spite of opposition.

Ladies, don’t forget to be alert to any laxity in our gambling laws—watch the papers, radio and TV about this. They haven’t given up. Since we are builders, it is very important that we submit our plans to the Master Builder for approval, or else our work may not stand.

In God we trust.
Hazel Huntley Man. Editor
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PERSONAL MENTION

Our State Vice-President, Mrs. Violet White of Strum, has been in the hospital for several weeks with a severe heart ailment. At this writing she is at home but her recovery is very slow. We all wish her a complete recovery soon—we do need her.

The Ransom-LaMoure District Treasurer and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Hastings have gone on a tour of the southwestern part of our country. We hope that their trip has been a pleasant one.

Just heard that Mrs. E. G. Ranum, a very faithful member of the Valley City union for many years has passed away. I, at this time, have very little information about her life and death, so look for more in the “In Memorium” section of our next issue.

- Man. Editor

According to a recent study made at the University of California, French horn players are prone to disorders of the heart rhythm and trumpeters tend to overtax their hearts.

Brass players themselves are somewhat skeptical of the research team’s findings. They claim their most serious occupational hazard to be drinking, drugs.

The Salvation Army reports that its brass musicians hang on to a ripe old age. But of course the members of the Salvation Army are teetotalers and non-smokers. “Maybe that is the answer to the occupational hazard.”

Parade Magazine
The following is still true today: The young man who thinks he can drink "Just a little" because others do and not be in danger of a drunkard's grave, should look around him to the fearful examples to be found on the streets of every large city and many small ones. Even if you succeed in keeping within the limits of "moderate drinking" your example to those who are unfortunately not so strong-willed should ever be borne in mind. Help the weaker brother. Think not of self alone. Remember the golden rule!

George D. R. Hubbard

Alcohol does not make people do things better. It makes them less ashamed of doing them badly.
PLAYLET FOR CHILDREN
HIGHWAY TO ABSTINENCE

Children representing different highways are standing in front, wearing signs size 9 x 12 inches with names of the various highways. Confused Girl enters and, approaching the four highways, finally stops at the Road to Drugs. The scene opens with her speaking out loud:

CONFUSED GIRL: Decisions! Decisions! I wish I knew what to do. There are so many roads! Which one should I choose? She approaches the road to drugs and asks, "What kind of life do you offer if I travel your highway?"

ROAD TO DRUGS: I offer you happiness such as you can't believe! I can make you dance for joy, walk on air, laugh and make you feel as if you were 'way up in the sky!"

CONFUSED GIRL: But don't you drain the body of strength? Don't you cause me to do things I can't remember doing and don't you damage the brain?

ROAD TO DRUGS: Well, some do suffer brain damage, but not all. Then some stay up in the clouds all the time, but it's worth taking the chance. Maybe you'll be one of the lucky ones.

CONFUSED GIRL: (Shakes her head no) No, thank you. I'll try another road. (She walks over to Road to Smoking) What do YOU offer me?

ROAD TO SMOKING: Come MY way! I'll help calm those nerves for you! I'm mild, smooth and I satisfy. I'll help you get rid of those jumpy tensions, relax, and get a lift.

CONFUSED GIRL: But you are bad for my lungs. And what about that cough people get? A friend of mine said cigarettes trapped him. He said he just had to have those cigarettes!

ROAD TO SMOKING: Oh, well, some do have lung problems, but so do people who don't smoke. Their nerves jump and they are unable to relax. In this tense world I offer you a few quiet, restful minutes.

CONFUSED GIRL: No, thank you. I don't want to chance it and get hooked on nicotine. (She moves on to Road to Alcohol) Won't I ever find the highway to help me? Alcohol, what do YOU offer me?

ROAD TO ALCOHOL: Come join me! We'll have a party, a gay old time. If you have problems or pressures, just a small walk my way and you will forget your troubles. I'll really give you a lift, make you feel stronger than you could believe. Come on—relax MY way.

CONFUSED GIRL: You would dull my thinking and slow me down, and I would lose control of my actions. I hear you are poison to my blood, and you kill brain cells.

ROAD TO ALCOHOL: Maybe some cells die but the body dies some daily anyway, so a little more won't hurt that much. Besides, I help you make more friends and get rid of problems.

CONFUSED GIRL: Yes, but you would slow down my judgment, affect my driving, and I might have an accident!

ROAD TO ABSTINENCE: Sure, but you might have an accident if you speed, too.

CONFUSED GIRL: No, thank you. You aren't the answer I need. (She walks to Road to Abstinence and asks) What do you OFFER me?

ROAD TO ABSTINENCE: MY highway promotes holiness, physical and mental strength. It influences for right and gives long life, better health. The Bible teaches abstinence and to the believer, I Corinthians 3:16, 17 says, "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy which temple ye are." So come to my road. (He or she motions to come)

CONFUSED GIRL: Yes, I can see that abstinence is the answer—no side roads, the straight way, the way of the Bible is best.

---Mrs. Shirley Munson
Swanville, Minnesota 56382
From "The Outlook"

NATIONAL WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION, 1730 Chicago, Ave. Evanston, Ill. 60201

1973 PARLIAMENTARY LAW QUIZ

1. What guide should a presiding officer use in conducting business?
2. Name the five (5) general officers of the WCTU.
3. How many Vice Presidents in the church should each union have?
4. List three duties of the "Vice president of the church?"
5. Which officer keeps proceedings of meetings and files historical data?
6. Which officer is responsible for progress of the union in reaching goals plans for membership campaigns?
7. What procedure should a member use when making a motion?
8. How does the president present the motion to the union?
9. How often should the treasurer's book be audited?
10. What is the fiscal year of the local union?

Answers—last page
RANSOM-LAMOURE DISTRICT WCTU
CONVENTION

The 73rd WCTU Convention of the Ransom-
Lamoure District convened April 6th in the United
Methodist church of Enderlin, with District Presi-
dent, Mrs. LeRoy Bartle presiding. Rev. DeVern
Schwenn, host pastor, brought the morning devotions
from Romans 12 using sincere love as his topic.
Askit was presented by Mrs. Glen Stemen, Mrs.
Robert McCleary and Mrs. LeRoy Bartle on how
to win a new member.

After the Flag Salutes, introduction of the guest
speaker and the usual reports and business, a
lovely Memorial service was held by the Dickey
union in memory of Mrs. Martin Hanson, Mrs.
Semerau and Mrs. Alice Ritter, all of Lisbon beside
Mrs. Wanda Roscoe of Dickey and Rev. Otto Kinzler
of Enderlin. Lucille Nash sang, 'Breathe On Me
Breath Of God.'

After the noon luncheon, a business meeting
of the District officers was held where it was voted
to again pledge $100.00 to the state WCTU.

Rev. Clarence Johnson of the Evangelical Free
church, brought the afternoon devotionals, reading
from Titus and taking the word 'Grace' and enlarging
on each letter thus;

G—God, His grace that brings salvation.
R—Redemption, in whom we have redemption.
A—Adoption, We belong to God through Christ.
C—Character, Deny ungodliness, live soberly, etc.
E—Expectation, looking for that glorious hope.
Following this Mrs. Johnson sang a lovely solo,
'What Grace Is This'?

Mrs. Melvin Gangness, state Executive Director
of YTC and guest speaker, introduced her talk by
an illustrated story of the 'Tater Family' which
all enjoyed. She then went on to tell us about the
YTC camp; it's cost which this year is $18.50.
She said that while the price has raised, where else
could we get as much value for $18.50? She illus-
trated the rest of her talk by comparing the neces-
Sary tools for our work to the tools of a good fish-
erman. It was all very interesting.

Eleanor Samuelson and Beverly Wiltse favored
us with a duet, 'Without Him I Can Do Nothing'. Convention members suggested greetings be sent to
nine of our members who couldn't be present.

The election of officers was held and the following
were elected;

President—Mrs. E.J. Huntley, Enderlin, N.D.
Vice-President—Mrs. Glen Stemen, Dickey, N.D.
Secretary—Mrs. David Huether, Lisbon, N.D.
Trasurer—Mrs. W.L. Hastings, Enderlin, N.D.
Mrs. Gangness installed these officers. Following
this was the report of the judges for the poster
contest, and report of committees. The registrar
reported 30 in attendance. The meeting was closed
by the Aaronic benediction, after which a trueesta
and coffee was served to the guests.

NOTES FROM THE UNIONS

Mrs. Charles Schelkoph, President of the Valley
City W.C.T.U., entertained the group in her home
Friday, March 9. Routine business was transacted.
The group voted to express to Governor Link
our approval of his veto of the bill lowering the
drinking age to nineteen years.

At the close of the business meeting the hostess
served refreshments.

WILLARD TEAS

The Valley City Union held a Frances Willard
Memorial Tea, Feb. 9th in the church of the
Nazarene which was well attended. The program
was under the direction of Mrs. R. M. Jensen,
Mrs. Fred Schroeder and Mrs. E. G. Ranum.
Mrs. J. Arthur Solien gave a condensed biography
of Miss Willard's life and work for temperance.
Rev. Robert Lee, pastor of the Grace Free Lutheran
Church, conducted the devotions. Mrs. Henry Kranz
gave an informative and inspiring talk on the work
of the Flower Mission department of the organiza-
tion. In addition to the congregational singing,
Mrs. Randi Meyer sang a solo, "My God And I'”,
accompanied by Mrs. Paul Lanz, also the ladies
chorus from the Grace Free Lutheran Church
sang, "Little is Much, When God Is In It," accompa-
nied by Mrs. Ernie Miedema.

Refreshments were served in the social room,
following the program. The table was centered
with a basket of flowers appropriate to the season.
Mrs. Charles Schelkoph, president of the local
union, presided at the refreshment table.

The annual Frances Willard Tea of the combined
Glover-Oakes and Iota Sigma Unions of the WCTU
was held at the home of Mrs. Carrie Murray on
the afternoon of Feb. 19th., with 13 members and
one visitor present.

After the regular business meeting a special
program honoring Frances Willard was given. Her
life and work were reviewed. There also was group
singing, followed by lunch. An offering for the
Frances Willard fund was taken which was $9.50.

Following the meeting, letters were written
protesting the proposed legislation permitting the
sale of alcoholic beverages to 19 year olds. These
letters were mailed to our state legislators.

Warning that carbon monoxide from cigarettes
may harm nonsmokers as well as smokers, the
U.S. Surgeon General recommended for the second
straight year that smokers be banned in public
places, saying that the effects of concentration
of carbon monoxide in a smoke-filled room or
car could be particularly harmful to those with
heart or lung disease.

Dateline To-morrow
Christian Herald
ANSWERS TO 1973 PARLIAMENTARY LAW QUIZ

Based on No. 2733 "This an Officer Should do" and No. 455 "The Successful Officer"

Possible Score 100
Passing Score 75 Certificate Awarded

2. President, Vice President, Promotion Secretary, Treasurer, Recording Secretary.
3. One for each church represented in the membership of the local union.
4. List three 1) To serve as liaison between WCTU and church 2) Invite women of her church to become members, 3) To help treasurer collect dues from members in the church.
5. The Recording Secretary
6. The Promotion Secretary
7. The member should rise, address the chair, then state the motion.
8. The president should state the motion, call for discussion, take the vote—both affirmative and negative,—and announce the results.
9. Annually. At the close of the fiscal year of the local union.
10. The fiscal year of the local union is from September 1 to August 31st.

Grade and send the passing scores to the STATE PROMOTION SECRETARY
Be sure name and address are on each quiz sheet.

If you are one of those people who cling to the notion that you can "handle your liquor" and drive just as well after a couple of drinks as before, listen to Patrick O'Connor, United Press reporter: "If ever I thought I could drink and then drive as well as ever, I've been taught differently, and most effectively."

O'Connor was one of eleven participants in a Transportation Department drink - and - drive test conducted at the Missouri Safety Center. All drove a test course before drinking then consumed varying amounts of alcohol and re-drove the course. "We'd all driven the course passably before drinking, O'Connor said, "But after drinking it was another story."

Five in the group made critical errors, the kind that often kill highway motorists, even though three of these drivers were not legally drunk according to Missouri law, and the other two had a blood alcohol content barely over the legal limit. One young lady who made a "fatal" mistake had a BAC so low to be considered sober by testers.

Maybe it's time to quit playing around and make it a real criminal offense to drive a car after drinking.

From January 1, 1969 to June 11, 1971- a period of ten and a half years—55,871 American servicemen died in Vietnam. But back on the home front we are losing more than that number every two years in liquor-caused traffic accidents.

During the 3 years 9 months the United States was engaged in World War II, we had 297,557 killed in battle. But in the last three years and nine months 1,500,000 of our citizens died from alcoholism.

Merely knowing these facts and even being concerned about them is not enough. We must act in order to change the situation.

From Wisconsin comes this information: During the first two months after giving the 18 year olds the right to drink, the Division of Health reports indicate that 12 deceased drivers, 18-20 years of age, were tested for the presence of alcohol. Ten had been drinking. During the same month a year ago the same number had been tested. Five had been drinking.

---Listen Magazine

NEWLY REVISED!

National Consumer Expenditures No. 269
75¢/100; 45¢/50; 10¢ singly

What Mothers Should Know About Alcohol No. 17
75¢/100; 45¢/50; 10¢ singly

Ten Counts Against The Cigarette No. 356
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