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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." Eccl. 9:10

Dear Co-Workers:

These are very busy days and I know your hands have found much to do. I trust you have had time for WCTU activities and that there will be many things to report. It would be wonderful for North Dakota to be able to gain National recognition in some area, since the National convention is so close to us this year. I hope that some of you ladies will be able to attend. If you never have been to a National convention of our organization, it would be a good opportunity to go. It is an experience you will not forget and would be an inspiration to you, your local union and even our state organization. The dates are August 30th to September 5th. The place, the Hilton Hotel, St. Paul, Minnesota. I have three elected delegate cards, so three ladies are privileged to go as delegates, but you must pay your own way. I also have cards for five general officers, YTC and LTL Executive Directors and Editor of our State paper, so contact me for your cards.

The district Conventions I was privileged to attend were most inspiring to me. Mrs. McCleary and I drove to Ray and attended the Northwest District Convention for an afternoon session. We enjoyed meeting White Ribboners from that part of the state. The only one we had met before was Mrs. Joe Holt, but we soon felt at home and took part in a very worthwhile meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Morris Borstad of Tioga graciously entertained us overnight and we came home the next day.

I also attended the Oakes District Convention. It was truly a profitable afternoon. I was so pleased to see the young mothers there and we had one little White Ribbon Recruit. Mrs. Paul White, our state Vice-President, was able to be with us and we are so thankful. She is recovering satisfactorily from her recent illness, although slowly, but our God is able.

I want to leave room for the good District reports so will just say God Bless and keep each one of you as you labor for Him and our fellowmen. Remember the State Convention coming up and pray much that we may be able to find new leaders to fill vacancies in State WCTU offices,

made by faithful workers who must retire because of age or health.

Prayerfully,  
Marion Bartle

## STATE CONVENTION

Our State WCTU Convention this year will be October 9, 10, and 11, in the Calvary United Methodist Church in Fargo. Mrs. Edith K. Stanley, National Promotion Secretary of the WCTU, will be our guest speaker. She has many worthwhile things to tell us and she is an excellent speaker, so plan to be at our convention in October.

## PATRIOTISM

by Susan Coolidge

He serves his country best.  
Who lives a pure life and doeth a righteous deed  
And walks straight paths however others stray  
And leaves his sons, an uttermost bequest  
A stainless record which all men may read  
'This is the better way.'

No drop but serves the slowly lifting tide  
No dew but has an errand to some flower  
No smallest star but sheds some helpful ray  
And man by man, each helping all the rest,  
Makes the firm bulwark of the country's power.

There is no other way.

## DANGEROUS

'Liquor has hung more crepe  
Plunged more people into bankruptcy

Armed more villains  
Slain more children  
Snapped more wedding rings  
Blinded more eyes  
Defiled more innocence  
Twisted more limbs  
Dethroned more reason  
Destroyed more manhood  
Dishonored more womanhood  
Broken more hearts  
Blasted more lives  
Ruined more healthy bodies  
Than any scourge that ever  
swept its death-dealing waves  
across humanity.'

## PROMOTION SECRETARY'S LETTER

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding." Proverbs 3:5.

Dear Co-Workers:

Our district conventions are now history and I trust that all who attended received much inspiration. On May 1st, my husband and I went to Grand Forks for their district meeting. It was indeed a joy to meet so many of you and I trust that what I said may have been of some help to you.

On May 5 I went to Valley City by special request, to be with the ladies of James Valley District for their meeting. It was good to be there and to meet with quite a number whom I had not seen for several years. Mrs. Leonard Bilden was the guest speaker and it was a joy to be with her twice in one week. Little did I realize then that this would be the last time Dorothy Nelson would be with us. I first met her in 1957 when she was president of James Valley District. We became better acquainted in 1958 when we were together at the National Convention in Washington, D.C. She was a faithful worker in the WCTU for many years and she will be greatly missed by the members of her union as well as by members throughout the state.

Our WCTU year is quickly drawing to a close and a look at the reports will show what has been accomplished during the past year. The report blanks will be sent to each union and should reach you some time in July. Please consider all the items carefully and answer each one. I suggest that the president, secretary and treasurer meet to fill out this report. It is due AUGUST 31 so PLEASE SEND IT TO ME BY THAT TIME.

I received a statement from our National Treasurer the other day, and I was pleased with her added note saying that our state is well on the road to being a net gain state. As of now we need at least 107 more in order to reach that goal. Let us work between now and Aug. 31 to win many new members.

Be a Centennial Flagbearer Union by a 10 percent gain in membership. This means that if you had 10 members last year you need only ONE more and if 20 members, you need two more.

With a little more effort many unions could be Centennial Pacesetters by having a 20 percent net gain. For example, if you had 10 members last year you need two more and if you had 15 you need three more to be 20 percent net gain. May I urge each union to inform me as soon as either one of these goals is reached so that I may report it to National.

There is still time to organize a new group.

May I have the joy of hearing that several have been organized by Aug. 31?

Just a reminder of the Parliamentary Quiz. I hope many unions are participating. Send the answer sheets to me by Aug. 15.

September is dues paying month. I would urge each union to collect the dues of all members for the coming year (1973-74) at that time in order to insure prompt remittance to our state treasurer.

Sheets explaining the Centennial Priorities Membership Campaign for the coming year will be sent to each union.

Our National Promotion Secretary, Mrs. Herman Stanley, states that the three 'D's' of success are DILIGENCE, DETAILS AND DEADLINES. I urge you to put all of them into practice. Be diligent in your work, plan for all details and meet all deadlines.

With best regards to each one,  
Mrs. Gilbert F. Johnson

### DAY CAMPS

Spring is here with summer close behind, which brings our thoughts to Day Camps. This is the time to start making plans for our Day Camps. We would like to give every LTL member a chance to attend. Why not each local Legion conduct a Camp in their own City Park or some other suitable place. Ask your WCTU members to assist you. Each child can bring his own lunch, if preferred, but the kool-aid or pop can be furnished by the union.

Day Camp lesson material can be secured from our National Publishing House, 1730 Chicago Ave., Evanston, Ill. 60201. Series I will give you an idea how to conduct your meetings. Choose some craft work which is not difficult, so it can be completed in the brief time allotted. There should be devotions, singing and narcotics education classes. If near a swimming pool, this can be enjoyed. Arrange the time and length of sessions to the best advantage. Contests and games are always enjoyed.

Be sure to explain that Day Camps are for all children, ages 6 to 12 years, whether an LTL member or not. This is a good time to secure new members—always invite visitors. I would like to know if you need any help in making arrangements. Just write me.

When you have had your Camp PLEASE let me know—I'd like to hear about it.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Leonard Bilden

Doing nothing is doing something that you can't undo.

He who does no more than he must will soon show signs of rust.

### GRAND FORKS DISTRICT WCTU CONVENTION

The 63rd Annual Convention of the Grand Forks District WCTU convened at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Grand Forks on May 1, 1973. 45 members and friends were registered. After the 9:30 A.M. coffee hour, Mrs. Henry Evanson, District President, opened the meeting. The theme this year is 'Trust and Obey.' Both morning and afternoon singing was led by Mrs. Mendora Bilden, accompanied by Mrs. Elna Osking at the piano. Mrs. C. W. McLean led the Flag Salutes and reading of our Purpose in WCTU. Mrs. S. P. Rohl led in the devotions by reading from Psalms 37:5. Mrs. R. B. Westacott welcomed the group and Mrs. Earl Stover responded to it.

After appointing the different committees, Mrs. Evanson introduced the state and District officers who were present. A business meeting followed with reports of District Secretary and Treasurer. The Dist. President in her report, stated there are 103 members including some honorary members and that 13 youth attended youth camp at Cooperstown.

Mr. Carrol Sweat, head of the Grand Forks Mission, spoke during the morning session and also showed a film, 'The Big R'.

Mrs. Adolph Kordahl, assisted by Mrs. Harry Jodock conducted the Memorial Service for Mabel Olimb, Dr. Leonard Bilden, Mr. Ben Uglem, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Danielson, Lizzie Bilden, Flora Onsager, Rev. S.H. Njaa and Mrs. O.T. Ness. Mrs. Mendora Bilden and Mrs. Elmer Thorstenson sang a duet and Mrs. Elna Osking played a piano solo, 'Nearer My God To Thee.'

The noon luncheon was served by the ladies of the Bethel Lutheran Church. The afternoon session was opened by assembly singing and devotions, by Mr. Carrol Sweat. Guest speaker, State Promotion Secretary, Mrs. Gilbert Johnson, read from Isaiah 41:10, stressing Total Abstinence as the only way—never take the first drink. She said that the Liquor traffic would destroy the church if it could and the church could destroy the liquor traffic if it would. Mrs. Mendora Bilden also spoke on LTL work.

Miss Heleny Ohnstad directed the Speech Contest work, with six contestants taking part, all were from the Grand Forks Junior High. Holli Erickson won first place. Her theme was 'The Slavery of Today.' Mrs. Roehl had charge of the White Ribbon Recruit service.

The following District officers were elected and installed by Mrs. Gilbert Johnson: President—Mrs. Henry Evanson; Vice-President—Mrs. S.P. Roehl; 2nd Vice-President—Mrs. R.B. Westacott; Rec. Sec.—Mrs. Oscar Moen; Promotion Sec.—Mrs. Lynn Mutchler; Treasurer—Mrs. Arnold Olson.

Meeting closed by testimonies and prayer.

### BISMARCK DISTRICT WCTU CONVENTION

The 74th Annual District WCTU Convention was held May 10, 1973, in the Salvation Army Hall in Bismarck. Registration and coffee began at 9:00 A.M. The Convention was called to order at 9:30 by the District President, Mrs. Chester Huhncke. Major Spicer of the Salvation Army had the devotions, reading from Matthew 10 and using verse 39 as his text. After the good message he and his wife sang, 'If I Lose My Life, I'll Find It Now In Thee.' Very beautiful.

After flag salutes, welcome and response, Mrs. Huntley was introduced and given a little time to talk of things of importance to our local unions. She revealed the need for more funds for our State Work, partly caused by the death of so many older members in the last four years and because of the rising cost of everything. She then urged the need for new State officers to take the place of those who have to retire because of age and health. In speaking for the White Ribbon Bulletin, she asked the unions to send in more news for the Personal Mention and the Notes from the Unions and to be sure to send in the accounts of Memorial members who have recently passed away.

Reports from the different unions showed much good work done. Posters had been brought and judges were selected. Following the Memorial Hour, which was beautifully conducted by Mrs. Bender, a delicious luncheon was served by the Salvation Army ladies.

The Convention convened again at 1:00 P.M. with hymn singing and an impressive devotion by Mrs. Mahin. Rev. Walter Larson of Bismarck, accompanied by his wife on the piano, played several beautiful numbers on his 'Musical Shovel' and his 'Musical Saw', which was greatly appreciated.

Guest speaker, Mrs. Huntley, spoke on the importance of the home in today's world, stressing the importance of the mother in the training of our children for or against total abstinence in the home.

The election of officers followed with the ensuing officers elected and installed:

President—Mrs. Chester Huhncke, Steele, N.D.  
Vice-President—Mrs. Major Spicer, Bismarck, N.D.  
Rec. Secretary—Mrs. Henry Larson, McKenzie, N.D.  
Treasurer—Mrs. Cornelius DeKrey, Steele, N.D.

At their business meeting it was voted to send \$25.00 to the State WCTU. The prize winning posters were announced and one new member was gotten by the Bismarck union.

After prayer and adjournment, coffee was served by the Salvation Army ladies.

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**MEMBERS AT LARGE**—1

**HONORARY (MENS)**—Crosby 6, Fargo 2, Valley City 4

**YTC DUES**—Oakes 18

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**MEMORIAL**—Mrs. Helen Morgan by Tower City

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**TOTAL MEMBERSHIP**—Women 706

Men 128

Mrs. L.O. Grondahl, Treasurer

**NOTES FROM THE UNIONS**

The Glover and Oakes WCTU, along with the IOTA Sigma and the Lisbon WCTU, sponsored Rev. Robert Short, executive Director of Alcohol and Narcotics Education of the Dakotas Area, to give his program and films in the Oakes public school, beginning April 30 to May 3rd. However he began his program in the United Methodist church of Oakes on April 29th at 8:00 P.M. His program was said to be one of the best ever offered by the school Superintendents. Though a little late, this program was sponsored for YTE week.

**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

**MEMBERS AT LARGE**

Dear Members at Large:

I want to thank all of you who have responded and paid your dues for this year. If you have not as yet, please pay them NOW. Remember to keep praying for our local, state, national and world work of the WCTU daily, that we may have God's power as we go forth to do His work.

Be sure to write to your Congressmen, letting them know your views on bills that are before them.

Pray for our service men wherever they are, also for our nation, President Nixon and for all in authority over us. Let us be so thankful for our country and we must fight for the right in all things.

God bless you as you continue to carry on for Him.

Love in Christ,

Mrs. George Fannik, Sec. Members at Large

**THANK YOU!**

I wish to thank all the WCTU members in the state who remembered me in their prayers and sent 'get well' cards and letters during my recent illness with a severe heart ailment. I've been slowly rebuilding, thanks to the miracle of God's healing. I've learned to lean on my Savior for strength and recovery, thanking my God and counting my blessings daily for a second chance to be well again. I'm enclosing a poem which explains things for me.

**'I Needed The Quiet'**

I needed the quiet, so He drew me aside  
 Into the shadows where we could confide,  
 Away from the hustle, where all the day long;  
 I hurried and worried when active and strong.  
 I needed the quiet, though at first I rebelled  
 But gently, so gently, my cross He upheld,  
 And whispered so sweetly, of spiritual things,  
 Though weakened in body, my spirit took wings  
 To heights never dreamed of when active and gay  
 He loved me so greatly, He drew me away.  
 I needed the quiet! No prison my bed  
 But beautiful Valley of blessing instead  
 A place to grow richer, In Jesus to hide  
 I needed the quiet. So He drew me aside.  
 Be it God's will, I hope to again be active as  
 you Vice-President.

Love and prayers,

Mrs. Paul (Violet) White

## IN MEMORIAM

"Sometimes long after the sun has gone  
 As we watch at the close of the day  
 The sky is bright with a rosy light,  
 Mid the evening shadows gray.  
 Long after a beautiful life is gone  
 To the fair world on high  
 Our lives are bright with a lingering light  
 For a true life cannot die."

—Florida White Ribbon News

The Tower City community and especially the local Union, sustained a great loss in the death of Mrs. Edgar Preston, 71, on May 4, 1973, after a long illness.

Harriet Collins was born at Ayr, N.D., July 21, 1901 and attended High School in Fargo. She came to Tower City in 1916 and married Edgar Preston October 2, 1919. They farmed here for many years. She was a charter member of Cornell Homemakers, a 4-H leader, a Presbyterian Sunday School teacher, one of the original members of the WCTU, organized in 1947. Many remember her flannelgraph talks on temperance given to the Sunday School. Although her hearing was defective, she kept alert and abreast of the times, by reading, letter writing and telephone conversations. North Dakota WCTU affairs were well known to her, as Elizabeth Preston Anderson, her husband's aunt, made extended visits in their home. For Tower City's 75th anniversary in 1954, Mrs. Preston contributed a float for the parade—"For God, and Home and Every Land."

She leaves her husband, two sons, a daughter, 12 grandchildren, a brother and 5 sisters. Her daughter, Mrs. David Keys, and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Floyd Preston, are members of the local union. 9 grandchildren here have been WRR's.

On April 17, 1973, Mrs. Dorothy Nelson wrote me of the death of Mrs. E. G. Ranum (Katie), one of the oldest and loveliest members of the Valley City's WCTU. She said that Mrs. Ranum was a member when she (Mrs. Nelson) joined 65 years ago. She was instrumental in getting Mrs. Nelson to join. She was District President of the James-Valley District WCTU preceding Mrs. Nelson and from 1956 to 1961 was a State Department Director.

In Mrs. Nelson's words, Mrs. Ranum was, "A perfect woman, nobly planned."

(Mrs. Nelson, herself, died less than a month after she wrote this to me. I have no other information concerning Mrs. Ranum.)

Mrs. Henry (Dorothy) Nelson, 87, died in Valley City, May 9, 1973.

Dorothy Marsh was born at Winona, Minnesota, February 17, 1886 and was orphaned at an early age. She was reared here by an uncle, Benjamin Ellis. She graduated from college here and married Henry Nelson November 28, 1906. The couple farmed near here and moved into town in 1908 where Mr. Nelson operated an insurance business and taught in the local college. She was a member of her church board, she taught Sunday School, was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and last but not least, she had been a member of the local WCTU for about 65 years. In 1955 until 1961 she was District President of the James Valley District WCTU, also was an officer in the local organization. She is greatly missed by her many friends and those she worked with.

## A WORD TO THE WISE

Dear White Ribbon Friends:

It was my privilege not long ago to go to the meeting of the Northeast District WCTU, which was held some distance away, but kind friends took me with them and I did enjoy the trip very much. The only drawback was that my hearing aid failed to work, so I could not get as much of what was said as I had hoped for. When I sit in a large room with a high ceiling, as most churches are built with, I hear very little of what is said from the pulpit, to my great regret. I know though, that it was a fine meeting in every way.

I hope that everything connected with the work of our organization can be carried on successfully and with very good results, but it does distress me, as I take a walk some of these nice days, to see empty beer cans thrown out along the roadsides. The work that most housewives do now has been made easier in many ways, but there still are hindrances to the right living that we all desire for our loved young folks.

Once I heard Elizabeth Preston Anderson, then our State President, say this: 'I wish we had a thousand women who if they really could not do anything more than pay their dues as members, and pray for the Temperance work.' Long years ago someone said, 'More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of.' Let us keep on praying!

Always your friend,

Elizabeth C. Beasley

Kindness to others, like sunshine on a garden, brings out a rose where you think only thorns could grow.

**NORTHWEST ANNUAL DISTRICT  
WCTU CONVENTION**

The Northwest Annual District WCTU Convention met in the Nazarene Church in Ray, May 2, 1973. Phyllis Thoreson of Ray, District President, called the convention to order. Pastor Trygve Dahle of Tioga, gave the devotions and prayer. He had traveled for three years in the interest of Temperance work and told of some of his experiences. He also sang three songs for our convention.

The reports from the different unions showed the following membership: Crosby—12 active members and 1 inactive, 6 honorary members; Ray has 16 active and 8 honorary members; Williston has 14 active and 1 honorary member.

Posters were brought to the convention and the following won prizes:

- Fourth grade: 1st prize—Sheryl Christianson of Crosby.  
2nd prize—Ruth Dahle of Crosby.  
Fifth grade: 1st prize—Terry Larson of Fortuna.  
2nd prize—Jon Thompson of Ray.  
Sixth grade: 1st prize—Terry Tinnes of Ray.  
2nd prize—Gary Anderson of Tioga.

A noon luncheon was served by the Tioga-Ray Union, and following this the afternoon session began with devotions by Pastor E.N. Ellingson. Mrs. LeRoy Bartle, state president, and special speaker for the afternoon gave a challenging talk. She told us we must warn our children about drugs and that the greatest one today is alcohol—it is our No. 1 problem. Mrs. Robert McCleary, state Projection Methodist director, spoke to the convention.

A hymn by Mrs. E.N. Ellingson opened the Memorial Service which was conducted by Mrs. LeRoy Bartle for Mrs. L.E. Hennigar of Williston and Mrs. Joe Schell of Crosby. Following the convention a Fruesta was served.

**OAKES ANNUAL DISTRICT WCTU CONVENTION**

The Oakes District WCTU Convention met April 16th at the home of Mrs. Darrell Brademeyer of Oakes. The meeting was called to order by Vice-president, Mrs. Darrell Hill. Rev. McIntyre, pastor of the Nazarene church, led the devotions. He brought out that the organized programs can do nothing without Christ's help. Mrs. Orville Olderness sang a solo.

A Memorial service, in memory of Mrs. Grace Brown, was led by Mrs. Harry Sheppard. A White Ribbon Recruit service, in which Paula Kvigne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Kvigne was dedicated by Mrs. LeRoy Bartle, state WCTU president. Mrs. Bartle was also the guest speaker. Her topic was, 'Carest Thou Not That We Parish', in which she spoke of the problems and temptations of youth today, urging us to be more concerned. Officers for the coming year are: President—

**Northwest District Officers**



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Refreshments were served by the Oakes-Glover Union.

### SOUTHWEST DISTRICT WCTU CONVENTION

The Southwest District WCTU Convention was held May 11, 1973 in the Dickinson Hillside Baptist Church, beginning at 2:00 P.M. for the first session. Mrs. Theophil Auch, District President, opened the meeting by calling upon the host pastor, Rev. Ken Unruh, to lead the devotions. He read from Nehemiah and Proverbs, stressing real love for others and the need for people to wake up to the evil all about and to return to God who is our victory over evil. This was followed by a beautiful duet by Rev. and Mrs. Lyle Painter.

The usual business was taken care of such as reports from the Unions and the report from the State Convention. It was voted to pledge the same amount to the State WCTU as last year, also the District officers of last year were re-elected. Hettinger invited the District Convention to meet there next year.

Mrs. Huntley was introduced and asked to give any challenges she felt were necessary. She spoke of the State WCTU's need for extra money in these days of inflation. She mentioned the great loss in membership of those who have passed on in the last four years, which, she said also contributes to our lack in state funds. She mentioned the need for workers in state offices, where faithful workers are being compelled to resign because of age and health. Lastly she spoke concerning our state paper, the White Ribbon Bulletin and the need for news from the unions as well as for Personal Mention items.

Rev. and Mrs. Ed Scheresky sang a lovely duet and Rev. Scheresky showed a film on drugs, showing how the young people are trying to handle this problem themselves.

A White Ribbon Recruit service for the two small children of Mrs. Henning was held. At 6:00 P.M. a lovely supper was served in the church basement by the ladies of the District and was enjoyed by all.

The evening session began at 7:30 P.M. by hymn singing and Rev. Pritchard of the American Sunday School Union brought the devotions which turned out to be a rousing temperance talk. The YTC furnished music and Essays were read. Rev. Huntley gave a charge to the youth. An exercise, 'What is the WCTU?' was given by some small children. A duet was sung by two girls, then Mrs. Huntley gave the evening address on 'The Home and It's Importance.' Pastor Gray closed the meeting with prayer.

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Young people can do many more things without drugs than with them. While youngsters get involved with drugs because they're looking for something. I've never talked to one who, after he stopped using drugs, told me that he'd found what he was looking for while on them.

—Donald K. Fletcher, Listen

### MINOT DISTRICT WCTU CONVENTION

Dr. James Brandt, counselor from the Minot State College, gave the message to our convention. His topic was 'Know and Understand Yourself and Others'.

The Convention was held in the Immanuel Baptist church in Minot. Pastor of the church, Rev. John Giles and Rev. H.A. Kavlie led the morning and afternoon devotions.

Annual reports were given by the Minot, Rugby, Parshall, and Benedict-Max Unions. A White Ribbon Recruit service was conducted by Mrs. Everett Johnson and Mrs. Nick Baklenko for three sisters; Jo Lynn, Kimberly and Melanie McDaniel, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Gary McDaniel. A Memorial Hour was led by Mrs. Melvin Braunberger for Mrs. Ron Mills, and Mrs. George Munns.

The same District officers were installed for the coming year. They are: President—Mrs. Edward Fannik, Max, N.D.; Vice-President—Mrs. Vernon Forthun, Sawyer, N.D.; Treasurer—Mrs. Everett Johnson, Max, N.D.; Secretary—Mrs. Geo. Fannik, Max, N.D.

### NORTHEAST DISTRICT WCTU CONVENTION

The eighty-third annual convention of the Northeast District WCTU met in the Park River Lutheran church, with about forty delegates from Grafton, Nekoma, Langdon, Park River and Cavalier in attendance. President, Mrs. Chester Webb, presided. Each union reported on the years activities and made pledges. Mrs. Benjamin Gorder reported on YTC Camp work, it's importance and value in winning young people to Christ.

The afternoon session opened with devotionals by pastor Donald Ronning, Park River. Miss Alice Well, Cavalier, played a piano solo, Mrs. Rohl, Langdon, sang two solos. Mrs. L. Bilden, LTL Director and guest speaker, used the topic, 'Our Youth, Our Most Valuable Asset'. She told how to conduct a Day Camp and what a challenge it is to work with children.

Nine posters from Grafton schools were displayed and judged. The winners were: 1st-Randy Dusek; 2nd-Carol Brekke; 3rd-Kellor O'Connor. Others received honorable mention.

District officers elected for the coming year are: President—Mrs. Robert McFarlane, Langdon, N.D., Vice-President—Mrs. C. Thompson, Grafton, Treasurer—Miss Christine Gjevve, Nekoma, Secretary—Mrs. Thelma Schluchter, Cavalier.

Morning and afternoon coffee was served by the Park River Union, beside a delicious noon luncheon. The fellowship at these occasions was enjoyed by all.

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