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STATE WCTU PRESIDENT



MRS. LEROY BARTLE

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Mrs. Stanley, fellow officers, delegates and guests; it is with pleasure I welcome you to the 84th Annual Convention of the North Dakota WCTU. This is the 13th time Fargo has hosted state convention—Grand Forks did so 11 times, Jamestown 10, Minot and Valley City each 9, Bismarck 8, Williston and Lisbon 4 times each, Park River Devils Lake 3 each, Wahpeton and Grafton twice each, the following were hosts once, Larimore, Hillsboro, Carrington, Cando, Mayville and Dickinson.

I extend a sincere thank you to the ladies of the Fargo district for all they have done and are doing to make our stay comfortable, pleasant and the Convention a success. We thank the pastor of this lovely church, the church board and members for the use of this building and facilities. It adds much to our convenience, pleasure and joy.

I wish to thank all White Ribbon ladies throughout the state for their kindness to me when I have met with them, for their prayers which have sustained me, also thanks to several honorary members for prayers in my behalf.

It was in 1888 that Fargo was host to the Dakota Territory WCTU Convention in Armory Hall. This was the only time a territorial convention convened in a North Dakota city. Dakota Territory was organized in Canton, S.D. in 1882. So there have been unions in our state since that time 91

years ago. In 1889 the last convention of the Dakota Territory met in Yankton, S.D. Now we were two states, North and South Dakota. We became two separate unions. At this historical meeting both Miss Willard and Miss Gordon were present.

When time for division came, the Convention sang, "Blest be the tie that binds." Miss Willard invoked God's blessings on the new organizations about to be formed. As the 18 N.D. delegates filed into the chapel, at Miss Willard's suggestion, they sang "God be with you till we meet again." When they reached the chapel, they sat down, buried their faces in their hands and wept. They were to lose the great leadership of Mrs. Baker and all state officers except corresponding secretary, Miss Kinneer, who became North Dakota's first state president, lost all state organizers and most of the 23 superintendents belonged to South Dakota.

The history of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of North Dakota is the story of a gallant fight. It is brimful of heroism, self sacrifice, courage and dauntless endeavor. The slogan of the early pioneers is the slogan of the workers today—"The Old Guard dies but never surrenders." Our State Covenant 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" burned like vestal fire in the hearts of our women of yester years. May it be true of us today!

In 1897 North Dakota WCTU met in Fargo for the first time in the Methodist Episcopal Church Sept. 17-20 with Miss Elizabeth Preston of Tower City President. She had been elected in 1893 at Larimore, an Indiana girl teaching in North Dakota. She was to serve as N.D. President for 40 years. She became Mrs. Anderson a few years later. The state paper then was called "Western Womanhood." There were 5 general officers, 23 superintendents of departments at that meeting. We had 94 unions, 31 Youth WCTU's and 4 LTL's. In her address Miss Preston said, and I quote, "Four years ago the city of Fargo was ravaged by fire in proportion to size of city greater than the famous Chicago fire. Last spring a devastating flood swept the city. Streets on either side of this church were rivers. I am told on good authority citizens rowed over the top of telegraph wires. Like the mythical bird of Egypt, this fair

city rises from disaster and offers us a Royal Welcome." And a Royal Welcome we have been accorded in 1973.

We cannot rest on past accomplishments but push on to the Century Mark and beyond. My message to you today is "Let us be doing." We read in James 1:22 "But be ye doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves." We often hear the first part of this verse quoted, "Be ye doers not hearers only." Do we deceive ourselves at times, thinking we are doing what God would have us to do when in reality we are doing what we wish to do--do we sometimes listen, then ignore what God has commanded we do. We are told if we be not forgetful hearers but doers we shall be blessed.

A Sunday School teacher tells of a small Dougie, who, after the prayer was said and the Amen said, so innocently and quickly said, "Now let's do something." The teacher smiled, as we do, but reflecting on this little beginner's wisdom, she thought he had practically summed up the Christian believer's duty in prayer. (Ours too, don't you think?)

We pray for our youth--what are we doing to guide, guard and educate them to know the dangers that surround them? We pray for the abolition of the liquor traffic. Are we doing our utmost to eradicate this evil from our land? We pray for the slaughter on the highways to diminish--what do we do about it? We need to put feet to our prayers. I told Mrs. Gorder this was going to be a pep talk, so looked up the word in the dictionary, found it was slang for energy, also means to spur to energetic action.

P--stands for preparedness, preparation, also perseverance. We must be prepared in our work, know whereof we speak, be prepared to take a stand and to stand firm, prepared to tell others of the work and invite them, even urge them to join us, prepared to give of our time, talents, money; prepared to choose the right priorities, as Joshua of old "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord." Yes...even prepared to be laughed at, ridiculed and down graded.

E--is for energy, enthusiastic energy. "Whatever they hands find to do, do with all thy might." E is also endeavor and endurance--endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ!

P--is above all prayer--without which we can do nothing. "By prayer and supplication make your requests known," "Pray in faith believing, nothing wavering and ye shall receive." Pray without ceasing, pray in the Spirit. Certainly there is a need for us to be "Doing!"

There are 4 cold-blooded killers loose in our country today. Alcohol, other narcotics and tob-

acco against which we have long battled, are joined by a 4th killer--V D--a fast growing iceberg with only the tip showing--is what we read in Readers Digest. It has reached serious proportions. It used to be considered a ghetto problem, now no longer. It has moved from the inner cities to the suburbs and flourishes practically everywhere. Affects all kinds of people. It goes hand in hand with alcohol, which causes lowering of standards, a relaxed "don't care what happens" attitude and too often what happens is V D. It can be prevented, it can be cured, it must be stopped. There is no reason why someone should be getting V D every 12 seconds of the day, often leading to blindness, insanity and even death. Our youth must be warned and educated against this terrible danger--So let's be doing with all our might!

TOBACCO--The danger from cigarette smoking has not diminished. More women are smoking according to Dr. Luther Terry, former Surgeon General. Of course, they harm themselves! Smoking parents are more likely to have children who smoke. Teenage smoking is also increasing. A report in Listen Magazine says--"Poor school performance, rebelliousness toward authority, socially precocious behavior is linked to this increase." One nationwide study conducted for the American Cancer Society found that only 8 percent of students with an A average smoked cigarettes while 60 percent with scholastic averages of D or lower were smokers.

NARCOTICS--We seem to be a pill pushing society. Dr. Paul Stolley of John Hopkins University studied the habits of an average U.S. community of 112,000 population, for a year. In that time local pharmacies dispensed 200,000 prescriptions representing more than 9 million capsules, pills and liquid dosages, plus what the hospital pharmacies dispensed. Dr. Stolley and co-workers were astounded, not only by the excessive amounts but by the different drugs prescribed. One need not wonder too much where youth might get the notion that drugs are not so harmful! "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."

ALCOHOL--The No. 1 drug problem in the United States. There is a trend among youth to more drinking and at even younger ages. One mother went to the school principal because her son's report card seemed to indicate he had problems. The principal told her the boy was drinking too much. She seemed greatly relieved and thankful it was not narcotics. Many parents seemed happy that reports indicated use of hard

sessions—though the air conditioner was cold sometimes. We are grateful also for the noon luncheons, also for the Reception and the morning rolls and coffee, all provided by the ladies of the Fargo district. We thank all who helped to make our convention a success.

Mrs. E. J. Huntley, Man. Editor

YTC RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES

1972—1973

RECEIPTS:

Registration - - - - -	\$1208.85
Memorials, pledges & gifts - - - - -	-471.50
YTC Dues - - - - -	-12.50
Napkins Sold - - - - -	-12.00
Friendship Fund Offering - - - - -	-35.14
Memorials - - - - -	-13.00
TOTAL	\$1752.99

EXPENDITURES:

Educational Supplies - - - - -	\$15.49
Handicraft Supplies - - - - -	-25.00
Films & Photo Supplies - - - - -	-14.00
Reimbursed Camp Fees (Pd. twice) - - - - -	-38.25
Staff Fares - - - - -	-100.00
Camp Rent - - - - -	-1404.00
Poster Awards - - - - -	-3.00
Banquet Supplies & Youth Night	
Refreshments - - - - -	-18.66
WCTU Treas. (Dues & Offerings) - - - - -	-49.14
Delegates to National - - - - -	-80.00
TOTAL	\$1747.54
Balance	5.45

Bank Balance, October 1st, 1972	\$314.41
TOTAL	\$319.86

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CHRISTMAS 1973

“And so we wish each other a Merry Christmas when we should wish each other a charitable Christmas. And we hope we shall all have a Happy New Year, when actually what we mean is not happy in the sense of gaiety, but in the sense of loving our neighbors, of loving friend and foe, of kindness, compassion, pity and forgiveness.” —George E. Sokolsky

N. DAK. STATE POSTER CONTEST WINNERS
 Fargo, N. Dak. October 11, 1973

State Poster Director—Mrs1 Ralph Kraft

4th Grade

- 1st Prize—Joan Mandt, Northwood
- 2nd Prize—Cindy Melfold, Northwood

5th Grade

- 1st Prize—Bobby Kunz, Northwood
- 2nd Prize—Amy Fisher, Northwood

6th Grade

- 1st Prize—Darlyne Tveten, Northwood
- 2nd Prize—Janet Kleuberg, Northwood

7th Grade

- 1st Prize—Diane Isaacson, West Fargo

9th Grade

- 1st Prize—Sandy McDaniel, Oakes

Judged by:

- Mrs. Everett Johnson, Max
- Mrs. Ralph Spicer, Bismarck
- Mr. Herman Stanley

NOTES FROM THE UNIONS

At the Glover-Oakes September meeting it was voted to send the August-September lunch money to the state treasurer for the White Ribbon Bulletin Fund. The lunch money amounted to \$4.38.

Their meeting was at the Good Samaritan Center, as four of their WCTU members are residents there now, and they enjoyed it so much. There were eleven members in all present and there was a good response to payment of dues.

They had election of officers but Mildred Basla declined the presidency so it was left until the October meeting to elect a new president. Mrs. Alida Whitfield presented Clara Buland, their wheelchair member, a beautiful corduroy laprobe she had made. All gave Alida a big hand. The union made a number of laprobes last year and sent them to the state hospital. They will be making more this year.

PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

As we enter our Centennial Year, our hearts and minds bow in gratitude to Almighty God for His power, provision and preservation through all of the years of our existence.

Continuing our dependence upon God, I recommend:

1. The deepening of our Spiritual lives, personally, by a fresh infilling and overflowing of the Holy Spirit. Also, that each state and local union set aside certain designated days for fasting and prayer in behalf of the work, such days as: September 28th, World Day of Prayer for WCTU; December 23rd (the beginning of the Crusade out of which was born the WCTU) and August 15, 1974 (anniversary of issuing call for organizing convention in Cleveland, Ohio).
2. Each state and local WCTU, as well as individuals, write to Postmaster General E. T. Klasson, Washington, D.C., requesting a Commemorative Stamp of the regular first class mail denomination, be designed and issued for the National WCTU Centennial in 1974.
3. That we continue our strong educational program in home, church and school, on the effects of alcohol, other narcotics and tobacco, on the body. Also, each state to seek out a teacher to send to our summer schools, offering a scholarship of not less than \$250.00 for each teacher attending.
4. White Ribbon Recruits, Loyal Temperance Legion Members and Youth in YTC need to be recruited in order that the adult organization may survive and thrive in the future. Membership should be increased in the adult organizations also—honorary and active members are needed to strengthen the existing unions.
5. Active promotion of circulation of the Union Signal and the Young Crusader. The Union Signal is the mouthpiece of the WCTU and should be in every member's home. It is also the life line through which every member becomes aware of the aims and activities of the National organization.
6. The active participation of our members in all of the suggestions made for our Centennial Year by our Centennial Committee.
7. That more careful state supervision be given to the conduct of the Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Contests. This must be done to insure that competitive oration received for the National contest shall meet the standards long adopted.
8. The continuance of YTE Week in every state, and wider use of our fine materials which are made available to local unions for that Week's observance.
9. That every member write THE READER'S DIGEST ASSOCIATION, INC., Pleasantville, N.Y.,

protesting their acceptance of liquor ads, subtly presented by a leading American Distiller, and urging discontinuance of such advertising in their family-oriented magazine.

10. That each union purchase a copy of the book "Heritage of Dedication" to be placed in any local or state library, especially in any research library.
11. That, as we can profit by the past, we do so, and "Press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" Phil. 3:14. Lift high the torch for total abstinence; as salt is to preserve, and light is to guide the way, we are quickened to advance into the new century. The foundation so well laid in the past will be built upon adequately by the continuing cooperation and team work of local, state and national unions. Frances Willard said, "We have no more need to be afraid of the step just ahead, than we have to be afraid of the one just behind us." "ON TO THE CENTURY MARK!"

Mrs. Fred Tooze
Mrs. LeRoy Bartle

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