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## CENTENNIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Centennial anniversary of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union was held at the Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio from August 30-September 3, 1974.

The Worship and Praise Service was held on Aug. 30 in the "Old Stone Church" across the square from the Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel. It is understood that the Old Stone Church is the same church in which the first convention of the WCTU was held November 18-20 in 1874.

Mrs. Tooze presented her address "Unlimited Horizons" Friday evening. She said, "In a day of shallow secularization it is imperative that the WCTU carry forward our three watchwords—Organize, Educate, Legislate—for in the distance gleams our goal: **WORLD PROHIBITION WORLD-PURITY-WORLD PEACE.**"

Following her address Benjamin Sternberg, on behalf of the USO presented Mrs. Tooze and the WCTU with three Citations including a Distinguished Service Award for service to men in the armed services; for sending soft drinks to the men in the services; and a Special Certificate to Mrs. Tooze for her leadership in behalf of USO activities.

Saturday, August 31, being YTC day at convention, 325 youth took part. They, with official delegates and visitors marched in a flag and poster parade preceded by a Drum and Bugle Corps furnished by the city of Cleveland. Approximately 1,000 participated in the "March Around the Square." The youth presented the evening program.

Election of officers took place on Monday, Sept. 2nd. The following were elected and installed to National Office to begin the Second Century: President—Mrs. Herman Stanley, Evanston, IL. Vice President—Mrs. T. Roy Jarrett, Richmond, VA.

Promotion Secretary—Miss Juanita Whisler, Low Point, IL.

Treasurer—Mrs. Margaret Gee, Atascadero, CA. Recording Secretary—Mrs. J.K.W. Miller, San Pueblo, CA.

Monday evening was World Night: Mrs. H. Cecil Heath, World WCTU President, London, England, addressed delegates on "World Horizons".

Tuesday, Sept. 3rd-last day of Convention, consisted of Reports—Colorful invitations for

WCTU conventions to be held in New Mexico in 1975 and in Virginia in 1976—White Ribbon Recruit Service—Awards.

Attendance tabulated was:

Official Delegates	319
Youth	325
Visitors	422

for a grand total of 1,076.

All seven of the World Officers were present:

Mrs. H. Cecil Heath, Pres., England.

Mrs. Fred Tooze, Vice Pres., United States.

Frau Berthy Betsche-Reber, Vice Pres., Switzerland.

Miss Millicent Harry, Vice Pres., Tasmania.

Mrs. Masaka Munakata, Vice President, Japan.

Mrs. D.J.S. Sutton, Corresponding Sec'y., England.

Mrs. B. Hermanson, Recording Sec'y., South Africa.

Mrs. Herman Stanley, Treasurer, United States.

Other countries sending representatives were Australia, Canada, Norway, Jamaica, and Scotland.

It was a privilege to attend the 100th Convention, to actually be in the very Church where the Crusade ladies met to organize the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. I appreciated the opportunity so much and do thank each and every one of you who had a part in making it possible for me to be a part of this momentous occasion in our WCTU history.

The attendance of the Norwegian President, Fru Kjaersund, and her husband presented a handsome and very gracious couple. You will recall that they just hosted the World Convention in Norway.

On Youth Night it was absolutely thrilling as over 300 young people marched into the huge convention hall. Then our wonderful youth presented a gift of 100 dollars to the WCTU as their contribution to the 100th anniversary of their Mother Organization.

Sunday Morning I was invited to join the Minnesota delegation in Akron, Ohio for Church at the "Cathedral of Tomorrow", a never-to-be-forgotten experience.

The pageant Sunday evening, "The Unbroken Circle", written by our New York State President, brought forth the most vivid and important steps in the portrayal of WCTU history.

The birthday dinner was truly delightful. Each state president received a number of a table seating ten and was the official hostess at that

table. Our YTC girl and South Dakota's sat at my table 42. Several ladies from Arkansas and a couple from Florida were also seated with me. At each table was the most delicious birthday cake topped with a picture of Frances Willard.

The main table was highlighted by a beautiful cake lighted with electric candles which were lighted as the State Presidents gave their presentations of "Lighting the Past and Future."

Many ladies were wearing dresses in keeping with the Centennial celebration. Some were truly beautiful creations, some were prettily quaint; sunbonnets were also in evidence. I believe I prefer the styles of today, not so cumbersome.

It was a happy privilege to present North Dakota's gift of \$269 to National plus the \$100 given by honorary member LaVern Sprunk making him a Centennial Patron.

North Dakota had three White Ribbon Investors: Mrs. Benjamin Gorder, Mrs. L.O. Grondahl, and Mrs. E.J. Huntley; two Centennial Champions, Mrs. A.D. (Ruth) Ottinger and Mrs. E.O. Lerberg; and three Century Builder Unions: Grand Forks, Prosper, and Crosby.

Will there be a Woman's Christian Temperance Union 100 years from now? There will be if we be as diligent as those ladies who laid so Strong a foundation.

We need to be well informed about issues of today—let our legislative representatives, local, state, and national, know what we stand for and what we expect of them. We must continue a strong educational program. We must enlist more of the younger ladies. In any event we must be sure to encourage mothers with children of all ages to join in our concern for the youth and infants.

We need to organize new unions but above all we need to pray, Pray, PRAY. In our own strength we cannot accomplish what is necessary for continuance of our organization. We must look to Him Who our strength will renew. We do not trust in numbers or our own strength—for He has said—"Not by power nor by might but by My Spirit." So by His Spirit we move forward into a new year and a new century of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

Remember: One with God is a Majority.  
Satan trembles when he sees  
The weakest Christian on his knees.

Prayerfully,  
Marion Bartle

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Let us remember that God does not need us to be watch dogs to keep people out of his house; we must be doorkeepers of a nobler sort; we must be the kind of doorkeepers that make people want to come in.

W.H. LEACH

Dear Christian Friend;

A call to join the Woman's Christian Temperance Union comes to you today! The Organization, now 100 years old, is the largest nonsectarian and all-partisan organization of Christian Women in the world. Primarily the WCTU is a temperance organization; yet work has been done in many worthwhile causes. Much work was done laying the foundation and seeing it brought to fruition in the suffrage movement, which culminated in the passage of the 19th Amendment of the Constitution of the United States. The WCTU has been called a University of Reforms. No one can be identified with the Organization without becoming a more intelligent and helpful person in her own home, church, and community.

Since it is true that all of us are busy, let's remember that God never called any other kind. Throughout the hundred years of the WCTU, women have made great investments, not in things, but in lives.

**WHAT KIND OF AN INVESTMENT WOULD GOD HAVE YOU MAKE FOR THIS GREAT CAUSE?**

With Christian Grace,  
Cleo Kulish  
President, Dickinson Union

An honest P.S.

Dues are \$3.65—a penny for each day of the year. If you simply feel you are too busy to attend the meetings and become a part of us, but would like to become a member, send your dues to:

Mrs. George Fannik  
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**"I WON'T PLEDGE"**

Too bad. The man who never makes a pledge as he goes through life:

1. Cannot have a telephone in his home unless he signs a pledge to pay for it;
2. Cannot have gas hooked up to his home unless he signs a pledge to pay for that;
3. Cannot have the water turned on until he signs a pledge;
4. Cannot cash a check until he signs on the back, which is a pledge that he will see that the check is paid;
5. Cannot even get married, for in that ceremony he makes a pledge;
6. Cannot own property, for he has to sign a pledge to pay his taxes;
7. Cannot become a citizen of the United States until he makes a pledge to support the government.

Sure, anyone makes pledges. So why not pledge to TOTAL ABSTINENCE?

Community News  
Outlook, R.I.

Dear Co-workers;

If there be any praise, think on these things. Phil. 4:8

Too often we only think about the discouraging part of the progress that we have made during this past year. We should be thinking and praising God for all the wonderful accomplishment of the past year.

Praise Him that other groups have awakened to the results of drug abuse. Alcohol is the number one drug.

We so many times look at numbers instead of praising God for the many faithful members that we do have, but we must never become satisfied and give up trying to win new members. This new year brings new goals to strive for. In order to become a Vanguard Union these goals must be reached by June 30, 1975. They are listed in the new Program Manual. Be sure to order one for the next year. Besides a program and a list of goals each month you will find several short skits with a good message.

Praise God for a Sunday School quarterly that had a wonderful article called "The Answer to Our Nations Greatest Drug Problem Is ABSTINENCE". I thank Him that others are agreeing with the W.C.T.U.

I received encouragement and new ideas at the National Convention at Cleveland, Ohio. On the wall of the literature room was this motto. IF YOU ARE NOT PART OF THE SOLUTION YOU ARE PART OF THE PROBLEM.

Remember to PRAISE GOD and KEEP WORKING.

Promotion Secretary,  
Mrs. Lyle Trapp

### PEN POINTS

Dear White Ribboners;

We are now entering the sleepy time of the year. Some of us say that we hate to see the summer go and winter come. But there's something good about it that perhaps we do not see. To me there comes a thought of restfulness as I see the leaves falling and to realize that after they have all fallen and left the trees looking, to all appearances that they are dead, to know that the root system is very much alive and spreading out, preparing for the new life which will appear next spring in the form of buds, flowers and finally leaves. All summer the root system is busy supplying the needs of the upper tree, so winter must come to give them a chance to be strengthened themselves. I believe the "winters" of our lives come for our strengthening, to bring us closer to the source of all real strength, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Remember that the winters come to the young trees as well as to the old ones—all need to have a time for reaching out and growing strong spiritually, in order to meet the

struggles of life. Recently I heard of a man who watched a lone tree meet the onslaught of a hurricane. He thought sure that the tree would go down any minute but after the storm he visited the tree and found it's roots safely anchored beneath a big solid rock. The tree bent to the storm but it never was uprooted.

I've been speaking of the sleepy time of the year, but let US not go to sleep concerning our work in the WCTU. I'm thinking of things which may come up in our state legislature this fall. What about the liquor business trying to again pass a bill to allow 18 year olds to drink alcoholic beverages? Every state that has done this regrets it because drunkenness has increased by leaps and bounds among youth and children. We praise Governor Link for vetoing it the last time it was passed.

Do we want "Woman's Rights"? God created woman to be a helpmate to man—not to replace him. Woman's PLACE is in the HOME, to rear, care for and train her children and to strengthen her husband in his work. Women have enough to do if they carry on their God given work.

Lastly watch out for the Gambling Syndicates which are trying very hard to get into our state. Gambling is habit forming and as dangerous to the home life of America as beverage alcohol. They take the money which rightfully should go to keep up the home and supply the needs of the family who not only suffer, but the grocery and clothing stores as well as the banks. The only one who gains is the syndicate who would bring it into our state.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. E.J. Huntley

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**PERSONAL MENTION**

The Glover-Oakes WCTU held their August Meeting in the United Methodist Church in Oakes. After the business meeting Susan McDaniels reported on the YTC Camp this summer which she and her sister Sandy attended.

Miss Junko Yamai of Sendoi, Japan arrived on July 27 to live with the Tom Waldie family of Marion for four weeks. She is 12 years old and has 2 brothers and a sister. Her father works for an electrical plant. Junko attended her first Church service while in the United States and went many times while here.

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How Pityful are little folk-  
That are so very small.  
They look at stars, and think they are  
Denominational.

Willard Wattles

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Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise; be thankful unto Him, and bless His Name. Psalm 100:4

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**Joyous Christmas Greetings From Your Officers & Staff.**



**TREASURER'S REPORT FOR SEPT. 1 TO OCT. 5**

**DUES**—Bismarck 9, Crosby 12, Grafton 9, Minot 11, Napoleon 11, Northwood 57, Steele 8, West Fargo 9. **HONORARY MEMBERS**—Crosby 3, Napoleon 5, Northwood 9, West Fargo 1. **L.T.L. DUES**—Max Benedict 15, Northwood 57.

**MEMORIALS**—\$50.00 for Mrs. Robert McConnachie by Robert McConnachie and Friends, \$25.00 for Wm. G. McConnachie, \$20.00 for Wm. G. McConnachie by Mrs. Frank Murray, \$5.00 for Wm. G. McConnachie by Mrs. Ray Muir \$3.00 for Mrs. C.A. Peterson by Fargo Union, \$10.00 for Earl Gilkenson by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Coit, \$2.00 for Geneva Hanson by Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Gangnes, \$5.00 for Geneva Hanson by Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dick and Lillian Gilkenson, \$5.00 for E.P. Thompson by Crosby Union, \$5.00 for Geneva Hanson by Mrs. LeRoy Bartle, \$5.00 for Mrs. Oscar Otterness by Mrs. LeRoy Bartle \$10.00 for Mrs. Oscar Otterness by Floyd Preston Family, \$14.00 for Mrs. Oscar Otterness by Clara Knutson, Evelyn Larson, Nettie Ellingrud, Gene Ellingrud Family and Clara Haaland.

**TOTAL PAID UP MEMBERSHIP FROM SEPT. 1ST TO OCT. 5TH**—127 Women, 18 Men.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mrs. Oscar Johnson

**IN MEMORIAM**

How far from here to heaven?

Not very far my friend,

A single hearty step

Will all thy journey end.

**MRS. OSCAR L. OTTERNESS**, president of the Tower City WCTU, passed away August 29, 1974. Myrtle Blaine was born in 1900 in Illinois. Her family came to Tower City in 1903 where she received her education and was raised to womanhood. She taught school in Stutsman County before her marriage in 1925. Mr. Otterness was an Honorary Member of the WCTU. He died in October, 1973. Surviving are a son, Durward, Tower City; a daughter, Mrs. Robert (Delores) Quigley, Concord, California; nine grandchildren; a brother, Louis, Valley City; and a sister, Mrs. Willard (Bessie) Young, Laguna Hills, California. Her parents, Charles and Adelia Blaine, were memorial members of the WCTU. Mrs. Otterness was a charter member of the Tower City WCTU and held several offices since 1947. She had a great concern for temperance education and legislation.

**EDWIN P. THOMPSON**, 92, one of the original homesteaders of the Crosby area, died at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schell, northwest of Crosby. Funeral Services were held in the Lutheran Brethern Church in Crosby

**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

with Dr. Raymond Carlson, Springfield, Mo., officiating. Interment was in Concordia Lutheran Cemetery beside his wife.

Mr. Thompson was an honorary member of the Crosby Union.

**MRS. LEON HANSON**, 72, Englevale, died August 30, 1974. Services were held in the Armstrong-Lozier Chapel in Lisbon. Geneva Dahl was born October 28, 1901 at East Edge, N.D. She was married January 24, 1924 at Fort Ransom, N.D. Leon died in 1968. She leaves six children; Gordon, White Bear Lake, Minn.; Allen, Enderlin; Mrs. Clarence (Gladys) Brewer, and Mrs. Iver (Jane) Solhjelm, both of Fargo; Mrs. Robert (Dorothy) Hoover, Osseo, Minn.; Mrs. Dean (JoAnne) Carlblom, Alexandria, Minn.; four sisters: Mrs. Jack (Marie) Bachman, Mrs. Sonke (Emma) Jensen, Mrs. Orville (Gladys) Humphrey, Englevale; Mrs. Tillman (Stella) Thompson, Renton, Wash.; two brothers: Arnold, Verona; Harry, North Bend, Wash.; and 24 grandchildren.

Geneva had been a member of the West Fairview Union since 1926. She had served in all local offices and was currently serving as our State Director of Social Service. We mourn our loss, but rejoice in her homegoing.

**MISS BLANCHE STEVENS**, 83, a member of the Bismarck Union for many years, passed away to her Lord August 20 in the Oakes Hospital. Services were held on the 23 at the Oakes United Methodist Church.

Miss Stevens served as Executive Secretary of the Burleigh county chapter of the Red Cross from 1953 to 1963. She was the Dickey County Superintendent of Schools for many years, taught Indian children in Fort Totten, and was national field director of the American Red Cross in St. Louis, Mo., served as executive secretary of the Red Cross in Stutsman county. She was influential in the organization of the Young Citizens League in North Dakota and was active in local, state, and national education associations.

In 1968, Miss Stevens was selected by the bi-state Eagles Auxilliary as the recipient of its first annual Community Service Award.

Blanche leaves a brother, Fred Stevens, Devils Lake; and a sister, Mrs. Lillian Schaub, Oakes.

## CITIZENSHIP DEPARTMENT

Dear WCTU Members:

I am very grateful for the fine reports received from 14 unions. I am sure other unions accomplished things in this department which were not reported. I trust that we will receive twice as many reports next year.

Many issues come up from time to time, and as citizens we need to be alert and to take an active part. Read the Washington Letter in the Union Signal and note the glossary of legislative listings. Write our Senators and our Congressman regarding as many as you can. I would like to emphasize H.R. 11106, S. 1231, H.R. 4521 and H.R. 15244.

One issue coming up in the Legislature in January is the Equal Rights Amendment. If this is ratified by the required number of states it will become a part of our Constitution. It involves not only equal pay for equal work, but also many undesirable things, one being that women would be subject to the draft the same as men. The amendment would change, or at least call into question, just about every law on the books which deals with "men" or "women" as such, or the relations between them. The only reason this amendment passed was that our Senators and Congressmen did not want to appear to be "against women's rights". I hereby urge EVERY WCTU member to write to the legislators in her district and tell them to vote NO on the Equal Rights Amendment when it comes up in the Legislature.

Christmas will soon be here. Display the Nativity Scene in your home and urge that it be displayed also in churches and schools.

Study the Plan of Work and carry out as many of the projects as you can. The information needed for reports is on the back of the sheet. Use a separate piece of paper for making out your report, and send to me by SEPTEMBER 15, 1975.

Best wishes for a Blessed Christmas Season.

Mrs. Gilbert F. Johnson,  
Director

## BISMARCK DISTRICT ALL FOR LOVE

The 75th Annual District WCTU Convention was called to order on April 24th at the United Methodist Church of Sterling by President Mrs. Olga Huhncke. Rev. Richard Elofson opened with prayer. In his devotional thoughts he stressed that in Christian living prayer is most important. Mrs. Lind rendered a solo, "He'll Understand and Say Well Done." She also led the flag salutes. Mrs. Salter welcomed the group of ladies. Mrs. McDowell followed with the response. Guests were presented to the convention: Mrs. LeRoy Bartle, State President and guest speaker, and Mrs. McDowell, who is a new member.

There was no reading of the minutes because of an accident involving Mrs. Larson's husband. Mrs. DeKrey gave the financial report. The Unions present and giving their reports were: BISMARCK, Mrs. Spicer; MCKENZIE, Mrs. Salter; STEELE, Mrs. DeKrey; NAPOLEON, Mrs. Sand.

Mrs. Bartle led the Memorial Hour with scripture from Rev. 14:13 in tribute to Mrs. Clara Stackey, Napoleon.

After a noon luncheon at the Top Cafe the convention reconvened. Mrs. Spicer reflected upon Luke 24 and the 23rd Psalm. The song, "The King is Coming," was sung by Mrs. Vernon Stenerson. A free will offering was received. Mrs. Bartle brought good news and encouragement in her address. In the business that followed a pledge of \$25. was given to the State Organization.

After the election of officers, Mrs. Bartle installed: Pres.—Mrs. Olga Huhncke, Steele; 1st Vice Pres.—Mrs. Ralph Spicer, Bismarck; 2nd Vice Pres.—Mrs. Neal Funston, Sterling; Secretary—Mrs. Henry Larson, McKenzie; and Treasurer—Mrs. Cornelius DeKrey, Steele.

The Sterling WCTU entertained at the lunch which followed adjournment.

## NORTHWEST DISTRICT

The 64th Annual convention of the Northwest District was held Sept. 9 in the Tioga Zion Lutheran Church, Phyllis Thoreson presiding.

Special music was given by the Crosby Union and Pat Clark of Tioga.

Officers for the new year are:

President	Mrs. Milt Thoreson, Ray
V. Pres.	Mrs. Joe Holt, Williston
Promoting and Recording Sec'y	
	Mrs. Marlow Westby, Tioga
Treas.	Mrs. Sig Lervick, Williston

A Memorial Hour was held for Guy Hoversten, John Lobeck, E.P. Thompson and Minnie Valknan.

Upon adjournment a Fruesta Hour was held at which a Centennial Birthday Cake was served; Phyllis Thoreson had baked and decorated the cake.

## 30 Seconds

Smoking is not advisable in the lavatories of airliners, where paper toweling and other combustibles have contributed to several airplane fires. The Federal Aviation Administration has requested airlines to place "No Smoking" signs in the lavatories of all commercial airliners. A recent crash of a Boeing 707 outside of Paris was thought to be caused by a fire that started in the rear lavatory. The accident resulted in 124 deaths.

—FAMILY SAFETY

**YTC NEWS**

The new YTC year is in full swing. **CELEBRATE** is our theme, and "We Are Building Tomorrow's World," is an excellent theme song. The text, "But thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord, Jesus Christ" is found in I Corinthians 15:57.

By the time you read this you should have completed the first two points of the Efficiency Standard and have selected a study book. Be an **EARLY BIRD** and **CELEBRATE OUR HERITAGE** by conducting a membership drive, stressing new members and those important honorary members. Dues from honorary members stay at home to work for you. To be a Holdfast or a Fruitful council, your dues should be sent in to the state treasurer (Mrs. Oscar Johnson, Harwood, N.D. 58042) by January 1st.

Also, **CELEBRATE TOGETHER** as you work the various departments. So many varied things to do, both at home and for others. Do not forget to promote YTC Week, November 10-16, and the many seasonal projects, both at Thanksgiving and at Christmas. How true the old saying: "HAPPINESS is a perfume you can't give to others without spilling some on yourself."

May the Christmas spirit of love and joy and peace be spread abroad from home to home.

Mrs. Melvin Gangness  
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**ASK IN PRAYER**

Men of God, whose prayers are recorded for us in the Bible, never read a book on prayer, never went to a seminar on prayer, never heard a sermon on prayer. They just prayed.

Satan fears prayer because God hears prayer. Satan will stop at nothing to distract a person from praying or to get him to postpone praying or, failing that, to discourage him in his praying.

This little square . . . is simply to encourage you to start.

Start where you are, as you are, about whatever concerns you, whatever is lying most heavily on your heart, whatever is irritating or frustrating you at present.

Suggestion: Keep a prayer list (small dime-store notebook or an inexpensive diary would do just fine). Make your requests specific and date them. Then date the answer. Like the ungrateful lepers, we tend to forget.

It may be impossible to date the answers to certain requests. For instance, If I pray for patience, I will not find that on such and such a date I suddenly became patient. But if I pray for guidance in a particular problem, or the conversion of a friend, or the resolving of some hopeless difficulty, recording the answer as well as the request will be a cause for worship and a means of strengthening of my faith.

Be pointed. Be persistent. Be patient. But pray.

—Ruth Bell Graham

From Decision, c 1973

by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association



L to R: Tadeshi and Junko Kawashina, and Scott Waldie.

### LTL'er GOES TO JAPAN

I was one of 52 4-H members and advisors who left Fargo July 23 for Tokyo, Japan, we flew over Anchorage Alaska and arrived on July 25. We lost 14 hours going over. We spent 1 day in Tokyo for orientation and sight seeing. On the 26 I left for my host family in Shiga. I took a bullet train that traveled between 100 and 150 miles per hour and arrived at Osaka in 3 hours. Mr. and Mrs. Takeshi Kawashima and their 9 year old son Tadeshi met me. Their 12 year old son was staying with a family in Minnesota.

We were met by newsmen and TV cameramen who took our pictures. Since I was the youngest from the U.S. they decided to interview me alone on National TV. I was on for 15 minutes on the 6:00 news. They asked about North Dakota, farming, and the U.S.A.

The Kawashimas and I went home to Shiga by train. The next day a Welcome party was held for me. We had lots of fun and fireworks.

The Kawashimas have a very modern home. They use silverware and have disposable chopsticks. We used chopsticks every day. They had table and chairs, Microwave oven, garbage disposal, and one set of bunk beds. I slept on a mat on the floor all the while I was there.

The children in Japan only have 6 weeks vacation, but some attend the Labo party that meets after school, where they study English and I taught these children about 10 American songs with actions. Junko (Mrs. Kawashima) and Tadeshi and I went to a Japanese-American camp for a week in the mountains. It took 12 hours to get there. It was cold there.

We toured Kyoto which has 1½ million people; there were many temples and shrines. This city was the capital of Japan for over 1,000 years until 1868. We toured the whole country in one day, by 747 jet. It was beautiful.

Every day the temperature was around 110 degrees (Very, very hot and humid). It rained 2 or 3 days each week. They had two typhoons while I was there. The wind was terrific and blew dirt and it rained hard. It stopped all the fast trains that ran on electricity. Typhoon No. 14 for the year was just

coming when I left Shiga. Japan has many earthquakes and on August 16 we had one at Shiga. I was sleeping already and the first thing I knew I got hit on the head when the table fell on me. I was really scared, but I stayed in the bedroom til it was over. It was just like dynamite going off except it lasted for such a long time. The bathtub was torn from the wall with Junko in it and she was frightened also. The houses in Japan are all made so there is a lot of give for an earthquake. Mr. Kawashima was still in his office at the time. It is a tall building and shook all over. All the streets cracked. They didn't have the tub fixed yet when I left for home.

The Kawashimas have a small rice paddy behind their home and I helped cut down the ripe rice every two days and filled the rice box; if there was any extra, we would sell this uptown, but always 10 per cent of the rice would be thrown back to make more rice grow. All the sewer water runs in little gutters to the rice paddy.

On Wednesdays all the stores and shops are closed and Sunday they worship but they have the stores open. The Kawashimas are Buddhist and Protestant Churches are few and hard to find in Japan.

I loved the food. We had rice and fish every meal. I ate octopus and live shrimp that wiggled on the plate. I even gained 10 pounds. Their food is quite expensive. I took them out twice for hamburgers, french fries, and coke, which was \$2.50 at a McDonald stand. For just 1 hamburger I paid \$3.50 at a regular restaurant. They love french fries and hamburgers. They also liked oatmeal which was \$10.00 a box.

We took a cable car to the top of Mt. Heyay where they had a big fair. It was snowing all the way up but melted fast. We rode bicycle a lot and one evening the family and I attended a communal bath where 50 or more people all bathed together in a big bath tub. It took me half an hour to get the courage to go in. They do this quite a bit and think nothing of taking baths with everyone.

We attended a love festival and saw ancient castles and had dinner with the Thompsons, an American couple living at Shiga. I had a haircut and they shaved my whole face. We attended the World's Fair at Osaka on Aug. 25th. Every country in the world had a museum or cafe which served their country's food. It was so interesting.

They had a farewell party for me and I received many gifts, one of which was a three foot baby alligator. We kept it in the house til I left and then I gave it away. It would break off and eat lead pencils so it was a little dangerous already.

I really enjoyed my home and loved the family every much. A few tears were shed when good-byes were said. I returned to Tokyo by train and arrived home on Aug. 27th.