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MARION'S MEMOS

The heaven's declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth forth His handiwork.

How beautifully true are these words of the psalmist. Walking home from Bible Study one evening in March the display of the Aurora Borealis in our North Dakota was breathtaking.

Soon the earth will burst forth in springtime beauty. When you read this your lawns and gardens will be showing forth the handiwork of God plus your own efforts, of course. Crops will be shooting up and as we drive through the countryside many shades of green in growing grains will be seen. God's mighty hand of blessing is in evidence everywhere.

Speaking of blessings, it was a most blessed, helpful, and profitable day we had at Mid-Year Meeting in Jamestown. Fourteen ladies from throughout the state were present.

The dates for State Convention in Minot were confirmed at this meeting. Convention will be held in the Emanuel Baptist Church October 20, 21 and 22. The banquet will be on Thursday evening, the 21.

NOTICE: The General Officers, members of the Executive Committee, and Official Board will be meeting at 6 PM Wednesday, October 20 for supper at the home of Laura Forthun — address is 604 17th St. SW. After supper we will have the meetings of these committees.

Others who come in on Wednesday will be notified via another issue of the Bulletin where you are to go for registration and to be assigned host homes. If you have a long ways to Minot, come on Wednesday, for the Convention proper will start Thursday at 9:00 AM sharp with the Prayer and Praise Service.

We are giving you information of the State Convention early so you can make plans to be with us. **YOU** need to be **THERE**; **WE** need you **THERE**. More information concerning Convention will be in later issues of the paper as we receive it from the ladies of the Minot District.

Remember National Convention coming up in Richmond, Virginia, hosted by the thirteen original Colonies. National President Mrs. Stanley says to get your room reservation in early. I have three reservation cards from the John Marshall Hotel — If you wish one let me know. The dates are August 24 - September 1 for those involved in Pre-Convention meetings. Convention proper will start

Friday afternoon, August 27, with the Prayer and Praise Service. Convention will close with the banquet on Tuesday evening. This promises to be a great Convention; plan to come. Tours will be available all day Thursday and to Friday noon for those not involved in meetings.

Yes, we realize you have been wondering and wondering why no Annuals have arrived. The first draft of our '75 Annual was lost in transit from the Recording Secretary in Williston to the State Treasurer in Harwood. Trying to trace the package so far has been unsuccessful. Our Recording Secretary is preparing an abridged draft — leaving out some of the pages we felt could be deleted for this time. So should you think something is missing, you can always refer to last year's Annual.

We trust by the time this issue of our paper reaches you our '75 Annuals will also be in your hands.

You who were at State Convention last fall will recall that Brenda Holt, older daughter of our Recording Secretary, had her leg in a cast. The leg did not mend properly, so in March her mother took her to Minot Hospital where further work was done. As of now, tho still in a cast, I'm told Brenda is making satisfactory progress. The Holt's oldest son was involved in an auto accident recently. Fortunately no one was injured seriously. Remember the little baby Mona Holt brought to Convention in Dickinson when he was only a few months old? Well, Russell is doing very well now.

Yes, your State Officers have families with needs, problems and difficulties. Remember us in prayer as we do all of you. Our God is sufficient for all our needs, with a solution for any problem or difficulty. Sometimes we have not because we ask not or we ask amiss.

You have all been busy with church, WCTU and community work, I know. God bless you in all that you do and may be doing for His glory and the good of all mankind. Let us not weary in well-doing.

Forgive me if I am sounding repetitious! **MEMBERSHIP:** Are you working hard at this in our Bicentennial Year? At one time membership in North Dakota WCTU numbered in the thousands on guard as our state song says. Let us work hard to add to our numbers, especially our younger ladies, not to the exclusion, however, of the older ladies, the men and the youth or children. WCTU is a family affair.

OUR STATE PAPER: Continues to be up to its high standards. Let us help keep it that way. Your

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editor, Mrs. McCleary, needs your news items and pictures as much as the financial aid to keep it up to quality.

BICENTENNIAL: The 200th birthday of our nation is fast approaching. So far we have heard only from one group holding a Betsy Ross Fruesta this year.

In the January-February issue we told you about being asked to participate in a Bicentennial Chautauqua celebration to be held June 27 - July 4 in Devils Lake. At Mid-Year it was decided to take part in Woman's Day which is June 29. A committee was appointed to take care of preparations for this. Pray that they will be guided in this project. If asked to help, please do. Support us with your presence if you can and financially for we will distribute literature there.

Let not one of us say, "I'm too old" or "I can't do anything because I can't get to meetings" or "No way can I help in WCTU work." There is so much waiting to be done perhaps we see only the forest, not the trees; letters to congressmen, state legislators, television and radio networks, newspapers, periodicals and individuals; youth projects, YTC Camp, day camps, speech contests, essay and poster contests; I could add more and you could add to my list. All can take part in the most important of all — Prayer — no project is brought to a successful conclusion unless there has been prayer before, during and after the operation. In all things God says we are to praise Him.

God could have used His sunset sparingly,
He could have doled His blossoms out quite
grudgingly.
He could have put just one star in that bright
sky.
But since He gave so lavishly,
Why should not I?

Taken from the S. California White Ribbon; author unknown.

Lovingly,
Marion

PEN POINTS

DEAR LAND OF ALL MY LOVE

Long as thine art shall love true love,
Long as thy science truth shall know,
Long as thine eagle harms no dove,

Long as thy law by law shall grow,
Long as thy God is God above,
Thy brother every man below,
So long, dear land of all my love,
Thy name shall shine, thy fame shall glow.

— Sidney Lanier

Dear White Ribboners:

The above words are painting the picture of the ideal country. In this bicentennial year is our nation measuring up to these standards? Would that it were! A lot of our nation's problems would be solved and peace would reign. One person can't solve them all but many banded together can help to keep or restore our part of our beloved nation. The song writer said, "Brighten the corner where you are." In other words we must not only be witnesses to the power of God to overcome all obstacles but also to warn our children and youth of the many dangers facing them and to try to show them the way to overcome or to bypass these dangers which face them today.

Mrs. Crymes, in the March "Washington Letter", urges us to be more active in our Education Department concerning the effect of alcoholic beverages upon the whole body, present and future, as well as including the financial disaster. She says that when all other means fail to make the people of our country see the dangers of this drug, surely we should step up the education of the children of today as well as the youth, to try to shape their thinking before it is forever too late.

LTL's and YTC's are very necessary, for even children of Christian parents can be led astray when away from home influence. Since this is so, how about the children of drinking parents or those of just nominal Christian parents? We see the great need to urge the teaching of the effects of beverage alcohol upon the drinker, not only in our church schools but also in our day schools. The children of Christian parents are thrown continually among those who use this deadly stuff and are continually tempted and ridiculed if they refuse to become part of the group who use this drug. The children of Christian parents need to be well fortified in their homes.

How many Christian parents let their children see the power of God working in and through them each day? How many parents have a time of Bible

reading and prayer with their children each day? How many children in Christian homes are taught to memorize Bible verses which will be a help to them in the future. The Psalmist says in Ps. 119:11 "Thy Word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against Thee."

Don't pass over this lightly, and remember that "God is our strong tower", our "Rock of defense", and "Jesus Never Fails." If we think there is no time, tell God about it and He will see that you have time; He will not fail us. Praise His Holy Name!

Sincerely,
Hazel Huntley

Y T C CAMP

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There is an opportunity for the campers to have a wholesome camping experience in an outdoor atmosphere with a truly Christian setting. If possible, an advance registration along with \$2.00 of the camp fee would be appreciated. It makes for easier planning. Send to: Mrs. Melvin Gangness, Harwood, N. Dak. 58042

NOTE: We register on Wednesday afternoon (Not before 2:00 P.M.) June 23rd and dismiss after the noon meal on Sunday, June 27th. Please SHARE with us musical numbers, essays and speeches pertaining to temperance. Come prepared to enter the poster contest conducted in the art class at camp. REMEMBER, to PRAY for a fruitful camp.

On the home front, I am waiting to receive reports of your YTE WEEK activities. Now, that you are no longer snowbound, let the U.S. Mail bring me some news from your locals.

Fargo YTC'ers report that they are making posters to display during YTE Week. They have also been earning money towards camp expenses, AND, they have four new members. I trust that

NOONTIME HOUR OF PRAYER

"It is always noontime somewhere, and across The awakening continents from shore to shore Somewhere our prayers are arising evermore." Lift up a standard for the people." Isa. 62:10

IN MEMORIAM

LILLIAN (Mrs. Hjalmer) BENSON, 82 was received unto her Savior on March 18. She was born in Minneapolis in 1893. She taught rural school in North Dakota until she married and settled on their farm at Enderlin.

Mrs. Benson was a very good and faithful member of the Enderlin WCTU while they lived there and she kept her membership there after her husband's death when she and her son moved to Moorhead. Her smiling face and faithfulness to our work will be missed.

She leaves two sons and five daughters; a sister and three brothers, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

they can all come to camp, and enjoy that GOOD TIME WITH A PURPOSE.

In His service,
Mrs. Melvin Gangness

**TREASURER'S REPORT
FOR FEB. 5TH TO APRIL 5TH**

WOMEN'S DUES — Bismarck 2, Crosby 1, Fargo 14, Grafton 3, Jamestown 25, McKenzie 8, Minot 4, Park River 6, Ray 6, Tioga 6.

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE — 3.

HONORARY MEN DUES — Hettinger 7, Jamestown 3, Minot 3, Prosper 14, Ray 3.

LILLIAN STEVENS FUND — Jamestown, Marion, McKenzie, Minot, Park River, Ray, Rugby, Tioga.

FRANCES WILLARD FUND — Cavalier \$8.00, Jamestown, McKenzie, Minot, Park River, Prosper, Marion, Glover-Oakes \$12.43, Ray, Rugby, Tioga.

STATE REPORTS — Jamestown (2) \$5.00, McKenzie (1) \$2.00, Tioga (1) \$2.00.

LIGHTLINE — Minot, Rugby.

WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN — Jamestown \$4.00, McKenzie \$5.00, Ray \$5.00, Tioga \$5.00.

N.D.E.A. BOOTH — Ray \$3.00, Crosby \$3.00.

NATIONAL BICENTENNIAL — (Refurbish National Headquarters) Cavalier \$5.00, Grafton \$10.00.

GIFT — \$500.00 from the estate of A.J. Wunn, Lisbon, N. D.

MEMORIALS — \$2.00 in memory of Tom Ostby by Mrs. Lyle Trapp, \$2.00 in memory of Tom Ostby by a friend, \$2.00 in memory of Lid Lehne by Mrs. Oscar Johnson, \$13.00 in memory of Mrs. H.G. Meuwissen by Crosby Union.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Oscar Johnson (Treas.)

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP FROM SEPT. 1ST TO APRIL 5TH — Women 554, Men 125.

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THE HAND THAT ROCKS THE CRADLE

Today's teenage girl is tomorrow's woman,
tomorrow's mother. She has a special respon-
sibility. She is the giver and custodian of life. What

does she do to that life when she chooses to smoke?

Throughout the ages God has been telling us
that beauty comes from within and that beauty
seen on the outside is a result of the true inner
beauty; it is not artificial. What toll does smoking
have on a woman's beauty?

Ninety per cent of the pollution of smoking is
retained in her lungs, affecting taste, breath and
body odor. Her nerves, digestion and face even-
tually reveal the state of devastation resulting from
the slow-down of oxygen to her body. A California
doctor, Harry Daniell, made a study of the visual
damage sustained by men and women. The case
histories covered not only their smoking habits, but
also other factors relating to facial wrinkles, such
as sun exposure and weight changes, as well as
medical and personal histories. The left eye
(crow's foot) area was used as a common index and
photographed.

Results were overwhelmingly against the
smokers. In each age group (30 and up) they were
the most heavily wrinkled. Smokers are likely to be
as wrinkled as non-smokers who are twenty years
older.

Emulating smoking parents, enticed by the
appeal put forth by films and television, and by
accelerated, extravagant, irresponsible and
successful advertising, teenage girls, between 12
and 18 years of age, are beginning to smoke at the
rate of 3,000 per DAY! Such figures confirm a study
which revealed that smoking among teenage girls
has doubled in the last six years.

This steady increase is resulting in women
dying at earlier ages than they formerly did from
diseases which in the past were rare: lung cancer,
400 percent increase; coronary heart disease, 900
percent increase; emphysema, 500 percent in-
crease and as much as an increase of 740 percent if
10 cigarettes a day have been smoked from the age
of 25.

An unborn baby is affected by its mother's
habit almost from the time of conception. The
carbon monoxide in cigarette smoke concentrates
in the blood. A heavy smoker, whose carbon
monoxide level in the blood reaches as high as 15
percent reduces the flow of oxygen to the baby by
as much as 30 percent.

Nicotine is a powerful and quick acting drug.
The reaction of the heart and blood vessels to
nicotine is similar to that of sudden fear. The heart
beat accelerates an additional 25 times per minute,
demanding more oxygen, the blood pressure rises,
and the blood vessels constrict, decreasing the
amount of blood reaching the limbs.

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