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STATE CONVENTION

The 87th annual convention of the North Dakota Woman's Christian Temperance Union will meet in the Emmanuel Baptist Church at Minot October 20, 21, and 22. The church is located on the street just east of K-Mart, the second church north: 1615 2nd Street Southwest.

Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock Laura Forthun will serve supper at her home for the GENERAL OFFICERS, OFFICIAL BOARD, AND THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS. This includes the five State officers, the District Presidents, Executive Directors, All Department Directors, Trustees, Historians, Members-at-Large Secretary, and the Managing Editor. Please be prompt.

Laura's address is 604 17th Street Southwest. We extend our thanks to Laura and her husband, Vernon, for their gracious hospitality.

Anyone else arriving on Wednesday should go directly to the Emmanuel Baptist Church to register and receive instructions as to the host home they will have during the convention.

Local Unions and District Presidents, please bring your banners with you. We will have the Presidents' March Thursday morning at 9 AM immediately preceding the Prayer and Praise Service.

We'll see you there!

MARION'S MEMOS

"Blessed be the Lord who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the Lord of our Salvation." Ps. 68:19

Indeed as a nation we have been blessed with many benefits these past 200 years.

"Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy name."

As individuals in this United States of America we have been blessed above many others. Our nation was founded upon Christian principles — Oh that it would continue so.

Dear Co-Workers,

Thank you for the response to my request for information of things you have been doing this year. They will indeed help me with my report to National.

We have embarked upon a new year for the WCTU in North Dakota. Because September is the month for paying dues for the new year, all dues should be collected by now. If your treasurer can send the dues to the State Treasurer by November

1, you qualify as an Advance Union. You also earn points toward becoming a Banner Union for this next year.

Strive also to fulfil the requirements for Vanguard, Holdfast, Steadfast, and Fruitful Unions. I know I can count on you to do your very best.

Three new members were reported to me plus four new Homebuilders: ladies 35 years or younger. We heartily welcome these ladies to our organization and any others who may not have been reported to me yet. We seriously need to strengthen our membership. It would be wonderful if we could be a net gain state in "77."

This is the first year since taking office as your president I failed to visit YTC Camp. Thank you for sending YTC Sparks to me, I enjoyed reading it and learning of the more than 50 campers who were able to make it even though many of the older ones were needed on the farm. I truly did miss being with you for even a brief time. I especially liked the Bible verse chosen for the theme of camp this year, 2 Chronicles 7:14 — If my people who are called by my name, will humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land — very appropriate for the bi-centennial year.

Ladies, do continue to support YTC Camp and young people in your prayers, teaching concerns, and your giving. They are our citizens of today and tomorrow. We can make no greater investment for God than seeing our youth presenting their bodies to God as His temples, free from the curses of tobacco, alcohol, and other debilitating drugs. YTC Camp is simply concentrated training in good citizenship and above all citizenship in Christ who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Elsewhere in this issue you will find information concerning State Convention. Remember we told you about Convention way back in the May-June issue so you could make plans to attend and not have conflicting dates. We need you there; you need to be there. There are to be a few changes made in our constitution and by-laws. You need to be there to voice your opinion and to cast your vote.

Department Directors, we look forward to a challenging message from you. Your reports will be in the Annual, so for your message at Convention, tell us what you expect of us, something we may have overlooked doing or have done incorrectly, or something new and up-to-date from

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National Directors.

District Presidents, last year we let you off. Not so this year; we want you all there or your representative. You will be given two (2) minutes to challenge us with imaginative and effective works done in your District, things other Districts can do to be more helpful, to be a more forceful influence in the community. Reports of your District Conventions are printed in the White Ribbon Bulletin where all can read them. What is needed is a challenging project which will inspire and encourage us.

Union Presidents, do make good use of the Promoter Packets which State orders for you. The latest leaflets are enclosed as samples so you can read them before ordering any you may want to use. Your local leadership is also improved and made easier through the use of this Packet.

Department Directors, get your work sheets out as early as possible — remember that you can order up to three leaflets to enclose in your letter to each Union. Remember, too, that the State will reimburse you for them.

Our Managing Editor says she would like to hear from each Director at least once a year with a letter she can print in the Bulletin. If I am correct only two Directors have done so this last year. So let's hear from you this year.

The year is divided into quarters so please choose a quarter when your department is emphasized. Write that article for the WRB. Take into consideration that you must be thinking and writing for a paper which will be coming out about one month after the deadline.

The ladies of the Minot District, I know, are planning a great time — don't let them down. But do let them know if you plan to be at Convention, so they will be able to provide housing for you. They must also know if you will be attending the banquet; they have been asked by the caterers who would like to be able to serve us efficiently and well.

Oh, yes, who will be our banquet speaker? No less than North Dakota's First Lady, Mrs. Arthur Link. Do not miss hearing our Governor's wife.

God will abundantly bless you as you labor for

this great cause. May you find that joining us has enlarged your vision, broadened your horizon, and added new dimensions to your life.

The poet said more things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of. Be much in prayer for Convention, those preparing for it, all State, District, and Local WCTU Officers, and all WCTU members. Pray, too, for those who would love to be us at Convention and can no longer join with us, having served well in past years at the helm. Pray for our youth, government officials, and Presidential Aspirants in this election year. Let your prayers rise morning, noon, and night.

Prayerfully,
 Marion

Dear Friends,

State Convention will be held in the Emmanuel Baptist Church at 1615-2nd Street Southeast. That is just north of K-Mart which is on the by-pass of Highways 2 and 52. Rolls and coffee will be served each morning. The noon luncheons on Thursday and Friday will be served by the ladies of the Church at a cost of \$2.50 each.

The banquet will be held at the College as a smorgasbord, serving two kinds of meat. Banquet tickets will be \$5.00.

Because Teachers' Convention is also meeting in Minot the same week, it is about impossible to get rooms at hotels or motels. Several rooms were still available at the Blue and White Motel near the Church at last inquiry. There were two rooms, each sleeping three at \$25.00. A deposit will hold. We think we have enough rooms in private homes, but in order to be sure of getting a nice room we suggest you send your requests to Mrs. Jake Steffan, 914 NE 1, Minot, N.D. 58701.

Would you please let me know if you will be attending the banquet because the College people would like to have an estimate of the number of you who will be attending the banquet.

We are looking forward to meeting each of you at Convention - October 20, 21, and 22.

Sincerely,
 Mrs. Everett Johnson
 Max, N.D. 58759

Dear Fellow Workers:
 CHRISTIAN OUTREACH work sheets were mailed to each Union by the end of December 1976. Leaflets enclosed with them were:

- GOD'S WORD
- ALL AROUND THE WORLD
- AN UNFINISHED WORLD
- LOYAL TEMPERANCE LEGION

Hopefully you have found them useful with additional copies for specific uses and or distribution available from SIGNAL PRESS along with other sources in CHRISTIAN OUTREACH work.

The latest issue of THE WORLD'S WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN is in the mail together with 1974-75 LIGHT LINE CERTIFICATES won by the Unions which had sent in the "dues" of \$9.30; Bismarck, Bottineau, Crosby, Dickey, Fargo, Grand Forks, Max-Benedict, Minot, Parshall, Rugby, Steele. If any Union was missed please let me know. Edgeley? Jamestown? Others?

So far this year, eleven Unions have been listed in the State WHITE RIBBON as having paid the \$9.30 for our work around the world. If your Union hasn't already sent in their contribution to State Treasurer, Mrs. Oscar Johnson, Harwood, North Dakota 58801, won't you do so soon? We need to let Mrs. Cleo Parrish know how many to send us. We'd like to have these certificates ready for presentation at STATE CONVENTION in October!

LIGHT LINE UNIONS receive one subscription to THE WORLD'S WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN. How use only one copy? May I suggest members take turns taking it home to read; when finished, autograph it and pass it on to another until all have signed. This may lead to interesting comments at subsequent meetings.

Yours in HIS service,
 Mrs. Emma Blattner
 Bismarck, North Dakota

The Union Signal

Please watch the amount you send for subscriptions. As of October 1st, 1975 the prices below became effective:

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IN MEMORIAM

EDWIN GRIFFIN, an honorary member of the Tower City Union, passed away February 7. His wife, Ethel Gamble Griffin, and three children survive.

Mr. Griffin was also active in the Presbyterian Church as an Elder and Sunday School Superin-

tendent. The example he set in good citizenship and neighborliness will be missed in this community.

IDA (MRS. JAKE) SCHAEFFER, 63, was released from this life and world in July after a short illness. She was a faithful member of the Bismarck Union for many years.

TREASURER'S REPORT

For June 5th - August 5th

WOMEN'S DUES — Bottineau - 1

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE — 1

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS — (Refurbish National Headquarters) Northwood \$5.00

MEMORIALS — \$3.00 in memory of Art Leibing by Mrs. LeRoy Bartle, \$5.00 in memory of Mr. Robinson (Union Signal) \$2.00 in memory of Alvin Anderson by Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Johnson, \$2.00 in memory of Alvin Anderson by Mrs. LeRoy Bartle.

Mrs. Oscar Johnson (Treas.)

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP FROM SEPT. 1ST, 1975 TO AUGUST 5TH, 1976 — Women 549, Men 140.

Please remember the WCTU Booth at the North Dakota Teachers' Convention in your prayers and your giving. It is a great undertaking for the Lord and our part in His work is to use every honorable means as His instruments in reaching teachers as well as their students. This event is the same weekend as ours. Pray for their leadership.

PEN POINTS

Thank You!

Dear White Ribboners:

We both thank all of you who sent us such lovely greetings; this includes the unions as well as individuals who sent greetings and gifts, thank you. Then there were different WCTU Districts who sent greetings and gifts, The Ransom-LaMoure WCTU District, where I served for one year (toward the last of my active service in the over 25 years of service in the state), gave us a lovely hand painted tea pot and serving plate, come and have tea with us. All of these wonderful greetings and gifts from our WCTU friends are very precious to both of us. Just to think that you, our friends from all over the state still remember and love us, makes us very happy, for we both miss our active work in this wonderful organization.

We were sorry that more of you couldn't have been here to help us celebrate, but we know it's a long way and many activities are on just now. Mrs. Dick and Mrs. Bartle came but Mrs. Bartle received some bad news from home and had to leave. We were sorry for that. May God sustain and enable her to meet her every trial.

God bless and prosper each of you in your work for Him.

Lovingly,
Rev. and Mrs. E.J. Huntley

PERSONAL MENTION

Joyce Van Dyke Reports:

The Marion Union held their annual LTL Day Camp at the Litchville Reformed Church on July 30 beginning at 2 PM. The children enjoyed the Singtime, Devotions, and Stories. They also signed the pledge cards. A picnic lunch and games continued at the Litchville park. Nineteen children and six WCTU members were there taking part.

The children signing the pledge cards were: Vince McCleary, Angela McCleary, Michelle Roorda, Daron Roorda, Rachel Roorda, Marjean Van Bruggan, Loralyn Van Bruggan, Anita Limesand, Darrin Miedema, Wanda Rienstra, Bradley Rodin, Jeff Smith, Tonya Trapp, and Amy Trapp.

Emma Blattner Reports:

Eric and Delores Christenson and Robyn, a family of the Bismarck Union, lost their home to fire the weekend of the 4th of July. Please uphold them in your prayers.

BISMARCK DISTRICT

The annual District WCTU Convention was held May 20 at the Salvation Army in Bismarck. Eighteen registered for the meeting.

Olga Huhncke called the meeting to order. Major Ralph Spicer led the devotions, giving his topic as How Do We Win Battles. He explained the power of love, truth, and faith using Scripture from 1 Corinthians and a portion of the Psalms. The Lord's Prayer was prayed in unison.

Mrs. Olga Huhncke welcomed all and Mrs. Emma Blattner gave the response. Mrs. Ruth Bickel led in the salutes to the flags. Mrs. Elizabeth Lind sang "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked."

Mabel Salter had charge of the Memorial Hour. Tribute was paid to Mrs. Ralph E. Roe, Josephine Christianson, and Ella Mercklein. Gertrude Funston offered prayer.

After a noon luncheon served by the Salvation Army ladies, the meeting reconvened with the singing of "Rescue the Perishing." Emma Blattner led the afternoon devotions and Mrs. Lind sang another special.

Bonnie Spicer was the special speaker of the day speaking about "Making Tracks", an emphasis for missions...Com-mission, Sub-mission, Trans-mission; the Lord is our leader in all missions.

Officers elected are the following: President, Mrs. Elizabeth Lind; 1st Vice President, Mrs. Olga Huhncke; 2nd Vice President, Mrs. Gertrude Funston; Treasurer, Mrs. Winnie DeKrey; Secretary, Mrs. Ruth Bickel. The officers were installed by Bonnie Spicer.

After Mrs. Huhncke closed the meeting with prayer, the Salvation Army ladies served a fruesta.