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LOCAL UNIONS: With your dues and list of members, be certain to include your list of officers for the year. Mrs. Oscar Johnson needs to send a list of officers to the Department Directors as soon as possible. We must also include this list in the 1976 Annual. Take care of this by November 30, before the rush of Christmas.

(Managing Editor)

1976 President's Recommendations 1977

It has been stated that the women in the temperance reform are continually forging straight on with a steady pulse, a calm and quiet spirit, a splendid equipoise of determination and a patient endeavor that will not be abashed nor turned aside even when their efforts fail to bring the victory they labored for."

From a recent magazine.

To assert these requisites for the Woman's Christian Temperance Union to proceed into the battle for the protection of our homes we recommend that we explore and make use of the "unlimited resources" available in our pursuit of the enemy.

SPIRITUAL STRENGTH

"The effectual fervent prayer of the righteous availeth much." (James 5:16b)

Prayer stimulates the perception, purifies the emotions and empowers the will.

COMMITMENT. We urge every member to find a new depth of spiritual strength and commitment through daily communion with God.

INTERCESSION. Because intercessory prayer generates the noblest and the most compassion for others we recommend that every local union establish a prayer circle to meet regularly, institute prayer chains that will involve every member and make an "around the clock" prayer vigil. Prayer partners by phone will help those who are shut in.

REACH OUT. Observe World's WCTU Day of Prayer on September 28th, (Frances E. Willard's birthday). Invite church women's missionary groups as guests.

HOME PROTECTION

The Christian home is the master workshop where the skilled process of character building is carefully, faithfully and successfully carried out. Because family relationships are intrinsic to happiness and security in the home we urge promotion of the following:

CHRISTIAN HOME. A good marriage should not be just

a contract between two people, but a sacred covenant between the couple and Christ. Let us use every opportunity to encourage a Christian union.

FAMILY WORSHIP. The family circle where God's Word is read and the family blends their voices in worship and praise will do more to create wholesome living, moral principles and to develop motives for obedience that are not easily ignored. Beauty of character is learned in the home.

THE FAMILY ROOM. We should discourage the games which teach the skills of gambling and cheating. We urge every union to continue the campaign to get obscene, vulgar and pornographic literature off the shelves in the bookstores. We further urge a continued drive to clean up the television programs. We suggest continued effort to write the networks, the advertisers who sponsor such programs and in some instances to the producers of the program. We must not stop until crime, violence, and low profile entertainment is removed.

UNLIMITED RESOURCES IN LITERATURE

Unlimited possibilities for distribution of literature are provided during NATIONAL ANTI-SMOKING WEEK, January 15, 1977 and YOUTH TEMPERANCE EDUCATION WEEK, April 24-20, 1977. Use films, filmstrips, ask for time on radio, provide feature stories for newspapers, and church bulletins.

"The Mystery of Fun Forest" a new filmstrip series is an exciting story for grades 1 through 4. Introduce it to elementary school teachers, primary and junior departments in the church, scouts and other children's groups. It is the first of its kind complete with teacher's kit for further class room work.

NARCOTIC EDUCATION CLASSES. Putting materials in the hands of teachers and giving class instructions for teaching provides unlimited opportunities to expand our effort in reaching children with the truth about alcohol, other narcotics and tobacco with special stress on total abstinence.

ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDE NEW RESOURCES

We must not stop until we have organizations in every city, town, village and countryside. A strong WCTU is the best deterrent from the entrenchment of the liquor traffic.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS. We urge every state to appoint County or District presidents to organize new unions in their area. Many young mothers are eager for help and information. Too many of them are feeling the effects of liquor on the home. While many young mothers are employed and others are busy with the care of

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YTC SPARKS

"And God saw everything that he made, and behold, it was very good." Genesis 1:31

This is the text of our new plan of work for this YTC year, and its theme is RESOURCES UNLIMITED. May I re-echo the words of Miss Leonard: "Let's make the best possible use of every resource given us to make this the best YTC Year yet."

If you have by now assigned members to departments, outlined plans for the year, begun your study book, and collected and sent in the dues, you are all set to charge ahead.

November-December stresses RESOURCE GOALS. These include conducting a membership drive for both new members and honorary members. Promote YTC Week, November 7-13. This is a fine opportunity for that public program. Most exciting is the opportunity to participate in seasonal projects for shut-ins and less fortunate ones. Remember to write me about it.

January-February of 1977 emphasizes RESOURCE CHANNELS. Observe Anti-Smoking Week, January 9-15. Pay Stevens and Willard Funds. This is also sent to the state WCTU Treasurer: Mrs. Oscar Johnson, Harwood, N.Dak. 58042. This is the time to report what your projected plans for YTC Week are, and order your materials in time.

Signing off with the words of the first verse of your theme song:

Will you answer to the call,
YTC, YTC?
Spread the truth on alcohol,
YTC, YTC.
Through the press and printed page,
From the pulpit and the stage,
Bring the truth to every age.

Mrs. Melvin Gangness, Ex. Dir. YTC

GIFTS TO YTC SINCE MAY 1, 1976:

James Valley District	\$ 25.00
Grand Forks District	25.00
Langdon WCTU	15.00
Fargo District	25.00
Northeast District	10.00
Parshall WCTU	10.00
Bismarck District	10.00
Langdon WCTU	10.00
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David Hanson	5.00
Adele Ottinger	20.00
Barbara Andriash	50.00
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Vivian Trapp	30.00
Steven Kordahl	20.00
Grafton WCTU	20.00
Tower City WCTU	10.00
Bob Hoover	

(YTC decals worth \$13.75)

May God richly bless you for your concern for our Youth. Thank you in behalf of each one of them.

Mrs. Melvin Gangness
State YTC Executive Director

DEPARTMENT LETTER

Citizenship

Dear Co-Workers:

The theme for the coming year is "Unlimited Resources". This is true when we are on God's side. He has promised that if we call unto Him, He will answer us and show us great and mighty things that we did not realize could happen. May you keep this in mind as you look ahead to the opportunities in the Citizenship Department.

We have a new Work Sheet giving suggestions for program planning and for promotion. Study it in one or several of your meetings and select projects to be carried out. Promote the display of the Nativity Creche at Christmas time. Try to have a representative from your union to attend Town Boards or City Council Meetings to keep posted on issues that come up, so that those objectionable may be opposed and defeated. The Legislature will meet in January and I would urge you to follow their activities and write to your legislators to commend desirable bills and oppose those which are objectionable.

Notice the "Information Needed for Reports" on the back of the Work Sheet as this will indicate the various projects on which you will report. Please answer these on a separate sheet of paper and send to me by September 15, 1977.

Best wishes for a Joyous Christmas season and a good New Year!

Sincerely, Mrs. Gilbert F. Johnson

Drinking among teen-age drivers is soaring at an alarming rate, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports. Each year, 8,000 youths are killed and 40,000 disfigured in car accidents where drinking is involved. Even if your child does not drink it is always possible a drinking friend may be behind the wheel.

-U. S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT

THE UNION SIGNAL

THE YOUNG CRUSADER

Please take note of the information below. It is VERY IMPORTANT that all subscribers to both publications know about these matters.

- 1) We must allow 6 to 8 weeks for a new subscription to be processed-both publications.
 - 2) In order for the subscriber not to lose any issues in the renewal, it is important that the payments are sent no later than 6 weeks in advance of expiration date on the labels.
 - 3) It is necessary that school and LTL (9 month) subscriptions be sent no later than July 15th of each year. This is the ONLY way we can assure the subscriptions beginning with the September issue.
- Thank you for your help.

The Union Signal \$3.50 a year The Young Crusader \$1.50 a year

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FARGO DISTRICT

The Fargo District held its 85th District Convention at the United Methodist Church in Fargo. Forty-four registered for the "Streamlined" afternoon meeting; followed by a luncheon served by the Fargo Union.

President Bertha Stedje opened the meeting at 1 o'clock with Rev. John Schindler giving devotions, "Life is a Journey; I Will Live It Trustingly." His text was Hebrews 12:1-2 and he stressed the absolute faith of Abraham and others who followed the Lord.

Mrs. George Rust led the opening song, "America," accompanied by Mrs. Clinton Haskin. Bertha Stedje extended the welcome and led in the flag salutes. Unions reporting were: Fargo, Miss Pearl Elofson; Prosper, Mrs. George Rust.

Mrs. Bartle emphasized the gambling issue coming up in the state and projects of the WCTU for Prohibition and Total Abstinence. She urged all to oppose the new "milkshake" drinks containing vodka which are aimed at the youth and women.

Mrs. Myron Eid conducted the Memorial Service. Mrs. Iver Solhjem sang "My Task" and "His Eye is on the Sparrow." Memorial tributes were given by Mrs. Ed Schmidt for Cornelius Anderson, by Mrs. Harry Anderson for Mrs. John B. Adams, and by Mrs. George Rust for Mrs. Lidweid Lohone and Henry Cederberg.

Mrs. Melvin Gangness, State Director of YTC reported on the Camp held in June.

Guest speaker, Mrs. George Stockman, based her talk on the book "Some are Born Great" by Adella St. John. She emphasized several outstanding women, including Carrie Nation, Amelia Earhart and Ann Morrow Lindberg. She pointed out in meeting the problems of our time and urged that we make use of every available means to help families and friends of alcoholics.

Mrs. Bartle installed the following officers: President, Miss Bertha Stedje; Vice President, Mrs. Norman Swanson; Secretary, Mrs. A.D. Ottinger; Treasurer, Mrs. A. H. Waa. Mrs. Gilbert Johnson brought important news items of concern.

The topic for closing devotions was "Life is a Battle; I Will Live It Courageously."

GRAND FORKS DISTRICT

The 66th annual convention of the Grand Forks District WCTU was convened at the Swarstad Chapel in Northwood May 5. The session was led by Mrs. Henry Evanson on the theme "One generation shall praise Thy works to another, and shall declare Thy mighty acts" taken from Psalm 145:4.

We were very fortunate in having Mrs. LeRoy Bartle, our State president, as our morning speaker. She said we have unlimited opportunities to use our abilities in WCTU. We are prone to say 'I can't do this' or 'we can't do that.' We can write letters to protest objectionable TV programs or commend excellent programming, write our legislators and congressmen concerning proposed legislation, vote at every election, circulate and sign petitions relating to our beliefs, use our telephone to contact others, extend a hand of love. Some man once said that the letters WCTU mean 'Women Continually Torment Us' while Mrs. Bartle thought the real meaning should be 'Women Continue to Uplift' or 'We Can Tell You.'

She also told about a new drink, Malcolm's Hereford Cows, a milk based Vodka drink being manufactured in four flavors. She talked of the skyrocketing crime rate, divorce and other family "break-ups" caused by the use of alcohol. She said God will give us the ability to do what we can to help - our greatest weapon against all these things is prayer.

In the afternoon we had the privilege of hearing Mrs. Paul White, our State Vice President. She said we should never be discouraged trying to help our youth, and asked for volunteers to help at youth camps. We should pray for our President and men in authority, not criticize them. Pray for and work with and write to your lawmakers - voice your approval or disapproval.

Eight children were presented in the White Ribbon Recruit Service.

The following ladies were installed as officers for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Henry Evanson; 1st Vice President, Mrs. S.P. Roehl; 2nd Vice President, Mrs. R. B. Westacott; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Grace Jodock; Promotion Secretary, Mrs. Lynn Mutchler; Treasurer, Mrs. Abner Jodock.

RANSOM-LaMOURE DISTRICT

After a coffee and registration time at the Methodist Church in Dickey, the James-Valley, Oakes and Ransom-LaMoure Districts assembled for devotions by Rev. E. J. Huntley. Scripture for his text was 1 Samuel 17:38-40, applying scriptural truths of David against Goliath, how we need to be prepared by God with power, talent, and strength. Each of us differs from another and He supplies as we are guided to His will.

Jessie Lewis extended a welcome to each and Winifred Hart responded. Mellissa D. Dick led in reciting the flag salutes. District President Lucille Nash introduced the guest speaker for the afternoon, Mrs. Gilbert Johnson. The individual districts separated for their business meetings.

We all reassembled for the Memorial Service with June Olson. June read John 14:1-3. Those remembered were Jim Wund, Clara Bulig, Mrs. Lillian Benson, Amanda Mier, Art Liebing, and Mrs. Ray Brockman. 'Now Thank We All Our God' was sung, followed by prayer by Rev. Huntley.

A pot luck noon luncheon was enjoyed in the fellowship room. The afternoon session opened with the singing of The White Ribbon Rally Song. Lillian Kraft delivered the devotions, stressing the need for taking time out for the Lord; we take time for everything else we consider to be of importance. All joined in singing 'Take Time to Be Holy.' The ladies of the Marion WCTU favored us with a song.

Our guest speaker, Ragnhild Johnson, read portions from Psalm 33 and Proverbs 14. She spoke on alcoholism, saying that we must build a guard on top of the hill or a hospital at the bottom. Referring to the recent urging of the government to provide for swine flue shots, why cannot it be responsive also in being concerned about treating the disease of alcoholism.

The offering taken was designated for the fixing and painting of National properties for the Bi-centennial celebration.

YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE! Clip and save this directory for your reference. It will be the ONLY complete directory published this year.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

For August 5th - October 5th

DUES - WOMEN - Bismarck 3, Crosby 8, Fargo 14, Minot 14, Rugby 8. HONORARY MEN - Bismarck 1, Fargo 1.

LILLIAN STEVENS FUND - Tower City \$3.00.

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A reminder for Union treasurers:

PLEASE REMEMBER when sending in your members dues that you include their names and their correct addresses as it is printed on their White Ribbon Bulletin. Thank You.

Mrs. Oscar Johnson, Treas.

TO THE NORTH DAKOTA WCTU

You've had a meeting truly great
In the lovely Peace Garden State.
God has lots of work for you
In the North Dakota W.C.T.U.

We need to make it even plainer
That happiness is being a total abstainer.
Though some battles we may lose,
We'll surely fight the war against booze.

So we ask that you vote dry
On November 2nd and we will try
To offer America moral correction,
Pointing her in the right direction.

Together, dear ladies, let us work;
Never our duty to God must we shirk;
And with His blessing, bye and bye,
America once again will be dry.

(Dedicated to and read by Earl F. Dodge at the 1976 State WCTU Convention in Minot. Thank you, Mr. Dodge.)



Why just sing about having a "White Christmas" when Jesus Christ offers to wash you "Whiter than Snow?"



IN MEMORIAM

Just around the corner
A little out of sight
Your loved one has walked ahead
Into Eternal Light....

MRS. LILLIAN FIET, 84, passed away August 29. As well as serving in the United Methodist Church for over 50 years; Lillian served as treasurer for the Rugby Union for many years.

MRS. ANNA PEARL KEPLER, was 81 when she passed away. She, as well as her husband Charles, was an ordained minister in the United Methodist Church and served for many years. She was a very active member of the Rugby Union.

MRS. SAM (MAE) MUNYER, 62, passed away in her home September 16. Mae was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church and as active member of the Rugby Union.

MRS. A. VERE (BELLE) SHEPPARD died in Hot Spring, Ark. where she and her husband had made their home since his retirement from the Post Office. Belle had held several offices in the Frances Willard Union before it merged with the Grand Forks Union. She was also active in the Gideon Auxiliary. She was one of the few Life Patrons of our WCTU. Her husband and two sons survive.

MARTHA (MRS. HANS) LANGSETH, a member of the Prosper Union for 48 years, was fulfilling the office of treasurer at the time of her death. She was also devoted to promoting speech contests. She was a member of Herby Lutheran Church. Her husband and three sons survive.

ALVIN ANDERSON, 68, an honorary member of the Prosper Union, was proud to support the work of the WCTU and to have his wife take an active role as local president. He believed in community service as he participated in the offices of treasurer of the Herby Lutheran Church, and township and school board member for many years. His wife, Jennie, and two sons survive.

ILA MACDONALD, former Cavalier County Superintendent of Schools for 23 years, passed into her new Home at the age of 78. She faithfully held the office of treasurer over many years as well as serving as president. She was always willing to pick up members and take them to meetings. She will be greatly missed.

ELIZA JANE CHEATLEY, 82, went to her Heavenly Rest in July. Her home was always open for meetings. Young and old were happy to call her a friend. A Canadian by birth, the Langdon community has been enriched by her service.

If drinking is a disease:

It is the only disease that is contacted by an act of will.

It is the only disease that requires a license to propogate it.

It is the only disease that is bottled and sold.

PERSONAL MENTION

Rev. Huntley called:

On October 20, the first day of State Convention, Mrs. E. J. Huntley entered St. Lukes Hospital in Fargo and underwent major surgery on the 28th. Pray for her and Rev. Huntley. We hope she will be home by the time this issue is out.

Mrs. George Fannik reports:

The L.T.L. of the Max-Benedict Union held a Day Camp at the George Fannik home on August 24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sack lunches were brought for the noon meal. At the conclusion of the day a three layer red, white, and blue Bi-centennial cake and ice cream cones were served.

Assisting was Mrs. Connie Gray. The seventeen attending sang songs, received temperance lessons, and heard the life stories of Frances Willard and George Washington Carver. Games and crafts were enjoyed.

Mrs. Clark McLean reports:

The Grand Forks Frances Willard Union held a Bi-centennial program in July with 15 members and two visitors. Mrs. M. B. Bertheusen gave a quiz about the American flag. Mrs. Pearl McLean was the winner.



C. Scott McClean

Their guest speaker was C. Scott McLean, St. Paul, a Doctoral Candidate just returning from the University of Minnesota. His topic was Dare to be a Daniel, Dare to Stand Alone.

Please remember in prayer our dear ladies, Mrs. Gordon Hector who suddenly became ill and was hospitalized in Crosby the night before State Convention.

Ransom-LaMoure District

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Telisa Horsey and Dianna Nash sang a song. Lillian Kraft spoke about the Alcohol Safety kits, new films that were purchased with memorial funds for Mrs. Lena Grondahl. She urged that we make greater use of our film library and asked that we remain faithful in supporting our booth at the Teachers' Convention. Rev. Huntley closed the day with prayer. Everyone joined in a time of fellowship served by the Dickey Union.

The Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, has made an exhaustive study of gambling in the United States.

It shows that in 1974 almost two of three Americans made some kind of bet. Nearly half of the population bet more than \$22.4 billion on commercial games, \$17 billion legally and \$5 billion illegally.

In the summer of 1975, researchers interviewed a National probability sample of 1736 people and a sample of 296 people in Nevada.

Here are some of their findings:

(1) More males reported betting than females, more suburbanites than city dwellers, and more whites than blacks.

(2) Catholics and Jews are more likely to bet than Protestants, but there are wide variations among Protestant denominations.

(3) Taxes on gambling fall more heavily on poor people, since the wealthy gamble proportionately less of their income away than do the low-income gamblers.

(4) Legal gambling facilities seem to stimulate illegal gambling.

(5) Of the estimated \$8.3 billion in state revenue which the researchers claim could result from the legalization of gambling, only \$1.2 billion is currently being realized.

--PARADE MAGAZINE

A recent survey by the Chicago Tribune regarding the increase in traffic accidents among drivers under the age of 21 reveals they have increased 33 percent in Illinois since the age for legalized drinking was lowered three years ago.

The survey parallels the findings of studies in other states where the drinking age has been lowered.

At least 23 states have reduced their drinking age. One of the main reasons given by legislators is that if "young people can vote and be drafted for military service, they are old enough to take part in other adult activities."

The greatest barrier to a woman alcoholic's recovery is her lack of esteem, charges Dr. Jean Kirkpatrick, a Pennsylvania sociologist and founder of "Women for Sobriety". The new organization gives the female problem drinker an opportunity to share and solve problems in a "woman only" setting. "one of our steps is to own up to the truth that the ultimate goal of life is for emotional and spiritual growth," says Dr. Kirkpatrick. "Another principle is that we believe that you are what you think you are. You become what you think you are. If you project a positive image of self and see yourself as a sober, happy person, you eventually live that way. Dr. Kirkpatrick fought a losing battle with alcohol for some 25 years. Hospitalized twice, she tried Alcoholics Anonymous but found "something missing." She does not consider herself anti-AA and points out that some women for Sobriety belong to both groups. The new organization is the outgrowth of the women's movement.

When you hear it -- or if you have it -- you can be sure of one thing: No matter how seemingly innocent or how recent its onset, that cigarette cough is the sound of danger. The familiar hacking that greets the morning and punctuates so many smokers' lives -- scarcely noticeable in the beginning but often becoming a raucous hack -- is actually a command: Get to a doctor for a complete respiratory examination, including chest X-rays and lung-function diagnosis. Now before it is too late.

Smoker's cough may herald advancing emphysema as well, and the end can be strangulation: a drowning in trapped mucus.

This is the crucial time. Stop smoking now and the progress of whatever emphysema you may have can be stopped; the cell damage leading to cancer actually can be reversed. But if you disregard that chronic cough, you may well be on the way out -- and sooner than you think.

--READER'S DIGEST

The habitual drinker, problem drinker, or drunk, however he might be defined, is not the real problem. We can identify him, because when he gets behind the wheel of a car his actions immediately betray him. The real problem is the social drinker -- the party goer -- the driver whose blood alcohol content ranges between .07 and .13. Although he can manipulate a vehicle in a manner which would most likely not attract the attention of a patrol officer, his reactions in an unstabilized or accident situation betray him -- but too late. He represents the bulk of the 60 percent involvement in alcohol related fatal accidents. He is the offender we must educate, says Lieut. Ronald G. Allen of the Delaware State Police.

--NATIONAL SAFETY CONGRESS, 1975

PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

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smaller children let's not forget the words of Frances Willard who said "Fragments of time they are able to give are like golden strands that must be braided together by those of us who can give more time." We need their support.

LOYAL TEMPERANCE LEGION. Set a goal in each state "every union sponsoring a LTL. The LTL is the only instruction some children will receive. Again, the possibilities are unlimited.

YOUTH TEMPERANCE COUNCIL. Many young people are searching for information and guidance that will help them make the right decisions. Trained youth can help sponsor the LTL and assist the WCTU in public projects. Your opportunity for service is unlimited.

NEW MEMBERS. No organization can long survive without the recruiting of new members. Supply every member with membership leaflets, pledge cards and the challenge to win at least one new member. Keep in contact with local unions. Membership is the yardstick of strength and influence.

Let us reach up, dig down and move forward. The task may seem too much to expect when we look to our own strength, but let us remember that the impossible without Christ becomes the possible with Him. His infinite resources are at our command.

Let us "forge straight on" in 1977, trusting in Him,

Edith K. Stanley, National President
Marion Bartle, N.Dak. President

Incredible! They're Here!

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Ordinarily Chinese immigrants make good, law-abiding citizens. Not true, however, in the Netherlands, where Chinese gangs have taken over the international heroin trade, assassinating all who stand in their way.

Amsterdam has become the drug capitol of Western Europe, serving West Germany, France, Belgium and Scandinavia.

"The situation is truly disastrous," reports Police Chief Gerard Toorenaar, "and heaven knows how we will deal with the problem."

There are approximately 5000 Chinese living in Amsterdam and almost once a week a bullet-riddled Chinese body is dragged out of some canal.

Until a few years ago the Dutch Chinese community was law-abiding. Most of its members worked in laundries or ran small Chinese restaurants. Now some of these restaurants carry signs which read "Cheap Heroin Available Inside." —PARADE MAGAZINE

Alcohol, when used with other drugs, tops the drug abuse list for the first time in four years of measurement by the world's largest monitoring system, the government said on July 9.

Second was the tranquilizer Valium, which had been first since the National Drug Abuse Warning Network was set up in 1972 for federal narcotic enforcement and treatment agencies.

"The drugs we do not prohibit are far more used than the drugs we prohibit," said Dr. Robert DuPont, director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

He said the 25 billion dollars a year in social and economic cost of alcohol abuse outstrikes the 10 to 17 billion a year attributed to all other drugs combined.

DuPont also stated that the most striking finding of a recent survey was the use of alcohol, which moved from second to first although it is reported only when used with another drug. —WASHINGTON (UPI)

American home life is in the throes of very traumatic conditions that are not conducive to the molding of character nor the exercise of parental control. A family life survey on causes of juvenile delinquency states that 28 million children below the age of 16 years are living with parents who have been divorced several times and where there is a critical drinking problem involving one or both parents. This report further states that there are about half of the above number who live in a "one parent" situation.

The family life survey points out that more than 26 million children live in homes where both parents work and more than half of them are the "latch-key" group, whose parents give them a key to get into the house and are left for hours even after the day's work is over, to fend for themselves.

CONVENTION FOOTNOTES

The 87th Annual State Convention of the North Dakota Woman's Christian Temperance Union has now become a pleasant memory and a part of history. All of the women of the Minot District are extended this worded bouquet for the very successful work involved in undertaking and carrying through of such an inspirational and challenging convention.

Laura Forthun provided a virtual banquet for all who had to attend the pre-session meetings in the warm atmosphere of her lovely home. Thank you very much for your hospitality, Laura and Vernon.

Thursday morning began with our State President, Marion Bartle, leading the District and Local Presidents in the Presidents' March, marking the time for the Prayer and Praise Service. The music of the convention was outstanding, many were especially moved by 86 year young Nellie Johnson as she accompanied her solos with the autoharp.

This being election year, I am sure we all appreciated hearing from a good number of Christian candidates running for local and state office. Their testimonies left no doubt that God is still working in and through people in government. Among these men was Vice Presidential candidate, Earl F. Dodge, on the Prohibition Ticket.

Our First Lady, Grace Link, following the WCTU theme, chose Unlimited Resources for her message, stating that among all our natural resources we must consider our human resource as the most valuable. She related an incident which occurred on the trip she and Governor Link recently took to Egypt: A young Egyptian serviceman said to Mrs. Link, "I think you Americans drink too much alcoholic beverages." To which Mrs. Link replied, "Well, we don't serve alcoholic beverages in our home." Surprised, he stated, "I didn't think there was a home in America that didn't serve them." Whatever your politics, that is a great testimony coming from our own Governor's Mansion. How many other states can say that?

(Conclusion of Convention Footnotes, next issue)

The Egyptian parliament has passed a bill forbidding Egyptians to drink any alcoholic beverage in public. Supporters say the bill will curb violence and make society conform to Islam, the state religion.

The bill also bars liquor sales except in shops with special licenses and ban alcoholic drink advertisement in public places, but it does not prevent Egyptians from drinking at home.

The bill allows foreigners to drink alcohol in hotels, tourist cafes or casinos in an effort to protect Egypt's earnings from tourism estimated at 325 million dollars in 1975.

The bill would punish Egyptians drinking alcohol or selling it without license with a maximum of six months in prison or a \$250 fine. Advertisers would face the same fine or up to three months in prison.

—LISTEN MAGAZINE