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88TH STATE WCTU CONVENTION

Lisbon, N. Dak.

United Methodist Church, 602 Forest Street

Rev. Pearson, Host Pastor

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

10:00 a.m. Registration and coffee
 10:30 a.m. General Officer's Meeting
 Noon Lunch
 1:00 p.m. Official Board Meeting
 1:30 p.m. Executive Board Meeting
 3:00 p.m. Prayer and Praise Service
 offering will be taken
 3:30 p.m. Convention called to order
 District Presidents' Hour
 Appointment of Committees
 6:30 p.m. Banquet at United Methodist Church
 Please bring banners for Presidents' March

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

8:00 - 8:45 a.m. Breakfast at Church
 9:00 a.m. Convention resumed
 A Fruesta will follow Adjourning of Convention.
 General Chairman -- Mrs. Harold Wiltse (Irene)
 508 Harris Street, Lisbon, N. Dak. 58054

It would be appreciated if those planning to stay overnight would let Mrs. Wiltse know by September 30 so housing can be arranged. Thank You.

Melissa Dick, Co-Chairman

EARL DODGE CONVENTION SPEAKER



96th Earl F. Dodge

Speaking at the *96th* Annual Convention of the North Dakota Woman's Christian Temperance Union will be Earl F. Dodge of Denver, Colorado. Mr. Dodge has traveled hundreds of thousands of miles speaking to colleges, churches, and civic groups and has made numerous radio and television appearances. He was a founder and first President of the Good Government Association of Kalamazoo, Mich. and serves on a host of religious, civic and reform organization boards. He edits the "National Statesman."

Mr. Dodge, as one of the younger leaders of the Prohibition Party, now serves as its National Executive Secretary. He has been involved as a candidate and local, state and national party leader since 1952. *was Prohibition Party*

Notices of importance to all members:

This is the only paper you will receive before State Convention at Lisbon, October 6 and 7. Take special notice of the schedule for the days.



Norma R. Miedema

ALSO: Our second class mailing permit has gone through. Praise God and thank Him for our alert and persistent printer, Norma Miedema. Thank you, Norma!

MARION'S MEMOS

Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me. Matthew 25:40.

Dear White Ribboners,

How busy we all are these lovely summer days: lawns, gardens, graduations, weddings, and a

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multiple of other duties and functions to occupy our time. We thank God for all His goodness to us and for the strength and wisdom enabling us to perform each days tasks.

From hearing the fine reports of the Unions at District Conventions, I know you have been working for our great cause. For this, too, we thank God. And you do so many things which you fail to report. Please report all things you do and be sure to tell of the extras that are not listed on the report forms. The directors cannot possibly think of all the things you may think of and accomplish.

Be sure to get your reports to the Promotion Secretary in plenty of time for her to get her report compiled for State Convention. She must receive your report by the 15th of September.

Your department reports are also due. Directors have little or no report for State Convention except that which you send them. Again, they must receive YOUR report by September 15. They also have to send a report in to their National Directors.

Have you sent in the report your District President is expecting? It's in the last issue of the White Ribbon Bulletin.

Local and District secretaries: Have you sent the names of your new officers to the State Promotion Secretary. She needs the names for her reports and the 1977 Annual. She also must order the monthly Promoter Packets for the new Local Presidents soon.

This sounds like a lot of reporting - but if you do each thing as it comes up, it isn't hard.

District Presidents, I ask that you send me a resume of the things done in your district this year. I know I heard many of these things at District Conventions but did not take notes; you have also done more things since then. Include all new members, being careful to specify which members are Homebuilders, those 35 years of age and under. Report participation in booths, fairs and other functions, number of letters sent to congressmen, legislators, editors, TV stations and their sponsors; schools and churches contacted with literature; films and filmstrips shown; speech, essay and poster contests sponsored. Anything of interest accomplished. This will help me so much for my report at National. Thank you. Have this to me by August 15th as I leave on the 21st.

I am happy to report that we gained in Light Line Unions for 1975-1976; maybe we can be net gain for 1976-1977, also. It isn't too late to become a Light Line Union. Our Christian Outreach Director plans a Light Line demonstration for State Convention; you'll want to be counted in and help spread the light. We also gained in Advance Unions. Keep up the good work. Now we need to gain a few more Vanguard Unions.

Ladies, here is an excellent way to help replenish our State Treasury and honor a loved one: Give a memorial to the State WCTU. Make a WCTU member who has passed away a Memorial Member by giving a \$10.00 gift to State. You may also

honor a living member by making him or her a life member of the State for only \$10.00. A Continuing member upon death automatically becomes a memorial member. Make your grandchildren members for only \$5.00 each.

Did your District make a pledge to State? At the conventions I attended, pledges were made. Check to see that they have been taken care of.

Dear Co-Workers, you are much in my thoughts and prayers - and I trust I am in yours. We need to pray earnestly and daily for the North Dakota WCTU. Remember also the State Convention October 6 and 7 at Lisbon.

I got up early one morning
And rushed right into the day
I had so much to accomplish
That I didn't have time to pray.
Problems just tumbled upon me
And heavier came each task.
Why doesn't God help me I wondered?
He answered, "You didn't ask."

Author Unknown.

Remember to pray at the start of the day and all day through.

Lovingly,
Marion

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Liquor Retail Dealers Association are pushing their members to use the 34 special days each year to promote gifts of alcoholic beverages.

PEN POINTS

Dear White Ribboners:

Once more I feel like doing a bit to help out in our work. There surely is a great need for more workers in every state, for young workers who are unafraid to speak their thoughts concerning the bad effects of alcoholic beverages, drugs and immoral living upon our bodies, our homes and our hope for the future. The example of the lives of these young people can also make a great impression upon the lives of those who do such things, as drink alcoholic beverages, use drugs and live immoral lives. We need many Anita Bryants who will stand up and be counted as one who opposes such things as well as other evils, inspite of the threat of losing her job. We need to pray much that God will give her the continued courage and strength to keep up her good work. Satan and all of his demons never rest in their opposition to the good works of God's people. The closer we live to God and the more we try to make God and His love to mankind known to others, the harder Satan works to oppose us. However Matthew 6:33 and 34, shows us what is needed to gain courage and strength, indeed for all of our needs.

Here I wish to announce that we NO LONGER live in Enderlin, we now live in Fargo. Our new address is "1408 Oak Manor Ave. So., Apt. 101, Fargo, N. Dak. 58102." In writing to us please use our NEW address. We now live in an apartment and like it fine. We are both getting rested from our moving on May 2nd, but still realize that we haven't the strength to carry on as we used to. As far as I know, I have fully recovered from the surgery I had last fall, thanks to your many prayers to our Heavenly Father and to His wonderful intervention.

We hope to see you at our State Convention this fall if possible.

Sincerely,
Hazel Huntley

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BESSIE BEASLEY



This is a snapshot taken of Elizabeth the day before Christmas 1976. She is the oldest resident at the Good Samaritan Center in Osnabrock.

Bessie is still in fairly good health. She gets around very well, in fact, is seldom still. She likes to walk and loves going outdoors when the weather permits. Her greatest handicap is her loss of hearing; she is no longer able to wear a hearing aid so communication is just about impossible. Any correspondence with her should be in large black print as her eyesight is failing also.

MANNA

Tw'as in the night the manna fell
That fed the hosts of Israel.
Enough for each day's fullest store
And largest need; enough, no more.
For willful waste, for prideful show,
God sent not angels' food below.

Still in our nights of deep distress
The manna falls our heart to bless.
And, famished, as we cry for bread,
With heavenly food our lives are fed,
And each day's need finds each day's store
Enough. Dear Lord, what want we more!

- Margaret Elizabeth Sangster
Morning Glory

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NOTE: Each Union must send one copy of this report by September 15 to the State Promotion Secretary, Mrs. Lyle Trapp, Marion, N. D. 58466.

1976 -- LOCAL UNION REPORT -- 1977

LOCAL UNION _____ DISTRICT _____

September 1, 1976 to August 31, 1977

MEMBERSHIPS	Sept. 1976	Aug. 1977	Gain	Loss
WOMEN MEMBERS	_____	_____	_____	_____
HONORARY MEMBERS	_____	_____	_____	_____
YTC MEMBERS	_____	_____	_____	_____
LTL MEMBERS	_____	_____	_____	_____
WHITE RIBBON RECRUITS	_____	_____	_____	_____

PROGRESS OF THE UNION

- Was your Union (A) Advance _____ (B) Holdfast _____ (C) Steadfast _____
 (D) Fruitful _____ (E) Pilot _____ (F) Pacemaker _____ (G) Vanguard _____
 (net gain) (10 percent increase) (20 percent increase)
- How many regular meetings did your Union hold? _____
- Was the National Program Planner Packet used? _____ Union Signal used _____
- Did you have a Parliamentary Law Quiz? _____ How many earned certificates? _____
- How many White Ribbon Recruit Services were held? _____ How many dedicated? _____
- How many members receive the Union Signal? _____ Young Crusader? _____
- Name and address of the man who secured the most members:

(Name) (Address) (No. Secured)

- How many NEW Homebuilders Members (35 and under) secured this year? _____
- How many from your Union attended: District Convention _____
 Mid-Year Meeting _____ State Convention at Minot _____
- List the most outstanding project and program your Union had this year:

NEW OFFICERS FOR YEAR OF 1977 - 1978

NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	ZIP
President _____	_____	_____	_____
Vice President _____	_____	_____	_____
Promotion Secretary _____	_____	_____	_____
Treasurer _____	_____	_____	_____
Recording Secretary _____	_____	_____	_____

HOLDFAST UNION: Dues paid for all living members of past year.
STEADFAST UNION: Dues paid on membership equal to last year.

IN MEMORIAM

**On Thee, the Lord
My mighty sins hath laid;
And against Thee, Jehovah's sword
flashed forth its fiery blade.
The stroke of justice fell on Thee,
That it might never fall on me.**

CARRIE AASEN, passed away in Alexandria at the age of 93. Carrie was born in a sod house in Bear Creek Township, Dickey County, Dakota Territory. She was the first child born in this vicinity.

Carrie Lilly Nelson grew to womanhood in the Oakes community and married Peter J. Aasen in 1905. Four of five children survive.

Mrs. Aasen was a member of the Oakes Presbyterian Church and a life member of the N. Dak. WCTU. A firm believer in the temperance work, she organized the Glover Union more than 50 years ago, which exists today as the Glover-Oakes Union.

MABEL SALTER, 81, President of the McKenzie Union, passed away in June this year. In spite of failing health the past few years she continued serving the WCTU as a long time president at the local level and was an inspiration at all the State Conventions she attended. Mrs. Salter was also a published poet. She was also a member of the First Baptist Church of Menoken.

CLARA LANG, also a faithful member of the McKenzie Union, passed away earlier this year. Besides her interest in the WCTU, she was active in the Sterling United Methodist Church.

ALMA KIBLER, a small token of what she left for us by way of her friendship and guidance for each one of our family. Anna was Marlowe's fifth grade teacher and did much to give direction so that knowledge would be gained and learning a successful experience. Alma was my friend, first as a librarian at DSC where she often worked during the summer months. Then she was a friend as a colleague and often shared rich teaching experience and knowledge. Since she's been a retired teacher, we shared in the blessings of Christian fellowship, community concerns, and in the daily routines in housekeeping. Some of this was often done via the telephone, but it was always good to visit with Alma. We as a family gained much from knowing her and know that her rewards and contributions will linger in our lives as long as God grants us life here. Her testimony of Salvation indicated that we'll see her when we shall meet in Heaven.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kulish and Carma

More than 23 million American Negroes with an income well over \$30 billion spend 15 percent of their tax dollars for liquor -- which is 25 percent more than the whites.

Calif. Council on Alcohol Problems

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

April 5, 1977 -- June 5, 1977

DUES--

WOMEN'S -- Belfield 5, Bismarck 1, Dickinson 6, Fargo 1.

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE -- 2.

LILLIAN STEVENS FUND -- Dickinson \$3.00.

FRANCES WILLARD FUND -- Dickinson \$3.00.

WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN -- Dickinson \$5.00, Marion \$5.00.

LIGHT LINE -- Dickey, Marion.

N.D.E.A. BOOTH -- Dickinson \$3.00.

DISTRICT PLEDGES -- Bismarck \$25.00, Grand Forks \$25.00, James Valley \$25.00, Ransom-LaMoure \$25.00.

MEMORIALS -- \$10.00 in memory of Alma Kibler by Mrs. Cleo Kulish, \$5.00 in memory of Mrs. Alma Berntson by Jeannette Waldie.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. Oscar Johnson, Treasurer

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP from September 1, 1976 to June 1, 1977 -- Women 466, Honorary Men 120.

NEW MEMBERS -- Lydia Wanner Union, Jamestown; Mrs. Ted Moser and Mrs. Lenora Hughes.

PERSONAL MENTION**EMMA BLATTNER reports:**

The Bismarck WCTU enjoyed Wild Rose tea prepared by the Don Klingensmiths' and coffee and sweets at the May meeting which was co-hosted by Mrs. Lind. Mrs. Klingensmith delivered the devotions based on Luke 5:5-27 and told of her attendance at a Prayer Band in Jamestown recently. She was impressed with the emphasis put on one question: How long has it been since YOU have brought someone to Jesus as the men who brought the sick man to Him to be healed?

The Robert Fischer children, Beth, Laura, Danny and Kay, accompanied by Evelyn Cook, sang a few numbers.

Rev. Klingensmith spoke of his social concerns, especially marijuana, reminding us we need to voice our views to the legislators. He also invited the Bismarck Union to host a platform planning meeting of the Prohibition Party open to the public in June. This will be after he returns from the Party's National planning committee meetings.

When Alcohol wins -- you lose.
The toast to your health ends up so many times in tragedy.

WCTU BASIC INFORMATION QUIZ

Possible Score 100 ANSWERS Passing 70

1. An organization of Christian women banded together for the protection of the home, the abolition of the liquor traffic, and the triumph of Christ's Golden Rule in custom and in law. 5 _____
2. Woman's Temperance Crusade of 1873-74. 5 _____
3. November 18-20, 1874. 5 _____
4. Mrs. Annie T. Wittenmyer. 5 _____
5. Sign the total abstinence pledge, pay annual dues and support the program. 5 _____
6. Five paid members. 5 _____
7. For God and Home and Every Land. 5 _____
8. The white ribbon bow knot. 5 _____
9. Eight. Christian Outreach, Citizenship, Education, Home Protection, Legislation, Projection Methods, Public Relations, Social Service. 5 _____
10. Two. YTC and LTL. 5 _____
11. Three. Legislation, Narcotic Education, Publicity. 5 _____
12. Two. Union Signal and Young Crusader. 5 _____
13. Education, Frances Willard, Light Line, Stevens Legislative. 5 _____
14. (a) women; (b) men; (c) youth; (d) 6-12 years; (e) up to 6 years. 15 _____
15. (a) The dues of every living resident member paid and sent to State Treasurer before November 30th. 3 _____
- (b) The dues of every living resident member paid and sent to State Treasurer by January 1st. 3 _____
- (c) Same number of members as last year. 3 _____
- (d) Net gain in membership by end of fiscal year. 3 _____
- (e) 20 percent increase in membership 3 _____
- (f) 10 percent increase in membership. 3 _____
- (g) Goals reached in 5 areas: Membership, Organization, Funds, Publications, Program. 3 _____

TOTAL SCORE _____

TV Violence. . . it is written and produced by adults. It is a school for tomorrow's violent citizens.

Chief of Detectives, John Doherty of the St. Louis Police Department, confirmed: "There's no doubt TV gives people ideas. Crime shows teach viewers how to pull off crime."

Prof. Albert Bandura, head of psychology department at Stanford University, who conducted a widely acclaimed study showing the effects of TV violence on children, said he found that TV violence stimulated aggressive behavior and desensitized people so that they developed a tolerance to violence.

--John Cooke

Actress Jan Clayton of the Lassie TV series, has a new found cause -- fighting Alcoholism. She was joined by a 10 member team that toured California cities as a part of a state wide program in November for "Alcoholism Action" week.

Before takeoff, Miss Clayton told a L.A. Times Reporter, "I want to help women with a drinking problem to come out in the open and get help. I know what it is like to be an alcoholic."

"For 8 to 10 years I also had a drinking problem. At first I was not aware of it but eventually it got to the point where I just couldn't go on any more," explained Miss Clayton. "I got tired of the physical and emotional pain and the embarrassment. Finally I got help." She has not been drinking for the last seven years.

Among those joining Miss Clayton on tour are:

Lee Grosscup, a pro football player who kicked the drinking habit. "I have not been drinking for six years now. At one time I could not envision a future without alcohol. Now, I cannot envision a future with alcohol."

Carmen Molina, 20, said she started drinking at 14 and did not stop until she was 18. Now she counsels young people who have drinking problems. "Many times it's peer pressure" she said.

Joanne Trejo, 23, said she started drinking when she was eleven. "I kept getting into trouble with the police and with my probation officer," she said. "Finally I realized that it just was not worth that much trouble."

G. W. McCullough, president of the Alcoholism Council of California said there are 1.25 million alcoholics in California and the number is increasing, especially among young people. He said "What we want them to know is that alcoholism is a disease just like diabetes. It's incurable but it can be arrested."

Tendayi Kumbula of L. A. Times

Recent survey affirms that we, the people, have little respect for politicians any more.

The drunks in Congress aren't helping things.

In Washington, D. C., the average drinker drinks 4.35 fifths of liquor every month--three times the national average.

Liquor Consultant Benjamin Corrado concedes that "this could explain a lot of things."

Legislation through an alcoholic haze. Law-making by "high" and the hangover.

This drink problem constitutes a bigger moral and tactical threat than Watergate ever did. There is coming a time this cover-up must end.

--Paul Harvey

GRAND FORKS DISTRICT

The Grand Forks District held their 67th District Convention at the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Grand Forks May 4th. The session was led by Mrs. Henry Evanson on the theme "Make Good Use of Every Opportunity You Have, Because These Are Evil Days." Ephesians 5:16.

We were fortunate in having our State Citizenship Director, Mrs. Gilbert Johnson, as our morning speaker. She said we should be reminding ourselves of our motto: Total Abstinence, but sad to say, so many Christians believe it's alright to drink in moderation. There are 50,000 people killed in America each year; 30,000 directly attributed where drinking is involved. One out of every two thousand babies is born drunk because of alcoholic mothers. We hear so much about mental problems, so many of these also are caused by beverage alcohol. Alcohol is not the only enemy; we have permissive morality, pornography, drugs, abortion, and gambling to pray about and work against. She listed five duties of Christians: 1. Prayer; 2. Register as qualified citizens; 3. Read up and be informed on all issues; 4. Help to elect Godly people; 5. Vote in elections. Let us go forth in God's strength. Ask Him to help and guide us as individuals and as an organization.

The afternoon speaker, Rev. Mike Thompson, said that at the age of 18 he had become a social alcoholic. Out of \$700 he had earned that summer to go to college, he had saved only \$40, the rest had gone for liquor. Now that Christ has changed his life, he loves to work with young people. He said temperance doesn't only apply to alcohol, it is also the over use of cigarettes, drugs, bad language, eating, buying clothes, talking, for example. We lack temperance in our lives. We need to ask for the Holy Spirit to guide us so we can practice self-control in all areas of our life.

Seven young people took part in a speech contest. They were under the direction of Miss Onstad. The speeches were both written and delivered by the contestants. This was truly the highlight of our convention.

The following ladies were installed for the new 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 coffee and registration, the Ransom - LaMoure District WCTU Convention opened with the singing of "I Would Be True," Mrs. Lucille Nash presiding at the Oakes United Methodist Church.

Rev. Bucklin, Pastor of the Nazarene Church, had devotions, reading from Luke 11 - Lord, teach us to pray. Not in a sophisticated way, but just to talk with God and let Him know of our needs. He also challenged us to spend more time in prayer.

Rev. Bucklin and his wife favored us with two songs, "There's Something About That Name" and "The Lighthouse."

We were reminded that we are to host the State Convention in Lisbon this fall and that we should be much in prayer for an inspirational and successful fellowship at that time. Greetings and sympathies were sent from the convention. Helen McCleary reported on the White Ribbon Bulletin, the progress in obtaining our own mailing permit, and the need for news and pictures which may now be colored if very clear and Polaroid. Irene Wiltse, Elsie Jenkins, and Mae Jones led the memorial service for three loved ones. Rev. Huntley led us in prayer.

The afternoon session began with Vi White reading from John 3, The Upper Room, and several other articles. Vi also assisted Carol Brademeyer in the White Ribbon Recruit Service in which Holly Joy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Hill, was dedicated.

Vivian Trapp, State Promotion Secretary, addressed the convention on the theme for the year, Unlimited Resources. She also gave us the WCTU Parliamentary Quiz. Rev. and Mrs. Huntley spoke of their progress in their new way of life, saying that they hope soon to be more active than so recently possible. Let us all keep upholding them in prayer.

Marion Bartle installed the new officers for the coming year: President - Melissa Dick; Vice President - Gelia Stemen; Secretary - Lucille Nash; Treasurer - Doris Huether.

With the adjournment the Glover-Oakes members served a Freusta.

BISMARCK DISTRICT

The 87th Annual District WCTU Convention of the Bismarck District was hosted by the United Methodist Church of Sterling on May 13th, beginning with coffee and registration. With the Motto: "All for Love", Mrs. Elizabeth Lind called the meeting to order. Rev. Hart led the devotions with his text, "Running the Race by Patience and Faith."

Mrs. Lind sang several solos. Mrs. Dance was in charge of the Memorial Hour.

Mrs. Olga Huhnchke led the afternoon devotions. Rev. Don Klingensmith gave a short talk in the morning and in the afternoon he spoke on mission work on the Indian Reservation.

Guest speaker, Mrs. Marion Bartle, gave a very interesting and enlightening talk on child abuse, alcohol, gambling, and traffic accidents.

Mrs. Faye Stenderson sang two solos.

Mrs. Bartle installed the following officers after the election: President - Mrs. Elizabeth Lind; Vice President - Mrs. Olga Huhnchke; Secretary - Mrs. Ruth Bickel; Treasurer - Mrs. Winnie DeKrey.

Christ made death but a starlit strip between the companionships of yesterday and the reunions of tomorrow!

FARGO DISTRICT

The Fargo District WCTU Convention was held May 2 at the Herby Lutheran Church, hosted by the Prosper Union. President Miss Bertha Stedje presided. Mrs. Gilbert Gangness was the organist for the day. Rev. Thomas Kangas talked on the convention theme: Lift Higher the Torch, with his text from 1 Corinthians 16:13.

After the regular business meeting Mrs. Melvin Gangness gave a report on the YTC, beginning with a brief history originally begun as the Young Women's Branch in 1893, changed to YTC in 1934. YTE Week was adopted in 1954. She announced the winners of the essay contest and read one of the outstanding essays. Mrs. Dean Rust assisted Mrs. Walter Olson with the memorial service.

Upon concluding with her report to the convention, Mrs. LeRoy Bartle, State President, installed the following members as officers for the new year: President - Miss Bertha Stedje; Vice President - Mrs. Melvin Gangness; Secretary - Mrs. A. D. Ottinger; Treasurer - Mrs. A. H. Waa.

The program was given by District members. WCTU "Roots", recalling the first president, Annie Wittenmeyer; Frances Willard's Silver Tongue heard in every state; Prohibition in 1917; and YTE Week in 1954, was developed by Mrs. Melvin Gangness, Mrs. Oscar Johnson, Mrs. Ed Schmidt, and Mrs. Myron Eid. Other program specials shared were BE ALERT by Mrs. George Rust; BE BRAVE by Miss Pearl Elofson; STAND FIRM by Mrs. Alvin Anderson; and BE STRONG by Mrs. Frank Murray.

The convention closed with The Lord's Prayer and Blest Be the Tie That Binds.

JAMES VALLEY DISTRICT

The James Valley District WCTU held their annual meeting at the Nazarene Church in Jamestown April 30 with 27 registering. Devotional leaders for the day were Rev. N. E. McCoy and Rev. Dana Osborn.

A special memorial service remembering all members who have passed on the past five years was held. All of our financial obligations to State and National have been met. Once again we will be sending the Union Signal to Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Thompson of Burandees, Africa. The new filmstrip series with Barbie and Butch in Fun Forest has been purchased and shown in local schools.

District Officers serving the 1977-78 year are: President - Mrs. Walter Piehl; Vice President - Mrs. Vivian Trapp; Secretary - Mrs. LeRoy Matzke; Treasurer - Mrs. Guy Muir.

The liquor people pay taxes, -- rather the people who buy and are harmed by liquor, pay taxes for the privilege of being harmed by liquor.

(Cora Brunemier

DECISION FOR LIFE

A small child has an idea of what he would like to become when grown. By the time he is in high school, he has decided what vocation he will pursue.

For youth, temptations are greater now than when some of us were younger. As a child, how many of us had heard of narcotics and hard drugs?

Today the youth must decide whether to drink or not to drink alcoholic beverages, to smoke or not to smoke -- to use drugs or leave them alone.

The members of the WCTU may help the youth in their decisions by working with them not only during YTE week, but throughout the year. Invite them to meetings, also have them visit hospitals, nursing homes and childrens' homes with the members. In many instances the youth may present the program in the various institutions.

In all communities there are older people living alone who need someone to check on them. "Shut-ins" could do this by calling each other at a definite time each day. By doing this they will feel a part of the overall work.

Everyone faces decisions daily of doing the right thing.

The members can decide as Joshua did over a thousand years before Christ -- "But for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15.

Cecil Roberts,
National Social Service Director

NORTHEAST DISTRICT

The 87th Annual Convention of the Northeast WCTU District met in North Star Manor, Langdon, May 2 with President Mrs. Bruce Watson presiding.

Mrs. C. Thompson responded to the Welcome given by Mrs. McFarlane. Business was conducted for the District work.

Mrs. Benjamin Gorder gave a history on our YTC Camp which is now 18 years old. It stresses spiritual living and offers a good time with a purpose.

Miss Alice Well and Mrs. J. R. Ford provided the music for the day. Mrs. Ford also led the Memorial Service.

Rev. J. R. Ford, in bringing the afternoon devotions, spoke on the "Unlimited Resources" which are available to us as promised in Ephesians 6.

Mendora Bilden gave the convention address and stressed the importance of good training of our children for future leadership.

Miss Susan Clemons was dedicated in a White Ribbon Recruit Service conducted by Mrs. Thompson.

Officers elected for the ensuing year are: President - Mrs. Bruce Watson; Vice President - Mrs. Chester Thompson; Treasurer - Mrs. Chester Webb; Secretary - Mrs. Thelma Schluchter.