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MARION'S MEMOS

Call unto Me and I will answer thee and show thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not. Jeremiah 33:3. "

Dear White Ribbon Sisters,

It has been some time since I have visited with you. I sincerely hope everyone had a blessed Christmas. May the New Year be filled with the love of God, His guidance and care for each one of us, whoever and wherever we are.

We are well into our WCTU year. I trust that Unions are working projects as planned in spite of the cold and stormy weather and icy roads. These things do hamper us at times but we can resume our work when they lessen and thus redeem our time.

There is much we can do right from our homes, pray above all else. Then seeing that our good materials are distributed in schools, churches, and wherever else we can. Our films are an excellent means of projecting our work in the schools and churches. They are a good way of making the public aware of dangers facing our youth especially, but also the adults. We have materials available to help in overcoming problems and dealing with them.

We are fortunate in having this new film from National, "Short Distance Runner." Our treasurer has ordered it for our film library. Be sure to make good use of it. It will be an excellent one to show during the YTE Week as well as any other time of the remaining school year.

Ladies we do ask you to give as generously as you can towards helping pay for this film.

As you may recall from State Convention, we decided to go to four issues per year of the White Ribbon Bulletin. Our printer alerted us to the fact that we could lose our permit if we did so as it calls for 6 issues. Therefore the last two issues were for October and November and December instead of one issue for the three months.

A four page paper is the result of not having received news. The January - February issue is having the same problem. Mrs. McCleary must receive news of and from you in order to fill up the paper. We understand that with the weather such as it has been, the holidays, and illness, have all added to the deciding factor of the lack of material for the WRB. Those of you who receive project materials from National, how about a response?

You ARE an important part of the body of the North Dakota WCTU.

The March - April issue is coming up very soon after this issue. The deadline will be extended to the 20th day of February. We hope we won't feel the need of adding a few more days in the hopes of receiving another few news items.

Our recording secretary, Lila Fannik, has reported that the 1977 Annual is ready for the printer. You were advised in the October - November WRB to order your copy by the first of January for \$3.00 each or two for \$5.00. We usually plan to have a few extra copies for late orders. For the remaining copies we will take orders on a first come - first served basis. Same price applies.

We are happy to welcome Mrs. Myron Eid of 916 Broadway, Fargo, N. D. as our new director of Social Service Department. We also extend our grateful thanks to Mrs. S. Pete Poehl for her service in this office these past two years.

Are you now subscribing to the Union Signal? Your meetings will take on a new vitality if you use this excellent publication from our National headquarters. We need the strength and support available to us. Remember: Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.... James 2:17. Another benefit is that it will keep the cost per subscription down. Order the Union Signal today. If you are now receiving it, renew your subscription to be certain you won't miss a single issue of importance.

I do not like to mention losses, but this past year we have had three Unions disband. We are brought to sorrow for in reviewing old records we find that Bottineau is one of our earlier Unions, organized while we were still Dakota Territory. If they were continuously active their Union could be over 90 years old. They notified their District President as required by the Constitution. Williston also has become inactive, having sent the remains of their treasury into Mrs. O. Johnson. And Lisbon, another Union of Territorial days voted to join the West Fairview Union. Lisbon was inactive for a number of years after its first organization then became an active and thriving Union for many years. Although we lost this Union we did not lose the ladies. Their merger with the West Fairview Union brings with it a name change. They have adopted the name of West Lisbon Union. West Fairview, though never a large Union, has been active for over 90 years. How wonderful.

If your Union cannot keep on, ladies, please

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become members-at-large. Thus you keep in touch with the work and with us and we with you, still sharing a good fellowship. This still makes you an active member of the North Dakota WCTU. Members-at-large secretary, Mrs. Jake Steffen, will be delighted to put your name on the membership roll as will Mrs. Oscar Johnson.

1977 was a fruitful year in other ways. Lightline Union increased from 17 to 20 members. I am happy to report that we also had an increase in Vanguard Unions, 5 this past year.

Northwood has achieved this honor three years in a row. The four new ones are Max-Benedict, Crosby, Marion, and Prosper. A hearty congratulations and God bless you. Through some oversight your names did not reach our National Promotion Secretary but we are proud of you and hope your good will and example will encourage other Unions to work for this goal. See, it is possible! In reaching this goal, you strengthen your Union, the State, increase your influence, and add new members. Ladies, each one of you learns much more about our work. So it is not just for recognition that we strive to reach such goals, but for the good of our local Unions and the work done locally, state-wide, Nationally and throughout the world. Our own lives are strengthened as we become involved in this great cause, "for God and home and every land."

You could ask two ladies who have long been members: Mrs. Kruese, who has reached her 104th birthday, and Mrs. Faye Pruett, who was 96 this past year. Both are still alert and interested in our work.

Please remember nothing is too hard for the Lord. Make sure as someone said, "not so much that the Lord is on our side but that we are on the Lord's side", in His service, loving to do His will. Then as the apostle Paul stated in Romans 8:37 - In all things we can be more than conquerors through Him that loved us." According to this promise whatever we undertake in His name and His service we can do not by our own might but by His might because we trust in His power, seek His guidance and pray - first, last and always. Have you called on Him lately? He has said, "Call Upon Me...."

Sincerely,
 Marion

GREAT POSSIBILITIES

Department of Projection Methods

The children of today are the citizens of tomorrow! How great are the possibilities for these children and youth when trained through the WCTU Branches - Loyal Temperance Legion and the Youth Temperance Council. No one knows the potential of a single young life. Nor is it possible to measure the power of a young person for moral good when filled with the Spirit of the Lord and committed to the cause of Total Abstinence.

Schools are in recess for the summer in June but principals and teachers are formulating plans for fall work and making out schedules. Why not contact your school authorities about a Speech Contest? Be sure to explain that children, 6-8 years take part in a Speech Program, while those 9-11 years are competing for the bronze medal. Youth 12 years and older, compete for the other medals in sequence - silver, gold, pearl, diamond and grand diamond. Stress the fact that these declamations proclaim the harm done to one's body by the use of beverage alcohol, other drugs and tobacco. They point out the enormous waste of many products - such as 10,000 - 12,000 tons of grain daily used to produce liquor, in a world where millions are starving. Also, the extremely high cost of senseless traffic deaths and injuries upon the highways of our nation and the staggering economic loss of over 15 million dollars annually, plus lost man hours and poor workmanship, to the business world.

The values of Total Abstinence are effectively impressed on the mind of the young participant by memorizing and delivering a selection approved by the WCTU. Your "Speech Contest" is an excellent means of training a young person through his study and research of the subject and then presenting it with conviction and persuasion. (A speech contest is not confined to schools but may be held in churches, schools, vacation Bible Schools, camps -- any place contestants and an audience can be brought together.)

Every young person with Total Abstinence Training today, becomes a force for good in the inevitable show-down against the Alcohol Beverage Traffic tomorrow!

Mrs. Kermit S. Edgar
 National Director

Y.T.C. NEWS

"I wish that we could finally learn
To stop the pushing and the shoving,
And start obeying the Golden Rule,
For the art of living lies in loving."

---Mary Ellen Sterling---

With the seasons of Thanksgiving and Christmas past, I trust there were many opportunities to give of yourselves in explaining the YTC program, promoting membership, conducting fund raising projects, and above all, giving of your time, talents, means and knowledge to brighten the life of those less fortunate. Counting your own blessings should lead you to share them.

Our National Christian Living Director, Carma Kulish of our own state, has a challenge for us. Let us not fail her in this request. In case you failed to read your November - December issue of the YTC Bulletin carefully, here's what to do:

1. Tell what our YTC Council is planning to do and when you are planning to do it. (Specific dates)

2. Then write what your council accomplished through the project. (A paragraph of 8-12 sentences).

Your information should be sent to Carma by the 20th of January for the March - April issue of the Bulletin; March 20th for the May - June issue; July 20th for the September - October issue.

Keep the mail flowing, filled with YTC specials to:

Carma Kulish No. 383
Northwestern College
Roseville, Minn. 55113

Do not neglect to tell her of your membership drives, the Thanksgiving and the Christmas sharing events. Yes, even your fund raising projects.

Let us check your YTC progress thus far:

1. Did you gain new members for YTC? Honorary members.
2. Did you memorize the YTC Pledge, Purpose, Motto and Alma Mater?
3. Did you memorize the three flag pledges?
4. Have you collected dues and sent to state WCTU Treasurer?
6. Have you begun a study book?

If your answer is in the affirmative to all of these, then you are off to a good start.

The bi-monthly theme for January - February is INPUT. I am eagerly awaiting your projected YTE Week (April 23-29) plans. The EARLY-BIRD is wise to order YTE Week supplies early. Now is also the time to pay the Stevens and the Willard Funds of \$3.00 each. I trust you remembered to observe Anti-Smoking Week, January 9-15, 1978. Are you in need of extra YTC pledge cards or additional Plans for Work. Please, send your request via the postman, and I'll oblige you.

In closing, may I share with you several of the National YTC President's recommendations:

Dear LTL Leaders and WCTU Members,

When you send in your dues for your Loyal Temperance Legion, mail them to Mrs. Oscar Johnson, Harwood, N. Dak. no later than the month of August. You will send in dues of 10 cents per member. Be sure to ' earmark ' them as LTL dues or your State Treasurer will have no way of knowing what they are for. When you have sent in your dues also notify me so I may also have the information.

Why does the signing of a pledge help a boy or girl? It puts them on their honor. Before God and man they pledge to abstain from drinking, smoking and swearing; they will hesitate before breaking that pledge.

Nearly every WCTU member has a grandchild or two or in case of you younger members, a child or a niece or nephew. Make them a "Friend Member." Send them a pledge card; have them sign it; send in their dues of 10 cents. Then give them a gift subscription to the Young Crusader.

We are thankful to all of our Unions and all our dear ladies who are working with our boys and girls in this needy cause. May God guide each and every one of you as you keep each and every LTL group alive and active.

Lord Jesus, give us the will to serve you by helping all those who are in need. Give us, too, the sense of sacrifice which will help us to serve rather than to be served.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Leonard Bilden
Executive Secretary, LTL

CAN YOU HELP?

The National Recording Secretary would like to bring her membership lists up to date. Here are two North Dakota ladies listed as life members of the National WCTU. Can any one tell me if these ladies are still living or if they have passed away: Mrs. Elizabeth Barron Ludlow and Miss Judy Ann Peterson. No address is known so I take this way to ask you if you can help.

Another item of much importance is the upcoming Mid-Year Meeting. You will be notified as soon as possible as to the date. I can tell you now that it will be held in Jamestown.

Marion

1. That we continue to emphasize the POSITIVE aspects of abstinence and that we, by our example, ENCOURAGE OTHERS to abstain.
2. That we praise God daily for the opportunity to live a clean life in His service.

As North Dakota YTC'ers together with other Youth take count, let us sing prayerfully the theme song, "Thank You, Lord."

Mrs. Melvin Gangness
State Executive Director

HOME PROTECTION**WCTU "Family of the Year" Guidelines**

1. A resident family consisting of parents, one or more dependent children (this can be a one-parent family if either parent is deceased).
2. Total family participation in the WCTU.
3. Family active in church and other Christian community affairs.
4. Performance of each family member in home responsibilities.
5. Report family chosen to state director of Home Protection Department with all information, including full name and address.

Try this recipe for a Happy New Year. It is delicious! "Take 12 fine, full-grown months; see that these are thoroughly free from all old memories of bitterness, rancor, hate, and jealousy. Cleanse them completely from every clinging spite; pick off all specks of pettiness. Cut these months into 30 or 31 equal parts. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time, but prepare one day at a time, as follows. Into each day put equal parts of faith, patience, courage, work, hope, fidelity, liberality, kindness, rest, prayer, and meditation. Add about a teaspoonful of good spirits, a dash of fun, a pinch of folly, a sprinkling of play, and a heaping cupful of good humor. Pour love into the whole and mix with a vim. Serve with quietness, unselfishness, and cheerfulness."

I have a greeting card which includes the items printed below. (I would very much appreciate learning the name of the author or authors of this material.)

A poem in the card reads as follows:

May God bestow His blessing
On baby and on you.
Guard and guide your little one
All life's journey through.

E. L.

The message inside reads:

"Congratulations, and all good wishes for happiness, to you and to your precious baby!

This card brings greetings from an organization which is often called "organized mother love" because of its interest in children. Its desire is that your baby -- and all other babies -- shall have every chance to grow up healthy--intelligent--dependable --happy!

Many mothers are cooperating in its program by enrolling their children as "White Ribbon Recruits" and promising to guide them in ways of safety--physical, mental, moral. You are cordially invited to join these mothers in their work for children.

Yours for happy childhood,
Director, Department of Child Welfare
Woman's Christian Temperance Union."

Mrs. Robert Fortner, Director
Department of Home Protection
Route 1, Box 37
Mount Vernon, S. Dak. 57363

" HUMAN CONCERNS "**Department of Projection Methods**

"AM I MY BROTHER'S KEEPER? Genesis 4:9b. Thus spoke Cain in answer to God's question. This could be a question for us to ponder, today, in the light of startling facts and horrifying figures. What about the 9,500,000 alcoholics and the lives they touch in our modern society? Or the 500,000 children under the age of 12 years who have started drinking habits? Does this shock you?

We, the members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, cannot escape our responsibility to the children, the youth, the men and women of our land. In our AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE, they, and all the rest of us, are bombarded daily via TV, Radio, Magazines and Newspaper Ads with the most attractive advertising and propaganda urging the acceptance of the false "doctrine" that "Beverage alcohol is a must"!

One excellent approach to the problem is this - HOLD A SPEECH CONTENT. Through the memorizing and the delivery of an approved selection before an audience, the mind of the child or youth is effectively impressed with the values of 'Total Abstinence' living. The audience (in many cases) is made up of parents, relatives and friends of the contestants. These people are given food for thought when they hear of the enormous waste of grain products made into beverage alcohol, in a world where millions are starving; the needless slaughter and tragedy on our highways; the astronomic economic loss of over \$15,000,000,000 annually to the business world in lost man hours and in inferior work.

After a contest, plan a time of fellowship with an appropriate fruesta. Provide suitable WCTU literature, including membership pledge cards (both for women and men-Honorary). Have a person prepared to hand it out and to talk with any prospective members.

Mrs. Kermit S. Edgar
National Director

John Hopkins Hospital, where much of the research leading to the original Surgeon General's report on smoking took place, has banned cigarette machines and prohibited doctors, nurses and students from smoking in patient care areas.

Hospital board members decided that physicians should set examples for the entire hospital community after receiving a letter from Dr. Robert Mason, associate professor of cardiovascular medicine, who wrote "as a healing institution, the hospital should refuse to endorse the sale of cigarettes.

Professional staff now smoke only in a specially designated area.

Baltimore, Md. AP

PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Melvin Gangness reports:

YTC campers, Allan Bunt, Larry Bergeman, Susan McDaniel, Carla Hill, and Tracy White were guests at the WCTU Convention Banquet at Lisbon in October. Allan is at present State YTC president and Susan is serving as vice president.

YTC'ers Carma Kulish, Bruce and Bernadine Andriash of Dickinson, and Susan McDaniel of Oakes were delegates to National Youth Day held in conjunction with the National WCTU Convention at Springfield, Illinois. Carma is serving as National Christian Living Director for a second term.

Former camper and YTC'er Laura Hanson Roch writes to send greetings to former campers and staff members. Laura and her husband and son live in Texas where he is deputy sheriff and also attends school part-time.

Barbara Andriash Shaw and husband Charles are still in Athens, Greece. During the summer they took a tour of the Holy Land, and more recently, visited Rome.

The poet Thacheray wrote: "Life is a mirror; if you frown at it, it frowns back, if you smile, it returns the greeting." So SMILE YTC'ers, God loves you.

Emma Gorder reports:

The Northeast District had a booth at the Walsh County Potato Fair in October at Park River. Posters from the Grafton school's contests, were on display as well as many good leaflets on tobacco, drugs, and alcohol. Mrs. Bruce Watson, district president, was assisted in the project by members of the Langdon, Park River, Cavalier, and Grafton Unions.

Grafton members, Mr. and Mrs. William Gorder and their four children toured the Holy Land just before Christmas.

Mrs. Gilbert Johnson, Citizenship Director, was a special guest at the October meeting of the Grafton Union which met in the home of Mrs. Benjamin Gorder. She reported on the State Convention at Lisbon and on the work of her department. Mrs. Johnson was an overnight guest in the Gorder home.

Mrs. Jake Steffen reports:

The Minot Union met in the Community Room of the Minot Public Library on January 13. There were 21 people present, including 4 men. Norma Jay, former missionary to Brazil, gave an inspiring talk on 'Prayer' and also played the piano for us. Our faithful devotional chairperson, Ruth Luch-singer, gave us some real spiritual nuggets.

Since we were unable to meet in December due to the adverse weather conditions we had our gift exchange this month. It was fun!

We are grateful to Jake Steffen who so kindly acted as chauffeur for our organization.

In the absence of our president and vice

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

IN MEMORIAM

I used to be tortured by dreams of them, when I thought I held them and spoke to them, and woke to weep in agony, but now when they come to me I can wake and smile, satisfied that very soon they will be mine again. Sorrow is a wonderful thing. It shatters this old earth, but it makes a new heaven.

O. Douglas

GLEN STEMEN, 69, died November 15, 1977. He was born in 1908 to Rev. and Mrs. Sylvan Stemen. Glen married Gelia Bergh in 1934, living near Edgeley until moving to a farm at Dickey in 1942 where they resided until his death.

Mr. Stemen was active in the United Methodist Church at Dickey as a Sunday School teacher, Sunday School Superintendent, member of various church boards and was active in local community affairs. Glen was proud to be an honorary member of the Dickey Union and supported his wife in her work in the WCTU.

Surviving with his wife, are a son Howard, and two daughters, Imogene Arndt and Jeanette Waldie; two brothers, Leo and Doyle Stemen, and a sister, Ada McIrwin.

JENNIE (MRS. EDWARD) SCARE, age 90, passed away at the Grafton Nursing Home September 22, 1977. In spite of advancing age, she kept active in the Grafton WCTU until about a year ago. She was a member of the Grafton Federated Church.

Survivors include one daughter, two sons, and two sisters. One of her sisters is Miss Hulda Carlson with whom she lived after the death of her husband.

TINA FLUVOG, a faithful member of the Bottineau Union, passed away in June 1977.

If there was half the evidence that the Brooklyn Bridge was unsafe as there is evidence linking smoking and lung cancer, the bridge would be closed.

Dr. Alton Ochsner, Prof. of Surgery
Tulane University School of Medicine

president, Mrs. Jake Steffen chaired the meeting. She also served the lunch. Mrs. Van Camp graciously consented to act as secretary for this meeting.

We anticipate having our Minot District meeting the first week in May. Our plans are to hold it in the Mennonite Brethren Church where we will be served a noon luncheon.

MORE CHOICE ITEMS!!**Input Affects Output No. 1296**

(new c.b. insert for YTE week April 23-29)
(red, white and black colorful leaflet featuring two computers
with print out sheets - the happies & the losers -
clever as can be)

100 for \$1.30; 50 for 85 cents; 25 for 50 cents

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Input Affects Output No. 910

(poster for YTE week - easy to read - exceptionally good)

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Anna Adams Gordon

(at last, the marvelous, revised edition)

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V.D. - Epidemic Among Teenagers + + +

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Unmarried Teenagers and Their Children + + +

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Drug Abuse and Your Child + + +

100 for \$31.50; 50 for \$17.85; 25 for \$10.50; 12 for \$5.50;

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(Christian author uses supportive Bible verses)

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An Interpretation of American Prohibition

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A correlation between beer drinking and cancer of the large intestine and rectum has been found in a statistical study covering 41 States.

In New York City the per capita beer consumption was found to be about 80 quarts per year. Their study reveals 35 percent of males with rectal cancer and 31 percent of males with large intestine cancer had been beer drinkers compared with 19 percent among non-drinkers.

Harry Nelson, L.A. Times Medical Writer

A Methodist Bishop said: "Until religious leaders challenge their congregations to drive courteously and sober, we will never have any degree of highway safety."

It is a serious problem, this discourtesy behind the wheel - like tailgating, bright lights, cutting in and out, to name a few. These enter the area of moral responsibility, and that is the area of the religious leaders.

William Valle, Nat'l. Foundation for Hwy. Safety

SHORT DISTANCE RUNNER

16 mm Color Film

21 minutes

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union (Signal Press) are glad to introduce a new motion picture with an emphasis on the increasing problem of teenage drinking.

THE STORY

The setting is a "teenagers world" with its struggle to cope with peer pressure and parental problems. The story is based on an in-depth interview with teenagers by a High School Counselor.

The central character, Dave Boyd, a good student and a runner on the High School's track team, who was introduced to alcohol at an early age. His continued drinking resulted in being dropped from the team just before a big event and brought him before the Counselor.

The story avoids the impression that all teenagers drink and strongly defended by Debbie, a very attractive girl who is unswerving in her stand for abstinence from alcohol.

The closing scene of the story shows Dave making a decision to walk away from the peer pressure, become an abstainer and involves a change of friends. We trust this will open the way for discussion by those who have viewed the film.

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We could not tell the whole story but the film will intersperse some of the parental and teen problems ... drinking in the home ... a few remarks about the drug problem. The characters are from a High School drama class and is well done. The man who takes the part of the Counselor was himself a teenage alcoholic and so is able to talk with the characters in youth language of the day.

There are no gruesome pictures, nor figures, nor adult conversation type about the "awfulness" but a down to earth relating of youth with youth.

Edith K. Stanley,
National President

THE UNION SIGNAL

Once again it is time to think about Youth Temperance Education Week, April 23-29, and to check how many copies of the YTE issue you need to order. All of the copies are 35 cents each, so be sure to send your order, PLUS PAYMENT, early to assure receipt of the above. Also, it will be a good time to inspire the YTC'ers to subscribe for their own copies so that they will know, from the YTC page in each issue, just what Miss Leonard's suggestions for the month ahead are to be. We will be looking for your order, so send it soon, please. We do order extra, but want to be sure to have enough for everyone. Thanks for helping us. Subscriptions are \$3.50 per year. Send orders to:

Circulation Department

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THE YOUNG CRUSADER

It is now past the time when we can accept subscriptions for schools (9 months) because many schools are closed during the summer and no one would be there to receive the copies. The post office will not hold copies in such instances but send them back to us for which we have to pay the return postage. We will accept school subscriptions and put them into our special file to be processed for the September 1978 - May 1979 school year. Subscriptions for the full year we will accept with open arms. I mean hands, at any time. Subscriptions are \$1.50 per year. Send orders to:

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