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MRS. JAMES HATFIELD
Press Biography

Mrs. James (Edna) Hatfield of Clay Center, Kans., recording secretary of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, was elected to this position in August, 1975, at the organization's convention in New Mexico.

Mrs. Hatfield is also serving her ninth one-year term as president of the Kansas WCTU, having previously served that organization in various local capacities and as president of District 8 of the Kansas temperance union. She also previously was the state union's promotion secretary.

Active both in church and community affairs, as well as in the Clay Center business community, Mrs. Hatfield has been a 4-H leader for 37 years and was chairman of the Red Cross Bloodmobile. She is bookkeeper for the J. R. Hatfield Motor Clinic in Clay Center which her husband owns.

MARION'S MEMOS

The 89th annual convention of the North Dakota Woman's Christian Temperance Union will convene October 12 and 13, 1978 at the Richardton Abbey, Richardton, N. D. Utilizing our great Unlimited Sources, as our theme: Call unto me and I will answer thee and show thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not. Jeremiah 33:3.

Program of Events

Thursday, October 12:

General Officers Meeting..... 1:00 p.m.
Official Board..... 1:20 p.m.
Executive Committee..... 1:30 p.m.
Prayer and Praise Service..... 2:00 p.m.

Immediately following, the Convention will be called to order by President Mrs. LeRoy Bartle. This first session will be short to allow you to freshen up for the evening program toast-mistressed by Mrs. Fred Kulish. The Spicer family of Bismarck will provide musical entertainment. Mrs. Paul White will be in charge of the Presidents' Hour. Do bring your banners as they will again be used. Our guest speaker, Mrs. James Hatfield, National Recording Secretary, will speak to us during this evening.

The Friday morning session will convene at 9:00 a.m. Plans call for the conclusion of the 89th WCTU Convention with the noon luncheon. If enough are interested in a tour of the Abbey it may be scheduled after the luncheon.

Dear White Ribbon Sisters:

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and ye shall find; Knock and it shall be opened unto you. Matthew 7:7.

Have you been asking ladies to join our great cause? How we need more ladies to help in our WCTU work. Have you been seeking ways to further our work - new avenues of service? Have

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Both Mr. and Mrs. Hatfield are members of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Clay Center where Mrs. Hatfield teaches Sunday School and, with her husband, sponsors the church's youth group. Actively engaged in all areas of church work, Mrs. Hatfield also has been president of the Mid-West Women's Presbyterial.

The couple have three children, Kenneth of Bakersfield, Calif.; Mrs. T. F. Foskey of Soperton, Ga., and Mrs. R. J. Kelly of Columbus, Ga., and eight grandchildren.

MARION'S MEMOS

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you been knocking at doors to find more outlets for our literature, films, filmstrips, posters, teacher packets? The promise is for everyone that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Congratulations to the 12 Unions which achieved the first goal of the year and are Advance Unions. Let us try for 100 percent this fall: all dues paid and sent to the State Treasurer before November 30th.

Five of our Unions achieved the Vanguard status last year. Hopefully these have successfully arrived at this goal once again and that new Unions have been added.

Report time signals the closing of the books upon another year. Do get your reports in to the Promotion Secretary on time. Mrs. Trapp has a most important and time consuming job at report time. If you have been faithful in keeping track of all projects accomplished, services rendered, meetings held, poster, speech and essay contests promoted, among other things, you will receive great satisfaction as you fill in the reports with greater ease.

I know you have been busy for the reports heard at the four District Conventions I was privileged to attend, show this. It was a pleasure and encouragement to meet with you.

National Convention is not too far off; North Dakota could have 10 delegates at National. It would simply be great if we could have a full representation. We are also allowed 2 State delegates. Mrs. Adele Ottinger and Miss Elofson attended last year. I very much hope to have others from North Dakota in attendance. National Convention will be held in Atlanta, Georgia August 24 to 29 at the Sheraton - Atlanta Hotel. Tours are scheduled for the 23rd and the 28th.

Concerning State Convention, there was complete information in the May-June issue of the WRB. Remember, do let me know if you should want a meal at the Abbey on Wednesday evening or for Thursday breakfast or luncheon. If you choose there is also a cafe in Richardton. Our dinner Thursday evening will be the first meal served to us at the Abbey unless I hear from you otherwise.

Too, the Abbey must have as close an estimate as possible as to how many to expect to serve for the Thursday evening meal. Should you plan to invite extras for that meal, let me know no later than October 1 for I must notify the staff at the Abbey.

Not having a convention hosted by a local or district makes it necessary for the State Officers to assume more responsibility for the planning of the meetings and program. The State Officers will be in charge of the Memorial Hour so also let me know by October 1st, who from your Union will be remembered at that time. A card will do.

If you have taken in new Homebuilders member, under 35, let me know immediately. National wants

this information.

Ladies, bring your local and district flags (banners) to convention for the March Thursday evening.

Use this checklist for a reminder:
by October 1st:

— Drop Marion a card for early meals or lodging at the Abbey, extra guests for the Thursday evening meal, and names of new Homebuilders members.

— Be in prayer for National Convention. Pray for successful Convention and health and travel blessings for all each day.

— Be in prayer for State Convention. National Recording Secretary, Mrs. James Hatfield, will be the speaker. Pray for a safe journey. Pray that your own calendar will be open that you will be free to take part in your 89th State Convention.

— Bring your local and district flags for the March Thursday evening.

— Come with an enthusiasm and joy for the work that will "Rub-Off" on the rest of us.

I would like to see you in Atlanta and Richardton.
The Lord bless you all,
Marion

THE UNION SIGNAL

The necessity of increasing the price rate on subscriptions for THE UNION SIGNAL take effect IMMEDIATELY. Shorter periods on subscriptions sent at the old price will be adjusted. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

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There will not be any change in the prices for subscriptions for THE YOUNG CRUSADER. However, we must make mention of the fact that SCHOOL SUBSCRIPTIONS MUST be in the office here no later than JULY 15th if the school is to receive the 9 month school subscription. September to May is the school year in most areas, with no summer sessions, so it is most important that they come early.

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We must have your help in this strategic matter and as you know it is the responsibility of every member of the Official Board to see that these things are brought before your membership and subscribers. We know we can rely on your support in this time.

God is faithful! We know that He will guide our paths. He never fails so we are trusting and believing that from these experiences will come new joys and greater opportunities to promote the cause of total abstinence.

Depending on your prayers and support,
Mrs. Herman Stanley, President

PROJECTION METHODS

Dear Fellow Members and Friends:

With a hot summer upon us you might be looking for some good, cool, tasty drinks to serve with snacks, or for some more formal occasions. Here are a few which I hope will be just what you are looking for:

1 - 2 - 3 - 4 Fruesta Special

1 46 oz. can Hawaiian Punch (red)
2 cups sugar
3 packages of cherry Koolaid
4 quarts cold water

Mix and chill. Just before serving, add two bottles of 7-Up or 1 quart Ginger Ale.

To make green or yellow punch for festive occasions:

1 46 oz. can pineapple
3 packages lime or lemon Koolaid

25th Triennial Punch

(used at the WCTU World Convention in 1969
at Lincoln, Nebraska)

1 gal. any flavor fruit punch
1 qt. pineapple juice
1 qt. soda
1 qt. chipped ice
1 qt. orange juice
1 pt. lemon juice
1 qt. Ginger ale

Place ice in punch bowl. Add the juices, except the pineapple and ginger ale. These are added just before serving. Food coloring and fresh fruit may be added for a festive touch.

CHEER PUNCH

1 qt. Cranberry juice 1 cup pineapple juice
1 cup sugar ¾ cup lemon juice
2 cups orange juice 2 cups ginger ale

Combine fruit juices and sugar -- chill. Add the chilled ale just before serving. Serves 10 or 12.

Mrs. Melissa Dick, Director

BISMARCK DISTRICT

The 88th Annual District W.C.T.U. Convention of the Bismarck District was hosted by the United Methodist Church of Steele on May 10, 1978. Beginning with coffee and registration. With the motto, "All for Love", the convention was called to order by Mrs. Elizabeth Lind.

Devotions were led by Rev. Clifford Nielson. Mrs. Elizabeth Lind sang a solo.

Mrs. Ruth Bickel led the afternoon devotions and Mrs. Klingensmith was in charge of the memorial hour.

Guest speaker was Rev. Don Klingensmith. His message was "The Harvest is Great. But the Laborers are Few." Matthew 9:37. Then we all sang a song.

Mrs. Blattner installed the following officers after the election: President, Mrs. Elizabeth Lind;

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FARGO DISTRICT

The 87th Annual Convention of the Fargo District was held May 8 at the United Methodist Church, Fargo. Miss Bertha Stedje presided. The opening devotions were given by Rev. Duane Evers, senior minister of the host church, using I Corinthians 3:16-23 as his text. He reminded us that we are God's temple and must honor that trust, but be not vain and look down on others. We must follow Jesus in caring for the oppressed with compassion.

After the Union reports, YTC Executive Director Mrs. Melvin Gangness reminded us not to look on the outward appearances of our youth, but on the heart and what they may become through our prayers and God's help.

Anna Duncan gave the nominating committee report as follows: President, Mrs. Gladys Prestigaard; Vice President, Mrs. Melvin Gangness; Secretary, Mrs. Elsie Loomis, and Treasurer, Mrs. A. H. Waa. They were each elected.

Mrs. Myron Eide, State Director of Social Service, urged that all member activities be reported. She arranged an attractive display of Social Service projects with labeled samples of items to help the needy in our community.

After a love gift was voted to the North Dakota WCTU and the White Ribbon Bulletin, Mrs. Norman Swanson gave the noontide prayer for the luncheon served by the Fargo Union.

The afternoon session opened with Rev. E. J. Huntley speaking on Matthew 5:13-16, Challenging us to "Lift higher the torch," saying "Ye are the salt of the earth" and "Ye are the light of the world." Let your light shine in carrying out the purpose of the WCTU to protect the homes of the nation and the world.

Mrs. Oscar Westlund gave the Memorial tribute for Mrs. Chester Thom. Music by a ladies trio from the host church entertained.

The skit, "Did You Know" was given by the Prosper Union. Mrs. Russell Duncan gave a review of the book entitled "Anna Adams Gorden."

Our key speaker was our State WCTU President, Mrs. LeRoy Bartle. She used LOVE as her theme. Love of fellow man led to the organization of the WCTU. Jesus loved the little children. We need LTL's and Anna Gorden's in North Dakota. Let us keep on keeping on in prayer and love.

Mrs. Waa led the offertory prayer and Mrs. Bartle installed the officers. District President Bertha Stedje adjourned the meeting with prayer.

Legislators must bear the blame: - Due to the shocking increase of deaths and accidents of our youth, legislators who approve 18 year olds legally to drink beverage alcohol are partly accountable - along with the bartenders.

Vice President, Mrs. Olga Huhucke; Secretary, Mrs. Ruth Bickel; Treasurer, Mrs. Winnie DeKrey.

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MINOT DISTRICT

On May 4th the Minot District met for their Convention at the Mennonite Brethren Church in Minot. Mrs. Everett Johnson presided. After singing "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" Steven Leslie from the Salvation Army spoke on the Abundance of God. District Directors were appointed: Home protection - Mrs. Ed Fannik; Legislation - Mrs. Vernon Forthun; Spiritual Life - Mrs. Isidio CaCal.

Officers elected are: Mrs. Everett Johnson, President; Mrs. George Fannik, Vice President; Ruth Luchsinger, Secretary; and Mrs. Alex Mero-nuck, Treasurer. Katie Schmidt and Laura Forthun sang a duet, "Others."

The Minot Union presented the memorial tribute. Laura Forthun and Ruth Luchsinger led in I Corinthians 13 and a poem - Trust Him for Tomorrow. Laura sang a solo, "Jesus Holds My Hand." Prayer was offered.

After a lovely luncheon served by the Mennonite ladies, the afternoon session opened with the singing of "Sweet Hour of Prayer." Rev. Charles McClain of the Sawyer Baptist Church spoke on prayer and the mothers God uses, closing with prayer.

Rugby brought posters for displaying and an essay was read from a girl in the Rugby area. Lila Fannik, Shirley Braunberger and LaVonne Fannik sang "A Name I Highly Treasure." An offering was taken and plans were made to distribute gifts.

Mrs. Eloise Conaway was our speaker. Her topic

GRAND FORKS DISTRICT

The 68th annual convention of the Grand Forks District was held at the Swarstad Chapel in Northwood on May 3rd. The session was led by Mrs. Henry Evanson on the theme, "Lord our God, May your blessings be with us, give us success in all we do." Psalm 90:17.

President Mrs. Evanson brought up two things she would like us to think about and consider implementing:

1. Prayer Partners -- two people deciding to set aside a certain time each day for a special concern.
2. Spiritual Life Retreat -- Having a special day of prayer and fellowship - whether it should be local or with the Unions combined - that through prayer we may be able to secure a larger membership with a wider age base.

The film "I Am Joe's Heart" was presented, showing how the heart is affected by too many pressures.

The afternoon speaker was Mrs. Melvin Gangness, State Executive Director of the YTC. This is her 20th year as camp director. It is up to us to find young people to go to camp. Our boys and girls are to be citizens of tomorrow. How are we teaching them? There are more than 22½ million teenagers; think of all the good they could do! It is important for us to be good examples in everything we say and do. How we need to pray for them! It is said that we have too much time on our hands, but not enough time on our knees!

The following slate of officers were installed by Mrs. Gangness: President, Mrs. Henry Evanson; Vice President, Mrs. S. P. Roehl; 2nd Vice President, Isabelle Henry; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Grace Jodock; Promotion Secretary, Mrs. Lynn Mutchler; Treasurer, Mrs. Abner Jodock.

A Memorial Tribute was paid to three members of the Northwood Union: Bessie Bjoralt, Harda Hagen, and Lena Johnson, and two from the Grand Forks Union: Mrs. Ulvedal and Mrs. Bernardson. Prayer closed the day.

was "Work, Watch and Pray," using our resources for others: light a candle, be a helping hand. The trio sang, "Teach Me to Pray." Pastor Nielson of Rugby closed with prayer.

A fruesta was served.

TREASURER'S REPORT

May 5 - July 5, 1978

Women's Dues - Bismarck 2, Belfield 2.
White Ribbon Bulletin - Belfield \$2.00, Fargo \$20.00.

District Dues - Ransom-LaMoure \$100.00, Minot \$35.00 (N.D.E.A.) \$20.00 (State Film) James Valley \$25.00, Grand Forks \$25.00, Fargo \$25.00 and \$25.00 (W.R.B.) Bismarck \$25.00, Southwest \$10.00 and \$10.00 (W.R.B.).

Light Line - Dickey, Marion, Prosper. - 2 -
Memorials - In memory of Harold Wiltse: \$4.00 by Violet White, \$2.00 by Mrs. Gilbert Johnson, \$10.00 by Irene Wiltse. In memory of Mrs. Mabel Salter: \$10.00 by Mrs. G. M. Smith. In memory of Mrs. Ed Rust: \$2.00 by Prosper W.C.T.U., \$3.00 by Mr. and Mrs. Hans Langseth.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Oscar Johnson,
Treasurer

Total Membership September 1, 1977 to July 5, 1978 -- Women 408, Men 87.

New Members - Minot, Mrs. Gerald Heit, Mrs. Vernon Dalin.

Honorary - Minot, Arthur Knudtson

PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Everett Johnson reports that:

The Max-Benedict Union held a public meeting in the Max Baptist Church the evening of April 13th. A large crowd viewed the slides from Trinidad as presented by Rose Bostow. Kathy McDaniel and her three daughters sang four selections. Everyone was served a natural fruit beverage flavored with orange sherbet as they entered the dining hall where they were served a delicious lunch.

**GIFTS TO Y. T. C.
During the Year**

Mrs. Solum	\$ 50.00
Minot Union	25.00
Grand Forks District	25.00
Barbara Shaw	100.00
Bismarck District	15.00
Bertha Stedje	10.00
Hettinger Union	10.00
Fargo Union	21.00
Violet Oleson	5.00
Bismarck Union	20.00
Rugby Union	25.00
Langdon Union	30.00
Adele Ottinger	50.00

In memory of Al and Ruth
Bertina Evenson 25.00
Steven Kordahl 50.00
Mrs. Art Rysgaard 5.00

A number of others sponsored campers for which we are truly grateful. In behalf of the Youth, a most gracious "Thank You."

Mrs. Melvin Gangness,
State Executive Director

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."

Isaiah 62:10

IN MEMORIAM

"He knoweth the way that I take; when He hath tried me, I shall come forth as Gold." Job 23:10.

JOE MIEDEMA, passed away in February of this year. Joe and his wife Agnes lived in the North Marion community all of their married life. After the death of his wife, he resided at the Sheyenne Memorial Manor at Valley City.

Through his wife's dedication to the work of the WCTU he became a faithful honorary member as well as a lifetime of service in the North Marion Reformed Church.

HAZEL FLATEN, 53, died in early February. Together with her husband, Rev. Allan Flaten, she played an integral part in the radio ministry of Park River and surrounding communities for the past 10 years. Prior to coming to North Dakota she and her husband ministered 10 years in California. Hazel was also a typesetter for the Walsh County Press for 10 years.

Born in Minnesota to Mr. and Mrs. Victor Maki, she received her education in Minnesota, Chicago and Los Angeles. They resided in California until coming to Park River in 1960.

Mrs. Flaten is survived by her husband, a son, a daughter and a grandson.

Pure alcohol leaves no odor on the breath - it is the flavors in the beverage that cause the odor.

5. RANSOM - LaMOURE DISTRICT

The Ransom - LaMoure 78th District Convention was held April 20th at the Baptist Church in Lisbon. Mrs. Elmer Dick presided over the meeting.

Rev. Brackley led devotions on the topic, "Sweet Things" our Heavenly Father has done for us. Following prayer, Rev. and Mrs. Brackley sang a song.

Mrs. Shirley Shearer sang a medley of her favorite hymns and Mrs. Carrie Murray played a medley of her favorites on the harmonica. Marion Bartle and Helen McCleary had the Memorial service remembering Julie Romsdahl, Harold Wiltse, Glen Stemen, Fred Tooze and Elizabeth Dillard.

Mrs. Leonard Bilden, our guest speaker, reminded us that Christ is the door to Faith, Hope, Love and Temperance.

Officers serving for the coming year will be: President, Mrs. Elmer Dick; Vice President, Mrs. Glen Stemen; Secretary, Lucille Nash; and Treasurer, Beverly Maack. A lovely fruesta was served by ladies of the Baptist Church.

6. **SOUTHWEST DISTRICT**

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union Southeast District Convention was held at the New England Assembly of God Church on Friday, May 12. Mrs. Theophil Auch presided at the meetings. The afternoon session began with the hymn, "I Would Be True". Mrs. William Kruger of New England gave the welcome. Response by Vera VanderPloeg of Hettinger. Rev. Howard Romberg, host pastor, read scripture from Ephesians 2:1-10, followed by prayer. A hymn, "Friendship with Jesus" was sung.

Mrs. Wilfred Greij of Hettinger conducted the Memorial Service from I Peter 3-9 in memory of Olaf Hanna of Hettinger, an Honoray member of the WCTU. The memorial hymn was "In the Sweet By and By". Reports were given by the Belfield, Dickinson and Hettinger Unions, telling of posters made, literature given, special programs, youth who went to the National WCTU Convention in Springfield, Illinois and to youth camp near Cooperstown and mission work done. Mrs. Herbert Molm, District Vice President, gave an interesting report on the American Cancer programs, supplies and equipment available, and their research. They have leaflets, posters, booklets and films and a poster contest, "It's Dumb to Smoke" for 4th and 5th graders to inform people of the relationship of lung cancer and smoking.

An article by the American Legion Department chaplain, Rev. Howie Krienke of Beach, in their statewide campaign against blasphemy in movies and television, was read. The Southwest District WCTU went on record as supporting their stand.

At the business session we made plans for the State Convention to be held at Assumption Abbey in Richardton on October 12 and 13.

The following officers were re-elected: President, Mrs. Theophil Auch; Vice President, Mrs. Herbert Molm; and Secretary - Treasurer, Mrs. Chester Molm. After a potluck supper, the evening session opened by singing "The White Ribbon Rally Song," "Some Glad Day," and "America the Beautiful."

Rev. Howard Romberg sang, "I Am the Lamb the Shepherd Left the Flock For" and gave scripture about drunkenness in Biblical history, its sorrow and judgment. People should be filled with the Holy Spirit. Mae Kvanvig of Hettinger led the pledges to the American, Christian, and Temperance Flags. Rev. David Pritchard of the American Missionary Fellowship invited youth to the Teepee Bible Camp in the Killdeer Mountains near Killdeer beginning June 18 for only \$9.00 per week including food. Janice Barnhart, daughter of Ralph Barnharts of Fryburg will be one of the instructors. She was a missionary to Nigeria Africa. Youth from the Dickinson Youth Temperance Council Cara and Laura Wald and Randy and Rhonda Holland of Dickinson gave a skit entitled, "The Alcohol Habit Tree." Cara and Laura

7. **JAMES VALLEY DISTRICT**

The James Valley District meeting was held at the United Methodist Church in Marion. Seventeen guests were in attendance. Devotions were given by Rev. and Mrs. Irwin Van Leeuwen of Litchville, and Rev. and Mrs. Hart of Marion.

The present officers were unanimously elected for another year. A flower was placed into a bouquet in memory of Joe Miedema. Both the State President, Mrs. Bartle, and State Vice President, Mrs. White, were here to speak to us.

8. **NORTHEAST DISTRICT**

The 88th annual convention of the Northeast District met in the Assembly of God Church, Grafton, on May 10th. Mrs. Bruce Watson was the presiding officer.

Pastor Freitag of the host church led in the devotions. He took his message from Ephesians 4, "Walk worthy of the profession you make." Mrs. Bitzer sang, "Lonely Faces."

After the customary business, Mrs. Watson conducted the Memorial Hour for Mrs. Flaaten, Mrs. Farrow, Jennie Score, Ida Gorder, Gina Opperud, and Joe Carlson. Her words of comfort were from John 14.

Pastor Freitag's message for the afternoon was on Righteous Living based on Paul's message to the Corinthians on Chapter 6. Mrs. Freitag, Mrs. Bitzer and Mrs. Markason sang, "We've Got Life in Jesus."

Mrs. Thompson conducted the White Ribbon Recruit Service. Melinda Freitag, Heide and Matthew Bitzer, and Jonathon Markason were dedicated to lives of abstinence and purity by their mothers. Mrs. Bartle tied the White ribbons of the little wrists.

Our State President, Mrs. Bartle, delivered the convention address. Her topic was on Boundless Love.

Awards in the poster contest were Marie Flowers, first; Laura Folske, second; Sophia Swedberg, third; and Tim Heims, Honorable Mention.

The present officers were re-elected to another term: Mrs. Bruce Watson - President; Mrs. Chester Thompson - Vice President; Mrs. Chester Wolfe - Treasurer; and Mrs. William Schluchter, Secretary.

Wald gave an interesting report on YTC Camp. They have already earned over \$200.00 for this year's camp. Marvel Molm gave a report on the effect of Alcohol. Rev. David Pritchard showed a WCTU film, "Short Distance Runner". Guest speaker was Mrs. Paul Bourgai of Baldwin, who spoke on faith in God, good nutrition, fasting, and cleansing the body for good health. She showed several books available. Mrs. Francis Wald assisted her. Rev. Pritchard closed with prayer.