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North Dakota is well represented in National work by Carma Kulish, the new YTC Promotion Secretary.

YTC DAYS AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA - 1978

- Carma Kulish

ATLANTA, GEORGIA! First, Richmond, Virginia in 1976; then Springfield, Illinois in 1977; and now Atlanta, Georgia. What do these places have in common? They were the sites for the National WCTU and YTC Conventions these past three years, and I, had the privilege to attend these.

The 1978 National YTC Convention at Atlanta opened Friday evening, August 25, with President Carl Barr presiding. Marvin Gaspard, the National Social Director from Louisiana, led us in songs and games. Sheldon Eubanks, National Vice President from Georgia, officially welcomed us to his state,

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MARION'S MEMOS

"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." Hebrews 4:16.

Dear White Ribboners,

Open Channels...What a challenge for the next two years! There are so many channels for the WCTU to continue work of expansion, new channels awaiting discovery and charting.

To mention a few channels, service, education, legislation, membership, and publicity, I see something that is vital for each of you as you strive to make your best efforts better. "To God, and home and every land" go the glory.

The membership contest you will read in this issue was initiated by our National Promotion Secretary, Miss Juanita Whisler. Your State Promotion Secretary will be further explained the plan and its goals. When Paul was visited by Christ on the Damascus road, his first reaction and request was, "What will you have me do?" He answered, "Arise...go...do." If your local Union was not represented at State Convention or if you failed to take home one of the sheets explaining this plan more fully, let me know and I shall send you one. Let us put forth every effort to "each one gain one."

The State Convention at Assumption Abbey was well attended. I thank each and everyone for coming. Your presence was inspiring to me. Our National Recording Secretary, Edna Hatfield, and visiting friends and guests expressed to me their appreciation for your warm reception and fellowship. We, too, were blessed by their presence. I praise God for each one of you.

For the General Officers, I heartily thank the Abbey for the use of their facilities and gracious hospitality. To each one who worked so faithfully to make this such a successful meeting, I thank you. Some of you served on committees, some on the evening program and the fruesta, and others of you, whether members, visitors or guests, upon seeing a need, volunteered your services. We appreciate you.

There were things that did not work out as planned, some things omitted that you would have liked, some sessions too long, a difficulty in finding the meeting rooms. I do apologize. As we continue to update and revitalize our Convention programs we will eliminate most difficulties.

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NORTHWEST DISTRICT

Mrs. Schell, Mrs. Helland, and Rev. Erickson played piano and violins during the registration, coffee hour and private devotions just prior to the opening of the 68th District Convention of the Northwest District WCTU. Meeting at the Presbyterian Church of Crosby the meeting was chaired by Mrs. Milton Thorson, District President.

Rev. Charles Chaffin, in his opening message, scripture and prayer, brought out clearly how it costs something to live clean and pure lives before our Lord, but that the dividends it pays far outweigh the cost. He read a poem, "The Postage Stamp", the thought following that the stamp stuck to the letter and saw it safely through. No one can do better than that, so let's keep on sticking and be true.

Mrs. Gerald Haugland gave us several numbers in song accompanied by her accordian. One number was "Jesus Is Lord of All," which He must be. Greetings, response, and flag salutes were followed by several selections on the piano and violins again by Mrs. Schell, Mrs. Helland and Rev. Erickson.

Our convention speaker was Rev. Perry McKeef, the state director of Child Evangelism. Using I Corinthians 3:1-15, he contrasted how the carnal person and the spiritual person build upon the cornerstone of Christ. Each chooses the durability of his work by what he does and how he uses his materials. He stated that the world would be in a far worse condition today if it were not for the work of the WCTU. After giving a brief history of the destructive force of the use of alcohol in our nation, he gave the results of a seven year study of the success rate of Teen Challenge: 87 percent never returned to drugs or liquor; 73 percent went on to further education; 78 percent stayed on the job. The use of drugs to treat drug abuse has resulted in less than 1 percent staying off the drug, alcohol included. Why such a drastic variance? It must be concluded that Teen Challenge is so effective because of the "Jesus Factor". NOTHING is too hard for God!

Mrs. Alvin Westlie, Mrs. Frank Schell, and Rev. Vernon Erickson sang a duet as the program continued into the White Ribbon Recruit Service. John Hass was presented by his mother, Mrs. Fred Hass, before the assembly which vowed also to support the child and his family in prayer, example, and love. Grandmother Adeline Schell played "Precious Gems" as background music throughout the ceremony.

Following the duet, "Every Prayer Will Find Its Answer", by Mrs. Schell and Mrs. Westlie, Mrs. Katherine Hanmer of the Crosby Union was given special recognition for more than 50 years of service to the WCTU. She recalls that she was also a White Ribbon Recruit as a child, and gave an interesting review of the past. After she recited the poem, "God Is No Stranger", Mrs. Thorson pinned

a corsage on her.

Coffee was served prior to the remaining business session. We extend our grateful thanks to the Church and our many visitors in helping to make this convention a good one.

Officers elected for the year 1978-79 are Mrs. Gordon Hector, president; Mrs. Milton Thorson, vice president; Mrs. Alvin Westlie, secretary; and Miss Beverly Anderson, treasurer.

CITIZENSHIP

Dear Co-Workers:

The theme for this coming year is "Open Channels." This speaks of the different ways in which we can promote the work of the WCTU as a whole and the Citizenship Department in particular. Most important of all is the channel of prayer which is basic to all phases of our work. God has told us to come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. (Hebrews 4:16). Some of the other channels are Christian responsibility, education, opportunity, dedication, communication and participation.

Our National Director, Mrs. R.G. Pierce, says, "If each of our Unions will make an all-out effort to change our image on the home front, not just as gray-haired ladies against any and everything, to a true picture as represent as well-informed mothers, grandmothers and teachers who are organized only to make all homes and families stronger, God-fearing people, as we all must be, I believe our efforts could grow like wildfire." She says we should make the effort to work with school administrators, state police, narcotics officers, senators, representatives and up the governor's office, right down the line.

I urge each member to display the Nativity Scene in your home at Christmas time, and please choose someone in your Union to be responsible for reporting to me the number of homes displaying it. I would like to report next year that at least 700 homes did this.

The Legislature meets in January, so let each one as a good citizen keep up with what is going on, writing the legislators from your district to vote for favorable bills and to vote against those which are undesirable.

Present Citizenship in your meeting in December, March and July, following the suggestions in the Work Sheet, reading the leaflets and letter I have sent to each Union. Remember - your report to me is due SEPTEMBER 15, 1979.

Best wishes for a Blessed Christmas and a successful New Year in the work of the WCTU.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Gilbert F. Johnson
State Director

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HEARD AT NATIONAL

Miss Helen M. Allen, consultant to the Bureau of Narcotic Education declared the U.S. is "on the firing line" of one of the greatest struggles for survival that our nation has experienced." She was referring to a bill in Congress to permit the making of home brew.

American citizens are consuming 261,000,000 (m) gallons more alcoholic beverages in 1977 than in 1976, adding up to consumption by the drinking public of 15 million gallons of liquor, wine, and beer every 24 hours, 365 days a year, or 625,000 gallons every hour, Mrs. James Hatfield, recording secretary declared. "Beer consumption in the one-year period increased by 262 million gallons from 4.6 billion gallons consumed in 1972, to more than 4,862 billion in 1977.

Mrs. Robert Fortner, director of the Department of Home Protection said "Our moral standards must be determined by the Word, not the world," and said there is no greater "heritage to be left children than a concern for the future of all people and the common band of people working for people."

Mrs. Herman Stanley, National WCTU president, declared "The moral depravity of programs or television is creating a swelling tide of crime, immoral behavior and a breakdown of family life. The responsibility for this trend must be borne by the viewing public as well as the networks."... She also took issue with television by declaring "Some (stations) have switched from crime to illicit sex programs and depicting homosexual living as normal, thus minimizing the importance of marital relationships.

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PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS YTC

An organization's effectiveness is determined by the involvement of its members and the clarity of its purpose and goals. Therefore I would like to make the following recommendations for the Youth Temperance Council for the coming year:

1. That we carry out this year's theme "Season For YTC" through a wide variety of seasonal activities and through our emphasis on the Seasons of Purpose, Service, Promotion, Advance, Fellowship, and Sharing.

2. That we recognize the urgency in gaining more members for the Youth Temperance Council and that we all strive to increase our membership. The base rate of growth outlined by the National Executive Director would be to have at least 10 members in every state which previously had none, 25 more members in each state organized, and 3 more new members in every council.

3. That each state and local council review the basics of parliamentary procedure so that business may be conducted properly and efficiently at meetings.

4. That we support our National YTC Officers, Directors and Executive Director with our prayers and encouragement, that we respond to communication from them promptly, and that we actively participate in any projects or activities they may wish to originate.

5. That we seek to maintain "Open Channels" between the YTC and WCTU as together we work to alleviate oppression of the individual, family, and nation caused by the use of alcohol, other narcotics, and tobacco.

6. That we express our gratitude to Joseph A. Califano, Jr., Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, for his campaign against smoking.

7. That, as we take advantage of growing public sentiment against smoking to encourage abstinence from tobacco, we work to create such a trend against the use of alcoholic beverages.

8. That we seek God's guidance daily that we may show His love and concern in all that we do.

Respectfully submitted,
Car. D. Barr, President

National Youth Temperance Council

Atlanta, Georgia
August 26, 1978

MARION'S MEMOS

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Thank you, ladies, for all your help and prayers during the past year. As I continue another year as your State President I again ask that you uphold me to God's will and guidance to carry on in the North Dakota Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Together let us tread the new year confidently trusting Him who is our guide and strength who said, "we were not to fear." Isaiah 41:10.

Lovingly,
Marion

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Mrs. Margaret Gee, National WCTU treasurer, said "Statistics show that more than 10,000 people annually are killed by liquor while only one is killed by a mad dog . . . We shoot the dog . . . and license liquor."

PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Pete DeVries Reports That:

The LTL Day Camp sponsored by the Marion Union was well attended at the Litchville Park on July 27. All 25 children signed the LTL pledge and paid their dues. Each family represented will receive a gift subscription to the Young Crusader.

Included in the program were two skits by the children. Each child received a LTL pencil and button. The Marion Union served the lunch.

On June 29 four little White Ribbon recruits were received into the Marion Union Family: Calvin Wayne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Roorda, and Jolene Faye, Jamie Lynn, and Joy Ellen, children of Mr. and Mrs. Jake DeVries.

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

Lillian Kraft sent this poem in tribute to her dear friends and neighbor and faithful WCTU member, Phebe Somsen.

She Walked With God

"She walked with God" could grander words be written?

Not much of what she thought or said is told;
Not where or what she wrought is ever mentioned;
"She walked with God" brief words of fadeless gold!

How many souls were succored on her journey -
Helped by her words, or prayers, we may never know;

Still this we read - words of excelling grandeur:
"She walked with God" - while yet she walked below.

And after years, long years, of such blest walking,
One day she walked, then was not; God said,
"Come,

Come from the scene of weary sin, stained sadness!
Come to the fuller fellowship of home."

Such be the tribute of the pilgrim journey
When life's last mile thy feet have bravely trod -
When thou hast gone to all that there awaits thee,
This simple eiptaph - "She walked with God!"

HERBERT MEYER - 76, honorary member of the Tower City Union, passed away on August 19. A long time advocate of total abstinence, he was very supportive of his wife in local WCTU work.

Mr. Meyer also expressed his love for children in the many years devoted to working with the Boy Scouts.

ZOA DUNSDON - 91, passed away recently. Zoa Murphy was married to Harry Dunsdon in 1914. Mrs. Dunsdon did not allow advancing blindness hinder her in her service to the Edgeley Union or her community. When the Edgeley Union disbanded she immediately became a member-at-large. The past few years Zoa continued to share in Christian love and service at St. Joseph Manor, which she had made her home.

PHEBE SOMSEN - 85, died October 9th at Jamestown. Born in Alaska, Phebe came to North Dakota at the age of eight. Phebe Warne taught school in Buchanan and after her marriage to David Somsen, she was a strong helpmate on the family farm in Courtenay. Having lost her husband in 1948 she moved to Jamestown in 1952. Three sons survive.

An active and compassionate woman, Phebe put feet to her Christian beliefs. The Lydia Wanner Union, Jamestown, is saddened by their loss, but rejoices in her victory as an overcomer.

NORTH DAKOTA TREASURER'S REPORT

July 5 - September 5, 1978

DUES:

Women's - Bismarck 1, Minot 5, Tower City 9.

Honorary Men - Minot 6, Tower City 3.

LILLIAN STEVENS FUND - Tower City \$3.00.

FRANCES WILLARD FUND - Tower City \$3.00.

LIGHT LINE - Crosby, Grand Forks Frances Willard.

WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN - Tower City \$5.00.

N.D.E.A. BOOTH - Grand Forks Frances Willard, \$3.00; Langdon, \$5.00.

MEMORIALS - In Honor of August Miller: \$50.00 by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kulish and \$5.00 by Hillside Baptist Women's Society. In honor of Mrs. Don Orluck: \$5.00 by Mrs. Vernon Forthun, and \$3.00 by Pearl L. Hove; \$2.00 in memory of Mrs. Ed Rust by Mrs. Oscar Johnson; \$10.00 in memory of Herbert Meyers by Marion Voorhees.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mrs. Oscar Johnson

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP From September 1, 1977 to September 1, 1978: Women - 423; Honorary Men - 97.

STATE POSTER WINNERS

4th Grade:

- 1st - Bonnie Swenson, Northwood
- 2nd - Tanya Thompson, Northwood

5th Grade:

- 1st - Susan Pederson, Northwood
- 2nd - Cara Wald, Dickinson

6th Grade:

- 1st - Sean Wani, Northwood
- 2nd - Rebecca Klevberg, Northwood

7th and 8th Grade:

- 1st - Marcia Deichen, Dickinson
- 2nd - Becky Knudsen, Marion

9th Grade:

- 1st - Daniel Gackle, Marion

11th and 12th Grade:

- 1st - Allan Bunt, Stirum
- 2nd - Lori Marynik, Grand Forks

Awards: 1st, \$3.00; 2nd, \$2.00

Congratulations winners, and to each of you who entered the competition. I do hope you will join in the fun again this coming year. Thank you for giving your time and talents for "a good time with a purpose."

Lillian Kraft

OLAF HANNA - an honorary member of the Hettinger Union, passed away late this last spring. His wife, Thelma Ellingson, preceded him in death several years ago. Olaf enjoyed his association with the WCTU and the American Lutheran Church and gave liberally of his time and talents.

MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

1978

1979

"Each One Gain One New Member"

"IS ANYTHING TOO HARD FOR THE LORD?" Genesis 18:14. The question is answered in Jeremiah 32:17, "Ah, Lord God! Behold, Thou has made the heaven and the earth by Thy great power and stretched out arm, AND THERE IS NOTHING TOO HARD FOR THEE."

Would you like to see the membership increase in your state? Are you willing to plan for this, and then work the plan that it might happen? "Each One Gain One New Member" will DOUBLE your membership! USE THE POSITIVE APPROACH!

National WCTU has divided the states according to membership, using the 1977 yearbook. Each state will compete against one or two other states with similar membership. This division is listed on a separate sheet of paper. Each state is to divide their state into competing areas - Counties, Districts, Federations - whichever you choose. Appoint one key person over each of the areas in your state to help encourage the women in this contest. Be sure the contest is publicized in each issue of your state paper and the thermometer method is suggested.

Each state will decide on their own state awards. State officers, make them attractive enough to be an incentive to work!

National Awards Are As Follows:

Individual.....

5 New Members Enlisted - WCTU Stick Pin with synthetic sapphire setting.

10 New Members Enlisted - WCTU Stick Pin with synthetic ruby setting.

Dues Must Reach National Treasurer to qualify, so alert Treasurers!

State.....

\$25.00 certificate from National to each State Winner in each category to be used for literature, subscriptions to Union Signal and/or Young Crusader, or filmstrip.

Dues Must Reach National Treasurer to qualify!

Other Awards.....

Following awards ONLY for states who took the contest seriously and realized that "THERE IS NOTHING TOO HARD FOR THE LORD," committed themselves to work, and have doubled their membership (using 1978 yearbook) with "Each One Win One New Member" slogan. Dues must reach National Treasurer to qualify:

1. States under 1,000 membership - \$25.00 toward National Convention fare for the person enlisting the most new members in her state!

2. States over 1,000 membership - Round trip fare to National Convention to the person enlisting the most new members within her state!

Special Recognition At National Convention Will Be Given To All Winners! Make Plans!! Let Christ Be Your Team Mate!! Be A Winner!!

Make "FAITH, MIGHTY FAITH" Your Theme Song.

Make North Dakotans are competing with South Carolina. Remember God's Charge to Joshua...Because it is hard, DO IT!

Smoking is said to account for 5 percent of all still borns in the United States. The more cigarettes smoked per day, the higher the risk.

American Lung Association bulletin article warns "... research shows that respiratory illness is twice as common among children of smoking parents." One major study reported that "infants in their first year of life are more prone to bronchitis and pneumonia when exposed to tobacco smoke."

DECLARATION OF PURPOSE

Realising the grave problems which alcohol drinking customs have caused, and the difficulties they create for motorists, young people and others who wish to avoid their use, I hereby declare my purpose not to serve alcoholic beverages at any party or function for which I am personally responsible.

From Australia WCTU

Merry Mahalo

Your aikanes (friends) will Mahalo (thank you) for this drink.

2 cups passion fruit nectar, chilled

2 cups soda water, chilled

Blend ingredients on low speeds for 5 seconds. Serve without delay over crushed ice. Serves 4.

Rosy Spiced Apple Punch

1 large can apple juice

1 large can pineapple juice

1 cup red hots dissolved in -

6 cups hot water

Delicious hot or cold!

Red Punch

2 46 oz. cans Hawaiian Punch

1 36 oz. can pineapple juice

1 bottle ginger ale

Mix well and pour into punch bowl with ice ring. (Good for a large crowd since it is quickly mixed.)

Women of all ages and walks of life now constitute one third of this country's estimated 9 million alcoholics, report the Health Insurance Institute.

Women, according to a recent government survey comprise the largest increase in the drinking population in recent years.

Women who drink to excess, experts say, tend to lay the blame on family disagreements. Men are more likely to attribute it to job problems. Women alcoholics are also more likely to lapse into deep depression than men alcoholics and often suffer greater social isolation.

The most effective remedy for the disease, medical experts feel is to stop using alcohol. After the alcohol is halted, the problems that have been responsible for it can be better treated.

Too often the warning signs of trouble go unnoticed by both the woman alcoholic and her family. Some of the clues for detection are: memory lapses, frequent falls, obvious intoxication after only one or two drinks, weight gain despite irregular eating habits, housekeeping neglect, financial problems, and absences from the job.

Anaheim Bulletin

YTC DAYS AT ATLANTA, GA.
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and handed out a "Bulldog" cup from the University of Georgia, filled with bubblegum and, of course peanuts.

Susan Leed, National Recording Secretary from West Virginia, had state roll call. Total number of states represented were 13 with a combined delegation of 114 YTC'ers. Also, there were seven State YTC Executive Directors and several local YTC Directors. Jackie Richard, National Treasurer, gave the treasurer's report. Following this, state YTC reports were given. We all joined in singing Rosalita Leonard's favorite song, "Report" sung to the tune of Auld Lang Syne. The meeting ended with Carma Kulish, National Christian Living Director, leading in devotions. President Barr adjourned the meeting.

Saturday morning our business session was called to order by President Carl Barr at 9:30. Marvin Gaspard led in singing, and Carma Kulish had scripture, meditation and prayer. Business included a change in the National YTC Constitution under Article VII in regard to membership of Annual Meetings. This change will be presented to the National WCTU Executive Council at next year's convention and voted upon at that time. A change in the by-laws under Article V - Nominations and Elections in Section I (b) and in Section II. These are as follows:

Section I (b) - Any state recommending a candidate for office indicates a willingness to assist that person, if elected, to attend the following National Convention. (Addition) - A state WCTU may apply to the National YTC Office for additional help with this, if necessary.

Section II - A nominating committee comprised of National Executive Director, the National WCTU president, and the National Promotion Secretary shall elect nominees for office based upon state recommendations. The committee shall place in nomination no more than one candidate per state. Final nominations shall be made by the committee at national conventions. In the event insufficient nominations are received from states, the nomination committee may place names in nomination. (Addition).

Mickie Burner, National Promotion Secretary from Michigan, read the nominating committee's report. It was moved that this report become the elective ballot. The motion passed. The ballot was as follows:

President - Marvin Gaspard, Louisiana
Vice President - Daphne Kurr, North California
Promotion Secretary - Carma Kulish, North Dakota

Recording Secretary - Barbara Fowler, Illinois
Treasurer - Diane Barr, Pennsylvania

The election took place by a show of hands, and the above became the new officers of the National YTC.

Next on the agenda were the Honorary Life, Continuing Life, and Memorial YTC'ers. It was North Dakota's privilege to honor Mrs. Violet White and Mrs. Vivian Trapp with Honorary Life memberships.

Rosalita Leonard handed out the sheets for the YTC demonstration to be given that night and we practiced. Further announcements were given and Carl Baar adjourned the meeting.

At one o'clock the state YTC presidents and executive directors met with Miss Leonard and the national officers to decide upon the national directors. They are as follows:

Social - Matt Bailey, West Virginia
Christian Living - Jeff Shirley, Illinois
Education - Cheryl Haggard, Michigan
Public Relations - Betty Hondershell, Pennsylvania.

Following the meeting, all the delegates joined in rehearsing the YTC demonstration skit. After a good practice, we dismissed for supper, and to get ready for the busy evening ahead.

Saturday evening's program began with prelude music by Marvin Gaspard. The YTC'ers marched in singing "We Are Building Tomorrow's World." Wilmer Olszewski, National Education Director from Maryland, gave the invocation. Carma Kulish led in the singing of the YTC Alma Mater. The Georgia YTC'ers shared scripture from Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. Louisiana YTC'ers provided special music. The Michigan group were ushers for the offering and Mickie Burner gave the offeratory prayer.

The entire delegation of YTC'ers participated in the skit in which Queen WCTU had a contest to see which of her children, Prince Winter, Prince Spring, Princess Summer, and Princess Fall, would take her place on the throne. It was a difficult choice to make. But they agreed that since Queen WCTU was most assuredly alive and well at the age of 104, they need not worry!

Carl Barr gave his special address to the Convention stressing the importance of both the WCTU and YTC in carrying on the temperance work. Following this, Jackie Richard gave the audience time to make further Honorary YTC memberships.

We were honored to have Miss Millicent Harry, World WCTU President, to help our National WCTU President, Mrs. Herman Stanley, in the installation of new National YTC officers and directors.

Following the evening's meeting the YTC'ers went to another room for a time of fun and refreshments.

Thank you North Dakota WCTU ladies and Mrs. Gangness for helping me to attend the three past National Conventions.

Sincerely,
Carma Kulish

**National Woman's Christian Temperance Union
PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS
1978-1979**

"The progress of an organization is in exact ratio to its vital concerns, noble action, perpetual vigilance and patient perseverance."

Today we stand looking into the future toward the unfolding of God's plan and purpose for the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. We must be ready to "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." (1/8 Thess. 5:21). Now is the time to plan the strategy to move into the many Open Channels of service.

The following recommendations are offered as a guide toward the fulfillment of the true import and thrust for greater social and moral reform, and be ready to attack the powerful forces of evil that lurk on every side.

VITAL CONCERN

Prayer and Commitment. Prayer is not a substitute for work. It is the source of power that stimulates the vital concerns of the home, the family and society. "Let us, "Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving" (Col. 4:2) knowing that God has promised that "when we call, He will answer". He waits to give us the power and wisdom we need.

NOBLE ACTION

Abraham Lincoln once said, "We must meet the liquor traffic and its cohorts of evil in one of two ways. "Furnish the recruits to keep up the ever increasing army of drunkards or remove temptation out of the way of the coming generation by putting an end to the traffic.

Involvement. We must be ready to use every "proper means" to halt the vicious circle of the promotion, sales and increase in the consumption of beverage alcohol. An army never wins a battle standing in dress review. It must become involved in open combat, under strategic command and be prepared to strike on order. So must we be prepared in this battle for temperance reform to move on command and follow the strategic pattern for advancement. Be alert! Cast a ballot in each referendum and election. Be ready and willing to carry petitions, to raise a voice in public hearings, to make contact with enforcement agencies, public servants in all levels of government. Make use of the pen and telephone. Involvement calls for action.

Education. Temperance education which does not mean total abstinence is powerless. Because the precepts and principles of the family circle are the supreme conductors of character building we must support young parents in their effort to establish spiritual and moral standards for their children. Provide the Loyal Temperance Legion for their training in total abstinence and good citizenship and sponsor Youth Temperance Councils to assist in the development of strong leaders for tomorrow. No union can experience complete fulfillment that does not provide training for the LTL, YTC and

support for parents dedicating their pre-schoolers as White Ribbon Recruits.

Public School and Church Schools. Every local union should make contact with teachers, present the available material to teach the effects of alcohol, and to set forth the value of total abstinence.

Community Projects. Offer service to the groups who are combatting the crime and violence in the street, child abuse and other worthwhile efforts being made.

Where nothing has been done, take the lead. Pioneering is serious business for dedicated "White Ribboners". "Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee." (Deut. 31:6).

PERPETUAL VIGILANCE

Unions of earnest, diligent and devoted members must be undergirded by a well planned strategy that is sensitive to danger and armed with the power of truth and the certainty of Christian faith and fidelity.

"Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong" (I Cor. 16:13).

The program of the union can not be a hop, skip and jump affair, it is a steady, but constant on the job task. Just as Nehemiah gave every man and his family a sentinel post to stay off the enemy, so must we. Frances Willard saw the importance of putting members at the post where they could serve best and thus came the "do everything policy." Keep the members aware of problems. Set sentinels to report back the advance, or need and take arms to defeat the enemy there. The command is "fight" not sit back and be conquered.

PATIENT PERSISTENCE

Ambition can be a vital and dynamic power, to alert others, when applied with persistent but patient steadfastness of purpose, a determined spirit, a well planned strategy of action and a constant stick-to-it-iveness" that never gives up.

We can go forward into Open Channels of service with these four requisites:

CONCERN for all mankind that alerts others to a "common danger"

VIGILANCE & PERSISTENCE to duty that augments a "common hope"

ACTION, motivated by an unconquered will, that mobilize forces for battle in a "common cause"

"Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us." (Rom. 8:37).

Be a sentinel on duty for "God and Home and Everyland."

Prayerfully submitted,
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