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## MARION'S MEMOS

Dear Lord,

There are so many weary hearts, perplexed and groping; I cannot bear their burden, I cannot ease their pain; but I can come to Thee in prayer and ask that for each one the path be made plain.

I cannot understand why Thou shouldst work in answer to my faith's persistent plea, but Thou has promised to release in other lives power and blessing when by believing prayer I turn the key.

O grant me faith that will not be denied or weary grow, but daily at the throne of grace will bear aloft on wings of prayer the sorrows that my fellows know.

If other service be denied, I thank Thee, Lord, that still through prayer I may touch lives that need so much Thy Spirit's ministry. Give a world-wide vision, Lord, and make me care. -Lillian M. Weeks  
Morning Glory

Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed; for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest. Joshua 1:9

Hello and a Blessed New Year:

This promise given so long ago we can claim and trust today as we go into 1979. As our WCTU year moves along, I trust you are moving with it - completing projects, working toward goals you have set, above all, finding new members to increase our ranks.

I wish to congratulate those Unions and individuals who have gained new members: Bismarck, Fargo, Grafton, Max-Benedict, Northwood and Hettinger. Keep up the good work.

Remember to keep track and report the new members your Union gets in '79 and the ladies who have brought in the new ones. Awards will be given by the State as well as by National. It is hoped that many North Dakota ladies will receive the lovely stick pins National is giving.

If each one could gain one what a boost that would be. Let us work hard in this our 90th year as a State WCTU.

I am looking forward to having more Vanguard Unions this year than we have had thus far. Review the requirements needed to achieve this goal and work toward it. The deadline for this goal is June 30. Other goals for which you can strive are:

Fruitful Union - net gain in membership  
Pilot Union - 10 percent gain in membership

## MEMBERSHIP CONTEST as reported by Unions

Bismarck - 2  
Fargo - 3  
Grafton - 1  
Max-Benedict - 3  
Northwood - 1  
Hettinger - 2

These Unions have gotten a head start on the rest but there is still time for everyone and each Union to be a winner. "Just as a salesman projects his product so must we project the importance of membership for influence and strength." EKS

### Other Contests

With the many fine YTC'ers we have had through the years, can we not come up with enough to participate in the Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest? Look up those who are college students and try to arrange it.

Some of our ladies are excellent writers. Let us have several entrants in this contest. If you need more information contact Mrs. Cleo Parrish, RR 3, Warren, IN 46792.

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The 1979 State Convention has been confirmed for October 4-5 at the Sacred Heart Convent, Fargo. This supercedes any date given earlier.

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How are your plans for the Willard Tea shaping up? Do something special in your church February 18. Have your pastor publicize it in the Sunday bulletin.

Pacemaker Union - 20 percent gain in membership  
Steadfast Union - same number of members as last year  
Holdfast Union - Collect dues for every living resident member.

Each Union can reach at least one goal - but let us strive for the highest. It has been said that to aim low is failure, not that you have been unable to reach your goal.

God bless each one of you as you labor for Him in this great cause and in all you do to make this world a better place for now and for those who follow us in the tomorrow.

Sincerely,  
Marion

## STATE CONVENTION



Annabelle Johnson, Vivian Trapp, Marion Bartle, Violet White and Helen McCleary, presiding officers.

Registration and pre-session meetings for the 89th Annual Convention of the North Dakota Woman's Christian Temperance Union began at 1 p.m. October 12 at the Assumption Abbey in Richardton. About 16 early arrivers enjoyed fellowship over a noon luncheon in the cafeteria at the Abbey.

Following an inspirational Prayer and Praise Service led by Emma Blattner with the assistance of Anna Auk and Earl Dodge, the 89th State Convention was called to order by President Mrs. LeRoy Bartle. All officers were present with the exception of Mrs. George Fannik. Mrs. Robert McCleary served as recording secretary pro tem. Along with the business session we received the greetings from Mrs. James Hatfield, guest speaker and National Recording Secretary from Kansas. The General Officers presented the Memorial Service for the departed members. Elizabeth Lind and Anna Auk supplied the special music. This session closed for the evening meal and the President's Night preparations and to convene at 9 a.m. in the morning.

The Friday morning session began with devotions from Mrs. Henry Evanson. Mrs. Lyle Trapp gave the State Awards. The election prayer was voiced by Adele Ottinger. The unanimous ballot of the convention was given to Marion Bartle, President and Lila Fannik, Recording Secretary as presented by Mrs. Elmer Dick. Excellent challenges were given by the Department Directors. Changes in Directorships were Legislative Representative: Mrs. Don Klingensmith for Mrs. Vernon Forthun and Trustee: Mrs. Benjamin Gorder for Mrs. E.O. Lerberg. Mrs. Bartle reviewed the changes and additions to the Constitution and By-laws.

The General Officers having been charged with determining the location for the 90th convention, Mrs. Milton Thoreson voiced the Noontide Prayer. Mrs. Bartle declared the 1978 Convention adjourned.



Arthur Knudtson and Jake Steffen

The special music during the Convention proper was supplied by Elizabeth Lind, Anna Auk, Mrs. Paul Lemke, Earl Dodge, Arthur Knudtson and Jake Steffen. We wish to express again the deep appreciation of all in attendance for the musical entertainment.

We especially missed Emory and Hazel Huntley this year. Their love and help through the past years has been tremendous. God bless you and keep you in His and our love.

## PRESIDENT'S NIGHT

Opening the Thursday evening program was the March of Presidents and the guest speaker, Mrs. James Hatfield, National Recording Secretary. That is always such a lovely and encouraging sight to behold. These faithful and concerned women who have the courage to take an unpopular stand and work for such lofty goals: a righteous people and a world over which Christ reigns supreme.

Mrs. Fred Kulish, toastmistress, introduced Rev. Paul Lemke who brought the devotions using John 15:1-8, NIV. He chose to emphasize the word remain, or abide in the KJV. Are we permanently settled down in Christ or do we pilgrim, or wander, only intermittently committed to Christ. A wanderer cannot expect to partake in the promises which were explicitly given to and for those whose residency in Christ is permanent. (Rev. and Mrs. Lemke were the houseguests of Cleo Kulish and her family. The inspiration they brought through message and music was stirring.)

Art Knudtson and Jake and Dorothy Steffen sought to make the best use of us while we were so moved that they involved everyone in the performance of "The Bird song". Coming in on such a good note, Mrs. Paul White could hardly have had a better report from all the District Presidents. They really presented some challenges for the new year.

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**CAMPING WITH VI**

The Youth Temperance Council held their annual encampment at Cooperstown Bible Camp June 14-18. Forty-seven campers were in attendance from Grand Forks, Harwood, Northwood, Bismarck, Bottineau, Dickey, Marion, Fargo, ND and Fergus Falls, Minneapolis and Moorhead, MN. Mrs. Melvin Gangness, Camp Director, completed her 20th year as Executive Director. Volunteer counselors assisting her were Mrs. Mabel Solum, Fergus Falls and Marlow Kulish, Moorhead, who were in charge of Narcotic Education; Adele Ottinger, Bertina Evanson and Cleo Kulish were Arts and Crafts and Poster instructors; Kathy Youngman, Carma Kulish and Irene Morse, Minneapolis, were Girls Dormitory Counselors; Steve Kordahl, Marlow Kulish and Allen Bunt were Boys Dorm Counselors. Irene Morse and Vivian Trapp were in charge of the Loyal Temperance Legion and Leona Johnson and Violet White instructed the Youth Temperance Council classes.

Our YTC campers were a great group of young people from all over the state, from all denominations. Half of our campers were attending for their first time. The first day was devoted to registration and a get acquainted party. Thursday evening was stunt night with variety and fun by the youth and their counselors - choral and instrumental numbers, skits, and a style show of original hats-by the counselors. Friday evening we had the privilege of hearing Mrs. Wold of Luverne tell of life in Russia. She lived in Russia for two years while her husband was attached to the Embassy in Moscow. When Russians came to them for Bibles she wrote back to the United States for them. She also told how the life styles of our two countries differ and how difficult it is to be a Christian and some of the pressures the people incur if they persist in religious activities. We realized that we should appreciate the freedom of our beautiful country more than we do. Friday was time for a picnic supper and hayride.

The Morning Watch was led by Irene Morse. A question box was a part of the program, where counseling and answers were obtained. Shelly Gangness is the President and Lori Marynik the Secretary. The membership committee secured YTC pledge members for another year. Saturday found us editing the Camp Paper, judging posters, giving out class certificates and diplomas. A lovely roast turkey dinner was served for Banquet Night. Crowned YTC King and Queen of '78 were Shane Trapp of Marion and Mary Marynik of Grand Forks. Our Camp Fire meeting followed.

Chapel and Sunday School called campers together the last morning. After dinner all packed up for home. All expressed having had a wonderful Spiritual, Educational and friendly time, going home with a wealth of friends and new attitudes toward the ills of society. It was "a good time with a purpose".

Violet White  
WCTU Vice President

**LOYAL TEMPERANCE LEGION**

Dear LTL Friends, Leaders and WCTU Members,  
A blessed and happy new year! A new leaf is turning over and a new year in our LTL work begins. We look back over the old; it has been good. But I trust 1979 will be the best ever. We have much to do, so let us work more diligently to spread the gospel of Christ and of total abstinence throughout our state, hoping for a better world. Isn't that what the LTL is all about? The LTL should be the hope of the WCTU. We need new LOYAL Temperance Legions, and if your Union doesn't sponsor one, where is its hope? How many years can your membership continue? Your Union can become alive again with the addition of an LTL. Add the youth who will show us the hope for our future.

What is an LTL? The Loyal Temperance Legion is an organization for ages six through twelve years of age. We have a special pledge for every member to sign:

I Promise, God helping me,  
Not to buy, drink, sell, or give  
Alcoholic liquors while I live,  
From all tobacco I'll abstain  
And never take God's Name in vain.

The members are to pay dues of 10 cents. These dues are to be sent in to our State Treasurer, Mrs. Oscar Johnson of Harwood. At the same time report your LTL membership to me so that I may contact you and be of help.

Nearly every WCTU member has a grandchild, niece or nephew, or a little neighbor who would like to be a member of your Legion. A nice gift to these children would be a subscription to our little magazine, The Young Crusader. Priced at only \$1.50 per year, it may be ordered from SIGNAL PRESS, Evanston, Illinois. Every leader is to get the LTL Bulletin sent to her, free of charge, as soon as I receive your name and address from the State Report. You will find many good ideas for lesson material and busy work from this magazine.

We are thankful to the Unions as well as to the individuals who are helping the Loyal Temperance Legion. We are proud and appreciate what you are doing for this worthy cause. Let none discourage you; even though the powers of evil are strong, "Great is our Lord, and of great power; His understanding is infinite." Psalm 147:5.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Leonard Bilden  
Executive Director

For the first time, the number of legal abortions obtained by Washington residents exceeded the number of births, according to figures for last year compiled by the District of Columbia's Department of Human Resources. The Department also said that about 85 percent were paid for by the government.

In Washington, there were 9,819 abortions last year compared with 9,746 resident births.

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

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Dear Co-Workers,  
**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!** What a wonderful time to have a "love affair" with the work of our WCTU. Christ gave us the commission to serve. We must have the dedication and the conviction for serving regardless of the work it will take. One with Christ is a majority. Our part is to never let Him down by any degree of discouragement.

Every department needs a helper. This month the Public Relations has two good departments to work with - Home Protection and Projection Methods.

Most papers welcome the opportunity to give coverage for accomplishments where social activities are concerned. Have you included in your publicity that the WCTU provides fruit juice at the USO's for our Service Men? Have you told them what you did to help the migrant workers in your community or county? What about the challenges that come at the Frances Willard Teas? I'm sure you have other local vital items, too.

As you submit your news items be sure to follow strictly the requirements for your own local papers. There are a few absolutes that ALL papers now require: 1 - Typed, double spaced with large margins. 2 - Present your material at least two weeks before the event (some papers require 3 weeks). 3 - Carefully spell names correctly. 4 - Give the name and phone number where the newspaper may reach you.

If pictures are to be included please arrange for them. Soon the mayor or governor will be signing YTE proclamations, and that is always good picture taking time. Plan early and be ready so the newspaper will have space reserved for you.

How are your plans coming for your March meeting? Remember there will be no helps in the Union Signal for the March meeting. Will your Union be the one sending in the most new subscriptions for the Union Signal? Also - do not forget the Young Crusader. There is some material in the Program Manual to be used. Are you Miss Misinformed or Miss Uninformed? The Union Signal will make you Mrs. Well Informed!

Keep up the good work. God loves you and so do I,  
 Vivia M. Dickerson

**PERSONAL MENTION**

**MARVEL MOLM** reports:  
 A "Meet the Candidates" session was sponsored by the Belfield WCTU at the low-income project with 45 attending. Each candidate was asked to give their opinion on the Equal Rights Amendment, abortion, lowering the drinking age, changing the gambling law, drug and child abuse, laws and enforcement, socialized medicine, and any other social, political, or economic issue about which they were much concerned. The ten candidates who resounded also fielded questions from the audience. Rev. Howard Romberg, pastor of the Assemble of God Church of New England also spoke and sang gospel hymns and played his guitar.

**MRS. JAKE STEFFEN** reports:  
 The January meeting of the Minot WCTU was held at the Public Library. Mrs. Oscar Folden gave information on current issues now being discussed by our state legislature and other issues of national and international concern. Miss Nellie Johnson sang several hymns using her auto harp as her accompaniment. Mrs. Jake Steffen was hostess for the meeting. Much credit is given to the chauffeurs Reinholdt Polsfut, Delvin Stemen and Jake Steffen.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. Vernon Forthun is on the sick list, having undergone major surgery recently. As our former legislative chairperson, she may justly be given credit for some of the good laws we have both retained and gained in our state. We are indebted, not only for her leadership, but also for the time and money she has given to achieve the results of which we in North Dakota can be proud.

**MRS. ROBERT McCLEARY** reports:  
 While she was the guest of the new administrator and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Haugen of the Good Samaritan Nursing home at Osnabrock for the Christmas Program, she had the opportunity to visit briefly with Bessie Beasley. Although communication is difficult, her mind is still sharp. Bessie gets around well with a little assistance. Let us remember to keep her in our prayers.

What's wrong with just one drink? PLENTY.

**NORTH DAKOTA'S TREASURER'S REPORT**

November 5, 1978 to January 5, 1979

**COPIES** - (Women) Bismarck 7, Fargo 11, Grand Forks F.W. 16, Hettinger 17, Marion 14, Max-Benedict 1, Minot 21, West Lisbon 19.

**MEMBERS-AT-LARGE** - 23 women, 3 men.

**HONORARY MEN** - Bismarck 1, Grand Forks F.W. 11, Hettinger 7, Marion 7, Max-Benedict 2, West Lisbon 5.

**LILLIAN STEVENS FUND** - Bismarck \$3, Grand Forks F.W. \$3, Hettinger \$6, West Lisbon \$3.

**FRANCES WILLARD FUND** - Bismarck \$3, Grand Forks F.W. \$3, Hettinger \$6, West Lisbon \$3.

**STATE REPORTS** - Grand Forks F.W. (2) \$5, Hettinger (1) \$3, Prosper (1) \$3, West Lisbon (2) \$5.

**LIGHT LINE** - Bismarck, Hettinger.

**WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN** - Bismarck \$6, Hettinger \$5, West Lisbon \$10.

**N.D.E.A. BOOTH** - Hettinger \$10, North Prairie ALCW (Mrs. Archie Sullivan, Treas.) \$25.

**MEMORIALS** - \$2 in memory of Ida Nelson by Prosper WCTU, \$1.35 in memory of Don Williams by Mrs. Don Williams. (CORRECTION - It was incorrectly listed that Mrs. LeRoy Bartle gave \$5 in memory of Mrs. Herbert Meyers. The money was given in memory of Mr. Herbert Meyers. Publisher's apology.)

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mrs. Oscar Johnson (Treas.)

**TOTAL MEMBERSHIP** from September 1, 1978 to January 5, 1979 - Women 347, Men 64.

**NEW MEMBERS** - Max-Benedict, Mrs. David Laughton; Fargo, Mrs. Robert Loucks and Mrs. Guy F. Mvir (transferred from Jamestown Union); Hettinger, Mrs. Chester Engen and Mrs. Meniva Siewert.

**THE YOUNG CRUSADER**

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**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**

In memory of Emma Munns, Lila Fannik sent this poem which was read at Emma's funeral.

Oh, say, "she has arrived!"  
And not that "she has gone."  
May every sweet thought of her  
Be in that land of morn.

Arrived! To hear His voice  
And see His welcoming smile;  
And then to greet again  
Those she has lost awhile.

Arrived! To tread no more  
The weary path of pain,  
Nor feel the waning strength  
The body feels again.

To be forever free  
From all that limits love,  
In joyful service thus  
She now may tireless move.

Then say not, "She has gone",  
Nor think of her as dead;  
But say, "In the Father's House  
She has arrived" - instead.

**EMMA MUNNS**, a member of the Max-Benedict Union, passed away in December 1978. A devout Christian, she gave many years of joyous service through the Nazarene Church and her local Union. **JULIA (Mrs. Victor) FISHER**, 79, Cavalier, died November 10. She was born in 1899 to Mr. and Mrs. Emil Mettleman, and lived all her early life at Walhalla.

Married in 1928, Julia and Victor moved to Cavalier where they lived most of the past 50 years. She was an active member of the Trinity Methodist Church and an energetic member of the Cavalier WCTU and Victor an Honorary member.

They travelled extensively and the past few years lived in retirement in Sun City, Calif. Always an active Christian, Julia kept busy for her Lord. To know her was to love her for she truly served her Lord, Jesus Christ.

## REFLECTIONS

It was a treat to see some of you folks (Members-at-Large) at our state convention in October. Wasn't the Assumption Abbey a great place to meet? The workers took care of all our needs - and were so gracious about it.

To me one of the greatest thrills of the convention was the in-put by the Youth Temperance Council of Dickinson. We also appreciated the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship coming to entertain us. Their music was somewhat different from what we grew up on. Nevertheless, it was good to see young people serving the Lord in different ways. Did you know that the Dickinson YTC went to the National Convention where they "did our state up proud"? Read the report complete with pictures in The Union Signal.

We know it isn't easy for Christian young people to take a stand for the right these days when the popular thing too often is to use alcohol and other drugs. I have heard young people beg the oldsters to hold them up in prayer. If there ever was a time when we need to undergird them with our prayers, it is now! Let us help them to realize that they are not alone. Christ's words to us are: "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Matthew 28:20. And in First John 4:4 we read "Greater is He that is in you, then he that is in the world." Another precious promise is found in First Corinthians 10:13; "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able, but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." Truly He is "a Friend that sticketh closer than a brother", Proverbs 18:24.

I am sure many of you are aware of our work in the Education Department. We are happy for the booth we have at the North Dakota Education Association Convention. Many teachers become acquainted with our work and request literature and other materials. We have some of the finest filmstrips and films to lend to schools and other organizations. However, we need more participation in the poster and essay contests.

As you know there are many other departments in our WCTU. Each one is designed not only to rid our nation of the curse of alcohol and other drugs, but also to promote a high quality of living. They include Christian Outreach, Citizenship, Home Protection, Projection Methods, Public Relations, Social Service, and Legislation.

Space would not permit me to go into detail about work that is being done by each one. But I do want to make special mention of one, the Legislative Department. Thelma Klingensmith, formerly County Superintendent of Schools for twelve years and a paid lobbyist in her own right, has consented to accept leadership in this department for the North Dakota WCTU. She is a very knowledgeable

and capable person. With her guidance we can expect to make our influence count - not only in the work that we do but also by informing other Christian people - urging them to write and speak up as the need arises.

Our theme for this year is "Open Channels". May God grant us the wisdom and the ability to be at our best for Him.

"Channels only, blessed Master,  
But with all Thy wondrous pow'r  
Flowing through us,  
Thou canst use us  
Ev'ry day and ev'ry hour."

Let us, as members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, endeavor to "Do all the good we can, to all the people that we can, in all the places that we can, as long as ever we can." Our dues remain the same - \$3.65 for women and \$1.25 for men. I shall be looking forward to hearing from each of you.

Yours in Christ,  
Mrs. Jake Steffen  
Members-at-Large Secretary  
(Our appreciation to Dorothy for permission to reprint her letter here. Eds.)

## RECENT DEVELOPMENTS OF INTEREST

MICHIGAN raised voting age to 21 by 57 percent to 43 percent. Opposition is trying to have it declared unconstitutional. Pray that this will be denied.

KANSAS SUPREME COURT VOIDS "Liquor by the Drink" election because it violates the Kansas constitution against maintenance of an open saloon. Pray that this will hold.

MONTANA and IOWA have raised the drinking age to 19.

TENNESSEE is working to raise the legal drinking age back to 21. They report 18 victories in 19 elections on liquor issues.

FLORIDA defeated the casino gambling issue. NEW JERSEY defeated the Jai Alai gambling issue.

In CHICAGO, seven precincts in six wards voted dry. One precinct in another ward voted to end its ban on liquor. Opposition registering for appeal cases. The courts are known for repeated continuances on such appeals.

CHELSEA BEER (the "not so soft" drink) - Sale has been opposed because of its appeal to children and youth. The Anheuser-Busch people have withdrawn (supposedly) this product until they can decide how to return it to the market in one of two ways...either without any alcohol which can continue to be sold with soft drinks, or with alcohol and sold in liquor stores apart from soft drinks. Watch for developments in your area. They want something "socially acceptable"!!!!

Mrs. Herman Stanley  
National President

### OPEN CHANNELS

excerpts from Mrs. Hatfield's address

In order to take advantage of the open channels God has given to us, we first must take a full measure of Hebrews 4:16 - Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Are we not in a time of great need when 625 million gallons of alcoholic beverages are consumed every hour? When 70 percent of our teenagers drink to varying degrees? When teenage problem drinkers have doubled in the last five years? "Parents need to be more alert." We must reach the children in the fifth and sixth grades - "Jr. High is too late."

The four main causes of drinking among young people are parental influence and example; peer pressure; the need to rebel against authority; and emotional disturbance associated with anxiety, insecurity, extreme self-consciousness, and lack of self-confidence and self-image. They "start early to drink for the psychological effect. Experts note that they try to skip ahead into an adult role, to gain a feeling of comfort or acceptance by his or her peers." What will the end be? They are the future leaders of the world.

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### PRESIDENTS NIGHT

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Every Union should set several new records this year!

Special music for the evening was supplied by the New Creations, the youth group from the Bismarck Salvation Army, a duet from the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, Dickinson College and a piano medley by Mrs. Paul Lemke.

Mrs. James Hatfield delighted and encouraged us with her message. There was only one complaint: there wasn't enough of her to go around! She truly does National credit. Excerpts from her topic follow.

After the offering for the NDEA booth, Mrs. Melvin Gangness gave a summary of the YTC year. We can take pleasure with her for the accomplishments of the Dickinson YTC. They earned money to send themselves to YTC camp and also to make the trip to National Convention at Atlanta, Georgia, taking part in YTC festivities. They presented for us the program they used at National. President Bartle and Mrs. Gangness were honored to install the new officers of their Council.

Everyone was strongly moved as Earl Dodge sang "The Holy City" and the State WCTU Song. The pulsating candlelight of the Light Line Demonstration led by Emma Blattner gave promise of what could happen in North Dakota if each of us were to achieve just 'a little bit more'.

After Rev. Lemke pronounced the benediction, Melissa Dick and her assistants served a lovely fruesta.

The Reader's Digest gave as its reason for accepting and soliciting advertisements for alcoholic beverages that those products were considered a part of our culture. "If alcohol is a part of our culture why isn't it treated like other products are treated in our culture? It is the only mind-altering drug that is allowed to be highly advertised and sold without a prescription. It is a poison that is not labelled as a poison. There is no honesty in describing the effects of alcohol and no suggestion is made that its use may be dangerous. If any other product being sold caused the financial loss of billions of dollars and produced only a small fraction of the human misery that alcohol causes, or shown causing any harm to our bodies, the makers of that product would be required to remove it from the market!"

"...Since crime, destruction of property, and many other problems result from the use of alcohol leaders in medicine, science, and even in government are becoming concerned and seeing the need for something to be done. But they are not willing to admit the real cause and to see that total abstinence has any part in the answer."

"Americans smoked about 620 Billion dollars last year...about 25 percent of the total cost of all illnesses, according to a survey published in the New England Journal of medicine. Each alcoholic costs the country's economy \$5,000 a year and each person who smokes costs \$459, according to Brian Leiss, Health Economist of the School of Public Health, University of Los Angeles and Dr. Stuart Schweitzer."

"In matters of principle we should be inflexible; in minor matters where no vital principle is involved, we must be willing to make concessions that do not require compromise."

"Husbands and wives who would live happily ever after learn early to give and take to reach agreements by mutual consent. Backbones are indispensable if we are to stand upright. But a man with an unbending backbone is in real trouble. Unmovable backbones lie in graveyards. God made backbones that can bend and also stand rigid. We need to do both to the glory of God."

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The heyday of get-rich-quick abortionists in London appears to be over.

British authorities report a drop of 37 percent in the number of foreign women coming to Britain to end their pregnancies. In the past most of these young women came from Germany.

Last year's Miss America, Tawny Godin of New York City, spoke out in favor of abortion and premarital sex and said she had smoked marijuana.

This year's Miss America, Dorothy Kathleen Benham of St. Paul, Minn., says she doesn't believe in premarital sex, abortion, drugs, gambling, and smoking (tobacco).

--COLUMBUS DISPATCH

## Starting Off With a Bang!

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## I PROMISE MYSELF

To be strong so that nothing can upset  
the peace of my mind.

To talk health, happiness, hope and  
prosperity to every person I meet.

To make my friends feel that there is  
something good and beautiful in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything,  
and make my optimism come true.

To think only of the best, work only  
for the best - and expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success  
of others as I am about my own.

To forget all the mistakes of the past,  
and press on to greater living  
in achievement of useful character  
in the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times,  
and give every living creature I meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of  
myself that I have no time to criticize others.

To be too large to worry, too noble for anger,  
too strong to fear, and too happy to admit  
the presence of trouble.

To life my heart in prayerful trust each day  
that the Spirit of the Christ may  
become natural to me.

Anonymous

## IF GOD WENT ON STRIKE

It's just a good thing God above  
Has never gone on strike  
Because He wasn't treated fair  
Or things He didn't like,  
If He had ever once sat down  
And said, "That's it! I'm through.  
I've had enough of those on earth  
So this is what I'll do.

"I'll give my orders to the sun  
Cut off your heat supply  
And to the moon, 'Give no more light,'  
And run those oceans dry.  
Then just to make it really tough  
And put the pressure on  
Turn off the air and oxygen  
Till every breath is gone."

Do you know He'd be justified  
If fairness was the game  
For no one has been more abused  
Or treated with disdain  
Than God. And yet He carries on  
Supplying you and me  
With all the favors of His grace  
And everything for free.

Men say they want a better deal  
And so on strike they go.  
But what a deal we've given God  
To whom everything we owe!  
We don't care whom we hurt or harm  
To gain the things we like  
But what a mess we'd all be in  
If God should go on strike.

-As read by Elwood Glover  
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