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STATE CONVENTION

Your 1980 annual convention was as usual, great! One can only wish that it were possible for each and everyone of you to have attended.

Excitement prevailed as members were recognized upon arrival of each carload of friends.

Ethel Cook, Colorado State President, was our guest speaker. She and Earl Dodge traveled together, arriving from a meeting in South Dakota. We so much appreciate the comradierre of both of these good friends. Their messages of encouragement are strong: Keep on keeping on!

I received so many requests for Mrs. Cook's address that I asked for a copy. The tone of your convention is just as she stated it.

Thank you, Ethel and Earl, for being a part of this year's inspiration to stand and standing, to advance not retreat to "flowery beds of ease."

CONVENTION ADDRESS 1980

"OUR HERITAGE"

By Ethel Cook

Colorado State President

The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's; but the earth hath He given to the children of men. (Psalms 115:16)

Heritage of Nature

"In the economy of things, What need for loveliness like springs? What possible use for a rainbow? Why should stuff become a butterfly? The dogwood does not have to look like something from a story-book - The dogwood is merely a tree; Likewise a sunset or a sea would serve as well if it were plain; What has a singing bird to gain that it should make my heart lift up? What a waste of gold on a buttercup! He who also conceived the stars for the night, We may have faith, it will make all things right."

The world is man's heritage, He (GOD) spoke and it was; Let us ask ourselves the questions God asked Job in Chapters 38 and 39. Where were you when its foundations were laid? Have you entered into the treasures of the snow or the hail? Has the rain a father? Or who has begotten the drops of dew?

Declare If You Know?

Who put wisdom in the inner parts? Or given understanding to the heart? Thousands of years before you were born stores of coal, oil and gas were in the bowels of the earth waiting your need and mine. Some poet has said: "There is part of the sun in an apple, And part of the moon in a rose, And part of the flaming stars in every thing that

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MARION'S MEMOS

"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us." II Corinthians 4:7.

May the Spirit of Christmas which is Peace, the Beauty of Christmas which is Hope, and the Blessing of Christmas which is Joy, be yours in abundance today and always.

Greetings White Ribboners,

May you spend Thanksgiving with loved ones in thankfulness and gratitude. May your Christmas season be a holy and blessed time.

A big thank you to all who attended our 91st annual convention, making it a time of inspiration and Christian fellowship. Our spirits are well charged for the continued undertakings as the new year presents its challenge.

Special thanks are due the Bismarck District and Union for all they did to make it a most successful meeting and for all done for our comfort and convenience. We had a most enjoyable banquet. Each one who had a part in it added to the special atmosphere of the evening.

We are extremely grateful to the honorary members for their presence and support at all times. Don Klingensmith, Earl Dodge, Jake Steffen, Frank Schell, Gordon Hector, and John Sheldon - Thank You!

We are pleased to include the Rugby Union in the list of Banner Unions. This was overlooked at Convention.

We are sorry that health problems have forced us to accept the resignation of Bertha Stedje as Promotion Secretary. The enthusiasm she brought into this work was as refreshing as a shower in times of drought. Mrs. Lyle Trapp has assented to fill the remaining year as Promotion Secretary. Her valued past experience in that office is appreciated.

May every Union, each member, have a good year as you labor in this great cause for God and Home and Every Land.

Matthew 2:10 - When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

Stars rise and set, that star shines on;
Songs fail, but still that music beats
Through all the ages come and gone,
In lane and field and city streets,
And we who catch the Christmas gleam,
Watching with children on the hill,
We know, we know it is no dream -
He stands among us still!

- Nancy Byrd Turner

CITIZENSHIP DEPARTMENT

Dear Co-Workers:

As citizens it is our duty to be involved in the activities of our community and work together with others to encourage law enforcement. As Christian citizens we should be leaders in these matters.

In view of the fact that alcohol is America's number one drug problem we as Christian citizens must make others aware of this. People must be convinced that alcohol is not beneficial in any way whatsoever, and that its use causes many to become alcoholics. They must be told that total abstinence is the only guarantee against alcoholism.

Our most important duty as Christian citizens is to pray. We must pray that God will send a spiritual awakening to America. God has promised that if His people will humble themselves, and pray, and seek His face, and turn from their wicked ways, He will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. (II Chron. 7:14). We should pray that God will remove from office those who are godless and disobedient to Him, and pray that He will raise up men of character and integrity.

We must also become informed about our government and the issues and problems that exist. The soldier who is not trained is at the mercy of his enemy. Likewise, the Christian citizen who is un-informed is unable to prevail against the forces of evil in the political arena.

The Legislature will meet in January. Make it a point to follow the bills introduced and write the

legislators from your district encouraging the passage of good bills, and on the other hand protesting those that are undesirable. Let us as Christian citizens make our voices heard on political issues in 1981.

Again I wish to encourage the display of the Nativity Creche in homes at Christmas time. This is not restricted to the homes of WCTU women only, so urge your relatives and friends to observe this also, and next year's report will show an even greater number of homes displaying the Nativity Scene.

A word of thanks and appreciation is in order to the 11 unions who sent in reports this year. You are to be commended for your splendid work. May I hear from even more by September 15, 1981.

Best wishes for a Blessed Christmas Season and a good year in your WCTU activities.

Yours for better citizenship,
Mrs. Gilbert Johnson
State Director

The U. S. Conference of Mayors released a survey report that lists "Hawaii Five-O" leads the list in weapon appearances with an average of 20.3 times per show. The study involved 73 hours of prime time active program where 648 weapons were seen and thirty-six deaths occurred. It was the mayor's opinion that both mere presence of weapons and weapons used in television constitutes violence in a very real sense. - Washington, D.C.

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PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Everett Johnson reports that:

The Max-Benedict Union held a spiritual retreat and institute on September 21st at the Benedict Nazarene Parsonage. Pastor Dan Turner of the Sawyer Nazarene Church led in the worship. He challenged us to keep on praying and believing and we will see spiritual growth. Sharon Bender spoke on what the WCTU does to promote spiritual growth. She also gave us new ideas for the coming year.

Leona Johnson introduced the theme for 1980-81, "Abundant Treasures." She reminded us that God loves a cheerful giver. He was not stingy; He gave each person one or more gifts to use to glorify Him. Whether our treasure be time, talent, or money, our responsibility is to share and give without thought of gain: deeds of love and kindness, truth and knowledge, and legislators and legislation, to mention only a few.

During lunch break we had September roll call. Three new members joined our White Ribbon Band. A literature table provided more information.

Two children were dedicated in a White Ribbon Service by LaVonne Fannik. A photo album and gift of money were presented to David, infant son of Pastor and Mrs. Delroy Bender. Special music was provided by Anna Semmen, Lorna Sambor, Shirley Braunberger and Sharon Bender.

Ella Baklenko and Mary Lushenko were the hostesses.

Mrs. Wilfred Greij reports that:

We thank God for Open Channels in Hettinger. Our prayers for getting materials into the public school are being answered in a great way. For several years we have been sponsoring a Teachers' Tea in the fall. Each year the orders for literature grows. At this year's tea we had \$30 of literature and teacher's packets on display and received orders from the teachers at a cost to us of more than \$90.

Another blessing to us has been the arrival of Joe and Mona Holt and family, formerly of Williston. They have both joined our Union and Mona has accepted the office of local president.

Mrs. LeRoy Bartle reports that:

The Dickey Union presented the Marion School Home Ec. Department and Drivers Ed. teachers with teachers packets in September. In October the members held a pantry shower for the Manor St. Joseph in Edgeley. Our November project was visiting and taking goodies to the Lisbon Soldiers Home.

Mrs. Everett Johnson reports that:

A prayer breakfast was observed by the Max-Benedict Union at Elsie Berg's home. Many attended and we gained two new members.

Mrs. Delroy Bender was in charge of the worship service. Mrs. Ed Fannik conducted a White Ribbon Recruit Service for the infant daughter of Mrs.

Orvin Olson. Mrs. Olson is one of our new members.

Plans were made to visit the Velva Retirement Home to present a Thanksgiving program in November.

Letters were written opposing the sponsorship of the upcoming Olympic games by an alcohol beverage company and to congressmen concerning four pieces of pending legislation.

NATIONAL WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN**TEMPERANCE UNION 1980 - 1981****PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS**

A heart felt desire, a broad vision and spiritual wisdom are the essential components necessary to perceive the worth of a treasure. Jesus made this quite clear when He said, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." (Matthew 6:21). In Proverbs 21:20 it says, "There is treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise." What we do in this "decade of the 80's" is dependent upon our deep desire to overthrow the enemies of our homes; our ability to envision the possible course to follow and the spiritual wisdom to develop strength and energy to persevere for the protection of the home and nation. Therefore we recommend the following steps toward these goals.

GROWTH

The test of strength of an organization is the growth and motivation of its membership. Earnestness and sincerity of purpose imparts a driving power to any enterprise, large or small...

1. **Membership.** Every member owes it to her union to 'Gain One New Member' each year. Let us urge 'Each One Win One.'

2. **Membership Campaign, November 9-16.** Make a list of Christian women to be reached. Send teams of two out to visit and invite these women to join our forces. Many women are interested and have not been asked to become members. Reach into every church circle.

3. **New Organizations.** No State can reach its full potential to fight the liquor traffic and its relevant evils until there is an active and alert union in every area where these things exist.

4. **L.T.L. and Y.T.C.** No union should be satisfied until they have organized and supported an LTL and YTC. The temptations of even small children today tells us that NOW is the time to train our boys and girls to make right decisions and to KNOW THE TRUTH about the consequences. When we fail our youth we have failed the future. With very few exceptions the strong, stalwart leaders in the prohibition movement had their early training in the Loyal Temperance Legion or the Band of Hope.

ACTION

Life is full of people today who want all the privileges, none of the responsibilities, all the rights and none of the duties. True dedication to a

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The California Department of Motor Vehicles said convicted drunken drivers with suspended licenses subsequently had 40 percent fewer reckless driving convictions and fewer accidents and traffic offenses than persons jailed or fined for drunk driving.
 -Sacramento, Calif. UPI

"Tobacco smoke enters the middle ear through the eustachian tube, which links the ear to the upper respiratory tract. Both the eustachian tube and the middle ear are damaged in process." - Stephen Prescod, Audeologist, Andrew University, Michigan.

It has been estimated that heroin addicts are responsible for nearly 50 percent of the crime and 75 percent of the shoplifting in the United States.

Surgical operations on the eardrums of heavy smokers have twice the chance of failing than operations on non-smokers. - Stephen Prescod, Audiologist, Andrews University, Michigan

"Driving under the influence of marijuana should be avoided as much as should driving under the influence of alcohol." - Dr. Henry Klonoff, of the University of British Columbia

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TREASURER'S REPORT

August 10, 1980 - September 10, 1980

DUES:

Women - Belfield 4, Bismarck 17, Cavalier 16, Crosby 12, Fargo 17, Minot 12, Tower City 9; (1979 - 1980).

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE: 1.

HONORARY MEN - Bismarck 3, Fargo 5, Minot 7, Tower City 3, (1979 - 1980).

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Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Oscar Johnson, Treasurer

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP: (from September 1, 1980 to October 10, 1980) - Women 78, Men 15.

NEW MEMBERS - Mrs. Joy Whited and Mrs. Cecelia Schafer - Cavalier Union; Mrs. Howard Stewart - Fargo Union.

America's mental health problem is not limited to those individuals with disabling mental illness and identified psychiatric problems but also includes Americans who suffer from alcohol and drug misuse and emotional distress. Mrs. Jimmy Carter feels that "every single person has problems. Some people cope with them better than others."

One of the least publicized but most insidious health threats is the smoking effect on the unborn children of pregnant women. According to tests, the woman's physician tells how her fetus went from breathing about 60 percent of the time before she smoked to not breathing at all.

-- Barbara Isenberg, Los Angeles Times

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

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grows." The earth would have gone on its appointed way without so much beauty. The skies need not have been so blue, the stars so bright and twinkly, the grass so green, the flowers so red, yellow and purplely. The covenant would have been just as binding with gray skies and brown grass, for the Word says, "If you can break the covenant of the day and night, so that there should not be day and night in their season, then also may my covenant be broken." (Jer. 33:21).

Are we good stewards of the riches put here for us to live the more abundant life? We sing lustily "This is my Father's World." Are we taking care of it so that He may hear the Master say, "Well done thou good and faithful servant." Yes, the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, says the Psalmist. In this we are all equal.

Some one asked Mr. Lockridge in San Diego, "Where did God come from?" He answered, "from no where", and that answer is biblically sound. Habakkuk says "I saw Him when He left the hills of Teman". Teman means simply, "No thing or no where". "Let's be reasonable," said his friend, "You are talking about God coming from no where." "Alright," replied Mr. Lockridge, "the reason God came from no where, there was no where for Him to come from. And coming from no where, He stood on nothing. The reason He stood on nothing there was no where for Him to stand, and standing on nothing He reached out where there was nothing to reach and caught something when there was nothing to catch and hung some thing on nothing and told it to stay there! Having hung the world on nothing and standing on nothing, He took the hammer of His own will and struck the anvil of His omnipotence and sparks flew there from. He caught them on the tips of His fingers and flung them into space and bedecked the heavens with stars and nobody said a word. Then God said, "THAT'S GOOD!"

Knowledge

"Man shall run to and fro and knowledge shall be increased. (Dan. 12:4). The grade school pupil of today has more knowledge than the college graduate of a few years ago. We have, in this generation, discovered ways and means to prevent polio and malaria; we give our children shots for smallpox, scarlet fever and other childhood diseases. But children still go to bed hungry and live in houses not fit for animals.

We have improved man's environment and his health. We build highrise apartments for his habitation and comfort but have we improved the man? The poet, Edwin Markman has a suggestion: "We are blind until we see, that in the human plan nothing is worth the making if it does not make the man. Why build those cities glorious, if man unbuilt goes? In vain we build the world unless the builder grows."

Communications

From the day of the Pony Express to Rockets to

the Moon. "How soon around its breadth each bit of news may spread on waves of sound: And man, now scorning wheel and sail in winged flight; May span each vast and alien sea within a night." We have seen fulfillment of Nahum 2:4 the chariots (cars) in the streets, they jostle one against another in broadways. They seem like torches, they run like lightning. The one in Isaiah 60:8, "Who are these that fly like a cloud and as doves from their windows?"

Our Land

Our fathers built our country, dear upon the word of God: So must we too go back again and tread where they have trod. So let's get back to God, O America! Let's keep our country free, Sweet Land of Liberty; It is our only chance, O America. Call humbly now upon thy God.

We sing this often in our meetings. It is based on the Book I Chron. 7:14 "If my people which are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land." For the rule still holds; "Woe unto him that buildeth a town with blood and establisheth a city by iniquity." (Hab. 2:12). The wicked shall be turned into hell with all the nations that forget God. (Ps. 9:17).

Man God's crowning creation, made in His own image. Since the first act of disobedience man has battled not against flesh and blood but against rulers of darkness of this world and against spiritual wickedness in high places. (Eph. 6:12). What reason did God have for creating man? Why are you here? The book answers in Deut. 43:7 "I have created him for my glory." In Eph. 1:12 "That we should be to the praise of his glory." Are we glorifying God when we have more licenses issued in one year for the sale of beer, wine, and liquor than we have churches in the U.S.A.? Are we forgetting what made us great? Are we spending money for pleasure? Have our priorities changed? Has there been a decline in national pride? So we do, as Christians have an obligation to obey the laws of God and the laws of our land. "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's."

Transportation

From the days of the horse and carriage to a rocket to the moon, our generation, Do you ever ask yourself, what next? It seems true what I read in a book once that "anything man can believe and conceive, man can achieve."

Our Heritage

And so we come to the time in history spoken of by the prophet Jeremiah 5:26, there was a menace in our land; wicked men lie in wait to set a trap to catch men, as a cage full of birds, so their houses are full of deceit, they wax fat....they judge not the cause of the fatherless....nor regard the needy. And so it came to pass on the 23rd day of December 1873, a band of women led by faith of our fathers, met for

prayer and went out to plead with those men not to sell alcoholic drinks to their husbands and sons. They tried to stop them with insults, savage dogs, and even with cannon but nothing deterred them from their appointed task. Most religious rivals were accompanied by shouting and much noise but these women went in quiet dignity and deep devotion. They knelt on sawdust floors and in snowy streets, they continued to sing and pray, till those who were not of religious thought were heard to say, "this is of God." And indeed it was powered by prayer and a deep faith in a great God, they carried on till it spread from east to west like a prairie fire. "Greater than the tread of mighty armies is the power of an idea whose time has come (Victor Hugo). This torch was not lit by us but we have been handed it to us to carry till Jesus comes if necessary. Do we face greater difficulties today? "Is anything too hard for the Lord?" Is my hand shortened at all, that it cannot redeem or have I no power to deliver? Isa. 50:2. The answer is in Isa. 59:1 "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear. We have a heritage not of this world, "we are heirs of God, joint heirs with Jesus Christ." What A Heritage! The time has come for all Christians to stand together. Total abstinence for the individual solves the personal problem, but the women of the Crusade found it was not the best way to deal with the traffic. Here, we have two problems, each depending on the other. One is a personal problem and the other a political problem. Do I hear you say, you are too weak, I am too old, or I have no transportation - but you have a direct line to the throne of God, do you not?

Bring to me your loaves and fishes, Though they may be few and small: He will use the weakest vessels, Give to Him your little all.

Do you know how many thousands, Can be fed with food so slim? Listen to the Master's blessing; Leave the miracle to Him.

The Master has need of little things, There are none too slight or small, He adds His own blessing and makes them great - And He uses one and all.

Bravely enter with your master, Though the prospect may seem dim: Preach the Word with Holy fervor, Leave the miracle to Him.

They have power with men but we have GOD POWER. "They shall fight against you but they shall not prevail, for I am here to deliver you." (Jer. 2:19). They shall come out before you one way and flee before you 7 ways (Deut. 28:7). Do not murmur - can the clay say to the potter, what makest thou? "We faint not though our outward man perishes; our inward man is renewed day by day." (I Cor. 4:16). Ours is a Christian Legacy, a Heritage of the Lord. Our life span here is short - let us re-establish our sense of true values. Praise God for all His blessings; lift up the good. Praise the Lord for His wonderful works to the children of men. Pray for wisdom to meet the future and have

faith to carry on. For we don't know what the future holds but we know who holds the future. GOD KNOWS!

God Can! And God Will!

Since the book and movie "Roots" there has been revival of the question, "Who am I? Where did I come from? Where am I going?" So I decided to look into the matter concerning our great organization. How did it come into being? Was it the creation of man's mind or was it an idea whose time had come? Let's revive a few things that took place between the women's Crusade in the winter of 1873. In the first attempt to curb this traffic, a woman named Elizabeth Stewart, whose husband had been a soldier in the Civil War, worked among the soldiers on the battlefields and they called her Mother Stewart, a name which stayed with her all the rest of her life. They moved to a college town after the war and she saw so many young people come there for an education, and many were becoming drunkards. It grieved her very much. Why in the name of common decency didn't somebody do something - She found out it was not the duty of school faculty, the trustees, the ministers and professors but they laughed at her and said, "O, Yes, something should be done. You are so interested... Why don't you do something?" She said, "Alright with God's help, I will." Everything was against her. In those days what chance did a woman have? Most women were timid, modest, dreading to be in any public work but Mother Stewart must have their help. Streets were unpaved, in summer dust, thick mud when it rained, winter snow and sleet. Transportation??? There were horses, the wagon, and women's feet. But she did not give up, she just went to work. She went from city to city, town to town, village to village and from prayer meetings where the women followed her. They were set upon by drunken mobs, dragged through the streets, sent to jail, baptized with dirty water, spit upon, cursed with foul language but they went on singing 'Rock of Ages, Give to the winds thy fears' songs of the church. They established reading rooms, that in many instances became the towns first library. The little cold water girl fountain was popular and one still stands in a yard in Montrose, Co. In a welcome speech later after the National Organization in November 1874, she said, "What woman does not today remember the way He has led us, exclaiming from the depths of her heart full of gratitude, I am glad I am in this Army." It would take volumes to tell of the wonderful Christian women and men that have given their time, talents and work to this cause. The rally call is the same as in the beginning "Let us rise and build," the need is great, the harvest is white, ready for workers. Pray that God will send forth laborers into the harvest. "Get yourself out of the way, let God work through you and with you." Don't even think about what you can't do, set your eyes on what you can do. God told Ezekiel, "When I say unto the wicked "Thou

shalt surely die' and you give them no warning nor speak to warn them from their wicked way to save his life; the wicked shall die in his iniquity - but his blood shall I require at thine hand: If you warn the wicked and he does not turn from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity but thou has delivered thy soul. (Ezek. 3:14 & 15). We have been called as a watchman over the children of the world. Dare we not follow that voice? Or shall we answer as did the prophet, "Here am I, send me? Can't you see that we are called for a special task, a very important part, of the effort to bring in and about the kingdom of God?"

No woman's child is safe till every woman's child is safe. No tenet of the WCTU is more sacred than their declaration of principles. Our roots are deep in His love. You say this is a new day, it's impossible! Have you not read in the Word, "With man yes, but not with God, with God all things are possible." (Mark 10:27). My only business in the Christian life is to make my life available to the boss of the business. The whole business of my life is his business. But how often we worry about his business? Hence, there is no rest, but when I make it my business to make all my life his business, then I have no business worrying about the business. (You might want to read that again. Sister, do you have the rest? (Jack Taylor).

My Father's way may twist and turn, my heart may throb and ache, But in my soul I'm glad I know, He maketh no mistake.

My cherished plans may go astray, My hopes may fade away, But still I'll trust my Lord to lead, For He doth know the way.

Tho' night be dark and it may seem, That day will never break, I'll pin my faith, my all in Him; He maketh no mistake.

There's so much now I cannot see, My eyesight's far too dim; But come what may, I'll simply trust, And leave the Miracle to Him.

For by and by the mist will lift, And plain it all He'll make, Through all the way, tho dark to me, He made not one mistake.

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THANKSGIVING

The gracious custom of a day set apart

When loved ones meet to share the great repast,
Offering gratitude from depth of heart,

Builds memories year by year that stand steadfast.
Each family's traditions, bit by bit,

Become its own accumulated treasure,
From mincemeat pies to orange candles lit

By smallest hands, and eyes aglow with pleasure.
Home festivals become a wealth to hold

Against all time, more durable than gold.

- Webb Dycus.

cause demands the "second mile" the "extra duties" and the ability to face every task competently, adequately and to give the time to accomplish every feat. Dag Hammarskjold, the former Secretary General of United Nations, once said "The road to eternity and holiness necessarily passes through a world of action."

1. Alert the public! Distribute literature that pertains to the issue of concern. Use the public service slots on radio and television to get pertinent messages to the community. An informed public can arouse others to action. Be the leader when necessary, support others when opportunities afford the way.

2. Education. In the school, in the church, in the home. (a) Make materials from Signal Press available to every school in your community. Arrange for films, filmstrips, charts, etc. to be presented. Introduce the Essay and Poster contests. Someone wrote "Giving a child the opportunity to present the facts through art or the pen instills thought principle to live by." (b) In the Church. Be ready to present materials for the class work, or to the pastor who is looking for information to strengthen his message. Introduce the Day Camp materials for use in the junior departments. Show films. (c) In the home! There is emphasis on the Family Unit. Use every possible means to get material into the hands of young parents. The door of opportunity is wide open to stress the importance of spiritual and moral issues. Mothers' meetings can serve a real purpose in magnifying the importance of the inner circle family life.

3. Citizenship. Involvement is imperative for every good citizen. Never miss an opportunity to take a stand for law enforcement, for better control through local government, and community affairs.

4. Increase The Value. Everything worth doing ought to be worth more than it costs. Without investment of funds the work will not progress. With the help of every member we can extend our program in spite of the present day economy.

(a) Continue to give to the \$50,000 club for the total education program. (b) Increase the special gifts to the Legislative Fund and the Willard Fund. (c) Begin making plans to entertain the Centennial Convention of the World WCTU in 1983. (d) The Light Line offering helps to support the field work of the World WCTU organizers.

SINCERITY OF PURPOSE

Then let us strengthen our faith, confirm our loyalty to the cause of humanity and for God and stimulate our zeal to aim high in hope and service. Earnestness and sincerity of purpose imparts power to any enterprise, large or small.

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