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MARION'S MEMOS

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels that the excellency of power may be of God, and not of us.

II Corinthians 4:7

Dear White Ribbon Sisters,

It was so good to meet with you at the four District Conventions I was privileged to attend.

The 90th Annual Convention of Fargo and Northeast Districts were both inspiring, well attended, and of great encouragement to me. Also, the 72nd Convention of the James Valley District and the 81st Convention of the Ransom-LaMoure District.

These meetings reveal what you ladies are accomplishing in our great cause. They tell of your dedication, faithfulness, love, and concern for our fellow man. I am looking forward to reading the reports of those Districts I was unable to attend.

Ladies, we have long been working for "God and Home and Every Land." It makes me happy to read of all you do as you send in your reports.

Much was done behind the scenes to make the YTC Camp at Cooperstown successful for our youth. Our leaders, counselors, and teachers are to be congratulated for the accomplishments at camp. Their prayerful and obedient service was dedicated to the Lord and He gave and blessed the fruit of their labors. Praise the Lord!

How many of you have gained a new member? Make certain that you report these to the State Treasurer and the managing Editor of our paper. Our editor has had illness in the family and of this writing is herself not up to par....bear with us.

Be planning to come to State Convention, October 8th and 9th at Minot. Help to make our 92nd Annual Convention one to long be remembered.

I do hope that many of you took advantage of the Union Signal subscription special this summer. Most Unions could have easily added five new subscriptions and received one free. Our National publication is a wealth of information. Its content this past year has improved dramatically. No member can afford to be without it.

God bless each one of you as you keep on in our great cause as you labor for Him in your communities, churches, homes, and Unions - May we all become truly one in Him and make this our prayer:

If I can do some good today, If I can serve along life's way, If I can something helpful say, Lord, show me how. If I can right a human wrong, If I can help to make one strong, If I can cheer with smile or song, Lord, show me how.

If I can aid one in distress, If I can make a burden less, If I can spread more happiness, Lord, show me how.

Lovingly, Marion

YTC CAMP IMPRESSIONS

This year YTC Camp was very exciting. We all had a great time and all of us worked very hard at

the jobs given to us.

Wednesday night we opened our 1981 Camp with a YTC State Meeting. The name for our State Council is Nodak YTC Group. This year is different from other years as we had two separate Councils for all age groups. We had meetings every day and did things that regular Councils do at their monthly meetings.

The Christian Living class was real exciting. Scott Waldie led the class and did a fine job. Narcotics class was led by Mrs. Kulish. Her presen-

tations kept us on our toes.

The sports activities at camp were excellent this year. We went swimming and horseback riding, played softball, and participated in ping pong and box hockey tournaments. All of the campers appreciated the way Scott organized these activities and kept the sports time interesting.

Thursday evening we had stunt and talent night. Everyone was involved and displayed a great deal

of talent.

Friday evening we enjoyed having The Gospel Lighthouse Quartet with us. They were really inspirational. We were happ to see so many adults accept the camp invitation to hear them. Another vote of thanks goes to those wonderful women who furnished refreshments for the evening....so many, in fact, that there were enough for the rest of the camp!

The last night at camp, Saturday, we enjoyed a banquet. The staff also picked a new King and Queen for the year of 1981. Both are campers from Marion: King Wade Trapp and Queen Elise Waldie. To end the camp, we had a beautiful

campfire and sang songs.

I hope to see everyone back at camp next year for another great time.

Elise Waldie

I think YTC Camp is very fun. It is a very good experience. You can become closer to God. It is also very good for people who want to know the effects of alcoholic beverages or tobacco on the body. The food is also very good. I also like to play ping pong and I love going horseback riding so I think the activities are fun.

Laura Heath

We learned about God and the Bible. We learned to make new friends. We learned how to share and work together with the other kids. We learned about drugs and their effect on us.

Letty Bilden and Margaret Nygaard

I think camp is a good place to go when you can get away from home. You can make lots of friends and have a good time. You learn more about God and can become closer to Him. They teach you about drugs and alcohol. They have lots of tournaments like ping pong and box hockey. You can also go swimming and ride horse. They have campfires which are fun because you sit around and sing.

Wade Trapp

On the evening of June 18, 1981, we had a bonfire behind the Tabernacle. When they rang the bell we headed for the bonfire. Soon it started to rain. We all sat around the bonfire, and started the meeting with singing songs and scripture readings. The most wonderful thing was when we started praying and thanked God for the beautiful day and weather we had. Shortly after, the rain stopped, and this made the bonfire a real blessing.

Darin Rodin

My friend and I are writing about the evening specials that were part of YTC Camp at Cooperstown, N. D. The first evening we just unpacked, played around, and ate supper. The second night, we had the talent and stunt activities. Cathy and I put on a little comedy act about two farm girls who can't seem to get anything straight. This was because the words they used had so many meanings. The third night, we were privileged to listen to a Gospel quartet. Everyone enjoyed their singing as well as the choruses they taught us for a sing-along time. The last night we had our annual banquet supper and bonfire. We both really enjoyed coming to camp.

Cara Wald and Cathy Allbert

The Nodak YTC Council met for its annual rally on June 20, 1981. The theme of the banquet was "Rainbows." The dining hall was decorated with rainbows, raindrops and wild roses. The roses were placed in rosebud vases and placed on the tables for centerpieces. Everyone enjoyed the roast beef and baked potatoes served by our good camp cooks.

The program was chaired by Cindy Marynik, the President. It consisted of special music by Shelly Gangness, a speech she gave, a speech by Mrs. Gangness, and a special musical selection sung by the members of Council I. They sang "To God Be the Glory." Council II showed off the float they made for a Public Relations project they had completed during the YTC class. The program was closed by forming the Friendship Circle and singing "Blessed Be the Tie that Binds."

Amy Trapp, Angela McCleary and Melissa Olson

Did you know that Jeff Dutton went swimming with all his clothes on? I guess there were those who thought he'd get too cold with just his swimming trunks on. Most everyone else really had a good time at the pool that Friday. The kids say, "Thanks, Scott."

The Boys who lived in Snowball

1981 Officers: President, Dennis Mjonness; Vice President, Amy Trapp; Secretary, Shelly Gangness; Christian Living, Kris Baeth; Education, Cindy Marynik; Public Relations, Jeff Dutton; Social Director, Cara Wald.

Royalty: King Wade Trapp & Queen Elise Waldie. Ping Pong Champions: 1st - David Hultin, 2nd -Darin Rodin and 3rd - Kris Baeth.

Box Hockey Champions: 1st - Steve Limesand, 2nd - Darren Miedema; 3rd - Monte McCleary; and 4th - Kirk Baeth.

Poster Winners - 4th, 5th & 6th: 1st - Sidney Emmil, 2nd - Darin Rodin; 3rd - Monte McCleary; Honorable Mention - Kevin Smith and Maria Wald.

Poster Winners - 7th, 8th & 9th: 1st - Cara Wald, 2nd - David Hultin; 3rd - Cathy Allbert; Honorable Mention - Letty Bilden and Tonya Trapp.

Cabin Cleanup: The Crocus Girls.

Camp Staff - Mrs. Melvin Gangness, Mrs. Fred Kulish, Mrs. Bertina Evanson, Mrs. Lyle Trapp and Scott Waldie.

A new study by Rand Corp. for the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism reveals that fewer than eight percent are successful at controlled drinking (not more than four drinks a day) after four years of study. In short, most alcoholics CANNOT drink.

The director of U.C.L.A.'s Alcohol Research Center, Dr. L. J. West, said: "The ethical health professional will continue to do all he can to help his alcoholic patient to reach a state of permanent total abstinence." The Rand data report shows clearly that in case of life and death, this is the safest course.

- Lois Timnick, L.A. Times

Human Behavior Writer.

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RANSOM - LAMOURE

The Ransom-LaMoure District WCTU Convention was held at the Baptist Church in Lisbon on April 24th. Mrs. Elmer Dick presided over the session.

The Rev. Brackley brought us a fine devotional message on "Mountain Climbing." He said the mountaintop experiences prepare us for the valleys. They are a source of blessing and strength. We are able to have these "highs" daily through prayer, Bible study, and acts done for others. It is a place of contact, calling, consecration, concern, and commission.

Greetings were sent to members who were unable to attend. Very good reports from the Unions

were presented.

Special music during the morning was by Margaret Gackle and Jeannette Waldie of the Dickey Union. They sang, "King Jesus," "Fear Not" and "He is so Precious to Me." For the Memorial service, they sang "He the Pearly Gates Will Open." Marion Bartle was in charge of the service in memory of Hazel Huntley, Eva Peet and Mabel Scea.

After a lovely potluck luncheon, Violet White began the afternoon with a message on the growth of marijuana in California and gave excerpts from

"Sipping Saints" by Dave Wilkerson.

Gail Bergemen, deputy sheriff of Ransom County, showed the film, "Short Distance Runner," saying that it is much used by the department. She also gave an excellent view of the needs and methods employed by drug users and law enforcement personnel. The display of drug paraphernalia confiscated by the Ransom County Sheriff's Department, was of interest.

During the afternoon Margaret and Jeannette sang "I Belong to the King," "Jesus is Lord of All," and "Now I Have Everything."

Marion Bartle gave the closing prayer. Lisbon served a delicious fruesta

NORTHEAST

The 90th WCTU District Convention was held at the Langdon Baptist Church on Thursday, May 14.

A noon luncheon was served and the meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. with 38 members from the Unions of Langdon, Cavalier and Grafton present. Mrs. Veda Howatt, District President, presided.

The devotions were given by Pastor Skelton of the host church. Mrs. LeRoy Bartle, State President from Dickey, gave the address of the day. Music was furnished by Rev. and Mrs. Kelawae of

Langdon.

Sixteen posters, made by sixth graders in Grafton, were judged with the following winners: Jay Swedberg, 1st prize; Valerie Schlenk, 2nd; Karen Kerner, 3rd; and Sue Eng, honorable mention. Cash prizes were awarded. The other 11 entrants also received a small cash prize.

The memorial service for members who had departed since the convention in 1980 was con-

ducted by Mrs. Ruth Holt of Grafton.

A White Ribbon Recruit service was led by Mrs. Bruce Watson. Parents brought their children to dedicate them to lives of abstinence and purity. White ribbons were tied on the wrists of Jesse Aaron, Virginia Beth and Reggie Luhmann, children of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Luhmann, Langdon; and Glenn Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orr of Pineville, La., who were visiting her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Skelton.

All former officers were re-elected. They include Mrs. Veda Howatt, Langdon, President; Mrs. Ruth Holt, Grafton, Vice President; Mrs. Chester Webb, Cavalier, Treasurer; and Mrs. Arnold Braaten, Langdon, Secretary.

Are you emotionally down? Inactivity breeds depression. Don't sit and stare at the TV. Get involved.

TREASURER'S REPORT April 5. 1981 to June 10, 1981

DUES: Women - Dickey 1, Minot 2. Members-at-Large - 1.

LILLIAN STEVENS FUND - Hettinger \$4.00 FRANCES WILLARD FUND - Hettinger \$4.00

STATE REPORT - Hettinger \$3.00 (1) LIGHT LINE UNION - Dickey, Hettinger.

WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN - Langdon \$10.00, Hettinger \$10.00.

N.D.E.A. - Hettinger \$5.00.

DISTRICT PLEDGES - Minot D. \$30.00, Ransom-LaMoure \$30.00, Grand Forks \$25.00.

Y.T.C. CAMP - Northeast District \$68.00, James

Valley District \$10.00.

MEMORIALS - \$10.00 in memory of Mrs. Maude Carlson by Langdon Union, \$8.00 in memory of Mrs. Floyd Fuller (sister of Mrs. Henry Johnson) by Mrs. Adele Ottinger, Mrs. Russell Duncan, Mrs. John Gunness, and Miss Pearl Elofson.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Oscar Johnson, Treasurer TOTAL MEMBERSHIP (From September 1, 1980 to June 10, 1981) - Women 393, Men 118.

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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

MINOT DISTRICT Annual Spring Convention

The Minot District Woman's Christian Temperance Union annual spring convention was held at the Mennonite Brethren Church here in Minot on Saturday, May 2nd. Over seventy people attended the convention.

From 9:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. the guests enjoyed a coffee time and registered for the convention. Mrs. Ruth Loughead served as registrar. (She also served as an usher along with Mrs. Maurice Oler.)

President, Mrs. Everett Johnson, presided and led in the singing of the opening hymn, "More Love to Thee." Mrs. Alex Meronuck accompanied at

the piano.

Mrs. Oscar Folden was in charge of the morning worship service. She read several portions of scripture, including Luke 11:38-41, Colossians 3:2 and 15, and Psalm 27:8. She concluded her meditation by reading a beautiful selection based on Psalm 23, and followed with prayer.

Mrs. Johnson led the group in the salutes to the American, Christian, and Temperance flags.

Business transacted in the morning session included: (1). reading the minutes of our last meeting. They were approved as corrected. (2). The treasurer's report was given. It will be filed as read.

Mrs. Johnson urged us all to write letters to the chairman of the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee and protest their having Anheuser - Busch, Inc., a liquor firm, sponsor the Olympic Games in 1984.

We heard reports on the use of the WCTU films and filmstrips. Efforts have been made to get the schools in our district to use them.

Officers were elected for the coming year. Retaining their positions were: Mrs. Everett Johnson - President; Mrs. George Fannik - Vice President; and Mrs. Jake Steffen - Secretary. Newly elected was Miss Adeline Norheim (from Rugby) - Treasurer. She replaces Mrs. Alex Meronuck who resigned due to ill health.

Reports from the different unions were given. We are reminded that the qualifications to become a banner union have been greatly changed this last

year.

With Mrs. Gordon Hector in charge, the Crosby Union conducted a very impressive Memorial Hour. Others from Crosby who assisted with music and in commemorating those who have passed on to their rewards this past year were Mrs. Adeline Schell, Lila Westlie, and Cheryl Hass.

The noon kincheon was served by the ladies of the Mennonite Brethren Church.

Rev. Ralph Cooke, pastor of the First Baptist Church, was in charge of the afternoon worship service. Using Ephesians 5:18 as his text, Rev. Cooke gave a very challenging message.

Our guest speaker for the convention was Police Chaplain Charles Huffman. He held us spellbound as he related many unique incidents of ways he had helped people - and changed their world around.

Congratulations were extended to the Crosby Union for holding poster contests. Their posters, which were on display at this convention, will be

judged at the state convention this fall.

Special music for the convention, in addition to those already mentioned, included: (1) a duet by Mrs. Paul Rovenko and Mrs. Aleck Vinarskai, (2) An instrumental number by Marlin Peterson, and (3) a trio number by Mrs. Emil Zimbelman, Mrs. Fred Schmidt and Mrs. Vernon Forthun.

Serving as accompanists at the piano and playing the offertories were Mrs. Alex Meronuck, Linda

Thompson, and Mrs. Howard Franklin.

Final business of the convention included a legislative report by Mrs. Vernon Forthun. Praise God the drinking age here in North Dakota was not lowered due to the efforts of Mrs. Forthun and other concerned citizens.

A resume' of the plans for the 1981 state WCTU convention, to be held here in Minot this fall, was given by Mrs. Forthun. Committees have been formed and assignments have been given to the different unions in our district. With all of us working together, we hope to have a great convention this fall.

Mrs. Folden, who made a trip to China recently, invited all, who wished to view her slides and see her souvenirs, to her home after the meeting.

Rev. Charles Huffman closed our convention with prayer.

Mrs. Jake Steffen, Reporter

BISMARCK

The Bismarck District held its 82nd Annual Convention May 15, 1981, at the Salvation Army Citadel, Bismarck, with President Elizabeth Lind in charge. Rev. Stanley Malmgren of the Bismarck First Baptist Church led the morning devotions using Ephesians 6:10-19 stressing being "strong in the Lord" in the struggle against forces of evil. Mrs. Lila Erickson sang "He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother" and told the story of how it was written. Later she sang "Face to Face" during the Memorial service conducted by Thelma Klingensmith in honor of members departed within the last year: Julia Bender, Mrs. O. E. Erickson and Mrs. Helen Ritchie of Bismarck, and Cornelius DeKrey of Steele. Thelma read Hebrews 12:1-2 about the "cloud of witnesses" and spoke of the faithfulness to the WCTU of these departed friends.

Included in the Steele report by Mrs. Huhncke was giving out literature at the County Fair,

writing letters to Service people and against liquor companies sponsoring Olympics in 1984, WCTU float in Steele Centennial Parade, and 500 YTC inserts in church bulletins. Bismarck Union reported giving out literature at the Christmas Craft Sale, the legislative lobbying efforts of the Klingensmiths, and that observance of Temperance Friday in January in the schools was again urged by the Superintendent of Public Instruction (after years of laxness).

After the noon luncheon furnished by the Bismarck Union, Rev. Dale Drown, Bismarck Wesleyan Church, had the afternoon devotions reading I Corinthians 15:58, "Be ye steadfast.... your labor is not in vain." He told of the value to him of attending YTC Camp in South Dakota where his mother was a state officer many years. There he learned the scientific facts against the use of alcohol, tobacco, and drugs. Rev. and Mrs. Drown

sang "The Christ of Every Crisis."

The guest speaker was Thomas Hedin, State Director of Drug Abuse and Alcoholism. In his informative message on his work, he stressed the extent and growth of alcoholism among the children and youth. Alcohol is the third major killer in North Dakota including deaths from alcoholism, alcohol-related crimes, and alcohol-involved accidents. Many parents attended the meetings held in various high schools: his advice to them was to watch their own habits in use of alcohol at home and in social situations and remember their children will probably follow their example. He mentioned that some people were "allergic" to alcohol: their metabolism affects their response to drinking. More youth from the very lenient parents and from the very strict parents seemed to have problems with alcohol; probably because of poor communication in those groups. According to a survey in grades 7 to 12, the age where youth are drinking and being drunk is dropping. The best cure for alcoholism is spiritual.

Fifteen members of the Senior Citizens Choir, directed by Elizabeth Lind, very beautifully sang "Whispering Hope," "Lord, Make Me a Blessing," "The Little Brown Church," and "An Evening

Prayer.'

Mrs. Dale Drown was elected the new district president; Mrs. Olga Huhncke, vice-president; Verna Ellsworth, secretary; and Mrs. Winnie

DeKrey, treasurer.

Several youngsters were cited as possibly being interested in attending YTC Camp and the secretary was instructed to find out the age limit and cost. The Bismarck District would offer to pay a part of the expenses in the hope of creating interest in LTL and YTC. The convention ended with prayer by Don Klingensmith. An afternoon lunch was served.

Alcoholic liquor is the only liquid humans drink when not thirsty.