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CITIZENSHIP DEPARTMENT

Dear Co-Workers:

If ever a nation has been blessed by God it is the United States. We should thank God for our freedom and for so abundantly supplying all we need, and we should truly appreciate what we have.

We can show our appreciation by being good Christian citizens and by becoming involved in the civic affairs of our community, state and nation. Mrs. Stanley quotes in one of her Washington Letters some statements by a speaker who said, "Our American system must have a sense of responsibility, not only from its leadership, but also on the part of all individual citizens. Unless Mr. and Mrs. Average Citizen exercise their power and influence for the common good of the government they become responsible for the undermining of the very system that has given them the power and influence." Thus we see how important it is to make our voices heard and do all we can to influence legislators and officials in the right way. I am convinced that it would indeed make a great difference if every concerned citizen expressed his opinion to our state legislators and to our congressmen and senators in Washington.

It is encouraging to note that several of our unions are very active in civic matters and they are to be highly commended. May I urge the others to do likewise. Write to the governor, local officials, radio and TV stations, senators and congressmen as well as the editor of newspapers on various issues that come up from time to time. Much credit goes to the Bismarck Union for the many things they have done this past year.

I am pleased that our new superintendent of public instruction, Dr. Joseph Crawford, has issued a news release urging all schools to observe Temperance Day the third Friday in January. Here is an opportunity for our WCTU members to help teachers in their community with suggestions and materials.

Continue to display the Nativity Scene in your home in December and remind your friends and relatives to do the same. I was happy to receive reports that 98 homes had displayed it last year. May we have many more for next year's report.

Our most important responsibility is to pray. It has been said that we must pray as if everything depended on God and work as if everything depended on us. More things are wrought by prayer than this world ever dreams of, so let us make use

STATE CONVENTION - MINOT

The members of the Minot District are to be commended for the fine job they completed for the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of North Dakota with the many details for the 92nd annual convention in the city of Minot, October 8 and 9. The site was the Bethel Free Lutheran Church.

Warrene Drown, Elizabeth Lind and Don Klingensmith assisted Emma Blattner with an inspiring Prayer and Praise Service prior to the opening of the business sessions. Sprinkled in the days activities were excellent musical numbers by ladies from the Crosby, Max-Benedict, Minot Unions.

Mrs. Lyle Trapp, Bertina Evenson, and Marion Bartle presented a peppy report about National Convention. A powerful legislative report was given by Thelma Klingensmith. She and Don have been dedicated in their work in and with our state legislative assembly doing research and testifying before committees and hearings. They received a standing ovation.

The banquet was served at the Minot State College. Five members of the Minot Union between the ages of 85 and 99 were honored and presented with corsages: Mrs. Eerdman, Mrs. VanCamp, Mrs. Warner, Mrs. Carlson and Mrs. Peterson. Mrs. Bartle was given a plaque for appreciation.

As toastmistress, Laura Forthun carried the program smoothly from greetings of officials to the benediction. Dr. R. B. Thomas, Academic Dean of Northwest Bible College, was the guest speaker. He spoke on the natures of the three men encountered in the story of The Good Samaritan.

Violet White, Vivian Trapp, and Annabelle Johnson were re-elected as vice president, promotion secretary, and treasurer, respectively.

Twenty-eight posters were entered in the poster contest, Mrs. Kraft reported. Bertina Evenson and Phyllis Roehl extended an invitation for the 1982 State Convention to be hosted by the Grand Forks District.

A very moving Memorial Service was presided over by LaVonne Fannik.

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of this wonderful channel.

I will be looking forward to receiving many good reports by September 15, 1982.

May you all have a blessed New Year.

Best wishes,
Mrs. Gilbert Johnson, Director

Again a big "thank you" to the Minot District. Those of us who attended were surrounded and upheld as a result of their prayers and planning.

We were sorry that illness prevented Earl Dodge from attending. He was missed but not forgotten.

A more complete report will be in the State Report. Be sure to send for one.

Dr. Jesse Steinfeld, former U.S. Surgeon General, states the greatest contribution a person can make to his health is to stop smoking. The athlete can improve his performance faster without the cigarette.
 -Listen

Coffee and food will not reduce or retard intoxication because the alcohol that has been drunk is already in the system and the only way to eliminate it is through the body's natural functions.
 -Star Bulletin, Honolulu, Hawaii

Cigarette smoke affects the operating efficiency of some of the airplane's mechanism. For example: The smoke residue accumulates on out-flow valves which help maintain an even cabin pressure for passengers. When these valves become sticky with smoke residue, they operate unevenly, bringing discomfort at time of rapid ascent or descent.
 -Ed. James, United Airlines Pilot

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

Christian greetings from your newly elected Christian Outreach Director!

Will all the Unions please choose someone to be a local director of this department and make this an active department in your WCTU? If you don't have an active Christian Outreach program in your Union, your Union will soon be dead. Our special emphasis this year is PRAYER, which is a follow-up on the theme of our State Convention. I would like every Union to try a Prayer Breakfast sometime during the year. At that meeting, be prepared to start a prayer band, a prayer chain, or a combination of the two. Do whatever is best for your Union, but try something.

There are many other things we should be doing for better Christian Outreach. Refer to the Handbook for ideas. May this be our prayer, "Lord, without You, I will fail; with You, I cannot fail!" Keep a firm grip on prayer and God will see you through.
 God bless your efforts.

Mrs. Everett Johnson
Director

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

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THE PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

It is with praise and thanksgiving to God for His unfailing grace and mercy that we look forward to the coming year. Our "Abundant Treasures" are in earthen vessels that the glory may be to God, but we can do all things through Christ who empowers us. Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths." Proverbs 3:5-6.

Your president recommends:

Devotions

1. A Daily Walk and Conversation with God. "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." Isa. 40:31.

2. We remember our prayer at the noontime hour for all WCTU work and workers around the world.

3. We encourage our friends in retirement homes to observe the Shut In Prayer Circle Time at 9:00 a.m.

Education

1. We rededicate ourselves to the education of our Nation's youth to the harmful effects of beverage alcohol and other narcotic drugs and tobacco. To implement this we recommend:

2. That you contact the Curriculum Director in your school district and present him with samples of our Signal Press School and College Service Literature along with a copy of the catalogue;

3. That you purchase our new 30 second spot announcement in color on video tape for TV, and ask your TV station to show it as a public service announcement;

4. That you give or rent our films and film strips to the schools in your district.

Publications

Both The Union Signal and The Young Crusader are excellent magazines but their circulation is far too low. We must increase our subscription lists. We therefore recommend:

1. That more of our members become subscribers;

2. That subscriptions be sent to public officials, local educators, and others where they will have a public impact;

3. That subscriptions be given as awards and gifts;

4. That our local unions be urged to make liberal use of the material in The Union Signal in their monthly meetings.

Legislation

1. We must keep on top of legislation and make our views known to our elected officials. Hence, we should:

2. Write to our Senators and Representatives. One post card bears the weight of a hundred cards.

3. Pray for our public officials, that they will resist the pressures of evil forces that prey upon

their fellowman for profit.

Development

As the calendar spares no one, there is constant need for new replacements in the ranks of the WCTU. Beyond this, there is constant need for growth and added strength. Therefore, it is important that we make every effort to enlarge our membership. We therefore urge that:

1. A concerted effort be made to organize new local unions;

2. We seek to recruit and enlist new members;

3. We make a special effort to involve new members in the work and activities of the WCTU;

4. An effort be made to organize and support an LTL and a YTC in as many local Unions as possible;

5. We pray that God will raise up leaders for the vacant positions in the WCTU, and for others as they become vacant.

Finances

Salaries and other financial obligations become due and must be met week by week and month by month. Therefore, in order that the work of the WCTU not be hampered:

1. We urge all treasurers, local, county-district and state, to forward their dues on a regular basis, preferably once a month, or at least each quarter;

2. We urge you to support the various national projects, as follows: The Lillian Stevens Fund for Legislative Work; The Frances E. Willard Fund for Organization Work; The \$50,000 Club for Education; The Three P's Fund for Painting, Preserving and Protecting the properties at National Headquarters.

It is vital to our cause to make the public aware of our existence and our objectives. We need to promote the WCTU and bring it to the public eye. The above recommendations are a guide to this end.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Kermit S. (Martha G.) Edgar

The standards set by Mr. Sears and Mr. Roebuck nearly 100 years ago are no longer considered - as the Sears store at the Ala Moana Center, Honolulu, Hawaii becomes the second store - joining Sears-Canoga Park, California - to open a liquor department, thus enabling customers to charge their liquor.

-- Star Bulletin,
Honolulu, Hawaii

Joseph H. Choate, Jr., very active during the '20s in the repeal movement, was made chairman of the Federal Alcohol Control Administration; he said with commendable candor that he found stills seized in 1934 that had a greater capacity than the legal distilleries. Now after 40 years, the operations of illicit stills and bootlegging are still very profitable businesses.

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“Excessive drinking is a habit. If we choose to call bad habits “disease”, there is no limit to what we may define as a “disease”. The misuse of alcohol - whatever the reason for it - is no more an illness than the misuse of any other product of human inventiveness, from language to nuclear energy.”
 Dr. Thomas Szasz

The body tissues cannot store oxygen is the reason why they must be continuously re-supplied by the bloodstream. The only way oxygen can get into your body cells is through the process of respiration. Smoking reduces the oxygen supply in your circulatory system by 5 to 10 percent.
 -Charles Kuntzleman

TREASURER'S REPORT

August 5, 1981 to October 15, 1981

DUES: Women - Bismarck 12, Crosby 12, Fargo 29, Prosper 15; Honorary Men - Bismarck 5, Fargo 5; L.T.L. - 33.

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Respectfully submitted,
Mr. Oscar Johnson, Treas.

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The awakening continents from shore to shore
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"Lift up a standard for the people." Isaiah 62:10

PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Everett Johnson reports that:

The Max-Benedict WCTU had an Institute along with the September Roll Call at the Benedict Nazarene Church. The program emphasized three departments - Christian Outreach, Education, and Home Protection. Mrs. Ed Fannik was in charge of a White Ribbon Service. Joy Ann Westrum dedicated her daughter, Emily, to total abstinence.

Delores Baklenko, a hometown girl, was our guest speaker. She is a missionary to Equador and is home on furlough. She told about her work with radio station HCJB (Heralding Christ Jesus' Blessings). It is a powerful station that can be heard in almost all parts of the world. She has received letters from listeners as far south as Antartica (exploration teams), north to Alaska, all countries in Europe, behind the Iron Curtain, and many islands of the Pacific.

We met for a prayer breakfast with Mrs. Everett Johnson on October 20. Our Christian Outreach Directors, Sharon Bender and Elsie Berg, were in charge of the worship. They explained the Prayer Partner and Prayer Band plans for the new year.

Our president read Nehemiah 4:6-23. Her message was "For the People had a Mind to Work." Mary Lushenko and Annie Rovenko gave a dialogue from the Program Planner.

Reports on State Convention were given. A Drivers Education packet was ordered for the Max High School. A Thanksgiving program is planned for the Velva Retirement Home.

Mrs. Jake Steffen reports that:

District President Mrs. Everett Johnson installed the Minot officers in September. She also led devotions and gave a short address.

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RESOLUTIONS

**One Hundred and Seventh Annual Convention
National Woman's Christian Temperance Union
August 27-31, 1981**

Grand Rapids, Michigan

We, the members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union assembled in annual convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan August 27-31, 1981, do confirm our faith in Almighty God and are ever mindful of His goodness and grateful to Him for His leadership and blessings across these many years of our existence. Surely we can say with the hymn writer, "Through many dangers, toils and snares, we have already come, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun." God has surely brought us on our way.

We are challenged by a world where change is constantly taking place, and we have sought to meet that change with courage, confidence, and consecration, believing that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet and victory will surely come.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Church - Believing that the church is a powerhouse for good and that it reaches a vast number of people through its ministry, we urge the leaders and teachers to be more diligent in giving the message of abstinence through a strong narcotic education program. Nothing tears down the work of the church more quickly than the use of beverage alcohol and narcotics by its constituency.

We urge the curriculum committees of the various denominations to incorporate narcotic education material in the church school lessons and other materials, giving special emphasis in a quarterly lesson.

Schools - Realizing the great influence that education has upon the lives of individuals, we recommend the incorporation of more information on the harmful effects of alcoholic beverages, other drugs, and tobacco in the lesson materials of the schools.

We are alarmed at the conditions that exist in some schools caused by the use of these drugs.

We commend the schools and teachers who are showing great concern about this problem and are very diligently teaching the harmful effects of narcotic drugs.

Television - Because for a number of years we have been concerned about the TV programs with violence, nudity, obscenity, profanity, drinking scenes, explicit sex, etc. and because they have steadily grown worse, we urge the networks, CBS, ABC, NBC, and Mutual Cable to remove the unnecessary portrayal of these things from the programs.

We commend the Proctor and Gamble Company for withdrawing sponsorship from more than 50 TV shows, saying "Large, serious and increasingly vocal segments of our population are objecting to sex and violence on television."

Drinking Age - Regretting the lowering of the age limit at which beverage alcohol can be purchased to eighteen years of age by many states and being aware of the serious consequences of this change, we urge all states to set twenty-one years of age as the minimum age at which alcoholic beverages can be purchased.

We recommend putting the picture of each owner on the ID card for identification in the purchase of alcoholic beverages.

Highway Safety - Knowing the growing concern regarding the increase in fatalities and injuries caused by drinking drivers and being aware of the loss of life and property, we recommend stricter laws, which will include revoking of licenses, increasing fines, and jail sentences with each subsequent conviction.

We recommend the establishment, by each state, of a comprehensive alcohol safety program as a part of its highway safety program and the uniform requirement of .05 percent blood alcohol concentration as the basis for conviction for drunken driving with mandatory conviction after the first and repeated offenses.

We urge Representative Michael D. Barnes of Maryland to change his H.R. Bill 2488 from the requirement of .10 percent blood alcohol concentration to .05 percent blood alcohol concentration, which is a more realistic percentage for establishing driving while under the influence of alcohol.

Home - Realizing the importance of the home as the great character-building and stabilizing agent in the lives of individuals, we urge parents to abstain from the use of alcoholic beverages and other narcotics and teach their children the same by precept and example.

We believe that high standards should be set for family living and that a family should be classified as a man and woman living together as a lawfully married couple with or without children.

Legalized Gambling - Noting the increase in the number of states enacting laws that permit legalized gambling and believing that gambling is morally wrong and financially unprofitable to most persons who engage in it, we suggest a thorough study of the problem and urge that a strong effort be made to discourage gambling in any form.

We believe that gambling is a growing menace to society, and we ask that race track and dog racing gambling, bingo and pinball machines be made illegal. Bingo is a vicious form of gambling that flies under the colors of being played for charity in many instances, and pinball machines are luring the young into a life of gambling.

World Hunger - Regretting the starving masses of people in many areas of the world, we call upon the United States Government to encourage the use of grains as food instead of using it in the making of alcoholic beverages.

Crime - Appalled by the increase in the rate of crimes being committed and being aware of statistics that show that more than 50 percent of the crimes committed are alcohol - or other drug-related, we call upon law enforcement officers to increase their efforts to apprehend the criminals and upon judges to fit the sentence to the crimes.

We urge our members and other concerned citizens to join in prayer regarding the crime wave that is sweeping the country and for the criminals that they may turn from their wicked ways.

The International Year of the Disabled Person - Through Christian love, we, as individuals and as an organization, have always shown our concern for the unfortunate, and we pledge our cooperation in the special effort being made to bring to the attention of the general public the problems and the possibilities of the disabled.

We believe that special effort should be made to find the causes of retardation, as studies have shown that some of it is preventable.

Health Warning On Labels - Believing the public has a right to know the truth about beverage alcohol, we recommend the support of the Brown Bill W. R. 2251, which requires a health warning on the labels of bottles containing alcoholic beverages.

We recommend the following suggested label to be on the alcohol beverage containers: Using this product too fast may cause sickness or death; may impair driving ability; may create dependence or addiction, and during pregnancy may harm the unborn. Legal age required for purchase.

Advertising Of Alcoholic Beverages - Believing that the time has come for drastic action, we urge the support of the Brown Bill H.R. 1800 that will amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 to provide that advertising of alcoholic beverages is not a deductible expense, and we further urge that a letter be sent to the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, Representative Dan Rostenkowski.

Use Of Alcoholic Beverages In Cooking - Deploring the suggested use of beverage alcohol, including hard liquors, wine, and beer, in published cooking and beverage recipes, we urge individuals to register their disapproval to the editors of newspapers and magazines carrying such recipes, to the editors of columns containing the recipes, and to radio and television program directors.

We urge the discouragement of the giving of wine and cheese parties.

Venereal Diseases - Knowing that venereal diseases have reached such serious proportions that health officials are calling it an epidemic causing blindness, insanity, and death, we reaffirm our belief in an equally high standard of purity for men and women.

We believe education is essential to the elimination of these diseases, and we urge that such studies include the relation of alcohol and other narcotics to the contraction and spread of the

diseases.

Respectfully submitted by -
The Resolution Committee: Mrs. T. Roy Jarrett, Chairman; Mrs. Kermit S. Edgar, Miss Juanita M. Whistler, Mrs. James Hatfield, Mrs. Margaret Gee, Mrs. R. G. Pierce, Miss Ethel Riddle, Mrs. Melvin Christ, Mrs. M. J. Maloney and Miss Elizabeth Williams.

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

The Southwest District Convention was held in the Methodist Church of Hettinger on June 26 with 14 members attending from Hettinger, Belfield, Dickinson, and Beulah. President Mrs. Theophil Auch presided. The hymn, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness," was sung. Mona Holt used "Liberty and Commitment" as the theme for devotions. Her scripture source was Galatians 5:13-26. Gladys Greij extended the welcome and Marvel Molm responded.

A candlelight memorial service was led by Mona Holt in memory of Helmine Kvanvig, who was an active member until she was nearly ninety years old. Members shared memories of her life. Mrs. Fred Kulish and Anna Auch sang "Jesus is Always There."

Highlights of the 1980 State Convention held in Bismarck followed. Participating were Mrs. Greij, Mae Kvanvig, Cleo Kulish, Anna Auch, and Marvel Molm.

The report of the 1981 YTC Camp was given by Jennifer McGrath and Cleo Kulish. The Dickinson young people sold bells and held bake sales to earn money for camp.

Anna Auch closed the morning session with a Prayer and Praise Service.

After a potluck dinner served by the Hettinger Union, the business meeting was convened. Officers elected for the year are: President Mona Holt, Vice President Mrs. Theophil Auch, and Secretary-Treasurer Mary Trunkhill.

The time of discussion and sharing ended with the singing of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds." A fruesta was served by the Hettinger Union.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

"Dare to be a Daniel; dare to stand alone. Dare to have a purpose true, and dare to make it known." We need more Daniels and Joshuas. It would be wonderful if God could say of us as recorded in Joshua 11:15 - "The Lord commanded Moses, His servant, so did Moses command Joshua, and so did Joshua; he left nothing undone of all that the Lord commanded Moses." He battled mighty armies and men for the Right and Israel. He left nothing undone that the Lord commanded.

It's encouraging to read the reports of the local Unions and to watch it add up in service to the Lord and for country, church, schools, and homes. Jesus gives us power and strength to do His will and to reach others for planting these seeds of faith, righteousness, and good health.

It has been sad to watch Christian church members become indifferent and refuse to take an active part in fighting against the use of alcoholic beverages, other drugs, tobacco, pornography, and other social evils. They feel their church teaches about Jesus so those things are not a problem for them. Yet many innocent people are killed or injured by someone else's problems.

But if all Christians of all churches would give their prayers, time, and money and would unite with the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, we could be a strong force for a revitalized nation - building better communities, businesses, churches, schools, and homes. We would speak and our leaders would listen. Never doubt it; the liquor industry notices our membership and notes where and when we are active.

Some of our membership has been very useful in their communities; speaking at school board meetings; working with teachers; successfully urging restaurant owners not to apply for liquor licenses. Others have convinced their city commissions not to issue additional liquor licenses or spoken up at church council meetings. Because of such love and faithfulness, several people with alcohol or smoking problems have asked for literature and information.

Oil activity in areas with an influx of new people and more money has increased alcohol related automobile accident deaths and serious injury.

We need to become more concerned, pray more, and keep doing many little things to help. Get The Union Signal and The Young Crusader, give literature to those who will read it, and be informed. Continue to support the booth at the NDEA Convention and YTC Camp; these are projects which all North Dakotans can be proud of. Provide literature and leaders to help with temperance lessons at scout meetings, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, LTL, Cancer Society, Heart, Lung and other Health Associations, school, and church. Share this information with your family and neighbors. Encourage our leaders and members.

Build good public relations everywhere.

"And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Galatians 6:9. Jesus will give us the love and ability to do His will and help us plant seeds that will bring eternal blessing and will bless our Christian in countless ways if we try to leave nothing undone of all that the Lord commands.

Your Director,
Mrs. Chester Molm

Dear Co-Workers,

Words can't express the thankfulness that I feel in my heart for your wonderful cooperation during Convention in Minot and for getting your reports to me on time. Without your help, my work would be much harder and nearly impossible. God bless you all.

It would be wonderful if we could have all 22 Unions achieving the Advance Union status during the 1981-82 year. This requires only that your Union have all dues paid before November 30.

Let us also start the year reading the books listed in the program planner. Only a short report is necessary. I enjoy reading these reports and I enjoy even more sending National the names of those who have read only one book in each category listed. I must have the reports by July 15th, however, as the awards are National awards presented during National Convention.

This past year we had an increase in Vanguard Unions; several other Unions were very close. Don't give up. A little more prayer, and a little more persistence by each member should put you over the requirements.

God does provide because this is His work. May each one of us continue to educate and support our youth and save them from all forms of drug dependency.

Mrs. Lyle Trapp
Promotion Secretary

The point is not - (1) what the law allows or does not allow; (2) who wants to drink or who doesn't; (3) whether the rich or the poor do the drinking; (4) whether the drink is beer or wine or hard liquor. But the real point is that Alcohol is a habit forming racial poison.

Want to lower your taxes? Eliminate the 6 percent of the employees on Federal payrolls that are alcoholics or have alcohol problems and save over 715 million dollars a year.

Non-alcoholic drinks should also be served for non-drinkers and drinkers who feel they have had enough but still want a glass in their hand.

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