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MARION'S MEMOS

Galatians 6:9, 10 - And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

Dear Co-Workers:

Once again we have commemorated the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior. I trust it was a time of great blessing for each one of you as you went through the Lenten season - perhaps attending a Good Friday service remembering Christ's agony in the garden, His cruel death on the cross - then a glorious Easter service singing alleluia to our Risen Lord - may it have been a renewal of our love and devotion, a rededication of service to God and fellow man.

Ladies, our WCTU year is swiftly going by. There is still time to work on all your good projects and to reach for the highest goals you can.

We always are needing to enlist new members and to encourage all to keep on. No one is too young. The dedication of a little child in the White Ribbon Recruit service is a precious time. It is a way of contacting parents, letting them know of our interest and concern for them and their families.

We sorely need more LTL'ers and YTC'ers throughout the state. We must rebuild the foundation of our organization. From these groups will come members for the women's groups later on. Neither is anyone too old to belong. Even if one cannot get about as in former years, there are many things which that member can do where she-he is.

First and foremost uphold the work and workers daily in prayer for strength to labor on, for wisdom, and for courage to stand for what is right and decent. Pray for the finances to carry on our various projects at the local and District levels as well as the State and National levels.

There is always a letter which needs to be sent - to our state legislators, to our Congressmen - we must let them know our feelings on important issues. Our good bills need to be brought out of committees. We must urge our congressmen to vote against the bad bills and for the good ones. Write not only letters of condemnation, but of commendation as well. If you cannot write for yourself, perhaps someone will write it for you. Do not leave a good thing undone without trying several approaches to it.

There are other things you will think of doing even though you may be shut-in.

Yes, we need honorary members. It was good to read in the Minot notes of an Honorary member taking an active part in the meeting. When any member has the will to contribute his time in such a way, we should accept the contribution and be appreciative, for everyone has something to give. Thank you, men.

Let no one say, "I'm too old," "I'm shut-in and can't do anything," or "I'm too busy." One thing every single member can do is pray and there is the most need for that - God honors and answers prayer.

Ladies, your LTL and YTC Executive Directors, State Promotion Secretary, State Directors of Christian Outreach and Public Relations - both the new and retiring one - all had such excellent articles in the last two issues of the WRB. They advised of the activities we need to be carrying on now and in the weeks to come. They have urged us all to become involved and concerned and to do all we can wherever, whenever, and however to further the outreach for good of the North Dakota WCTU.

I can only reemphasize these points: Please look over the points needed for being a Vanguard Union - deadline is June 30th for ARRIVING to the State Promotion Secretary....send your Vanguard report early. Do your utmost to achieve this goal. Also, keep your subscriptions, especially the new ones, but also the old, going in for the Union Signal. Only the new subscriptions count for the contest, but we cannot afford to let our own subscriptions expire; we need the information.

The Lord bless you real good - and always remember to forget the troubles that passed away, but never forget to remember the blessings that come each day.

Love to all,
Marion

"He who believes in God is not careful for the morrow, but labors joyfully and with a great heart. He must work and watch, yet never be careful or anxious, but commit all to him, and live in serene tranquility, with a quiet heart, as one who sleeps safely and quietly."

- Martin Luther

State of North Dakota

EXECUTIVE OFFICE
BISMARCK

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The widespread use of alcohol, narcotics, and tobacco is an increasing concern and danger; and

WHEREAS, Information is greatly needed to educate our youth and our community on the effects of all drugs; and

WHEREAS, The youth of our community can add much to the welfare of the community if their minds are unclouded by these false crutches; and

WHEREAS, The Youth Temperance Council of North Dakota is concerned with promoting a drug-free way of life,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALLEN I. OLSON, Governor of the State of North Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of April 25 - May 1, 1982, as

"YOUTH EDUCATIONAL TEMPERANCE WEEK"

and urge all civic, educational, religious, social, and other organizations to make a substantial contribution to the development of high moral, spiritual, and social standards through temperance education for our youth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of North Dakota to be affixed this nineteenth day of February, 1982.


 ALLEN I. OLSON
 Governor

ATTEST:

 Secretary of State

IT'S UP TO ME

This is my Woman's Christian Temperance Union.
 It is composed of people like me; I make it what it is.
 My Union will be fruitful if I am.
 The chairs will be filled, if I help to fill them.
 It will do great work if I work.
 It will bring others to its fellowship if I bring them.
 It will be a Union of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith,
 If I am filled with these things.

- Illinois White Ribboner

1981 STATE POSTER WINNERS

Grade 4 - Dawn Tragetan, Northwood; Maria Wald, Dickinson; Lorilyn Van Bruggen, Marion.
 Grade 5 - Tanya Schander, Northwood; Angela Walter, Crosby; Kevin Smith, Marion.
 Grade 6 - Steve Gylten, Northwood; Bryan Carter, Crosby; Darin Rodin, Marion.
 Grade 7 - Cara Wald, Dickinson; Cathy Albert, Dickinson; Laura Keath, Dickinson.
 The judges were: Warren Drown, Irene Wiltze, and Melissa Dick.

State Director,
Lillian Kraft

MINOT UNION

Our Minot Union met on Friday, April 9th, with 21 people present. Police Chaplain Chuck Huffman was the guest speaker. Two beautiful vocal selections were rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pederson. Mrs. Howard Franklin accompanied at the piano. Mrs. Amelia Hovda, our hostess, served a delicious lunch.

We lost one of our faithful members last week (April 3). His wife was the vice president of our local union for many years. She gave many good messages at our meetings during the course of her involvement with the WCTU. Now she will be leaving Minot to go to Minneapolis to live with her daughters. Both Reinholt and Odelya will be greatly missed.

Special prayers are requested for Leona Johnson who has been ill and hospitalized during the late winter and spring.

PERSONAL MENTION

(This report of the February meeting of the Minot Union was received second hand at a rather late date. It should have appeared earlier. My apologies. It is too good to miss. H. M.)

Mrs. Jake Steffen reports that: The Minot February meeting was held in the Community Room of the Minot Public Library with fourteen members present. Mrs. Fred Schmidt was the hostess.

Mrs. Oscar Folden gave a report on her trips to Washington, D. C., for the inauguration of President Ronald Reagan and Vice President George Bush and to Bismarck for the inauguration of Governor Al Olson and Lieutenant Governor Ernest Sands.

Mrs. Vernon Forthun reported on her trip to Bismarck for the hearing considering lowering the drinking age so that eighteen year olds could imbibe legally. There was a good representation from different walks of life - a former policeman, former Governor Arthur Link, high school administrators, some students, and other concerned citizens. We are glad the bill was defeated.

Mrs. Forthun also reported on her visit with Assistant Superintendent Lowell Latimer. He informed her that the Minot schools have appreciated the material provided by our W.C.T.U., especially our films.

We have two new members - both of them recruited by Mrs. Forthun. They are David Forthun and Mrs. Tim Myers (Karen), son and daughter of Mrs. Forthun.

Mrs. Ruth Loughhead reported that her son, Kenneth, is a paid lobbyist. She stated that we should inform him about bills which concerned us and our organization.

Mrs. Jake Steffen reports that:

The Minot WCTU met for their March meeting in

the public library. Mrs. Vernon Forthun, president, presided with 15 members attending.

Rev. Howard Franklin presented the devotions reading from John 8:31, 32 and the meditation from The Union Signal.

Mr. William Blore, Juvenile Commissioner, gave a very informative address. He complimented the WCTU for their efforts.

There was a discussion concerning YTC Camp. We hope to be involved in that and YTE Week.

Mrs. Vernon Forthun and Mrs. Fred Schmidt favored us with a selection entitled "Up Calvary's Mountain." Mrs. Howard Franklin accompanied on the piano.

Mrs. Fred Schmidt was the hostess.

At their January meeting Mrs. Mavis Borstad of the Minot Police Department gave an address on Teenage Drinking and Drug Problems. Mrs. Steffen served lunch.

Mrs. Oscar Johnson reports that:

The Prosper Union Legislative Prayer Breakfast was held at the Oscar Johnson home on January 20. Following the session of prayer, the honorary members presented some of the bills before Congress which are of vital concern to the WCTU. Letters to Senators and Congressmen resulted from this special meeting.

In December, the Prosper Union entertained the Honorary members at a potluck Christmas dinner at the Melvin Gangness home. Mrs. Oscar Johnson was in charge of the program which followed. The "Love-gift" of the day was designated for YTC Camp.

THE 23RD CHANNEL

1. The TV set is my shepherd, my spiritual growth shall want.
2. It maketh me to sit down and do nothing for His name's sake, because it requireth all my spare time. It keepeth me from doing my duty as a Christian, because it presenteth so many good shows that I must see.
3. It restoreth my knowledge of the things of the world, and keepeth me from the study of God's word. It leadeth me in the paths of failing to attend the evening worship services, and doing nothing in the Kingdom of God.
4. Yea, though I live to be a hundred, I shall keep on viewing my TV as long as it will work, for it is my closest companion. Its sound and its picture, they comfort me.
5. It presenteth entertainment before me, and keepeth me from doing important things with my family. It fills my head with ideas which differ from those set forth in the Word of God.
6. Surely no good thing will come of my life, because my TV offereth me no good time to do the will of God: thus I will dwell in the place of the devil and his angels forever...

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A SPECIAL LETTER

Dear Friend,

How are you? I just had to send a note to you to tell you how much I love you and care about you.

I saw you yesterday as you were talking with your friends. I waited all day hoping you would want to talk with me also. As evening drew near, I gave you a sunset to close your day and a cool breeze to rest you - and I waited. You never came. Yes, it did hurt me - but I still love you because I am your friend.

I saw you fall asleep last night and longed to touch your brow so I spilled moonlight upon your pillow and face. Again I waited, wanting to rush down so we could talk. I have so many gifts for you! You awakened late and rushed off to work. My tears were in the rain.

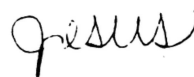
Today you look so sad - so all alone. It makes my heart ache because I understand. My friends let me down and hurt me so many times too, but I love you.

Oh! If you would only listen to me. I LOVE YOU! I try to tell you in the blue sky and in the quiet grass. I whisper it in the leaves on the trees and breathe it in the colors of the flowers. I shout it to you in the mountain streams and give the birds songs to sing. I clothe you with warm sunshine and perfume the air with nature scents. My love for you is deeper than the oceans, and bigger than the biggest want or need in your heart. Oh! If you only know how much I want to help you. I want you to meet my father. He wants to help you too. My father is that way, you know.

Just call me - ask me - talk with me. Oh, please, please don't forget me! I have so much to share with you. Okay, I won't hassle you any further. You are free to choose me. It is your decision. I have chosen you, because of this, I will wait - because -

I LOVE YOU.

Your Friend,



JESUS

TREASURER'S REPORT

December 10, 1981 to February 10, 1982

DUES:

Women - Dickey 1, Fargo 1, Langdon 11, Minot 2.
 Members-At-Large - 11.
 Honorary Men - Dickey 1, Prosper 13, At Large 6.
LILLIAN STEVENS FUND - Crosby \$28.00, Hettinger \$5.00, Langdon \$5.00, Marion \$3.00, Prosper - \$5.00.
FRANCES WILLARD FUND - Hettinger \$5.00, Langdon \$5.00, Marion \$3.00, Prosper \$5.00.
STATE REPORTS - Hettinger \$3.00 (1), Langdon \$5.00 (2).
LIGHT LINE - Hettinger, Langdon.
WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN - Hettinger \$5.00, Langdon \$10.00.
Y.T.C. CAMP - Fargo \$25.00, Hettinger \$5.00, Prosper \$14.00.
N.D.E.A. - Hettinger \$5.00.
GIFT - \$30.00 by North Prairie A.L.C.W.
MEMORIALS - \$10.00 in memory of Ethel Denler by Langdon Union; \$5.00 in memory of William Fischer by Fred and Cleo Kulish; \$5.00 in memory of Christ Ahl by Fred and Cleo Kulish; \$2.00 in memory of Edwin Enzminger by Mrs. Jake Steffen.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Oscar Johnson, Treasurer

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP: (From September 1, 1981 to February 10, 1982) - Women 345, Men 75.

PROMOTION SECRETARY

After a rather long winter we are all looking forward to spring and a renewal of our WCTU work.

Many of you have become Advance Unions for which I am very proud.

The price of The Union Signal for new subscriptions has been set at \$5.00 for any District or State Meeting. Otherwise, the price is \$6.00.

This is also the time to think about our goals for the year - such as being a Holdfast Union, Steadfast Union, Reading List, The Union Signal Contest, and Vanguard Union.

Keep in mind the LTL and YTC. Encourage the youth to come to camp. Many young people may have their lives changed.

May God direct our work in the WCTU and help us to do our best.

Vivian

IN MEMORIAM

MRS. GLENN G. HAYS, of Hutchinson, Kansas, former National WCTU President from 1953 to 1959, and author of the union's 100 year history entitled "Heritage of Dedication", died February 12, 1982 in Hutchinson, after a long illness.

Prior to becoming its National President, Mrs. Hays was the union's national vice-president and national recording secretary.

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

Following her term as National President, Mrs. Hays served as the National WCTU's Washington Correspondent in the District of Columbia from 1959 through 1963.

Trained as an educator, she taught in high schools in Kansas and Oklahoma.

A former president of the Kansas WCTU, where she stressed youth work, she continued in this direction as the organization's National President, where she put emphasis on expanding its youth affiliates, the Youth Temperance Council for teenagers, and the Loyal Temperance Legion for children 6-12 years old.

Mrs. Hays instituted the WCTU sponsored state and national intercollegiate oratorical contests for competition and alcohol education among young adults. Other characteristics of her administration were drives for congressional and other curbs on alcoholic beverage advertising interstate, and opposing the use of pro-alcohol texts accenting 'moderation' in drinking, in the public schools.

Respected and popular with the public sector, Mrs. Hays was a member of the National and Kansas Council for Women; Kansas Day Club; Kansas Federation of Women's Clubs; Women's Study Club; and Delta Kappa Gamma sorority. A member of the Christian Church, she was active in church and social work for many years.

Mrs. Hays was the widow of Glenn G. Hays, school principal and later a Kansas wheat and cattle rancher.

She inherited her devotion to temperance work from her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Dubbs, early Kansas settlers. Her mother was a leader in her local WCTU, and her father participated in state politics on the Prohibition ticket.

Funeral services were held Monday, February 15, in Hutchinson, with graveside services the next day in Ransom, Kansas, with a White Ribbon ceremony led by the officers of the Kansas WCTU.

Survivors include a brother, Wendell Dubbs, of Palo Alto, Calif., a sister, Mrs. Myrtle Stover of Palo Alto, Calif., a sister, Mrs. Minnie Milberg of Topeka, Kans., and several nieces and nephews.

EDWIN ENZMINGER, an honorary member of the Steele Union, passed away suddenly on November 23, reports his wife, Lydia.

REINHOLT POLSFUT, 88, died April 3. Born in 1894 in Zadarow, Poland, he was reared there and in Germany, and at the age of 16, followed his

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father to the United States. The senior Polsfut lived only two years after reaching the States. Reinholt farmed his father's land in McLean County and married Odelya Hager at Max in 1917.

While still a German citizen, he served with the U. S. Army during World War I. He became an American citizen in 1919. He continued farming at Benedict until moving his family to Minot in 1943.

Mr. Polsfut was instrumental in developing residential properties, worked for the Farmers Union and maintained his farming interests until 1957. In 1972 he and his wife journeyed to eastern Europe for the first reunion with his family there in 62 years. He was a member of Calvary Church, Gideons International, and an Honorary member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

His wife and two daughters survive.

AN UPDATE ON CAMP DEVELOPMENTS

Camp dates are definitely secure now. We'll start the encampment on Sunday, June 6 with registration beginning at 2:00 p.m. Rooms in the dorm will be assigned at the time of registration. The first function, the evening meal, will officially open the 1982 YTC Camp. Then for the evening's program we will be treated with a Radio Rally with the KFNW Radio Staff in charge. This will be our big night, and so our campers will want to bring their friends, parents, and all supporters out for a good night of music along with a multi-media presentation. We want to urge our WCTU ladies to come to camp for this evening too. We need your support both with your attendance and your free will offering.

With the camp beginning on a Sunday, the banquet night will be scheduled for Wednesday, the 9th of June. Stunt and Talent Night will be Tuesday, the 8th, followed by our traditional hayride. On Monday night our state Social Director, Clara Wald, will have the entertainment and make this time a purposeful time too.

Thus campers, bring your suit of good clothes, good-looking casuals, (remember, we don't wear shorts), towels, a notebook, pencil, your Bible, your musical instruments, all your talents, your swimming suit, your baseball mitt, and your best enthusiastic spirit for these four days of activity and fun.

The last issue of the WRB reported that the camp fee was to be \$36.00. Well, that has been changed to \$38.00. After I received all the forms and information from Keith Anderson, that was the final fee quoted.

Here is a summary of the finances as of March 1, 1982.

Checking Balance	\$466.09
Interest Earned	27.87
From Mabel Solum in memory of Norman Solum	50.00
From Violet White in memory of Tim Solum	3.00

Children are a gift from the Lord, they are a real blessing. The sons a man has when he is young are like arrows in a soldier's hand. Happy is the man who has many such arrows. He will never be defeated when he meets his enemies in the place of judgment. Psalm 127:3-5.

See you all on the 6th of June,
Cleo Kulish

LIQUOR INDUSTRY BRISTLES

Thomas Lowe, writing for The Washington Report, said that the liquor industry had launched a "pre-emptive strike" to win the battle against additional excise taxes before it really started.

For several months some members of the Congress and others have been proposing additional "sim taxes" on liquor, beer, and tobacco to help balance the federal budget.

Lowe said, "F. A. Meister, president of the Distillers Council of the United States, Inc., which represents distillers and importers in spearheading the battle against any new taxes for his industry."

"We've already done substantial congressional contact work," he said. Meister said, "We think there has been so much talk (about higher taxes) that we are already facing a problem."

In Meisters opinion, any increase in taxes on what he calls "the nation's most highly taxed product" is inherently unfair to the industry and consumers of liquor.

Meister claims that the liquor industry has been taxed twice as heavily as any other industry. He claims that when a bottle leaves a distillery, 89 percent of its price comes from federal taxes that average \$15 a gallon.

The Distillery spokesman says that proponents of increased excise taxes argue that such levies are relatively painless for the public because they tend to become less noticeable than income taxes.

Meister calls excise taxes regressive, claiming that they fall "most heavily on the poor." The Distillery spokesman contends that because taxes are levied at the point of manufacture, no other taxes contribute so to the acceleration of inflation.

Commenting on the idea that high taxes on such goods as alcohol - which might tend to reduce consumption - perform a social good. Meister said "It is not sound tax policy to penalize the majority of alcohol consumers for the excesses of a few." He added, "The tax code is hardly a place to dictate morality or personal tastes for the American public."

ASK GOD

Decisions press upon us, and at times,
Confused, we wonder at what course to take;
We weigh the facts, we ponder and we fear
The consequence of any choice we make.
Oh, then we need these words to keep us strong,
If any man lack wisdom, let him ask