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**Official Call To
 93rd Annual Convention
 October 7 and 8, 1982
 Faith Evangelical Free Church
 2315 Library Circle
 Grand Forks, North Dakota**

We, the general officers of the North Dakota Woman's Christian Temperance Union and members of the Grand Forks District, hereby call upon members throughout the state to assemble for the annual convention in session October 7 and 8, 1982, at the Faith Evangelical Free Church, Grand Forks, North Dakota.



The Faith Evangelical Free Church is just a short way from I-29 on the east side of Grand Forks. We are told it is easy to find. If you remember that South Washington Street is the exit you know you are only 2½ blocks at the most from the church.

Thursday, October 7

Registration.....10:00 a.m.
 General Officers Meeting.....11:00 a.m.
 Official Board Meeting.....11:20 a.m.
 Executive Committee.....11:30 a.m.
 Luncheon.....12:00 a.m.
 Prayer and Praise Service.....1:30 p.m.
 Convention Called to Order.....2:00 p.m.
 Business will be conducted as usual. There will be an offering for the WCTU booth at the NDEA Convention. The afternoon session will close with the Memorial Hour.

Banquet.....The speaker will be Rev. Ralph Cooke of the Grace Baptist Church, Grand Forks.

Friday, October 8

Convention Called to Order.....9:00 a.m.
 Devotions.....

Business.....Reports, election this year for president and recording secretary. The offering for state work will be taken.

Adjournment and Noon Luncheon at Church.



Dickey Union WRB
 Celeste Allison McCleary



Langdon Union WRB's
 Mrs. Galen Dahlstad with Daniel and Ruth; Mrs. Jim Spent and Rebecca.

MARION'S MEMOS

"Challenging Pathways" is the theme for 1982-1983. It is taken from the scriptures - Proverbs 3:5,6: 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.

Dear Co-Workers,

Our theme for September devotions is "Pathways of Responsibility." It is the responsibility of each one of us to be at the State Convention if at all possible. I trust you have made motel reservations and have also let Bertina Evanson know that you are planning to be at the banquet and luncheons. By now you should have also sent in the names of departed members for the memorial service also to Bertina.

We are responsible, too, to get reports in on time. Mrs. Trapp should receive them no later than September 15th.

There are also Department reports with the same report deadlines. Someone in each Union needs to be responsible for getting these in on time. There is always something to report; more in some departments than others, but leave nothing of your many benevolences unreported. Keep track of letters written, cards and gifts given, fruestas and literature distributed, special meetings held; just remember that each little act is something very

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NORTH DAKOTA W.C.T.U. SONG

There's a state in the West where the wild roses grow
And the prairies lie rich in the sun;
Where the north star looks down and the northern lights glow
When the long summer daylight is done,
There are valleys and buttes, there are coulees and dells
There are waters that run to the sea;
Oh! Every good gift that in Nature's store dwells
She has shared, North Dakota with thee.

There are dreamers of dreams in this beautiful state
And a vision most wondrous they see --
Of homes never harmed by greed, evil or hate,
And a people all happy and free,
There is one faithful band -- the white ribbon band --
Some dreams they have dreamed have come true;
Still for God and for Home and for dear Native Land
They pray and they labor anew.

North Dakota be proud of this white ribbon host,
They have helped make thy history fair;
The service they've rendered can never be lost --
These women of vision and prayer,
This wonderful band, this white ribbon band,
These thousands on guard every day!
Oh! Best beloved state of our glorious land,
God bless thee and guide thee, always!

PERSONAL MENTION

Vivian Trapp reports that the Marion Local WCTU held a Day Camp on July 29th. Twenty-six young people attended with twenty signing the LTL pledge and paying their dues.

The program consisted of choruses and a lesson on what the LTL stands for. Then the Good Samaritan story was given by Frieda Hultin. Following the program we were served a very delicious lunch. Games were played. A very good time was had by all, especially when they could have all the watermelon they could eat!

We believe Proverbs 22:6 - Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it. May God help us to do more.

Marion Bartle reports that the children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Gangness hosted a 50th wedding anniversary party at the Herby Lutheran Church on September 5th. Congratulations, Melvin and Bobbi!

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DICKEY UNION FAMILY OF THE YEAR

At their June meeting, the Dickey Union selected Mr. and Mrs. Tom Waldie as their Family of the Year. Mr. and Mrs. Waldie live on a farm near Marion. Tom and Jeannette were married October 15, 1960. At that time Jeannette joined the WCTU. She had been a former LTL member and had been to YTC Camps. Tom has been an honorary member for 19 years. They are active members of the Assembly of God Church and Sunday School.

Jeannette is presently the Local Social Service and Projection Methods Director and Vice President; Ransom - LaMoure District President; and State Social Service Director. She has also served in other offices in the Dickey Union. Jeannette is also active in the Marion School PTO, Music Mothers, the women's ministry group of her church, as well as assisting with Sunday School and Kids Krusade.

Tom is on the church board, usher, assistant Sunday School teacher, and helps elsewhere as needed. He is on the Marion School Board and is a township officer. He enjoys working with community projects and relaxing as a member of the Jamestown Skymasters flying club.

Scott, 19, attended Trinity Bible Institute at Ellendale last year and is currently farming with the family. He was counselor and Bible teacher at YTC Camp last year. Scott teaches third grade boys class in Sunday School. He will be married November 13 to Diane Nitschke of Montpelier. He is an honorary member.

Elise, 17, is a senior and active in band, chorus, cheerleading, basketball, and other school activities. Last year the saxophone quartet she was in went to compete at the state level. Elise is an active participant in church youth activities. She has attended YTC camp and selected as Queen last

year.

Curtis, 12, plays trumpet in the band and enjoys basketball and wrestling. This was his last year as an LTL member and will be a new YTC'er. He has attended YTC Camp and is a faithful Sunday Schooler.

Joyce, 9, joins the LTL Day Camp each year and attended the YTC camp for the first time this year. She is a Missionette at church. She completed the Prim Missionette program earning every badge. She takes piano lessons and attends Sunday School and Kids Krusades every Sunday.

Clayton, 3, is a White Ribbon Recruit, as were all the Waldie children, and goes to Sunday School and Children's Church all by himself. He has a way of always keeping Mom busy at home.

Tom, Jeannette, and family all love the Lord and He is first in their lives.



"Family of the Year"
Tom Waldie Family -- Dickey Union

TREASURER'S REPORT
June 15, 1982 - August 5, 1982

DUES:

- Women - Marion 1, Tower City 9.
 - Honorary Men - Tower City 3.
 - Y.T.C. - 9.
 - LILLIAN STEVENS FUND - Northwood \$3.00, Tower City \$3.00.
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 - LIGHT LINE - Marion, Northwood.
 - Y.T.C. CAMP - Tower City \$15.00.
 - WORLD FRIENDSHIP - Y.T.C. Camp \$41.20.
 - MEMORIALS - In memory of Myrth Walker: \$5.00 by Lillian Tverberg, \$3.00 by Magda Rassum, \$2.00 by Ruth Holt, \$10.00 by Grafton Union. In memory of Mrs. Rose Paulson: \$5.00 by Lillian Kraft, \$3.50 by Jamestown Union. In memory of Mrs. Ann Schmidt: \$5.00 by Lillian Kraft, \$3.50 by Jamestown Union. In memory of Katie Sayhadak: \$10.00 by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kulish.
- Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Oscar Johnson, Treasurer
- TOTAL MEMBERSHIP: (From September 1, 1981 to August 5, 1982) - Women 383, Honorary Men 103.

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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Mrs. Lloyd Thompson and Lori, Mrs. Chester Webb, (Lori's grandmother), and Mrs. David Rossum with Micah and Kayla.

special to someone. A monthly summary makes report time so much easier.

Mrs. Trapp and I had good traveling to and from National Convention. We appreciated being at National. It is always such an inspiration. There we realize how many ladies, men, and youth are involved in the battle against alcohol and drug abuse, immorality, and the vices that downgrade mankind and disturb our nation.

I trust to see many of you at our 93rd State Convention. Remember the officers, state, district, and local, and all members in prayer. Be especially in prayer for the ladies of the Grand Forks District as they prepare for our assembling together.

Sincerely,
Marion

THE PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Our trust is in the Lord, who is able to do for us exceeding abundantly beyond what we ask, or even think. How great He is! With faith and confidence we face the Challenging Pathways of the coming year. 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:

SPIRITUAL LIFE

We are the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. The emphasis is on "Christian" first of all, for apart from Him we can do nothing. Therefore, we recommend that:

1. A time be set for prayer and meditation with the Lord each day.
2. Each member read one or more devotional books found on the WCTU Reading List.
3. Our members be encouraged to remember the prayer at the noontime hour for all WCTU work and workers in our country and around the world.

MEMBERSHIP

Each year it becomes more clear how great is the need for new replacements in the ranks of the WCTU. It follows then that there is need for real growth and added strength. Thus it is extremely important that we make a sacrificial effort to enlarge our membership. Therefore we urge that:

1. A serious concentrated effort be made to organize local unions.
2. Each of us needs to recruit and enlist one or more new members.
3. A special effort be made to involve new members in all the work of the WCTU.
4. An LTL and YTC be organized in as many local unions as possible.
5. We pray the Lord will raise up leaders for the vacant positions in the WCTU.

EDUCATION

We rededicate ourselves to the education of our nation's youth to the harmful effects of alcoholic beverages, other narcotic drugs and tobacco. To this end we recommend that:

1. Efforts be made to place our Signal Press literature into the hands of teachers, principals, curriculum directors and administrators wherever possible.
2. We endeavor to introduce our films and filmstrips into schools both public and private.

PUBLICATIONS

We are proud of our two monthly magazines, The Union Signal, for adults and The Young Crusader, for children. You need our two magazines for their excellent content and we need your subscription support. In view of increased costs of paper, printing and postage, the subscription prices are a real bargain. Therefore we recommend:

1. That all officers and more members become subscribers.

2. That subscriptions be given as awards, gifts and special occasions (Christmas, birthdays, anniversaries).

3. That subscriptions be sent to public officials, educators and social workers.

4. That emphasis be placed on the renewal of all current subscriptions.

PUBLIC IMAGE

The tragedies of our society resulting from beverage alcohol are forcing a favorable change in the public's attitude toward the WCTU. Therefore it is vital:

1. That we make use of every opportunity to keep the WCTU before the public.

2. That we inform the press of our activities.

3. That you purchase the 30-second spot announcement in color on video tape for TV and ask your TV station to show it as a public service announcement. Take along, also, a copy of the "Fruista Party Book".

LEGISLATION

It is important to keep on top of legislation and to make our views known to our elected officials. Hence we should:

1. Write to our Senators and Representatives.

2. Pray for our public officials that they will resist the pressures for profit of evil forces.

3. Write to TV stations and sponsors approving good programs and protesting drinking, immorality and violence.

FINANCE

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 monies 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 for Painting, Preserving and Protecting the properties of National Headquarters.

Again this year, I wish to say, that 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. Martha G. (Kermit S.) Edgar

TV violence is written and produced by adults. It is a school for tomorrow's violent citizens. Chief of Detectives, John Doherty of St. Louis Police Dept., confirmed "There's no doubt TV gave people ideas. Crimes shows teach viewers how to pull off crime."

RESOLUTIONS

National Woman's Christian Temperance Union
Syracuse, New York
August 19-23, 1982

We, the members of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, meeting in annual convention in Syracuse, New York, August 19-23, 1982, are mindful of the goodness of God and are grateful for His leadership and guidance in the work He has called us to do.

Conditions in the nation today call for concern and for more complete dedication to the task which is ours. The increasing use of beverage alcohol and other addictive drugs has reached an alarming degree and calls for an accelerated educational and legislative program to seek to remedy the situation. The challenge is greater than ever, and we commit ourselves to the task with courage and confidence.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

SCHOOL - Because of the conditions that exist in schools today, we urge strict enforcement of laws regarding the sale and use of alcohol and other drugs on school grounds and the sale of the same within a given proximity of the school.

We commend the effort of some school officials for the narcotic education program being promoted and for their concern for the protection of the youth under their care.

CHURCH - Realizing that the church exerts a tremendous influence in the lives of people and believing that abstinence from harmful substances is a Christian virtue, we commend those churches that have included material on the harmful effects of alcohol and other drugs in the church school and youth publications and we urge all denominations to make this information available to all members of the church school, youth groups, and the membership at large.

We believe that a better informed ministry and laity on the harmful effects of alcohol and other drugs upon individuals, the home, church, and society would result in an awakening in the churches as to their responsibility to their membership. We believe that a clarion call to Christian discipleship, which includes abstinence from addiction-producing drugs, needs to be sounded by the church today.

TEEN-AGE DRINKING - With a growing concern about the increase in teen-age drinking and a realization of the serious drinking problem among young people, we urge that all the states set 21 years as the minimum age at which alcoholic beverages may be purchased.

We commend those state legislatures that have raised the minimum age to 21 years at which alcoholic beverages may be purchased and rejoice with them at the benefits that have been derived therefrom. We urge other states to follow their example.

DRUNK-DRIVING - Being aware of the terrible

toll in life and property caused by the drunken driver, we request legislatures in all states to enact stricter laws and require better enforcement that will serve as a deterrent to all persons who drink alcoholic beverages and attempt to drive upon streets and-or highways, thereby endangering the lives of many people.

LOTTERY - With an insatiable desire for money, many states are being asked to permit lotteries. Knowing that this form of gambling is detrimental to most individuals, unprofitable to the state, conducive to bribery and moral corruption in high places in government, we urge the various state legislatures not to permit the operation of a lottery.

LEGISLATION - Throughout the years, as individual members, we have sought to bring about good legislation and to prevent the passage of harmful legislation by our presence at public hearings, personal contacts, and letter writing, and now we express our concern about the following legislation and urge continuing support of the same:

1. The Brown Bill HR2551, which seeks to amend the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act to provide that any label or advertising of all alcoholic beverages contain a statement warning consumers of the possible health hazards associated with the beverage.

2. The bill which seeks to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 to provide that advertising of alcoholic beverages not be a deductible expense.

3. The bill which seeks to set 0.05 percent Blood Alcohol Concentration as the basis for conviction for drunken driving in his House Bill 2488 as that is a more realistic percentage according to medical science and statistics.

PEACE - Being mindful of the peace movement and the great desire for peace among the majority of people, for which the WCTU has stood throughout the years, we call upon national leaders to exert every effort to maintain peace with other countries.

As Christians we pray for a peaceful solution of any international differences. We recognize the United Nations as an instrument for peace and recommend that we cooperate with its program as far as it is consistent with the program of this organization.

CRIME - With the rising tide of criminality in America, which frightens and challenges every thoughtful citizen, we urge stricter enforcement of law, the reestablishment of respect for law and order, and parental discipline in the home which is the basis for law-abiding citizens.

Statistics reveal that more than one-half of the crimes committed are alcohol-related and that the crime rates parallel increasing liquor sales. We urge careful analysis of the causes of crime and ask that such causes be placed in true perspective as public information.

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TELEVISION - Deploing the continuing televising of programs of violence, explicit sex, drinking scenes, etc., after continuing and great effort to get the networks to remedy the situation, we call upon members and others to contact CBS, ABC, NBC, mutual and cable television presidents and program directors expressing our displeasure of these types of programs being produced.

We commend the sponsors who have withdrawn support of some of the programs classified as non-acceptable by some of the viewing audience.

RESPONSIBILITY OF DISPENSERS OF

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - Feeling that the manufacturer, distributor, seller, and server as well as the consumer are equally responsible for the effects of the use of alcoholic beverages and other drugs in deaths, highway accidents, crime, property damage, etc., we ask that the courts hold them equally responsible in the making of the decisions in cases in which drinking is involved.

VENEREAL DISEASES - Since venereal diseases have reached epidemic proportion, according to health authorities, causing blindness, insanity, and death to the individual and untold damage to the unborn, we reaffirm our belief in an equally high standard of purity for men and women.

We believe that education is essential to the elimination of the venereal diseases and we urge that such studies should include the relation of alcohol and other narcotic drugs to the contraction and spread of the diseases.

HIGHWAY SAFETY - Since beverage alcohol is recognized as a major cause of highway accidents resulting in injuries and deaths, we urge all states to adopt uniform chemical tests, including blood and breath tests, for alcohol concentration in the blood, with 0.05 percent as the minimum alcohol content above which driving under the influence is presumed.

FETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME - Realizing that alcohol readily crosses the placenta and enters into the bloodstream of a developing fetus and that alcohol produces congenital malformation and mental deficiencies in a significant proportion of the offspring of drinking women, resulting in heavy expenditures in caring for these individuals by families and by government, we strongly urge women of childbearing age to abstain from the consumption of alcohol.

WORLD HUNGER - Being deeply concerned about the extreme extent of hunger in the world today, we earnestly request that grain be used to feed the hungry rather than to be made into alcoholic beverages and that the proper government officials be informed of our request.

DRUGS - Regarding the interest in the family and drugs manifested by the First Lady of the United States, Mrs. Nancy Reagan, and her crusade against drug abuse, especially among young people, and since alcohol is the number one drug, we urge that the use of all alcoholic beverages be

banned in the White House. We believe that actions speak louder than words.

We request that a letter be sent to Mrs. Reagan from this convention expressing our appreciation of her interest in curbing drug abuse and ask that she begin at the White House by not serving alcoholic beverages there or at any official occasion. We request a copy of the resolution accompany the letter.

We request that a letter be sent to President Ronald Reagan commending him for the establishment of the 30-member Presidential Commission on Drunk Driving to assist the various states in their effort to reduce the loss of life and property caused by the drunken driver.

Respectfully submitted by,
The Resolution Committee -

Mrs. T. Roy Jarrett, Chairman; Mrs. Kermit S. Edgar, Miss Juanita M. Whisler, Mrs. Margaret Gee, Mrs. James Hatfield, Mrs. Ella Peck, Miss Merry Lee Christy, Mrs. Melvin Christ, Miss Elizabeth Williams and Mrs. J. Martin Buhl.



Bismarck District WRB

Olga Huhncke; Winnie DeKray - great-grandmother; Sarah DeKray - Steven's sister; Steven DeKray - new recruit; and Mrs. DeKray - Steven's mother.



(Left to right, seated): Bruce Taylor, Richard Snell. (Standing): Mark Moline and Ken Madeiros. (See article in July-August issue.)