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## MEETING WITH MONA

Dear Co-workers,

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. Philippians 4:13

I have taken the above verse as my verse for the year. We know that it is only those things which are done for Christ that will stand.

As we face a new year in the work of the WCTU, we see many goals we would like to see reached. Let us all work together for these goals.

I have received communications from Miss Whisler, our National Promotion Secretary, concerning addresses for The Union Signal and The Young Crusader. The printer is in need of complete addresses for these publications. We here in North Dakota's small towns do not always see the need for a street address or box number. After all, the postmaster knows who we are. However, it is the post office where they are mailed from that wants a complete address on your magazine. So, please, ladies, save us all a lot of time and effort researching and give us your complete addresses. This is equally important when you give a gift subscription. So far I have received 18 incomplete addresses for our state - and they continue to come in. Thank you so much for your help on this.

It will soon be time for our Mid-year Meeting. We would ask each of your prayers that the order of business will be directed by our Lord.

We have been having beautiful weather in our part of the state, and we are really enjoying it.

I again want to thank each of you for your prayers and support. Without them, we would come to a stand still.

God Bless You-

*Mona Holt*

## WAIT A MINUTE

Just a few things for your better new year.

1. Mona Holt's postal box number has been changed to 1037. Please use it.
2. Because World and National Conventions are early this summer, ALL reports will be due June 1, 1983 to District Presidents, State Promotion Secretary, Department Directors, and to anyone else to whom a report is to be sent. This includes all reports for the reading contest. This year's reports may seem small, but next year's reports will cover that much more time. So, please, **REPORT BY JUNE 1st.**
3. Any NEW WCTU Union, YTC, or LTL begun this year will count 50 points each in Banner points to the Union responsible for its organization.
4. Let us remember news for the White Ribbon Bulletin. Keep the deadline. Check the Bulletin if you have forgotten.
5. Pray for your Local, District, and State officers.

Thank you.

God Bless You,  
Helen McCleary

## VIEWS FROM VIVIAN

Dear Co-workers,

As we are starting a new year, I'm hoping you have as much enthusiasm for the work this year. This is God's work. We must not fail.

Some of the goals that we must keep in mind are these:

\*On April 12 -20, a National Leadership Training School will be held at National Headquarters Building, Evanston, Illinois.

The purpose of the class- To inform leaders and give instructions for carrying out the program of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

Qualification - Who may come?- Any State, District, County, or Local officer, LTL, or YTC Executive Director and any interested WCTU member who wants to serve the WCTU better.

Registration Fee- \$4.50 in advance

Lodging- Reservations are made by National Promotion Secretary.

I'm happy to report that we have 14 advance



Unions who paid their dues by the 30th of November: Fargo, Prosper, Hettinger, Marion, Dickey, Grand Forks Frances Willard, Cavalier, Steele, Max-Benedict, Northwood, Bismarck, Minot, Langdon, and Crosby.

Remember that in order to be an Advance Union, all members must have dues paid and into the Promotion Secretary by November 30.

\***Holdfast Union-** Dues of every living resident member collected and sent to the State Treasurer by December 31 of the year.

\***Steadfast Union-** Same number of members, but not all the same people as collected the previous year.

\***Remember to Read-** The list is found in the Program Manual. You must read one book in each category: Alcohol, Narcotics, Religious, Social Concerns, and Tobacco. Then please send me a short report - this year the deadline is June 1 because of the early schedule for World and National Convention. The award for the first year is a paperweight and there after a book, which will appear on next year's reading list is selected by the National Promotion Secretary.

Remember our theme is "Challenging Pathways" and may God lead us into them in 1983. He can make it a wonderful year for the work of the WCTU...with your diligence and obedience.

We need more new Unions, Vanguard Unions, and Fruitful Unions.

Another goal is more youth at YTC Camp. Pray for our youth.

Thank you for the good work this past year.

Your Promotion Secretary,  
Vivian Trapp

### THE TAX CODE FOR MORALITY

We can well understand why the distiller's lobby would be opposed to any additional taxes on alcoholic beverages. That's their job and more taxes would cut into their profits. Perhaps the liquor lobby has been very effective because we did not have an excise tax placed on the so-called "sin" items named by the press such as "alcoholic beverages". However, we think he is wearing dark glasses so that he cannot really see the facts when he questions whether high taxes on liquor would reduce consumption of alcoholic beverages and perform a social good.

Making alcoholic beverages expensive, inaccessible, and scarce would certainly reduce to some degree the flow of liquor. To reduce the flow and raise the price could make some dent on the

ravages of liquor.

Alcoholic beverages are not necessary like food, fuel, and the staples that support human life. The nation could go on living, and living well without alcoholic beverages. They do not deserve any preferred treatment.

If the government is still troubled about its deficit it should not put on the back burner the \$25 billion dollar suggestion of Michael F. Jacobson, the executive director of the Center for Science in the Public Interest. Think of it - just raise the federal excise tax on wine and beer. What an excellent way to make the nation more sober and at the same time reduce the deficit which costs the taxpayers for interest must be paid on deficits.

Dr. Samuel A. Jeans  
The International Reform Federation  
Progress magazine - March 1982

### 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."

## YTC CAMP NEWS

## Recipe for a Happy New Year-

Take twelve fine, full-grown months; see that these are thoroughly free from all old memories of bitterness, rancor, hate, and jealousy. Cleanse them completely from every clinging spite; pick off all specks of pettiness.

Cut these months into 30 or 31 equal parts. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time, but prepare one day at a time as follows:

Into each day put equal parts of faith patience, courage, work, hope, fidelity, liberality, kindness, rest prayer, and meditation. Add about a teaspoonful of good spirits and a pinch of fun.

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Greetings from the folks who have been working with the YTC Camp that the State WCTU knows is the best human resource project. Even though effort has been expanded some things have not happened and so there will be gaps in the information that we always like to have in regard to camp.

First, David and Kiela Forthun will be with us for the Camp. David will be titled Dean of Men and Kiela will be titled Dean of Women. These two will work with the Councilors and the dorm activity. David will also direct the recreation and Kiela will teach the LTL'ers.

Second, at this writing it is not certain that a YTC Class needs to be a part of the teaching curriculum. The reason is that our campers do not have a YTC Council in their home communities, and so the YTC Wise techniques are never taken to where they are applied. So, at this point we need a Narcotics Teacher, a Craft Director, and a General Director for the total Camp. May we hear from anyone who would volunteer for these rewarding experiences.

Third, Camp dates have been secured. They are June 13-17. We start on Monday evening and close with the noon meal on Friday the 17th. This will be a bit different from any other we have had, but it was so designed that the weekends be free for the campers church activities.

Finally, ladies will you all aid in the recruitment for Camp workers? Pray specifically for a Camp Pastor, Craft Director, LTL Teacher Assistant, and a Narcotic Teacher. Should there be requests for some knowledge in organizing and conducting the YTC Council business, then there is also a need for a YTC Class Wise Teacher. Please give your list of volunteers and helpers to Mrs. Melvin Gangness, the State YTC Director.

With warm regards,  
Mrs. Fred Kulish

## GOD'S WORD FOR OUR ORGANIZATION

The trumpet is sounding for a gathering in, to worship and give glory to the Lord your God. For God and Home and every Land is your motto.

Place me first and I will bless your home and guide you into every land. That truth may be proclaimed. That the people may be set free from bondage. That those who are spiritually blind may see. That where darkness is, my light shall shine forth. Seek ye first the Kingdom of God!

Pray for your homes and nation. Seek my face and I shall not turn away from thee. I love thee with an everlasting love.

It is time to sound the trumpet and to rally the camp. It is time to stand. To wage war.

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of darkness of this world, and against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore, take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

We are called to stand against evil powers of this world. The product of these powers comes in forms of alcohol, drugs, immoral sex, and tobacco.

We are called to love one another. Jesus loves the sinner, but not the sin. Sin must be dealt with. Judgement falls where sin is rampant.

-Courtesy of Mrs. Louis Simonella  
Stark Co. Education Director  
Canton (Ohio) First Union

## What Have I Done

What have I done during the past year that has been of any benefit to my Union? What would become of the Union if every member had done exactly as I have done?

How many times have I been absent when I could have been present, if I had made the effort to do so?

Have I told my friends of the aims and objects of the organization, with a view to getting their memberships?

Am I going to continue in the same old way, or am I going to start something?

Am I in partnership with the rest of the members in running the business of the group?

Is it right for someone else to do all the work and for me to expect an equal share in the benefits?

With the beginning of this new year, September 1, may we all resolve to do our part to promote total abstinence, in our community, state, and nation.

-- Arkansas White Ribboner

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**IT COULDN'T BE DONE**

Someone said that it couldn't be done  
 But he, with a chuckle, replied,  
 That maybe it couldn't, but he would be one  
 Who wouldn't say so till he'd tried.  
 So he buckled right in with the trace of a grin  
 On his face. If he worried he hid it.

He started to sing as he tackled the thing  
 That couldn't be done, and he did it.

Somebody scoffed, "Oh, you'll never do that;  
 At least no one ever has ever done it."  
 But he took off his coat and he tossed off his hat,  
 And the first thing we knew he'd begun it.  
 With the lift of his chin and a bit of a grin,  
 Without any doubting or quiddit,  
 He started to sing as he tackled the thing  
 That couldn't be done, and he did it.

There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done,  
 There are thousands to prophecy failure,  
 There are thousands to point out to you, one by one,  
 The dangers that wait to assail you.  
 But just buckle in with a bit of a grin,  
 Just start to sing as you tackle the thing  
 That "Cannot be done," and you'll do it.

Author Unknown

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(October 21, 1982 - December 5, 1982)

**Dues:**

Women - Bismarck 20, Cavalier 12, Crosby 13, Fargo 20, Grafton 6, Dickey 10, Grand Forks F.W. 14, Langdon 10, Hettinger 18, Marion 15, Max-Benedict 20, Northwood 39, Prosper 15, Steele 13.

**Members - At - Large - 4**

**Honorary Men - Fargo 1, Bismarck 7, Dickey 4, Grand Forks F.W. 6, Hettinger 8, Marion 8, Max-Benedict 14, Northwood 5.**

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Respectfully Submitted  
Mrs. Oscar Johnson,  
Treasurer

**Total Membership: (from September 1, 1982 to December 5, 1982) - Women 264, Men 69.**

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(1) NOTICE - No longer do we process any subscriptions sent to us for less than the regular price. The Special price was just for the times of your State Conventions. Regular price is now in effect.

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Somewhere our prayers are arising evermore."  
"Lift up a standard for the people." Isaiah 62:10

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Sweetly serene, she daily wrought,  
With willing heart, the truth she taught,  
In hope to set the fettered free-  
Leading the way to Liberty.  
Loving her service, keen her brain  
An earnest purpose to attain;  
"Release us, Lord," her daily prayer,  
"Deliver us from liquor's snare."

-Selected

## WHAT DOES IT TAKE

"What does it take to be a successful WCTU president?" she asked herself. "If I only KNEW - maybe I could have a better attendance at our local meetings; maybe I could enlist young women-oh I wish I knew! Oh! I'll just call my mother!" and she did.

Her mother said, "Long ago I asked MY mother what it took to be president of the local WCTU and she gave me this old recipe:

- 1 cup of the patience of Job
- 1 cup of the wisdom of Solomon
- 1 cup of the hide of a rhinoceros
- 1 cup of the persistence of the Devil

Blend these thoroughly.

- Add:
- 2 cups of milk of human kindness
  - 6 cups of the Grace of God
  - 2 cups of the sweetness of a mother's love

Let this mixture rise long enough for you to read the last Union Signal and work up a good program. Bake until the fragrance fills your house. "

Mrs. Leader thought, "I forgot to ask mother how much that recipe will yield." She found out for herself. It yielded:

- 1 Light Line WCTU with a net grain of 12 women
  - 1 newly organized Loyal Temperance Legion
  - 1 Youth Temperance Council
  - 12 White Ribbon Recruits
  - 1 film placed in her district audio-visual library
- Texas White Ribbon

## PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Jake Steffen reports that the Minot Union had a wonderful celebration at the Vernon Forthun home on the 10th of December. The potluck noon luncheon turned out to be a banquet! In the afternoon the program included Rev. Franklin's timely message and the singing of Christmas carols. LaVonne and Lila Fannik also gave a 'resume' of the purpose of the Christian Outreach Department and gave us pointers about how to get it established as a project for our Union.

The Max-Benedict Union presented a program at the Souris Valley Care Center on November 9, 1982. They also served afternoon lunch.

## IN MEMORIAM

Oscar Huus, 82, an honorary member of the Parshall Union for many years and of recent years a Member-at-Large, passed away December 23, 1982. He was born in 1900 at Hatton, and moved to Wabek in 1916 with his parents. He married Pearl Paulson in 1928. They farmed east of Parshall until 1962 when they moved to Parshall. Pearl died in 1978.

Oscar was a member of the Wabek Lutheran Church where he served as treasurer for 20 years and was also a member of the Senior Citizens Center of Parshall.

He is survived by two sons and three daughters.

**You Can Do As Much As You Think You Can**  
-Edgar A. Guest

You can do as much as you think you can  
But you'll never do any more  
If you're afraid of yourself, my Friend,  
There's trouble for you in store;  
For failure comes from the inside first-  
It's there, if you only knew it.  
But you can win though you face the worst  
If you feel you're going to do it!

Success! It comes from the soul of you  
And not from the realm of luck.  
The world will provide the work to do  
But you must provide the pluck!  
You can do as much as you think you can;  
It's all in the way you view it.  
It's all in the start you make, my Friend,  
You must feel you're going to do it.

Aura Mae Zook, 90, was born in 1891 in Spencer, Iowa. The Llewellyn's lived in Canada before homesteading near Berthold. Aura moved to Minot where she attended college at Minot State. She married Charles Zook in 1911 and taught for a time near Minot. Mr. Zook died in 1957. Since then Aura made her home with her sons in Virginia.

She was a member of the Minot Church of the Brethren of which her husband pastored for many years, Railway Evangelists, and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. She served as local president for the Minot Union and attended all State WCTU Conventions until her health failed.

Three sons survive.

Gladys Emery, a member of the Minot Union but living in Mott, passed away in mid-1982. She gave much pleasure to those who knew her. She would be happy to know that her daughter, Donna Mehrer, is taking the WCTU torch in her stead. What better testimony can be offered?