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CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CHALLENGE

Now that spring has arrived I hope the WCTU efforts will be revived and bring forth fruit as we finish the WCTU year. I was happy to receive word that Fargo and Minot appointed Christian Outreach Directors and Max-Benedict has had a director for many years. If there are other directors who need help, please write me and I will try to get an answer for you.

I am sending you suggestions for the September Spiritual Life Retreat by way of our paper. There will be plenty of time for your president, program, chairman, and Christian Outreach Director to plan this meeting. I suggest you have the women register and pay their dues and you can count it as September Roll Call. Have slips of paper where each number will sign her name, give her birth date, anniversary, and any prayer requests. Keep these slips until October when hopefully you can have a prayer breakfast and members can draw names for Prayer Partners. If each one calls his prayer partner with the prayer request, you will have a prayer chain.

This program in September can take the place of the worship service and program. There could be reports from the Union Signal on two other departments and the meeting could be classified as an Institute. You could have a coffee break here and have the business meeting in the second session.

SPIRITUAL LIFE RETREAT - September 1983

As you come to this retreat, come prayerfully and with an open heart and mind. God cannot touch us when our minds are full of affairs at home or work. When we empty ourselves of thoughts and burdens, He touches us and says "Receive your power from me."

Song "Consecration" Page 8

Scripture 2 Chronicles 7:14,15 (Standing and in Unison)

Prayer requests spoken or unspoken

Special prayer for WCTU work in the local state, nation, and world

Scripture Psalm 95:1-6

Suggested topics for the message

1. Challenge of Consecration - My Life for Christ

2. Challenge of Effective Prayer and Witnessing

Special music or group song

Closing Prayer

Too many people pray for emergency rations rather than daily bread.

He will not ask you to do anything unless He gives you the courage and strength to do it with His help!

- Mrs. Everett Johnson

OUR HERITAGE

America, we love you, every star that shines above you,

Every grand old mountain with its robe of living green.

Each tiny little rivulet that trickles down the hillside,

And we revel in the beauty of the sunset's gorgeous scene.

But do you recall, America, that you were born in prayer?

That pioneers baptized you with a high and holy fear?

That pilgrims knelt at Plymouth to entreat the living God,

To protect this new born nation with His staff, and with His rod?

'Twas a wonderful inheritance that came down thru the years.

Liberty and freedom - it was music to our ears; But something strange has happened to this land we love to laud,

I wonder if it cannot be that we've forgotten God? What freedom may we boast about, while thousands are in bonds,

That bind the will, that sear the soul, and leave un-numbered wounds?

Are we our brother's keeper, is his welfare dear to us,

Shall liberty and freedom be to us a holy trust? Let us arise, America, and say "This Shall Not Be"

From foes within that would despoil, this country shall be free!

Then we, a sober nation, may proclaim to all the world,

That God is not forgotten, that His flag is still unfurled.

And our beloved country, "from sea to shining sea" May claim her rich inheritance, "The Homeland of the Free!"

Hold high before the nations the leadership of God, Who guides his people with His staff, protects them with His rod.

Who guides his people with His staff, protects them with His rod.

- Grace H. Ferguson
Virginia Call

BANNER UNION REPORT

Each Union is to complete and send a copy of this report to the State Promotion Secretary by September 1st. Unions scoring 100 or more points will receive recognition at State Convention.

PROJECT	POINTS
Observance of September Roll Call.....	10
Dues for membership of all living resident members (Steadfast) paid by November 30th (Advance Union).....	10
OR dues paid by March 1st.....	5
Maintaining an LTC.....	25
Assisting a YTC.....	25
Assisting in organizing a NEW Union, LTL, or YTC.....	Number X 50
Each member subscribing to The Union Signal.....	Number X 25
Each subscription of The Union Signal or The Young Crusader given to family members or friends.....	Number X 10
Each Union Signal or Young Crusader subscription given to libraries, ministers, public officials, doctors' offices, etc.....	Number X 10
Maintaining a Temperance Shelf in school or public library.....	Number X 10
Each public meeting, institute, or special guest meeting.....	Number X 10
Each poster, essay, or speech contest.....	Number X 10
Maintaining a Prayer Band.....	10
Frances E. Willard Memorial Meeting.....	10
Each new member gained.....	Number X 25
Using National Program Planner Packet.....	10
Paying for State Annual.....	Number X 25
Using Annual Report in local meetings.....	10
Becoming a Light Line Union (Paying \$11.90).....	10
Each beacon Light (Individuals or groups paying \$11.90).....	Number X 10
Each member assisting at YTC Camp (or Honorary Member).....	Number X 10
Preparing and sending ALL required reports to State Promotion Secretary two weeks or more before State Convention.....	10
Correct alphabetical list of members with COMPLETE address to the State Treasurer by January 1st.....	10

President _____

Date _____

Total Banner Points _____

Union _____

Address _____

Send to: Mrs. Lyle Trapp, Marion, N.D. 58466.

FARGO DISTRICT

The 92nd Annual Convention of the Fargo District met at the Maple Sheyenne Church on Friday, May 6, 1983, with the Prosper Union as our host.

Our president, Mrs. A.D. Ottinger, presided at all the sessions. Our convention theme was 'Challenging Pathways.'

Devotions were given by Mrs. Russell Duncan. Mrs. Henry Johnson gave the annual report of the Fargo Union. Mrs. A.H. Waa reported for the Prosper Union.

Mrs. Melvin Gangness gave a report on the YTC.

Officers elected were as follows:

President- Mrs. Hazel Anderson; Vice President- Mrs. Melvin Gangness; Secretary- Mrs. Russell Duncan; Treasurer- Mrs. A.H. Waa.

Midyear report was given by Mrs. Oscar Johnson.

An enjoyable skit was given by ladies from the Prosper Union, encouraging attendance at the World WCTU Convention.

Mrs. Melvin Gangness gave a very interesting and informative talk reminiscing on the past 50

years of our WCTU.

Pearl Elofson gave a memorial tribute for Mrs. A.L. Matson, Mrs. Julius Morris, and Mrs. Pearl Steen. Mrs. Gwen Rust sang "It Is Well With My Soul".

- Mrs. Russell Duncan

Help carry one another's burdens, and in this way you will obey the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:2

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

May 5, 1983 was set aside as National Day of Prayer by President Reagan as he upheld a tradition begun by President Lincoln. Although not all presidents have honored it, most have. It is our prayer that you participated in prayer then, for our nation.

Dignity is one thing that cannot be preserved in alcohol.

—Lucille Goodyear

BANNER DISTRICT REPORT

PROJECT

UNION

Each Union maintaining a Prayer Band.....	Number	X 10
Each Union Signal of Young Crusader subscription given to ministers, libraries, public officials, doctors' offices, etc..	Number	X 10
Each member subscribing to The Union Signal.....	Number	X 10
Each Union paying District dues (or pledge) by March 1st.....	Number	X 10
Each Union represented at District Convention.....	Number	X 10
Each Union using National Program Planner Packet.....	Number	X 10
Each Holdfast Union.....	Number	X 10
Each Steadfast Union.....	Number	X 20
Each Fruitful, Pilot, Pacesetter, or Vanguard Union.....	Number	X 25
Each Light Line Union.....	Number	X 10
Each Beacon Light (Individuals or groups).....	Number	X 10
Each new member gained.....	Number	X 25
Each NEW Union organized by a District Officer.....	Number	X 50
Each NEW LTL or YTC organized in District.....	Number	X 50
Each Institute (Emphasizing three departments) conducted by a District Officer.....	Number	X 25
Each speech, essay, or poster contest (held within the District).....	Number	X 25
Each department worked and reported by District Director at District Convention.....	Number	X 10
Each Union visited by District President.....	Number	X 10
Paying expenses of District President to State Convention.....		10
Attendance of District President at State Convention.....		10

Each Union is to complete this report only where shown above. Each District President will then use her copy to fill in her report to the state Promotion Secretary.

Union _____

Date _____

President _____

Address _____

Send to District President by September 1, 1983.

District President must send her completed report to Mrs. Lyle Trapp, Marion, N.D. 58466 by September 10th.

Dear People,

If the devil had no brewers to brew his brew, or if he had no agents to sell his brew, then none of his fools could buy his brew, get drunk and kill a host of you.

To the ones who voted for brew - you planted the seed - it grew. Now you have your drunken crew.

- Mrs. A. N. Evans

HOOT - NANNY SANDWICH

- 7 oz. jar crunchy peanut butter
 - 2 small pkgs. cream cheese
 - 1/2 cuup sweet relish
 - 1 small can deviled ham
- Mix all together. Makes enough for 12 sandwiches.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Jake Steffen reports that:

The Minot Union met in the Minot Library with Vice President Katherine Schmidt presiding. There were 22 people present. The Something Special Ladies Quartette favored us with several vocal selections. Mrs. Schmidt was in charge of devotions. Serge Dubovoy gave an address about the liquor problem and Mrs. Oscar Folden gave a report on the trip she and her husband made to Washington, D.C. where they attended the Presidential Prayer Breakfast. Mrs. Howard Franklin, our hostess, served a delicious lunch.

YOUR NAME

You got it from your father
 T'was the best he had to give,
 And right gladly he bestowed it,
 It is yours the while you live.
 You may lose the watch he gave you
 And another you may claim,
 But remember when you're tempted
 To be careful of his name.

It was fair the day you got it,
 A worthy name to wear,
 When he took it from his father
 There was no dishonor there.
 Through the years he proudly wore it,
 To his father he was true.
 And that name was clean and spotless
 When he passed it on to you.

It is yours to wear forever;
 Yours to wear while you live.
 Yours, perhaps some distant morning,
 Some other boy to give,
 And you'll smile as did your father
 Smile above that baby there,
 If a good name and a clean name
 You have given him to wear.

- Unknown

MINOT DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Minot District WCTU Annual Spring Convention was held at the Assembly of God Church here in Minot on Monday, April 25th with President Lila Fannik presiding. There were 38 in attendance.

Preliminaries included: (1) registration and coffee time (2) a welcome to all, and especially to our new member, Alice Quam (3) Scripture reading and prayer (4) salutes to the flags (5) conveying greetings from our state officers and (6) group singing.

Rev. David Simmons, host pastor, had the morning devotions. He read I Corinthians 16:13 and 14 and offered prayer. He emphasized the need for more fully committed Christians, and gave us a resume of the problems facing our city councilmen. We need to support them by our prayers, and let them know about it by our cards and letters. We need to draw strength and help from God. (Ephesians 6:12 and Hebrews 13:5b)

Business transacted included: (1) announcements concerning (a) due dates for reports - June 1st this year (b) the World WCTU Convention (c) our state WCTU Convention (d) the YTC camp (e) the National Prohibition Party Convention at the Lewis and Clark Hotel in Mandan on June 22, 23, and 24 this year (f) extra offerings for our state treasury (g) our WCTU annuals (h) WCTU literature available at this convention (i) the need to write to our congressmen opposing the ERA and (j) our gratitude to all who have worked so hard to make this convention a success (2) lifting the offering (3) the secretary's and treasurer's reports - which were approved as read (4) the election of officers - all officers consented to serve in the same capacities for another year (5) the appointment of a nominating committee, and (6) the decision to pay all bills.

Special vocal selections were rendered by the talented Max-Benedict trio (Shirley Braunberger, Sharold Woods, and LaVonne Fannik). Mrs. Woods served as the accompanist.

An impressive memorial service was conducted by Geneva Cacal and Florence Bartelson. An appropriate scripture passage and a poem were read, Lilies were placed around a cross as the names of our dear departed loved ones were given. Following a moment of silent meditation Mrs. Cacal offered prayer. The service concluded with Sharold Woods singing "Each Step I Take".

Rev. and Mrs. Gene Clott were in charge of the afternoon devotions. They favored us with several musical selections. Rev. Clott gave an inspiring message. Using John the Baptist as an example he pointed out that even as John was the voice of one crying in the wilderness, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make His paths straight," (Luke 3:4) so each one of us has a voice. Each person and our organization have significance.

Mrs. Thelma Klingensmith was our guest speak-

er for the convention. She enlightened us as to what had taken place at the recent legislative session. We need to pray for our legislators, and do what we can to promote the passage of good laws.

Lavonne Fannik conducted the White Ribbon Service. Our newest recruit was little Stephanie Hatlestad. This service was unique in that not only was her mother present but also her grandmother and her great-grandmother.

At the close of our meeting there was a surprise birthday celebration for Lila Fannik with Laura Forthun and Katherine Schmidt serving as the hostesses.

- Mrs. Dorothy Steffen

JAMES VALLEY DISTRICT

The Woman's Christian Temperance Unions of the James Valley District held their annual meeting on April 22, 1983, at the First Methodist Church in Jamestown. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Walter Piehl, president. Greetings were read by Mrs. Ralph Kraft. She also informed us that the Jamestown Union was begun in 1908 as part of a tri-county district.

Rev. Richard Unkenholtz, local pastor gave devotions and meditation from chapter three of Phillipians. Hjordis Leitner gave a message in song. After the flag salutes, we sang several favorite WCTU songs.

With the conclusion of the business meeting, a memorial service was held. Flowers were placed in memory of two Jamestown members, Rose Poulsen and Anna Schmidt. A song was sung in their memory.

Mrs. Ted Moser spoke to us about the work she and her husband do in the jail, prison, and the industrial school at Mandan. Vivian Trapp gave her report as District Promotion Secretary.

After the noon break, devotions were given by Rev. Stan Kenny, using Psalm 51 as his text.

Our guest speaker was David Larson, Coordinator for the Youth Chemical Dependency Unit of Jamestown State Hospital.

A special song was sung by Lillian McCoy and Nelda Hoeckle.

Mrs. Walter Piehl, president; Vivian Trapp, Vice President; and Luella Matzke, Secretary, were re-elected and Hjordis Leitner was nominated and elected as Treasurer.

We were reminded of the State Convention at Richardton, the YTC Camp, and the World Convention in July. An invitation was given by the North Marion Church for our 1984 meeting. We closed with song and prayer.

- Mrs. Leroy Matzke

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

Psalm 150:6.

BISMARCK DISTRICT

The 84th Bismarck District Convention was held at Bismarck Library on Thursday, May 12, 1983. Rev. Ira Herzberg and Rev. Francis Tannehill, retired Methodist ministers but still active for the Lord, gave the morning and afternoon devotions. Rev. Herzberg spoke from Isaiah 5:11 and Galatians 6:7 with a warning against drunkenness in Bible time and at present. He wished that young people could go with him on his visits to the hospitals and learn the results from the use of alcohol, other drugs, and tobacco. Rev. Tannehill used 1 John 3:1-3 and Isaiah 6:1-8, which gave the incredible promise that we are the children, thus we ought to keep ourselves pure.

Elizabeth Lind was in charge of the memorial service honoring Gertrude Funston and her husband Neil Funston, who both passed away this year.

Musical selections were by Elizabeth Lind and her son Will, Rachel Bahrenberg, Mrs. Lucas, and Elaine Steinert. They were a special blessing. The audience sang several selections from the WCTU songbook.

Morning and afternoon coffee and noon meal were served to the Library by the Bismarck Union.

Thelma Klingensmith, the special speaker, used a tape recorder due to a voice problem. With legislature in session 75 days instead of the usual 60 days. Thelma attended most of 68 days. She worked hard trying to defeat bad bills and to get good bills passed. No legislator could understand all the bills, so they had to depend on committee reports. Thelma testified at many committee meetings preparing and giving written testimony to each committee member to help them decide whether or not to support the bill. When the bill came up for vote in either Senate or House, she gave written testimony to help them decide the best way to vote. Some victories were saving Sunday closing laws especially in regard to liquor and gambling; keg registration to prevent buying by minors; stronger DWI laws, state lotteries defeated, two stronger pornography bills (including the RICO bill). Defeats were anti-family bills attacking away some of the rights of women, cash prizes up to \$400 allowed in gambling, and defeat of regulation of cable TV. Setting up telephone trees (each person phone three others) statewide would help get issues to the people and help them to act and contact legislators so better legislation could be secured without such a burden on Thelma and with more people taking part. She was thankful for the prayers of the people. Prayers were answered.

An invitation was extended to all to attend the National Prohibition Party Convention to be held June 22-24 at the Mandan Lewis and Clark Hotel.

Don Klingensmith installed the following officers:

President- Olga Huhnchke; Vice President- Edna Jensen; Secretary- Verna Ellsworth; Treasurer- Marion Brusven.

- Verna Ellsworth

A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver.

Proverbs 25:11

What is the VALUE YOU PLACE on a Child's life?

A generation ago, many radio programs, TV shows, and movies gave the dramatized message, "Crime does not pay." "I don't want to get into trouble and end up in jail," many teens exclaimed. Others remarked they'd never want to end up being executed in the electric chair or gas chamber. Violent punishments. Many feared them.

A United States government study, reported last spring by the Association Press, says there is "overwhelming" evidence that violence on television leads to aggressive behavior by children and teenagers. "Both prime time and weekend children's television are dominated by action, power, and danger. There is an average of 5 violent acts per hour on prime time and 18 acts per hour on children's weekend programs," reported the National Institute of Mental Health.

The study "Television and Behavior: Ten Years of Scientific Progress and Implications for the Eighties" is a follow-up to a widely publicized 1972 Surgeon General's report on television violence. The report is based on a review of several hundred research studies.

Among the research studies cited in the report were two that found preschool children showed "unwarranted aggressive behavior in free play" after heavy television viewing of violent programs.

Dr. Thomas Radecki, a psychiatrist at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine is Chairman of the "National Coalition on Television Violence." The 2,000 members primarily physicians and research psychologists monitored prime time television from January 4 to March 27, 1982. The group hopes viewers who oppose violence will pressure advertisers to "tone down" the network shows.

Commercial network violence rose 33 percent since the group's last check late in 1981, the coalition reported. The survey revealed the commercial networks showed four times more violent acts than two Canadian networks and nine times more than Public Broadcasting Service programs. The doctors aim to pressure the networks by protesting to advertisers. A seven-member panel monitors a random selection of prime-time programs. To avoid bias, selected shows are viewed twice by different people.

Some people say all we need to do is turn off the TV set if we don't want to watch a show. Some reply that the young need to be guarded from possible harm. Says one parent, "I must work to help,

support my family. I cannot guard the TV every minute. So I'm glad that there are those who will help keep possibly harmful programs from coming into our home." She adds, "I close my windows in case it rains while I'm away. The rain might scar my furniture, but they can be repaired or replaced. How can I repair or replace my children's minds?"

What is the VALUE YOU PLACE on a child's life?

Andy Vanderwall, Chaplain of Kent Co. Correctional Facility in Grand Rapids, Mi., wrote me saying "95 percent of the residents are here because of alcohol or drug related crime." He uses WCTU leaflet 'Bible and Use of Word Wine' No. 3113, telling me "I consider it a marvelous tool for reaching souls here and also to convince some religious groups who keep defending alcoholic wine." Another leaflet he used is '75 Bible References on Drinking No. 3058.

Did you know there were 5 ways to preserve pure grape juice and the favorite way, in Jesus time, was boiling the juice? It could be so thick you could spread it as jam on your bread. It was thinned with water as used.

Until every Christian interprets the Scripture with the eye, the taste and the usages of the ancients and NOT the eye, the taste of moderns they will not be able to accept the fact that grape juice could be kept pure and sweet.

How do we take so easily by faith the feeding of the 4,000 and 5,000 by Jesus and then balk on the Wedding and the Lord's Supper? In the original text concerning the Wedding at Cana the generic word 'oines' is used. It is pronounced 'wine'. Oines can be either sweet pure juice or intoxicating wine. So many take for granted it is the intoxicating wine.

Grain takes as long to grow and mature in the field as grapes. Since Jesus can make wholesome bread instantly, He has no problem changing pure water into pure grape juice. You notice the wine Jesus made was called good. If the guests had even previously been drinking intoxicating wine they would, no doubt, be so drunk they wouldn't have been able to tell the difference in quality.

Dr. S.M. Isaacs, an eminent Jewish Rabbi, once said in reference to their religious festivals, "The Jews do not, in their feasts for sacred purposes including the marriage feast, EVER use any kind of fermented drinks. Both private and public celebrations use the fruit of the vine as the symbol of benediction. Fermentation is to them always a symbol of corruption, as in nature and science it is itself decay and rotteness." Read the 12th chapter of Exodus and you are told time and again that no leaven can be found in the food used for offerings to God Almighty.

The distinction in quality between the good and the bad wine is as clear as that between good and bad men. One is the constant subject of warning, designated poison literally, anologically and figur-

atively, while the other is commended as refreshing and innocent, which no alcoholic wine is.

We know that youth can choose the finer way of life - but we have to show the way. 'Youth Truly Can' No. 1221 is excellent for teens.

State of North Dakota

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

BISMARCK



ALLEN I. OLSON
GOVERNOR

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 24-30, 1983, 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 twenty-eighth day of March, 1983.

Allen I. Olson
Governor

Ben Meier
Secretary of State
Robert R. Schaible
Deputy