"ARE YOU ABLE?" said the leader

"Have your courage strong and true,
For the work the lies before you
In the WCTU?"

Are you packing your suitcase? I hope you are. There are just days before you have an important appointment at the Priory in Richardson, North Dakota. If you are a State Officer, District President, or Department Director, your appointment time is 2 p.m. October 5th for registration and meetings or settling into your quarters until your scheduled meeting. Otherwise, WCTU members are urged to arrive before the evening mealtime of 5:30 p.m.

The basic schedule remains unchanged with registration beginning at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 5. Officers meetings will fill the rest of the afternoon until the evening meal. An inspirational evening is planned to include the Prayer and Praise Service, the Director's Hour, and a Fruesta to be hosted by the James Valley and Ransom-LaMoure Districts. On Thursday, those wishing to begin the day with a season of prayer will meet at 8:30. The formal call to order of the 94th State WCTU Convention will be at 9:00 a.m. Thursday will close with the banquet at which the guest speaker will be Dr. Robert Sera, pastor of the Church of God at Lemmon, S.D. Friday morning will see the last session beginning at 9:00 and adjourning approximately 11:30 with the noon meal.

Remember, the total cost for this package is only $40.00. If you’ve been out just to eat out lately, you can see what a bargain is afforded us.

"Can you shout the temperance message?
Raise the cry till all are free?
Will you speed it on to victory,
Though the world may not agree?"

While Edith K. Stanley was National President, she wrote, An Officer's Soliloquy:

I have accepted my office because I believe God has directed my path to this service. Therefore, I will give my best to honor the responsibility He has given me.

I am determined to do the following to enrich my service for God and the WCTU:
1. I will pray daily for our work, and seek God's guidance in our program.
2. I will work the whole WCTU program and develop a loyalty to our cause for others to follow.
3. I will remember my union will be judged by my actions and will make my life count.
4. I will learn all of the duties connected with my office and do my best to function effectively.
5. I will strengthen the hands of the other general officers and lend aid to members participating in the program.
6. I will invite others to belong to the WCTU and always carry pledge cards in my purse for this purpose.
7. I will be friendly and thoughtful, not only with our members, but with those who oppose our point of view.
8. I will assume my responsibility as a citizen in my town and urge others to recognize their duty, too.
9. I will be faithful and loyal to all the principles of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and support every phase of the program.
10. I will always wear my white ribbon bow wherever I go.

When our State, District, and local officers and all department directors can say that these, too, are their goals, they are deserving of the support of all members. Please join in with these lines by Hazel Marshall:

"Yes, we are able, united we stand
Telling of temperance o'er all the land.
Yes, we are able, with courage we'll fight
Until all the world will follow God's pure light."

Helen McCleary
Managing Editor

VIEWS FROM VIVIAN

Dear Co-Workers

If God is for us, who is against us? Roman 8:31 (RSV)

This is the time again that reports are due. Please do not get discouraged. They have been put in our May-June White Ribbon Bulletin so complete. They are also in our North Dakota Annual. I'm expecting good reports from all twenty Unions and eight districts when I come to Richardson for State Convention. The reports needed are Local Union Report and Banner Union Report from each

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All matter for publication must reach the Managing Editor by the 5th day of the months of February, April, June, August, October and December.

Union. Please fill in your new officers for the year 1983-84.

The report that the District President sends me is the Banner District Report. I hope each District President contacted the Unions in their District before filling out the Banner District Report. Do not send any Vanguard reports now.

If these reports were not sent to me by September 15, please see that I get them by convention time.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at State Convention. Please pray much for our State Convention and officers. May God bless each of you. Continue on and keep aware in this work you have been given by Christ Himself.

Mrs. Lyle Trapp
State Promotion Secretary

Drinking encourages man's vicious appetites, obscures his vision of righteousness, weakens the will to resist temptation.
TREASURER'S REPORT
Jun 5, 1983 to August 5, 1983

DUES:
Members-at-Large - 1
L.T.L. - 11
Y.T.C. - 10

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Walter Olson: $5.00 by Mr. and Mrs. Oscar
Johnson, $5.00 by Prosper Union. In memory of
Della Pruet- $5.00 by Mrs. LeRoy Bartle. In
memory of Ted Beska- $5.00 by Violet White.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mrs. Oscar Johnson, Treasurer

P.S. At the 1982 State Convention I challenged
the Unions to take monthly collection at their meet-
ings. One Union which accepted the challenge was
Dickey. With an average of six in meeting
attendance, they have sent a special offering of
$65.50 in the past nine months. All gifts are
appreciated so much.

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"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

IN MEMORIAM

O let me shed a little light
On Someone's path, I pray;
I'd like to be a messenger
of happiness today!
It may be just a phone call,
A smile, or a prayer,
or long neglected letter
would lift the edge of care.
I want to spread some happiness
In what I say or do,
Make life a little sweeter
For some one - Don't you?

Alice Hansche Mortenson

Elizabeth (Mrs. Frank) Beasley, 99, passed away at
Good Samaritan Care Center at Osnabrock on
July 29, 1983. She had resided there for the past 10
years.

Elizabeth Claire Wilcox was born December 7,
1983, at Thawville, Illinois, to Lummond B. and Ida
B. Norton Wilcox. The family lived in South Dakota
the first twelve years of Bessie’s life. At this time
the family moved to Thawville where she gradu-
ated from high school. Elizabeth attended a finish-
ing school in South Dakota, attended Grand Prairie
Seminary at Onargo, Illinois in 1903; the School of
Speech at Northwestern University in 1905; the
Illinois State Normal University in 1906. She then
taught several years.

While teaching near Foosland, Illinois, she met
Frank Beasley and they were married December
25, 1907. They farmed near Dalton, Illinois until the
spring of 1915 when they bought a farm near

Mrs. Beasley was an active member of the Soper
Presbyterian Church and of the Nekoma WCTU. It
was at the 1958 State Convention of the North
Dakota WCTU that she declined re-election
as State Recording Secretary after having served
40 years in the office. Many of those years she also
was managing editor of the state paper, White
Ribbon Bulletin. Bessie Beasley was the presiding
officer of the Northeast District WCTU from 1917 to
1944. She also wrote for many years the Osnabrock
township news for the Cavalier County Republican.

One foster-daughter, Marvel Kern of Nekoma,
four foster grandchildren, and one foster, great-
grandchild survive.
RANSOM-LAMOURE DISTRICT

The 83rd Annual District Convention was held at the First Baptist Church at Lisbon on Friday, April 29th. The meeting was called to order by President Mrs. Thomas Waldie. The welcome was given by Beverly Maack and the response by Petra Jesperson, a member now living in Las Vegas.

The assembly opened the program by singing “Onward, Christian Women” with Margaret Gackle as the pianist for the day. Devotions were brought by the host pastor, Rev. Myron Reed. Using Matthew 5:27-30 as the source for the meditation, he said that as we study the problems associated with alcohol, we should remember that Jesus loves the sinner - and to reflect on ourselves as we condemn the sinner.

A song, “It's Time To Pray”, was sung by Jeannette Waldie and Margaret Gackle. Roll was called by Gelia Stemen. Committees were appointed. Mrs. Stemen read the minutes of the 1982 Convention. Bev Maack read the treasurer's report.

Marion Bartle read “I am a Fetus - A Living Soul”, the account of an unborn infant speaking to it's mother. Prayer by Jeannette Waldie was followed by a piano solo by Sherri, “It Is Well With My Soul”.

After Union reports were given by Melissa Dick and Marion Bartle, the song, “There Was No Other Way”, was sung by Margaret Gackle and Jeannette Waldie. Violet White led the Noontide prayer. The members of the West Lisbon Union provided a lovely luncheon.

As the meeting reconvened in the afternoon, Melissa Dick led in prayer. The song, “Work For The Cause” was sung. Committee reports were announced. A unanimous ballot was cast for the re-election of the present officers: President, Mrs. Tom Waldie; Vice President, Melissa Dick; Secretary, Gelia Stemen; and Treasurer, Beverly Maack.

The afternoon speaker was Rev. Mike Rose, Pastor of the Assembly of God Church in Lisbon. He used the book of 2nd Chronicles, verses 7-14 and spoke on the mighty power of prayer. The song “It Is No Secret” was sung. Marion Bartle gave the closing prayer. Members of the West Lisbon Union served a fruesta.

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

The Liquor Industry... specifically aims its advertising at heavy drinkers and youths to maximize sales, charges a new report published by the Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI).

The 150-page report concludes that industry guidelines have been ineffective and federal agencies inactive in controlling unfair and deceptive advertising.

Among the report's major recommendations are that:

+ all marketing efforts aimed at heavy drinkers (including alcoholics) and youths be halted;
+ television and radio advertising for beer and wine be either banned or balanced by information about alcohol's harmful effects;
+ celebrities, whom youngsters might hero worship, be not allowed in ads;
+ print ads should contain health warnings and not associate drinking of alcohol with success.

Michael Jacobson, director of CSPI and co-author of the report entitled The Booze Merchants, said at a Washington press conference, “the billion dollars that producers spend on advertising every year feeds America's number one hard drug problem. This drug contributes to over 100,000 deaths per year, and causes over $100 billion in economic harm. Yet alcoholic beverages are marketed as if they were as wholesome as skim milk. They are often portrayed as the key to social, sexual, athletic, or business success. Years of exposure to alcohol ads creates an image in children's minds that life without alcohol is like a bird without wings”.

The CSPI study reports that advertising budgets have more than tripled since 1970, a large increase even allowing for inflation. Much of the increase for beer and wine is for broadcast media appeals that reach millions of youngsters. The report contends that youngsters are rarely reminded of the predictable consequences of drinking — such as auto and boating accidents, cirrhosis of the liver, ruined careers, and broken families.

The report acknowledges that even a total ban on alcohol marketing would have a significant impact on the alcohol abuse epidemic only if other measures were also taken, including massive educational programs, warning labels, and tax hikes.


Mrs. Ralph Siivola  
National Director Public Relations

“"If the habit of drinking intoxicating beverages is never indulged, it is never felt as a want.””

Dr. Benjamin W. Richardson