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"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 Richardton, 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 Seyda, 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 Richardton for State Convention. The reports needed are Local Union Report and Banner Union Report from each

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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.

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Respectfully Submitted,  
 Mrs. Oscar Johnson, Treasurer

P.S. At the 1982 State Convention I challenged the Unions to take monthly collection at their meetings. 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 else - 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 graduated from high school. Elizabeth attended a finishing 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 Foolsland, 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 Osnabrock. Mr. Beasley died June 9, 1964.

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 Jespersen, 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 Melisa 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.

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**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, not be 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.

Above taken from Monday Morning Report by the Alcohol Research Info. Service. Volume 7 and number 9.

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