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## MARION'S MEMOS

Greetings White Ribboners,

Serve the Lord with gladness. Psalm 100:2.

We had a blessed and inspiring State Convention at Jamestown in early November. We are grateful to all who had a part in making this time of Christian fellowship, encouragement, and learning. It was good to see so many present. Thanks to all who put aside other concerns (which they so easily could) to be with us.

Congratulation, ladies, we received an award in the "Monthly Promoter" contest. We were teamed with Maryland and South Carolina - our award was three free subscriptions to the Monthly Promoter Packet.

In 1984-85 we are teamed with Wisconsin for a new Membership Contest. Awards by National for individual and state are listed in the July-August issue of the WRB. North Dakota individual and Union awards are listed elsewhere in this issue.

So, ladies, discover your hidden talent that you can put to use in gaining that first new member. No will-power is involved, just your intelligence, imagination, and perseverance. Soon you'll be chuckling to yourself about how you have escaped the many barren years when you were unable to secure a new member. No one loses in this contest for we gain new members for our great cause - members who bring us fresh ideas, new vigor, and encouragement.

As you welcome in the New Year of 1985, I commend these lines from an unknown author as you set your aim upon the goals you have set for the days ahead.

Over the threshold a gallant New-Comer stepped with tread that is royal to see;  
White as the winter-time, rosy as summer,  
Hope in his eyes, and with laugh ringing free.  
LO! in his hands there are gifts overflowing,  
Promises, prophecies, come in his train.  
O'er him the dawn in its beauty is glowing,  
Banishing shadows of sorrow and pain.

Oh, welcome, New Year, with your stainless white pages,  
Though we may blot them ere long with our tears;  
So it has been through the long passing years,  
Worn with the footprints of close crowding years.  
Welcome, sweet year! may the full-handed

hours

Find us like servants, trusty and true,  
Using with earnest devotion our powers  
To be worthy of our Master and worthy of you.

I found these directions for "A Way to a Happy New Year" in the Virginia State Paper by Robert Brewster Beatie:

To leave the old with a burst of song,  
To recall the right and forgive the wrong;  
To forget the thing that binds you fast  
To the vain regrets of the year that's past;  
To have the strength to let go your hold  
Of the not worthwhile of the days grown old,  
To dare go forth with a purpose true,  
To the unknown task of the year that's new;  
To help your brother along the road  
To do his work and lift his load;  
To add your gift to the world's good cheer,  
Is to have and to give a Happy New Year.

May 1985 be a good year for each and everyone of you. Let each one of us strive to make it one of the best for North Dakota.

As we accept the challenge in the NEW membership campaign and work diligently to bring new members into our Unions, please report to BOTH ME AND MRS. OSCAR JOHNSON. Dorothy Steffen has already informed me that she has two new members. I'm hoping to hear from many more of you ladies and honorary members.

The dates for our 1985 WCTU Convention have been confirmed: September 26-27 in Bismarck.

Although the long winter season is upon us and limits our physical activity, let us employ diligence that we keep in touch with those around us and with whom we have contact in other areas of concern and involvement. William Shakespeare phrases it this way:

### Ingratitude

Blow, blow, thou winter wind,  
Thou art not so unkind  
As man's ingratitude;  
Thy tooth is not so keen  
Because thou art not seen,  
Although thy breath be rude.

Freeze, freeze, thou bitter sky,  
Thou dost not bite so nigh  
As benefits forgot;  
Though thou the waters warp,  
Thy sting is not so sharp  
As friend remembered not.

The second week in January was Anti-Smoking Week. I trust that this was an opportunity to distribute our literature and use our films. Another January date of importance is the third Friday which is to be observed as Temperance Day in North Dakota schools. The generation is in our hands. There is much we can be doing to advance and enhance our cause. Let the public know that the WCTU is alive, well and active.

The 'New Years Wish' appeared many years ago in a Christian Magazine.

To be of greater service, Lord,  
A closer student of Thy Word,  
To help to bear a brother's load  
And cheer him on the heavenly road;  
To tell the lost of Jesus' love,  
And how to reach the home above;  
To trust in God what'er befall,  
Be ready at the Master's call,  
For any task that He may give;  
And thus through all the year to live  
For Him who gave Himself for me  
And taught me that my life should be  
A life unselfish, not self-willed,  
But with the Holy Spirit filled.

Shalom,  
Marion

**PERSONAL MENTION**

Mrs. Jake Steffen reports that:

There were 21 present at Minot's September meeting. Genevieve Dubovoy was our hostess and also served as our pianist. The general singing was led by Katherine Schmidt and LaVonne Fannik favored us with two beautiful solos. Using the meditation from the Union Signal, Serge Dubovoy took charge of devotions. LaVonne Fannik, Max, gave a very inspirational message plus a challenging promotion for the Home Protection Department.

Our Minot Union was invited to the Max-Benedict Institute. So with Jake Steffen as our chauffeur, six of us motored to Benedict for the event. It was a perfect day for a drive into the country - with the leaves turning into gorgeous colors of red, brown, and gold, and the warm autumn sun shining down on the beautiful landscape.

After a bountiful, delicious breakfast the Max-Benedict Union presented an outstanding program. The Gene Clotts played their instruments and favored us with several duets, interspersed with nuggets from God's Holy Word. Two sisters, Delores Bakalenko and Lois Kankovsky, rendered several beautiful vocal selection. Delores, also, gave a talk about her work as missionary in Ecuador and displayed a number of souvenirs from that country. Several members of the Max-Benedict Union gave worthwhile ideas about how to have an effective union, especially by doing more work in the different department.

**LOU MATZKE REPORTS THAT:**

The Marion Union entertained their husbands (Honorary Members) at the LaMoure County Memorial Park. They shared a picnic, toured the museum, and attended a play at the Summer Musical Theatre.

**MRS. JAKE STEFFEN REPORTS THAT:**

Mrs. Oscar Folden was the speaker for the Minot WCTU November meeting. She spoke on giving thanks and praise to God - and read several portions of scripture about giving honor to our Lord. Mrs. Folden is a world traveler, and was privileged to visit friends in China a few years ago. She still maintains a deep interest in that country. She gave a brief history of Hong Kong (1) the Opium War (2) its being ceded to Great Britain (3) and in the near future is to become a part of Red China. She also told about the wonderful work being done by the Far East Broadcasting Company. We, in America, need to thank God for our country - but also remember to pray for the less fortunate people in other lands, and share with them whenever possible.

Our hostess, Victoria Nelson, served a delicious lunch.

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Our Minot WCTU has achieved the honor of being an Advance Union for the year 1984 - 1985 for the first time in many years!  
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**LINCOLN TRIUMPHANT**

Edwin Markham

Lincoln is not dead. He lives in all that pities and forgives.

He has arised and sheds a fire- that makes America aspire.

Even now as, when in life, he led, he leads us onward from the dead;

Yes, over the whole wide world he bends to make the world a world of friends.

**WASHINGTON**

Inscription at Mt. Vernon

Washington, the brave, the wise, the good,  
Supreme in war, in council, and in peace,  
Valiant without ambition, discreet without fear,  
Confident without presumption.

In disaster, calm; in success, moderate; in all, himself.

The hero, the patriot, the Christian,  
The father of nations, the friend of mankind,  
Who, when had had won all, renounced all,  
Then sought in the bosom of his family, and of nature, retirement,  
And in the hope of religion, immortality.

**HERE I STAND, AN ABSOLUTE DRY!**

(written by Charles Long, 103+ years)

Esau sold his birthright for a mess of pottage. This was my first thought when I heard the "liquor by the drink" had won the election.

In my 103+ years of life I have been through all forms of liquor control. I have a strong, scientifically bent mind and college training. I approach problems with absolute impartiality, examine and evaluate all evidence, and accept what I find. That has been my custom. Heritage and environment are factors, but not causes of my decisions.

Here are some truths I have found: There is an affinity of the human body for alcohol that is almost unbelievable strong! Alcoholics Anonymous finds it so.

The people, including our leading ministers, are too ready to accept what someone else says about the matter, without careful evaluation. "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise". "The love of money is the root of all evil".

The dry law—The 18th Amendment was a failure! But was it? That is the verdict you hear today. It was put over by a minority—"as a surprise". During a hundred years, free and equal planning, etc., the matter was perfected. The overall vote was an overwhelming majority; the large city and emigrant population being an exception—they were wet. It was there that trouble came about. The failure was that, while at first most of the enforcement officers performed their duties, the law was flaunted in the wet section. The law could have been as easily enforced as any other law!

My wife and I traveled by auto over 17 states and in working hours, all days of the week. We saw only two people who looked like they had had a drink. In the United States there were only two institutions, Kelly and Gold, treated drunkards. They had to change services to have enough patients to work with. Now we have ten million confirmed alcoholics and more coming!

Tourism outgrew hotel accommodations and cases were known where jails were used to accommodate the travelers. Penitentiaries lost their prisoners, but in the wet sections the opposite occurred! The law was flaunted, often destroyed, giving way to scoff-laws and present disregard for law. Today the "law" is being violated; it can't be enforced; let us repeal it. The same principle, applied to all laws, would empty every penal institution in the land!

Law-breaking—In all these years, scarcely a single one of the liquor dealers would miss an opportunity to sell to minors, or anyone else, if he could without being caught—watch the press for law-breakers.

The Tourist Dollar—When liquor was hard to get, fatal accidents due to alcohol were at 30 percent, but is now 61 percent, with every loosening of restraints and every added outlet—more liquor is

sold—more crime—more accidents, etc.

Tax Dollars—The large sums collected from taxes—look at the other side of the ledger—the cost of police, liquor bureau, prisons, etc. Dr. Ross McLennan made a careful study of this matter and found that Oklahoma paid out four dollars for enforcement and operations of liquor services for every dollar received. Other states even more. Good business?? Only for doctors, wreckers, undertakers, and hospitals. While the law was being enforced regularly all went well—but when infractions began, I never heard of President Roosevelt encouraging the officers to enforce the law—on the contrary! When the big depression came, people were starving and I could not understand why such interference in state affairs.

See?—Roosevelt gave Joe Kennedy the franchise for Scotch whiskey. My wife and I were attending a reception at Searrett College, Nashville, Tenn., when we stepped aside to listen to the radio. It was Eleanor Roosevelt saying, "You girls ought to know how much liquor you can put under your belts", at a time when it was not quite nice for women or girls to drink at all. Another time, in the home of Mrs. Lillie Reed Smith, in Denton, Texas, my wife's training school classmate said Eleanor told the girls at North Texas and other schools the same thing.

The government had voted relief. Roosevelt took the governors of the states by the throat and said, "You either repeal the 18th Amendment or you'll not get a single dollar for your starving people." No wonder the results!

Love of money is the root of all evil, wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived by it is not wise. Esau sold his birthright for a mess of pottage. The easier it is to buy liquor and the more outlets for it, the more liquor will be sold, with more drinking drivers, more crime and misery.

The absolute verdict of all my life is DRY to the end, anything else would be sin!

(Thank you, Rev. Long, for this food for our thoughts!)

—Oklahoma Messenger

**YOUR PROJECTS FOR 1985****State:**

Membership  
WCTU Booth at NDEA  
White Ribbon Bulletin Fund  
North Dakota Centennial Fund (1989)  
YTC Camp

**National:**

Frances Willard Fund  
Lillian Stevens Fund  
50,000 Club (Education and Films)  
3 P's (Paint, Preserve, Protect National Headquarters Buildings)  
Convention '85 Fund (Triennial Convention in Philippines - Help a WCTU sister in other lands attend)

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A galley proof of a forthcoming book arrived from a new publisher requesting a reading and comments. What a find!! This is a super, refreshing and pleasant book. Aimed for the 8 to 12 year olds, this is a novel about an eleven year old boy, Joel, who had two mothers in the same person—one who drank and the one who began a new life because of her son's help. The story portrays the conflict created by the mother who is an alcoholic. You will enjoy meeting the boy, his father, and dear Grandpa Charlie. The characters are nice people; there are excellent practical suggestions for projects and a spellbinding story-line. This one will fill the bill for those readers who remember "Meet the Allens". We have our eye on two other books by the same author.

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There will be an addition to the LTL Pledge Cards and it will be an important one. The wording now will say—"From other drugs and tobacco I'll abstain..." Hopefully, the cards will be ready by the first of December, if not before.

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"Cocaine is a psychostimulant because it gives an impression of power, of dominance, of great elation. The psychological effects are associated with an increase in breathing rate but a decrease in appetite. This state of excitation and euphoria is followed within 30 to 60 minutes by a physical and psychological let-down. Depression and dullness succeed alertness; tenseness and edginess follow euphoria."

—Dr. Gabriel Nakas, Professor of Anesthesiology  
Columbia University Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons

The Nation Woman's Christian Temperance Union wants you to know...

The research, published in part in the September 8, 1983 issue of the New England Journal of Medicine, was conducted by Drs. Warren Breed and James De Foe for the Institute for Scientific Analysis in Berkeley, Calif.

The depiction of drinking was excessive, Breed said. TV often fails to show the consequences of overindulgence and rarely portrays people turning down a drink, he said.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

October 5, 1984 to December 5, 1984

**DUES- Women:** Bismarck 20, Cavalier 11, Crosby 10, Dickey 10, Fargo 27, Hettinger 16, Jamestown 8, West Lisbon 22, Marion 16, Minot 7, Max-Benedict 20, Northwood 33, Prosper 11, Steele 13.

**MEMBERS-AT-LARGE- 15**

**HONORARY MEN-** Bismarck 5, Dickey 4, Fargo 4, Hettinger 7, Jamestown 2, West Lisbon 5, Marion 9, Minot 4, Max-Benedict 12, Northwood 6, At Large 6.

**LILLIAN STEVENS FUND-** Jamestown \$3.00, Minot \$5.00, Max-Benedict \$3.00, Steele \$3.00.

**FRANCES WILLARD FUND-** Jamestown \$3.00, Max-Benedict \$3.00, Steele \$3.00.

**STATE REPORTS-** Jamestown \$5.00, Minot \$5.00, Max-Benedict \$7.50 (2), Steele \$3.50.

**LIGHT LINE-** Max-Benedict, Minot, Steele.

**WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN-** Jamestown \$5.00, Minot \$20.00, Max-Benedict \$10.00.

**N.D.E.A.-** Jamestown \$3.00, Max-Benedict \$10.00, Steele \$3.00.

**BEACON LIGHT-** Minot.

**MEMORIALS-** \$10.00 In Memory of Hilda Suhumski by West Lisbon Union; \$5.00 In Memory of Winnie Hart by Jamestown Union; \$5.00 In Memory of Winnie Hart by Mrs. Ralph Kraft.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mrs. Oscar Johnson (Treas.)

Total Membership from September 1, 1984 to December 5, 1984 - Women 275, Men 73.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Our treasurer, Mrs. Oscar Johnson, has a NEW box number. - Her address is Mrs. Oscar Johnson, Route 1, Box 231, Harwood, N.D 58042. Also, will each of you listed on the directory without proper address, zip codes, phone number, and-or incorrect information, please send the changes for a future directory listing. Thank you.

Mrs. Robert McCleary  
Box 71  
Dickey, North Dakota

**I ♥ MY NEW MEMBER!**

Dorothy Steffen:

Tillie Darwin  
Raenell McLain  
Honoray:

Rev. Charles McLain

I'd like to be able to add your name to this list. When you have reported your new member to Annabelle Johnson AND Marion Bartle, you and your new member will be listed. Then I urge all our membership to pray for each person on the list. Will I meet you HERE in next issue? - Helen

P.S. Only women members count toward the awards offered by Marion Bartle and Mona Holt, but DON'T let that discourage you from enlisting men as new Honorary Members. We need and want each one.

**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

**READING LIST**

<b>Alcohol</b>	
Alcohol At The Wheel (1981 Revised).....	\$ .60
Alcohol - Invasion Upstairs.....	5.95
Bible Wines or Laws of Fermentation.....	4.00
What about Alcohol?.....	3.50
What about Beer?.....	.50
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What You Should Know About Marijuana.....	.50
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My Child On Drugs?.....	3.50
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Every year the new books added to this list offer a wide variety of excellent information. Many of the books and pamphlets are inexpensive enough to give to family, friends, and neighbors. They make excellent shower gifts, too. How about compiling your graduation gift list now?

But don't forget to read them yourself. Then let our Promotion Secretary know that you have completed one book in each category listed. Just think - that is only five small books for the whole year, and they are all available from SIGNAL PRESS!

**GRATITUDE - APPRECIATION - COMPLIMENTS**

"When I was at the NDEA meetings this fall in Bismarck, I was pleased to see that the WCTU also had a booth at the Civic Center. From their booth I was able to get some posters for my "Know the Facts" bulletin board in my room in the Mott Junior High School."

Donna Mehrer  
Mott, N.D.

**Keep Working PROJECT SMART**

These excerpts from a "Center For Science" memorandum explains why we need to continue circulation petitions for PROJECT SMART. These are QUOTES.

1. The National Beer Wholesalers Association has earmarked HALF A MILLION DOLLARS to kill the campaign to end alcohol bans.
2. The U.S. Brewers Association, National Beer Wholesalers Association, the Wine Institute, the American Association of Advertising agencies met in August to solidify opposition to PROJECT SMART. The three major TV networks are pooling their resources to fight wine and beer ad bans.
3. A spokesperson for Miller Brewing Company denounced the PROJECT SMART campaign in a FIVE PAGE LETTER to the Board of Church and Society of the United Methodist Church. The letter characterized the Church's efforts to end alcohol ads as "REPRESSION"!
4. The National Association of broadcasters...has directed its members to cozy up to local PTA groups in the hopes of undermining the National PTA's opposition to beer and wine ads.
5. Defeating PROJECT SMART is their number one target.

Another project you can easily do during these cold months of winter is initiated by our Washington Correspondent, Janet Gill Minschwaner:

"Last June Senator Jesse Helms introduced a bill to apply traditional moral standards and criminal penalties to the transmission of obscene, indecent, and profane material over television, cable television, and the telephone. The bill was S. 2769....I have written to Senator Helms to reintroduce the bill."

Why not drop a postcard to Senator Helms to encourage him to reintroduce the bill. At the same time, send cards to our Senators Andrews and Burdick asking for their support of such a bill.

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Over the years the church has relinquished the voice of authority and influence in our culture until today when it does not have a leadership role in shaping our society.

Are you lukewarm in your relationship to God? When was the last time you prayed or read the Bible?

A recent Gallop poll, taken by George Gallop Jr., reflects a spiritual void. "There is no doubt that religion is growing" Gallop reports, "but we find little difference in ethical behaviour between those who go to church and those who don't."

Though interest in spiritual matters is higher than ever, Gallop says people are more ignorant about the basic truths of Scripture. Less than half of those polled who call themselves Christian could name five of the 10 Commandments. We revere the Bible but we don't read it.

Gallop says, "Churches urgently need to take advantage of the increased interest in religion to channel people from the 'churched' category to the 'deeply committed' category. We will not have social renewal until we have inner renewal."

This is the fourth year I am reading entire Bible with Bible Pathway and new meaning comes each time. If you are among the majority who have never read the entire Bible please get started.

Some good news! Congressman Mark Siljander of Michigan is known on Capital Hill for his bold witness for the Lord. Siljander says, "I look upon the study of God's Word as no different than having breakfast, lunch or dinner. The Lord said He is the Word. We are to eat of the Word. He is the Bread of Life.

If we don't eat of the Bread of the Word by reading the Scriptures and absorbing God's Word, then we starve spiritually." To me the whole purpose of life is to be submitted and committed to Christ. And in that calling, everything in your life that is God is calling you into will work out. I believe that is true in everything, even the things that may seem so unattainable."

He adds "God didn't call us to sit and hide once we're saved. He proclaimed, demanded and commanded that we go out into the world and preach the gospel to all corners of the earth. He told us to get involved. We can't stand by and watch our country go into ruin. We need to have courage, enough faith in God that we can lift a finger and be willing and able to take on the adversary."

We must gird our leaders with prayer every day!

Marijuana smoking occurs in almost any location that provides the necessary privacy, with the car, friends' homes, and the street as the most frequently mentioned sites.