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## MARION'S MEMOS

Finally My Brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Ephesians 6:10 KJV

Dear Co-Workers,

Our three year theme is Service, Strength and Power. Last year, 1984-85 our emphasis was on "Service". Our Bible verse was Psalm 100:2, "Serve the Lord with Gladness."

This year's the theme is "Strength". As the Living Bible puts it- "I want to remind you that your strength must come from the Lord's mighty power within you." Eph. 6:10.

Yes, dear White Ribboners, our strength to serve and preserve in the work of the WCTU comes from the Lord's mighty power working in and through us. In our own strength we do not go far or accomplish much. As the Lord leads, and as we obey, much can be done.

We realize this anew as we heard the reports from our state directors, our promotion secretary, state treasurer, and as awards were given at the State Convention.

Congratulations to the 5 unions who were Van Guard Unions. This is the highest award National gives a union. Those five unions were Marion, Northwood, Crosby, Bismarck and West Lisbon.

There were 13 advance unions. That is good, but let's make it 100 percent this year.

Eight ladies received the gift book from National for taking part in the reading program. I'm sure they will enjoy their award book, "Fanny Crosby", who is the writer of 8,000 songs.

North Dakota won over Wisconsin in the membership contest. Keep up the good work! We were a net gain state. We must continue to gain members to replace those lost and to keep North Dakota WCTU working "For God and Home and Every Land!"

It was a wonderful convention at Bismarck. Sorry more ladies could not be there. We thank each one who made the effort to come.

We were happy to have Rev. Klingensmith, Frank Schell, Gordon Hector and Earl Dodge with us throughout the convention. We missed you Jake and you too Dorothy.

We are grateful to our honorary members who came to the convention and all those who gave their support throughout the year. We need you! Thank you!

To the member of the Bismarck District and Union- a heartfelt Thank You for all you did to make our 96th annual convention a time of blessing, inspiration, information and a great success.

We thank Earl Dodge and his wife Barbara for coming. We especially thank Earl for his encouraging address and his special numbers in song.

Yes, ladies, as Earl Dodge said, "For such a time as this, God has called us to this great cause!"

To everyone who helped make this a memorable convention we say thanks.

For specials in songs thanks goes to De Mar Becker, Rev. Jim Kraemer and Mrs. Elizabeth Lind. Thank you Elizabeth for bringing your portable organ and being our efficient pianist. Thank you to Jeannette Waldie for singing so beautifully our State WCTU Song.

We thank the Rev. Sam E. Graf for taking the time from his busy schedule to bring us Friday morning devotions.

The ladies of the Max-Benedict Union conducted a most sacred memorial hour and brought beautiful messages in song and verse.

To everyone who came we say a big thank you. Without you we could not have had such a great convention. We wish all our dedicated, faithful members could have been with us. We know your prayers were.

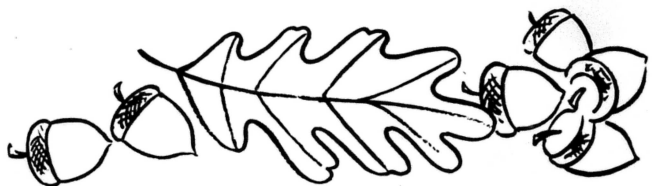
Each one of you is very important in the work of this great cause. It is the many kind, helpful, important things you do in so many ways and places that makes North Dakota WCTU known and its influence felt throughout the state.

With God's great love and mighty power we start our 97th year.

Following where He leads, Praying His blessing on the work we do "For God and Home and Every Land."

Sincerely,  
Marion

P.S. My very special thanks to those unions who made me a life member of the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union!



**DEAR CO-WORKERS:**

"To everything there is a season, a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted." Ecclesiastes 3:1-2.

This year has been a very good time for planting many seeds, but let us not get discouraged. God will produce the fruit in the right time.

We had a very good State Convention and I wish to say thank you for the faithful workers who sent in reports, and I'm very happy that we were a net gain state. Now, this is just the beginning. I'm hoping for many more new members next year.

Remember to be an Advance Union again this year (all dues must be paid and sent to State Treasurer before Nov. 30). I would be wonderful if we could be 100 percent this next year.

The Advance Union blanks were passed out at the State Convention. If your union didn't receive one, let me know. Let your State Treasurer know if there were those who have moved or were deceased in the local union. You may be denied Advance Union when you qualify. (It is the Living, Resident Member which are counted.)

Reading List is found in the inside back page of the Program Manual. You cannot be a Vanguard Union.

There was one book that should be on the reading list. Under Tobacco, that was omitted. It is "Smoking and Your Heart." This booklet is used in the March meeting.

I would like to Challenge our unions to put more emphasis on reading books. Write a short book report and send it to me. (State Promotion Secretary). Some of this information comes from the National Promotion Secretary office.

Again I want to express my appreciation to the Bismarck Union for providing a wonderful convention. Thank you for all your work.

May God bless you as you plan for the New Year.

Mrs. Lyle Trapp,  
Promotion Secretary

**IN MEMORIAM**

"They have fought the good fight,  
their course has been run;"

But the war they engaged in has not yet been won.  
Oh, may we not fail the Valiant and True  
Who battled till death, Let us fight the war through!  
Let us win new recruits who will still carry on,  
When our course is run, and we too have gone.  
Our Cause is God's Cause, against satan and sin---  
Let us rally God's people - and go out to Win!

**EMMA KOPP**

Emma Kopp, a member of the Steele Woman's Christian Temperance Union, passed away this year at the age of 69. She was born at Streeter, N.D., the daughter of William and Matheda Remmick.

Blessed be her memory.

**EMMA GORDER**

Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 28 at 10:30 a.m. at the Grafton Assembly of God Church for Mrs. Emma Gorder, 86, of Grafton. She died Sunday, August 25, at the Good Samaritan Center in Clearbrook, Minn., where she has been a resident for approximately two years.

Rev. David Paulsen and Rev. Elmer Anholt officiated, and burial was in the Grafton City Cemetery.

Pallbearers were six nephews, Russell Eck, Everett Eck, Lorenzo Eck, Glenn Gorder, Henry Gorder and Roger Gorder.

Tollefson Funeral Home of Grafton was in charge of arrangements.

Emma Eck was born October 8, 1898, in Gonvick, Minn., the daughter of Edward and Anna (Tharaldson) Eck. She received her early education in Gonvick, and graduated from Grafton High School. She attended Mayville Teachers College, and later taught in the Lankin School. She was married to Benjamin Gorder on July 2, 1920, in Bagley, Minn., and the couple lived and farmed in Grafton Township, Walsh County. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on July 2, 1970. Mr. Gorder died October 22, 1979.

Mrs. Gorder was a member of the WMS, Lutheran Sunset Auxiliary, WCTU and was state recording secretary for 17 years, worked at the Youth Temperance Council for many years, and was a member of the Grafton Baptist Church.

Survivors include a foster son, Edward Skime, Gonvick; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one sister, Alice Skime, Gonvick.



Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Gorder's 50th Wedding Anniversary, July 2, 1970. Both were faithful members of the Grafton WCTU.

September 20, 1985

Dear State President and State Treasurer:

Our time together in Oklahoma City was very informative and worthwhile and we all learned much, but now is the time to put it into practice.

Enclosed are the recommendations of the Finance Committee. As was the request of the committee, page 3, I am sending them to you and hope you will see that they are reprinted in your state paper.

These are not by-laws nor legislated in any way. They are what they say -- recommendations. However, if a thing is worth recommending, it must be worth following. Please read these thoroughly yourself and see how they may be implemented in your state. What are you already doing and what can you begin to do for future good of the organization?

One thing I hope you will all do, send on to National whatever monies have been sent to you. Some of you have been very faithful in sending monthly or at least quarterly, but a few of you have procrastinated. Regularly does not mean once or twice a year. Please stress this with your local to treasurers, too. It is just as necessary that funds be forwarded from local to county or district as it is from state to national.

If you remember the story of the servants and the talents, it was not that the talents be retained, but to be put to the use that the master had requested. So it is with the WCTU money. We should not keep it just to protect it, but to use it for the purpose for which it was originally given.

May you have a good and prosperous new WCTU year.

Your White Ribbon Sister,  
Marilyn F. Staples,  
Treasurer

#### RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE - 1985

We give thanks to God for the multitudinous blessings which are ours, and for the gifts of love and service given by so many. We are grateful to the members and friends who have supported the work of the WCTU through their prayers, their service and their gifts.

As members of this organization, it is our duty to support the work by our offerings and gifts. To implement the recommended projects, we recommend that each treasurer be encouraged to submit whatever funds have been submitted on a regular basis (at least quarterly).

The Finance Committee makes the following recommendations for the year 1985-1986:

##### 1. \$50,000 Club

In light of the fact that the National WCTU is invited to have a literature exhibit at as many as eight national educational organization's annual meetings, and with the cost of having an exhibit

being about \$1,000 each, we recommend that unions and members continue their support of the \$50,000 Club so that this opportunity to reach educators and school administrators and make available to them at first-hand the educational materials produced by Signal Press may be continued. We invite each union or individual able to contribute sums for the express purpose of creating new films or film strips and printing new materials to contribute through this fund.

##### 2. 3 P's Fund (Paint, Preserve, Protect)

We recognize the importance of maintaining WCTU owned homes and buildings in Evanston, Illinois, therefore, we recommend the continuation of the 3 P's Fund so that we may paint, preserve and protect our property. We recommend the state unions promote and support this fund.

##### 3. Air Conditioning Fund

In order to provide a more controlled temperature to protect books, papers, and other valuable articles in our Library, and for the general comfort of the officers and workers, we recommend the continued support of the Air Conditioning fund for the Administration building. As well as window air conditioners, it is recommended that ceiling fans be installed and the necessary rewiring be completed to support these.

##### 4. Membership

We recommend that members be encouraged to give more support to National WCTU by becoming a "New Crusader" member, which send \$2.00 to the National Treasurer for each active membership.

##### 5. Publications

Knowing that informed and educated members are better members, we recommend that states continue to promote the National publications with a goal to increase subscriptions in each state to The Union Signal and The Young Crusader.

##### 6. Bequests

We encourage those members who are financially able to do so to include the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union in their wills.

Your committee recommends that a copy of this report be sent to the State Presidents and State Treasurers and be published in the state papers.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Finance Committee-  
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Beulah Heller, PA  
Edna Collins, NM  
Alta Spear, NE  
Rachel Kelly, ME  
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At least half of all automotive deaths are related to alcohol consumption, and the health toll from alcohol-related diseases runs into billions of dollars. - Pat Robertson - Prespective.

One third of the registered alcoholics (in Russia) have told researchers that they were introduced to drinking before the age of 10. Soviet sociologists have found that the majority of habitual drinkers were encouraged by alcoholic parents.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
August 5, 1985 to October 5, 1985

**DUES-**

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Honorary Men - 9

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**MEMORIALS** - The following memorials were presented in memory of Emma Gorder: \$10.00 by Grafton Union, \$25.00 by Edward Skime, \$5.00 by Marion Bartle, \$2.00 by Helen McCleary, \$5.00 by Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hector, \$5.00 by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hass, \$15.00 by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schell, \$5.00 by Crosby Union. \$5.00 was given in memory of Mr. Clifton Anderson by Crosby Union.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mrs. Oscar Johnson (Treas.)

A life membership to the World WCTU was presented to Mrs. LeRoy Bartle by all unions present at Convention.

**MINOT WCTU**

Twenty people were present for our Minot WCTU August meeting. President Dorothy Steffen presided and Burnadeen Stemen was our hostess. Mrs. Roger Weishaar and Mrs. Ralph Brandt presented an outstanding musical program interspersed with inspirational quotations and nuggets from God's Holy Word. Leaflets from the Signal Press were distributed and Mrs. Steffen read a timely article from The Union Signal. Following our meeting we enjoyed a delicious lunch served by our hostess and a time of fellowship.

--Reporter

**MINOT WCTU**

There were 21 present for the September meeting of the Minot WCTU. Dorothy Steffen, president, presided and Lena Vinarskai served as the hostess. Using the meditation from the Union Signal and the Bible plus a resume of the history of the labor situation in our USA (including the establishment of Labor Day) Serge Dubovoy gave us many worthwhile ideas about the necessity for and the value of work.

Our program consisted of the use of leaflets from the Signal Press plus a very inspiring sermonette and music by Rev. John Sortland.

--Reporter

**NOONTIDE HOUR OF PRAYER**

"It is always noontime somewhere, and across  
The awakening continents from shore to shore  
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**HIGHLIGHTS****111th Annual Convention****National Woman's Christian Temperance Union  
Wednesday-Thursday, August 21-22, 1985**

The Official Board, Executive Committee, and Department Directors met in pre-convention planning sessions Wednesday and Thursday in programming discussions, planning future goals and discussing other national union business.

Following the traditional Praise and Worship on early Thursday afternoon, the convention was called to order at 2:30 p.m. Following the roll call of states, convention program approval, and the introduction of National Officers, Department Directors, and Convention Hostesses, Miss Juanita Whisler read revisions of the Constitution of the National WCTU. Mrs. Jean Burgess, National Director of Home Protection, presented Signal Press' new flannelgraph and cassette, "Hooty the Wise Old Owl", and then Miss Frances L. Bateman, National Executive Director of the LTL presented her address, "Have You Been A Busy Bee?"

A beautiful Memorial Service, led by Mrs. Fred Patzel of Nebraska closed the afternoon session.

Thursday evening, known historically as President's Night, opened with great pageantry as the state presidents, in their lovely white formals, marched in carrying their colorful state flags aloft. Greetings came by the way of Mayor James Faulkner, Bethany, Mr. Ralph Down, Superintendent of Putnam City Schools, Rev. Freeman Mashburn of the International Headquarters of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Mrs. Kermit S. Edgar, National WCTU President, then presented her annual address entitled "The Water Wagon Is Rolling" (to be published in the September issue of the Union Signal).

Following the president's address, for which she was given a standing ovation, a beautiful reception which was hosted by Oklahoma State WCTU, closed the evening session.

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 23**

Mrs. Martha S. Edgar, National President, presented her Recommendations, after which Miss Juanita M. Whisley, National Promotion Secretary, followed with her annual address and then her Department Awards during the Friday morning's session.

The audience anxiously awaited the results of the Membership Contest by Miss Whisler. The results were: 1st- Pennsylvania, 288 women, 33 men; 2nd- Tennessee, 270 women, 30 men; 3rd- Illinois, 188 women, 51 men.

The panel, "Strength in Motivation", was presented with addresses by Mrs. Clarence Darkes, National Director of Education and Mrs. William Siefke, National Director of Projection Methods (to be published in the December Union Signal).

A speech defining the current WCTU Public Relations climate given by Mr. Michael C. Vitucci, closed the Friday Morning sessions.

Friday afternoon's session was highlighted by the annual address of the National WCTU Treasurer, Miss Marilyn F. Staples, and the panel, "Strength in Guidance" which consisted of the annual speeches of Mrs. Harlan Shadow, National Christian Outreach Director; Mrs. Philip Zook, National Director of Publications; Mrs. Clifford Rust, National Director of Social Service (to be published in the December Union Signal).

Department Conferences concluded the afternoon's activities.

Friday evening was devoted to reports by the state presidents on their state's past year's accomplishments.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 24**

Saturday morning began with early morning Prayer time. The convention session opened with Mrs. Edna Hatfield, National WCTU Recording Secretary, reading the minutes of the preceding days, followed by a panel entitled, "Strength in Perseverance" which consisted of the annual addresses of Mrs. Ralph Siivola, National Director of Public Relations and Mrs. Ella Peck, National Director of Legislation and Citizenship (to be published in the December Union Signal).

The main address of the morning session was given by Mrs. Janet Gill Minschwanner, Washington Correspondent (to be published in the December Union Signal).

Dr. Diane Reed, National WCTU Representative at the U.S. Mission to the U.N. and World WCTU Representative to the Non-Governmental Organizations of the U.N., presented her report.

The panel, "Strength in Communications" consisted of the annual addresses of Miss Cara A. Tschanz, Manager of Signal Press; Miss Evelyn M. Marden, Manager of Circulation Department; Mr. Michael C. Vitucci, Managing Editor of Publications.

The traditional White Ribbon Recruit Service, presided over by Mrs. Jean Burgess, National Director of Home Protection, opened the afternoon session. Five toddlers, Cara and Evan Offut, Benjamin and Abraham Neff, and Amanda Beccra were dedicated to a life of total abstinence and tied with the White Ribbon. The toddler's families accompanied them to the podium for the dedication.

Miss Frances L. Bateman, National LYL Executive Director, introduced the LTL demonstration entitled "The Busy Bee". The LTL'ers did themselves proud. Their diligent rehearsing was obvious as they performed a well-executed program. The children were from the Perry Oklahoma LTL.

Special Memberships were taken by Miss Marilyn Staples.

Department Conferences rounded out the afternoon.

The traditional Men's Breakfast was held on

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Saturday morning this year, and the Barrymore Bits presented their usual dignified acting talents.

As usual, the Saturday evening program was devoted to the Youth Temperance Council, who presented a most inspirational program. An interesting slide show on the Philippines by Mrs. Dana Hartley of Oklahoma, concluded the evening.

The YTCers' held their own convention during the day and elected new officers and directors. The following is a list of those elected:

President- William Wilson, California South; Vice President- Griff Shuler, South Carolina; Promotion Secretary- Mary Helen Blue, New Jersey; Recording Secretary- Priscilla Brown, Illinois; Treasurer- Lora Deem, West Virginia; Christian Living- Mary Helen Blue, New Jersey; Education- to be appointed; Public Relations- Stephan Gurd, Michigan.

The YTC Officers and Directors for 1985-86 were installed by Mrs. James Hatfield, National WCTU Recording Secretary and Miss Juanita M. Whisler, National WCTU Promotion Secretary, in an impressive ceremony. Following the youth program, the YTC'ers had their own party, which included skits, music, games and refreshments. The National Officers attended the party for a portion to bring greetings. Following their party, the YTC'ers and several Executive Directors adjourned to the hotel pool for swimming.

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

Sunday morning's session opened with a Grand Diamond Matron's speech contest of Scripture Oratory which included Lillian Fennel of Florida; Ruth Matter, California South; Eunice Muller of Oklahoma. Mrs. William Siefke, National Director of Protection Methods presided. The winner was Eunice Muller of Oklahoma.

The Worship Service began with a prayer by Reverend Doctor Kermit S. Edgar of Evanston, Illinois; Scripture reading by Rev. Fred Patzel of Lincoln, Neb. and a fine thought provoking sermon by the Reverend Gavin Raath, Associated Pastor, First Church of the Nazarene, Bethany, Oklahoma. Miss Marilyn F. Staples, WCTU Treasurer, led the Offering Prayer.

The Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest was Sunday afternoon's main attraction. Contestants included: John Morris (Southwestern University), Kansas; Micheline Plummer (University of California) representing California North; Benson Prigg (Lincoln University) representing Pennsylvania; and Kathy O'Brien (Azusa University) representing California South.

Mr. Prigg won first place (\$250) Miss Blummer won second place (\$200) and Mr. Morris won third place (\$150). Miss O'Brien received Honorable Mention and a cash prize of \$25.

Sunday evening's program, designated World Night in honor of the World WCTU, was presided over by Mrs. T. Roy Jarrett, former World WCTU President.

The program opened with Scripture read by Mrs. Herman Stanley and prayer by Miss Frances L. Bateman, after which, Mrs. Jarrett introduced the World WCTU Officers and Superintendents present. All World Life and Continuing Members were asked to stand.

Mrs. Herman Stanley, World WCTU Third Vice-President and Editor of the World WCTU publication spoke on the importance of receiving the magazine. Mrs. Evalu Russell, a Kiowa Indian, presented a unique insight into the Indian culture and a beautiful rendition of "God Bless America" in Indian Sign Language.

Mrs. Harlan Shadow, National Director of Christian Outreach, conducted an inspiring Light Line Service which closed the evening.

A film on the Phillipines was screened following the Light Line Service, after which the tour leaders to the World WCTU Convention in Manilla, discussed the tours with positive attendants.

#### MONDAY, AUGUST 26

The morning session included the election of the National Promotion Secretary and Recording Secretary for 2 year terms.

In addition, the revisions to the constitution and By-Laws were voted upon.

Mrs. Rachel Kelly, President of the Maine State WCTU, installed the officers. A new national director was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Hazel Zook, for the Department of Publication.

The invitation was expressed for the 1986 National WCTU Convention in Knoxville Tennessee, with invitations for 1987 and 1988 following respectively.

An elegant closing banquet was held Monday evening, at which Coach Faye O'Dell of Perry, Oklahoma was the speaker.

Tributes to retiring National Promotion secretary, Miss Juanita M. Whisler and retiring National Recording Secretary Mrs. James Hatfield were delivered. Miss Merry Lee Christy, National Vice-President, performed the usual courtesies.

This brought the 1985 National WCTU Convention to a close with unfinished business referred to the Official Board.

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### PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

It is with gratitude and praise that we thank the Lord for His continued mercy and for His unfailing grace to each of us. Now as we continue to serve God and others in the work of the WCTU for this coming year, our 97th, we do so in the knowledge that "the eternal God is thy refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms." Deuteronomy 33:27a

Your president recommends:

#### DEVOTIONS

Spiritual Priorities- The emphasis and strength of our organization is summed up in the word "Christian" and without the help of the Lord Jesus Christ, we can do nothing. Therefore we recommend:

1. A Quiet Time of prayer and meditation with the Lord each day.
2. We remember our Prayer at Noon time for all WCTU work and workers around the world.

#### EDUCATIONAL PRIORITIES

It is important that we keep dedicating ourselves to the education of our nation's youth and young children, to the harmful effects of beverage alcohol, other narcotic drugs and tobacco on the body and on society. To implement this we recommend:

1. That you contact the proper person in your school district and present him or her with samples of our Signal Press literature for schools and a catalog.
2. That you make available our films and filmstrips to schools, youth clubs and churches in your area.
3. That you contact the radio stations in your vicinity and make available to them the radio releases as prepared by the National Director of Public Relations, Mrs. Ralph Siivola.
4. That you purchase a copy of the new bird flannelgraph with a cassette tape, "Hooty, the Wise Old Owl," containing five lessons on alcohol and five on tobacco for \$16.95. This is suitable for children who are pre-school, kindergarten age and those in the first three grades.

#### MEMBERSHIP PRIORITIES

We could not exist without the local women in the local union. Therefore we urge:

1. Each one to gain one or more members this year.
2. Many of you, during the Membership Contest, have gained five or ten new members. We trust you will continue to keep adding new members to your local union.
3. Each local union build a new union in an area where there is no WCTU work now.

#### PUBLICATIONS PRIORITIES

National WCTU produces two excellent monthly magazines, THE UNION SIGNAL for adults and THE YOUNG CRUSADER for children. How-

ever, once again, I must remind you that their circulation is far too low. It is imperative that we find more subscribers! We recommend:

1. That every officer become a subscriber
2. That more of our members become subscribers.
3. That subscriptions be sent to public officials, local educators, professional persons and to other persons where they will have an impact.
4. That more local unions make greater use of the material in THE UNION SIGNAL in their monthly meetings.

#### LEGISLATION PRIORITIES

It is so important that we are aware of what is going on in the Legislative world and that we take time to make our views known to our elected officials. Hence, we should:

1. Write to our Senators and Representatives in Washington, D.C. Also, write to the members of our state legislatures on bills of interest to the WCTU.
2. Attend council and or town meetings and express our opinion when opportunity comes.
3. Pray for our public officials that they will resist the pressures of evil forces and have the courage to stand for the right.

#### FINANCIAL PRIORITIES

Salaries, utilities and regular operating expenses at the National Headquarters Building become due and must be met month by month; therefore in order that the WCTU can meet its obligations, we urge:

1. All treasurers, local, county or district, to forward all money through proper channels, on a regular basis. All state treasurers to forward all money to National on a regular basis, if possible, but not less than on a quarterly basis.
2. We urge you to support the various national projects as follows:

The Lillian Stevens Fund for legislative work, which includes the work of the legislative correspondent.

The Frances E. Willard Fund for organizational work.

The \$50,000 Club for education- a portion of this fund helps to pay for new films and filmstrips. Just add \$1.00 along with your dues and this enrolls you in this club.

The Three P's Fund for painting, preserving and protecting the properties at National Headquarters.

3. One dollar dues for each woman member should be sent to National. (This is just a reminder for some who have forgotten.)

#### DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES

In the midst of many problems plaguing society

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today as a result of beverage alcohol, other narcotic drugs and tobacco, the WCTU has the answer and more and more people are being driven to it. Total Abstinence! That's the answer. Our society needs to hear this message. So, proclaim it loud and clear. Recruit others to tell about it also. Therefore we urge:

1. Organize and support, at least one Loyal Temperance Legion and One Youth Temperance Council in every County or District in each state.
2. Each WCTU member do all she can to foster a good public relations image for the organization on local, county and state levels. Be sure to tell what your WCTU is doing today in your area.

The world is beginning to recognize the need for our message. Let us redouble our effort to make it known. Out witness cannot be silent. If we are ambassadors for God in the cause of righteousness, we are responsible to declare the message.

The above recommendations are a guide to this end.

(Mrs. Kermit S.) Martha Greer Edgar,  
National President  
Mrs. LeRoy Bartle,  
State President

## RESOLUTIONS

North Dakota

Woman's Christian Temperance Union

Bismarck, North Dakota

September 26-27, 1985

We, the members of the North Dakota Woman's Christian Temperance Union assembled in convention at the Comfort Inn, Bismarck, North Dakota, September 26-27, 1985 to acknowledge the faithfulness of God during the past year. We are grateful for His blessings and we look to Him for guidance in the year that lies ahead.

We have been blessed and encouraged by the growing interest of the general public concerning the adverse effects of the liquor traffic in every phase of our national life. We applaud those health organizations, civic groups and leaders in high places who have begun to speak out against the evils of alcohol abuse. We would hope they all could see the need to place the emphasis on alleviating the problems associated with intemperance by taking a stand for total abstinence.

We pledge ourselves anew and afresh to the task of enlightening the general public that to rid ourselves of the problems created by the use of alcoholic beverages is to practice total abstinence.  
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

**SCHOOLS** - Because the lack of scientific education regarding the use of narcotics is one of our chief concerns, we call upon school officials and teachers to make this information available to all

children and young people through the use of printed material and visual aids. We urge school authorities to safeguard the children and youth of the nation against the teaching of moderation as related to the use of beverage alcohol.

**CHURCHES** - Since the Church has been our strongest ally across the years we urge the revitalization of the educational program concerning the use of drugs, especially beverage alcohol, and the re-institution of Temperance Sundays. We implore all church members to let their voice be heard in all of the moral issues of the day, and this includes setting the example of total abstinence.

**DEGRADING PUBLICATIONS & MEDIA** - Deploing the fact that some forms of entertainment and publications continue to depict crime, explicit sex and other sordid aspects of life, we urge cooperation with groups attempting to create public sentiment as well as official censorship of indecent and harmful literature. We urge members of the WCTU to stress education of the public concerning wholesome entertainment.

**GAMBLING** - As gambling is on the increase we declare our opposition to lotteries, pari-mutuel betting on horses and dogs, slot machines and all other forms of gambling. We protest the growing trend to legalize gambling and to depend on gambling taxes to maintain government programs.

**ECONOMY** - We are thankful for the progress made which is bringing our nation back to a sound economy. We therefore urge our lawmakers in Congress and in state governments to bring spending in line with revenue so as not to force increased taxes.

**LEGISLATION** - In previous years we have prayed and worked by appearing at public hearings, contacting officials, writing letters, signing petitions and making use of other means to express our interest in the passage of good legislation or the defeat of harmful laws. We sense the importance of individual contacts and urge our members to be in touch with their representatives on the following issues:

A bill to amend the Federal Aviation Act of 1958 to require regulations prohibiting serving alcoholic beverages to passengers on airlines without charge.

A bill which would require health warning labels on all liquor containers.

A bill which would make alcoholic advertising expense nondeductible in computing net income for tax purposes.

A bill to raise the legal drinking age to 21 in all states.

A bill which requires that equivalent time shall be provided for public service announcements

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regarding alcohol consumption and misuse.

**SOUTH AFRICA** - We abhor the apartheid system in South Africa. We are thankful for the contribution of the Rev. Dr. Leon Sullivan in formulating the Sullivan Principles, and the positive progress made in the desegregation of the American Companies in South Africa. We implore the Republic of South Africa to treat all God's people as equals.

**THANKS** - We express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the Comfort Inn for the use of their fine facilities and for the coffee and refreshments provided. We also express our thanks to the personnel for all services rendered for our comfort and convenience.

Our special thanks to the Bismarck District and Union for their part in providing some of the refreshments and for serving us at the coffee table, for arranging for the banquet, the speaker, the special music and all the details connected with the convention. We express our appreciation for the delightful Fruesta at the close of our convention.

We express our grateful appreciation to our special speaker, Mr. Earl F. Dodge for his most helpful and inspiring message.

We express our sincere thanks and appreciation to our General Officers for their faithful work throughout the past year.

We express our thanks to those who gave the devotionals and to those who provided the musical numbers. We also extend our thanks and appreciation to all others whose cooperation and consideration helped to make this convention an outstanding success.

Mrs. Melvin Gangness  
Mrs. Gilbert Johnson

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#### What is the VALUE YOU PLACE on a child's life? The 'Innocent That Went Bad'

Toward the close of the 1960's word got around that cocaine, a drug all but forgotten in the United States after non-medical use was outlawed in 1915, created some of the same illusions of self-confidence, energy and mental acuity that amphetamines did.

Subtle and exotic, cocaine could make you euphoric, make you believe you were invulnerable and masterful.

For a long time, the medical facts about the drug weren't clear. It has taken researchers more than a decade to run cocaine through experiments designed to reveal the ways it interacts with and alters cells, organs and bodily systems in the laboratory animals and in humans.

Cocaine, physicians and pharmacologists say, is one of the most dangerous drugs on the underground market. It's physically debilitating whether you snort it, swallow it, inject it or smoke it.

Doctors have compelling clinical evidence that the drug can worsen pre-existing weaknesses of the heart, as well as trigger full-blown attacks. Current research also points toward the possibility that cocaine causes permanent brain damage.

Over the long term, cocaine can severely disrupt the psyche. Depression becomes chronic, he starts hallucinating and signs of psychosis appear.

Says Arnold Washton, a Director of Drug abuse research at Regent Hospital, NY. "Well before psychosis, you see increased irritability, short temper, suspiciousness - especially of spouses, relatives, friends and business partners."

In a survey taken of 500 callers to the national toll-free hotline 800-COCAINE, researchers found that fully half reported symptoms of this nature.

For the casual user, the most frightening finding to emerge is this: taken in any form, and at almost any dose, cocaine can be fatal. "We have no way of predicting who will die from the drug and who won't," says Dr. Mark Gold, director of research at Fair Oaks Hospital in Summit, N.J. "It could be a regular user or a first time user."

Many scientists are now revising their notions about cocaine addiction. People do seem to develop tolerance, which is part of the classic definition of addiction.

Reader's Digest, August 1985  
Detroit News

Watch your driving in California. Remember, under California's tough new drunk driving law, "Alcohol is always alcohol, whether it comes in beer, wine or distilled spirits. It will be better to let someone else drive, even if you only had a drink or two. Remember Johnny Carson!

