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MARION'S MEMOS

I want to remind you that your strength comes from Lord's Mighty Power within you - Ephs 6:10 L.B.

Dear Co-Workers:

Congratulations to the 14 unions who were advance unions. This is a very good average. Only 4 unions did not qualify- Lets make it 100 percent for 86-87.

What is an Advance Union? One that has paid dues of all resident members by November 30th. Really not too difficult!

We hope there will be a number of Vanguard Unions again. We had 5 last year. They are to be Congratulated! This is the highest award a union can reach.

Last year only 8 ladies participated in the reading program. May their number increases each year. This is an individual award given by National. You always receive an excellent book as your award. So ladies lets read.

By the time you read this message all, or most all, district conventions will have been held. So far I have attended two.

They were well attended and an inspiration and a blessing to all of us. The reports I have read prove that the conventions I was not privileged to attend were equally as inspirational and blessed.

If the report from your district does not appear in this issue it will be because you have not yet met or your report did not reach us in time.

On Page two (2) of the White Ribbon Bulletin (all issues) you will find the time items for publication must reach managing editor, Mrs. Robert McCleary or Me.

We do appreciate the items you send. This is your paper and we need your news.

You will see a notice of State Convention in this issue. No, it isn't too early to make plans to attend. So reserve September 25 and 26 for State Conventions. We want to see many of you there.

More detailed information will be in the July - August issue. Watch for it.

YTC Camp June 12-15. Do remember campers and Personnel in Prayer.

Help to make camp a successful and profitable time for our youth in any way you can.

We appreciate, so very much, those leaders who year after year take time from their busy schedules to come to camp.

They teach youth of the many dangers encounter-

ed in today's most permissive society. They direct youth in the right way. They enjoy recreation time with them. There is a time of devotions and prayer.

Only God can know fully what good they have accomplished in the lives of countless youth down through the years.

God bless each one of you and each youth once again at YTC Camp.

Remember at Mid-year meeting we talked about wearing our White Ribbon Bow Pins?

Someone mentioned there was a poem about this.

Well I found a copy of the poem in the Indiana State WCTU Paper. It is entitled "It's On My Other Dress!" We have printed the poem elsewhere in this issue.

Everyone, I'm sure is extremely busy these days. So much to do. Garden, house cleaning, company, etc.

Yes, there is much to do in God's great harvest field also. This little poem I ran across seems to express that so well.

Work! for the field far reaches,
The laborer hands are few;
The World's great need beseeches;
There is something for thee to do.

O; linger not idly dreaming!
The golden moments speed;
While the sun's broad rays are streaming,
The summer to labor heed.

S.S. Skowe

Shalom,
Marion

NOTICE

State convention dates are Thursday and Friday, September 25th and 26th.

We will meet in the Assemblies of God Church, Minot, N.D.

We will stay at the Thrifty Scott Motel.

Convention Committee and Board meetings to start at 11:00 a.m.

Convention proper 1:00 p.m. with prayer and praise service.

The July - August WRB will have more convention information.

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Y.T.C. NEWS

Is this the year you could help a camper?

Everyone has resources - special ways and means to accomplish God's purpose for life. Yet sometimes our most valuable resources are yet to be discovered. That's one of the most important reasons for planning to send some young person to camp.

Camp is the place where the camper can find a new perspective on how to best use his talents, keep his body clean, and be made aware of opportunities for service in the Y.T.C., the W.C.T.U., and in his church. Camp helps the camper set goals for the future and then equips the young person to attain the goals.

The primary goal for any camping program is to make known that Jesus came, Jesus died, Jesus rose from the dead and Jesus is coming again. When the camper recognizes that Jesus died for him personally and accepts by faith the truths of His grace, that camper is on the right course. Now the camper needs teaching and nurturing so he can experience the keeping power of Jesus. With this in mind, the camp program makes Jesus and His Love the primary part and primary emphasis.

The next goal of the camper then is to keep his body the temple of the Holy Spirit. He who began a good work wants the campers undivided attention so that Jesus and His finished work in that life will edify and glorify our God. With the study in Narcotics Education that truth is also a part of the Y.T.C. Camp. Besides the study, the camp experience includes activities that strengthen the mind and body with wholesome entertainment and outdoor sports.

The preceding three paragraphs relate what camp does for our youth. What is in it that may be part of one of your goals? It may be that there is a special person within your family framework who would enjoy camp but doesn't have the money to pay the fee. There might even be a great young

person who brings your daily paper, mows your lawn, or just comes by once in a while. Would it be possible to give this young person a special reward so he will be at camp? Maybe your monetary reward for the work he has done for you is that camp fee!

Now that the challenge has been made, let's pray that there will be another good camp in June. Some things are not definite at this time - but should soon be definite. This much is definite.

Camp Dates- June 12- starting with an afternoon teaching session and closing with the noon meal on June 15, 1986. Camp fee is \$40.00.

I'm enclosing the Y.T.C. Plan of Work. I'm also enclosing the letter I received from Governor Sinner upon my request for the Y.T.E. Proclamation. Maybe the youth could turn this negative response into a positive one by writing to the Governor and explaining to him why this Proclamation needs to be given.

Thank you all for listening and now may there be special prayer and special effort expended for our Camp time, June 12-15, 1986.

In His Service,
Mrs. Fred Kulish

WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP

1. Your Bible
2. A notebook and a pencil
3. One good dress or outfit
4. Modest play garments
5. Music and instruments, if you play one - and if you sing.
6. Your science projects that relate to Alcohol, Drug and Tobacco Education.
7. Write some essays, make some posters and bring them to camp.
8. Stunts, readings, poems, plays and other entertaining materials for our Stunt and Talent Night.
9. A positive attitude.

DO NOTE BRING:

1. Short shorts or cut offs.
2. Radios, tape recorders, etc.

**TREASURER'S REPORT
MARCH 5, 1986 TO May 5, 1986**

Dues:
 Women- Grafton 9, Grand Forks F.W. 15, Jamestown 5, West Lisbon 1.
 Members- At Large 1.
 Honorary Men- Grand Forks F.W. 2, At Large 1.
 Lillian Stevens Fund- Fargo \$6.00, West Lisbon \$5.00.
 Frances Willard Fund- Fargo \$3.00, West Lisbon \$5.00.
 State Reports- Fargo \$7.00 (2), Prosper \$7.00 (2).
 Light Line- Fargo.
 White Ribbon Bulletin- Fargo \$10.00.
 District Pledges- James Valley D. \$15.00.
 Y.T.C. Camp- James Valley D. \$15.00, Steele \$20.00.
 Centennial Fund- Bismarck \$20.00, Dickey \$10.00, Prosper \$10.00, Mrs. Gilbert Johnson \$10.00.
 Memorials- \$5.00 in memory of Lulu Houglum by Fargo Union, \$10.00. In memory of Pearl McFarland by Hettinger Union, \$10.00. In memory of Russell Duncan by Mrs. Myron Eid, \$5.00 (Y.T.C.) In memory of Russell Duncan by Fargo Union.

Respectfully submitted,
 Mrs. Oscar Johnson (Treas.)

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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

IT'S ON MY OTHER DRESS!

(Tune: Auld Lang Syne)

1. A sister kindly asked about
 My little bow of white
 That means so much for temperance folks,
 And stands for all that's right.
 A good excuse I tried to find,
 But had to confess
 The little bow she had in mind
 Was on my other dress!

Chorus: (after vs. 1 and 2)
 White Ribbon bow, why treat you so
 In a cause that I profess
 To deeply love, when oft I know
 You are on my other dress?

2. While talking to a neighbor of
 The cause so near my heart,
 And asking her to join with us
 So she might have a part,
 My ribbon bow I sought to show,
 But as you well may guess,
 I found to my embarrassment
 'Twas on my other dress.

3. My little pin is a talisman
 When worn where all may see,
 But when at home on my other dress
 What good is it to me?
 O, let us not forget it, friends,
 If we would know success,
 This bow of white for God and right,
 Let's pin it on this dress.

Chorus: (after vs. 3)
 White Ribbon bow I cherish so
 And am happy to possess,
 May it ne'er again be said of you
 "It's on my other dress."

I HAVE NO INFLUENCE?

What if the little rain should say:
 "So small a drop as I
 Can ne'er refresh those thirsty fields—
 I'll tarry in the sky!"

Doth not each raindrop help to form
 The cool, refreshing shower?
 And every ray of light to warm
 And beautify the flower?

WORLD W.C.T.U. CONVENTION

"Forward in Faith" was a most appropriate theme for the 30th Triennial Convention of the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union, not only for the women of various countries but especially for the Philippine Unions. In the face of unrest and uncertain future, they planned and executed a most interesting and informative convention which was held in Manila February 12-19.

The speakers were mainly professional women in places of leadership in the government and civic organizations.

The printed program contained a welcome from President Marcos for and in behalf of the people and government of the Republic of the Philippines. He commended, the WCTU for their convention theme, "Forward in Faith", and their "thoughtful efforts at preventing the alarming spread of social vices like drug addiction, alcoholism and excessive smoking among humankind."

The devotional address for the official opening of the convention in the afternoon of February 13th was delivered by Rev. Virginia Cruz, Director, Life International Ministry, Philippines. She deplored the fact that "a lot of women are sleeping, not only physically but also spiritually." She said, "It is time for these women to rise, change and to improve themselves to deal with the problems all around us, such as economical, political social and physical. The most important means of combatting these is by prayer."

The memorial services for members of executive followed, being led by the Philippine WCTU National President, Mrs. Villa Granada De Guia, and the Corresponding Secretary, Miss Olive Edwards.

The night session began with the precessional of the World and Host Country Officers, Heads of delegations (mostly national presidents) carrying their nation's flag, U.N. Representative and Organizers.

Following the singing of the Philippine National Anthem, Mrs. De Guia extended a welcome to the delegates and visitors.

After the introduction of the World officers by Miss Millicent Harry, World President, and the Philippine National officers and department chairpersons and distinguished guests, the members of Executive introduced themselves. The symbolic key to the city of Manila was presented to Miss Harry by a representative of the mayor.

The keynote address of the evening was delivered by Hon. Sylvia P. Montes, Ministry of Social Service and Development, Philippines. She welcomed us to Manila on behalf of the Republic of the Philippines, the National Commission on the role of Philippine women and the over twelve million Filipino women. The substance of her address dealt with the unequal status of women which led to formation of the Women's Movement in Mexico City in 1975 when the United Nations designated

that year as International Women's Year. Ten years later in July 1985 about 15,000 women from all over the world gathered in Nairobi, Kenya to review and appraise the decade for women. She spoke of the importance Filipinos place upon the role of women in sustaining family life, while at the same time, assuming responsibility in development and improvement of women through Social Service. She was convinced that with the wisdom of the delegates, the treasury of knowledge and information we were willing to share would strengthen women's commitment and participation to greater heights. She asked us to tell our friends that the Filipino women of Asian stock are working in unison in order to facilitate their National Economic Recovery and be counted as great harmonizers in stabilizing this troubled world.

At the close of the session, everyone enjoyed an elaborate reception in the magnificent ballroom.

On Friday, February 14th, the business session was opened with devotions by a delegate from England. Answering to roll call by Miss Olive Edwards, Corresponding Secretary, were delegates from thirteen countries: Australia, Canada, England, Germany, Guatemala, India, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Norway, Philippines, Switzerland, U.S.A. Valentine's Day is a much celebrated holiday in the Orient and the group was pleased and inspired by solos from Mrs. Socorro Granadosin and her son, who dedicated to all on that day the song, "How Great Thou Art."

The Executive Committee reported their recommendation that the name "World Organizer" be changed to "Field Worker". Same to be appointed by the World President, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer to create interest in the world organization and organize unions in countries where none exist, and to strengthen and encourage the unions where the work is weak and need help. Guidelines for areas to be visited and finances for such were suggested.

In the afternoon a symposium was conducted on "Women's Role in the Prevention of Drug Addiction and Alcoholism". An address was to have been given by Atty. Manuel Supnet, but, due to his illness, his paper was read by Mrs. Estella Gorospe-Ponce.

It was pointed out that the Filipinos recognize the problems of drug addiction and alcoholism (Mainly among those between 12-25 years old) and attribute it to peer pressure and family influence. Some suggestions for solving the problem were: informational campaigns, involvement in vocational training, alternate programs for personal fulfillment, social service projects and having drop-in centers.

Comments and information were given by a panel of reactors consisting of the following: Mrs. Gwen Stretton of England, Mrs. Millie Rawlins, Canada, Mrs. Kermit Edgar, U.S.A., Mrs. M.

Behan, Australia and Mrs. S.M. Sagar, India.

The evening session was given over to workshops.

On Saturday, February 15th the devotions were led by Mrs. T. Roy Jarrett of the U.S.A. and an Honorary President of the World W.C.T.U.

Miss Millicent Harry, World President, gave her address entitled, "Forward in Faith". Her broad understanding of world situations and her strenuous travel schedule merit our deepest gratitude and admiration. She said there are many other groups concerned about the alcohol problem, but not all take the stand of complete total abstinence as we do. Our cause was never more important than today, so her closing challenge was "trust God, never retreat but go forward."

During the demonstrations of National Programs, Japan invited the delegates to their country on the 100th anniversary of W.C.T.U. in that nation.

The invitation to the next world convention was extended by Mrs. Minnie Rawlins for August 2-12 at Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

The guest speaker for the morning was Hon. Helena R.T. Benetez, member of the Philippine Parliament. Her field is education and her topic was, "Social Development of Women's Right." She remarked that we are in a crisis; we should have a Crusade and this should be in a form suited to each country. Women will never be the same; we are here at a propitious time. Our target is to establish social habits of non-alcoholic drinks in developing countries.

Miss Frances Bateman, World Superintendent of Loyal Temperance Legion, was introduced and in turn she introduced the Philippine LTL, who showed the work of the Legion by a delightful pageant, "Busy Bees", put on by children from Philippine Christian University Elementary School.

United Nations representative, Dr. Diane Reed, was unable to attend the convention; her report was read by Mrs. Cecil Heath, another Honorary World President.

Miss Louise Byrd, UN representative of the Non-Governmental Organizations, spoke briefly giving many ideas for helping the underprivileged economically.

Mrs. Cleo Parrish, Superintendent of Promotion Methods, gave a brief report and presented the poster awards.

At 7:30 p.m. the Youth Night was held at the top of the Hilton with Mrs. Parrish presiding. A speech contest was held on the subject, "It's Youth Who Pays". Each one had written their own speech. The winners were 1st- Carmen Rowse, Canada, 2nd- Benson Prigg, U.S.A., and 3rd- Sharon Maducdoc, Philippines.

Miss Elvira Hernandez, Director of Youth Section of Philippine WCTU trained the youth of the Young Lights Club in a musical drama, "You Can Do Something for God and Home and Humanity".

Mrs. De. Gula came to the platform to thank the young people for their excellent performance.

On the morning of Sunday, February 16, the delegates attended worship services in various churches.

After lunch some went on a city tour ending at Abiertas Friendship House. There the delegates had a tour of the nurse, visited the mothers and had refreshments of fresh coconut milk, cakes and nuts.

The President, Dr. Josefa M. Llana, welcomed the group and introduced the Board of Directors. World President, Miss Harry, was asked to bring greetings. She called on Mrs. Joan Cocks, who with her delegation, heaped gifts of baby clothes on the table and also a money gift. Fru Kjaerson of Norway presented a lovely native doll from the children of Norway. The country also made a generous gift of money toward a needed extension. The return to the hotel was impeded by the happy crowds returning from a peaceful demonstration at Rizal's Park for Mrs. Aquino.

Following dinner at the "Top of the Hilton" the evening session was called to order by Miss Harry. The Norway delegation sang a song, "Day by Day", accompanied by Mr. Kjaerson on the piano.

Fru Maria Holvik read the Scripture and commented on the value of storms to help migrating birds reach their destination and compared that to the value of our trials which help us to trust God more.

There were reports by some of the World Superintendents, the Mrs. Martha Lui gave a comprehensive report on Women's Work in China.

submitted by Dr. Clarabelle Hopkins
From Virginia Call

White-collar drug and alcohol abuse contribute to an annual cost to society of more than \$176 billion, according to the Research Triangle Institute in North Carolina. Of that, alcohol abuse accounts for about two thirds.

"The largest chunk for both alcohol and drugs is reduced productivity", said Henrick Harwood, a research economist for the institute.

Peter Bensinger, former administration, say, Companies should formally advise employees and managers that coming to work under the influence of drugs or alcohol is not acceptable, that bringing drugs or booze to the workplace is or should be prohibited, that people who bring an illegal drug to work will have to face the consequences of that action, which is referral to law enforcement and probably termination of employment.

MINOT MAY WCTU MEETING

The Minot WCTU met in the Community Room of the Minot Public Library for their May meeting. There were 20 people present. Captains Richard and Susan Hartman from the Salvation Army Church favored us with several vocal selections followed by a very challenging sermonette given by Mrs. Hartman. Several items of business were transacted. (1) Reports were given by our secretary and treasurer. (2) Bill were acknowledged and payment allowed. (3) Dorothy Steffen gave us information regarding the WCTU Quiz, the Parliamentary Law Quiz, and the work that needs to be done in the Legislative-Citizenship Department. (4) Ann Sukumlyn was given recognition for her gift of \$25.00 for a Life Membership in our WCTU. (5) Plans for the YTC Camp and the State WCTU Convention were discussed and promoted. (6) Jake Steffen showed us a book of prayers he had published recently. It contains 235 prayers compiled by Mr. Steffen. (7) Leaflets from the Signal Press were distributed. Following the meeting we enjoyed time of fellowship as we partook of the refreshments (courtesy of Laura Forthun and Katie Schmidt).

—Mrs. Jake Steffen, Reporter

MINOT WCTU

The Minot WCTU had a Christmas party for their December meeting. Our program consisted of (1) carol singing- led by Katie Schmidt with Genevieve Dubovoy accompanying at the piano, (2) a poem entitled "God in Commercials" by Jake Steffen and (3) several vocal selections by Greg Prince. He played his own accompaniment on his guitar. All of us brought goodies - so we had a bountiful delicious lunch.

-Reporter

MINOT WCTU

Eighteen people were present for the January meeting of our Minot WCTU. President Dorothy Steffen presided. The opening prayer was given by Pearl Warner. Using the meditation from the Union Signal, Jake Steffen had charge of the devotions, and followed with prayer. He also led the group in the singing of the chorus "Jesus Never Fails." Several leaflets from our Signal Press, plus another tract entitled Unlock the Door (with faith) were read. Other leaflets from Signal Press were distributed to the group. As good citizens all are urged to vote next Tuesday (the one cent sales tax for Minot). All of us signed a birthday card for Amelia Hovde who is temporarily a resident at the Lutheran Home. Using her auto harp as her accompaniment, Mrs. John Achepohl favored us with several vocal selections. The closing prayer and table grace were given by Serge Dubovoy. Tasty refreshments were served by our hostess, Mina Triebwasser.

-Reporter

**What is the VALUE YOU PLACE on a child's life?
WHERE DO YOU STAND AS A PARENT?**

June 23rd, 1964, Nancy Hitchings was killed after attending a debutante party in Darien, CT. The Detroit (Mi) 'News' asked Dear Abby to write a special commentary on the issue of the drinking of teenagers at society parties. Her article blames the parents and here is part of her article.

Slowly, not too slowly I hope, people are awakening to a dangerous condition of modern life. I mean our drinking teenagers.

They are the price all of us are paying for permissive and absentee parenthood.

Parents are coming to realize that too long they have abandoned the responsibility and control of their teenagers to the police, the clergyman and the teacher. They wink at spiked punch for the kids at the country club dance and vodka in the convertible in the mistaken notion that teenagers can be hurried into forms of adult behavior even when those forms are reckless and reprehensible, in adult or teenager. They will not admit that much premature teenage drinking starts at home - but it does.

Most of my wailing mail, (eg. bathless husbands) can stand a touch of wit in response. There is nothing funny in the scourge of alcoholic adolescents or in cowed parents or permissive police or addled legislators who let this epidemic rage and spread.

These are the teenagers who run loose like marauding wolves in high school, whether in Detroit or Dallas.

They want rules to abide by, reasons to obey, the rewards of growth and earned adult approval. They do not enjoy the public stigma, as one Darien teenager put it, of appearing to have "teenager" written across his forehead in red lipstick every time he drives down the street.

Even in 1986, twenty two years later, alcohol still is the number one drug. So many teens and adults don't realize there is as much alcohol in bottle of beer, a glass of wine or a shot of whisky. Even as alcohol is swallowed some is absorbed in the membranes of the mouth. Alcohol goes through the stomach directly into the bloodstream. It searches for water and our brain has the most water so is the first place alcohol stops. How disastrous that the highest portion of our brain is swept aside first - knowledge of right and wrong - judgmental decision making is addled.

We parents have a full time job in raising our children. By example teach our children what is right and wrong. By example teach them to shun alcohol and other drugs. Show your love in concrete ways, listen always and always communicate. Keep them busy in wholesome activities.

Dear Friends and Co-Workers,

Heard about a man who yearned for a swimming pool in his back yard. When he finally got busy digging in his yard, he found an ideal swimming pool already made. The cost of repair was small indeed to what it would of cost to build one from scratch.

The point I want to bring out is that he didn't find it until he put some effort into it. While we may never have a ready built pool in our back yard, we do have many treasures in ourselves that often are hidden. It may take a bit of work but how rewarding to find that we are indeed able to do many things if we take the trouble to try.

God has endowed each of us with talents, some may have bigger talents or more talent than we do. God only expects the best from whatever talent He has given us.

I ASKED

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve.
I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey...

I asked for health, that I might do greater things.
I was given infirmity, that I might do better things.
I asked for riches, that I might be happy.

I was given poverty, that I might be wise...
I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men,

I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God...

I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life,
I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.
I got nothing that I asked for, but everything I had hoped for.

Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.

I am among all men, most richly blessed.
Author Unknown

- There are three kinds of people in this world.
- 1- They always say, "I can't" (always afraid to give it a try.)
 - 2- They always say, "I won't" (never will give a try at it.)
 - 3- Those who say "I will" (These people may not succeed 100 percent in everything they try, but they succeed most of the time.)

Are we willing to look at ourself closely? Where do we stand, no. 1, no. 2, or no. 3? With God's help each of us say, "I will".

Sincerely,
Marie Siivola

RANSOM - LaMOURE DISTRICT

The 1986 meeting of the Ransom - LaMoure district was held April 11 at the farm home of Mrs. Thomas Waldie near Marion, N.D.

There were sixteen members present. Eleven from the Lisbon-LaMoure area and five from the

Dickey area.

The meeting was called to order by the district president, Jeannette Waldie and with the group singing "What the World Needs" and "Get that Member" with Margaret Gackle at the piano.

Marion Bartle led us in prayer- followed by a singing duet- "My House is Full, but My Field is Empty."

Some fine reports were now given as follows: from the Lisbon Union by Lucille Nash and the Dickey Union by Jessie Lewis.

The following were now appointed to these committees:

Resolutions- Violet White and Irene Wiltse.
Nominating- Melissa Dick and Lucille Nash.
Auditing- Franie Johnston and Ann Hanson.

We now enjoyed a playlet by Marion Bartle and Jeannette Waldie; they depicted an interview between two men in prison on account of drugs. They told of the evil of transporting liquor, especially by air. They demonstrated how liquor can be moved from various places in Columbia, South America, especially from Jamaica by air, but lately, many have been caught in transport.

A letter sent to the Lisbon Gazette by Mrs. Elmer Dick was now read. It is important that we keep our press aware of our interest in the liquor problem.

The minutes of the 1985 meeting were now read by our secretary, Gelia Stemen. The treasurer Mrs. Beverly Maack, reported a balance of January 1 to be \$25.98. An offering was taken.

We now enjoyed a playlet by Jessie Lewis and Margaret Gackle. Jeannette read an article "What happens to drunk drivers in other places?"

The pledge from each union is \$10.00 and dues are .15 a member. A motion was made to send \$35.00 to the YTC Camp and 35.00 to the State WCTU. This was voted on and carried.

The YTC Camp will be from June 12 noon until noon on the 15th. The price per member is \$40.00.

Our next year's meeting is to be at Lisbon and the State Convention this fall is to be at Minot. (Date to be set later).

The meeting closed with all singing "Shine Your Light" and Melissa Dick leading in a closing prayer.

The Dickey Union served lunch after the meeting.

O God, give us clean hands, clean words, clean thoughts. Help us to stand for the hard right against the easy wrong. Save us from habits that harm. Teach us to work as hard and play as fair, in Thy sight alone, as though all the world saw us. Keep us ready to help others and send us chances every day to do a little good and so grow more like Christ. Amen.

—Prayer recited at Todhunter School

MINOT DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Minot District WCTU annual spring convention was held on April 21st at the Bible Fellowship Church in Minot with President Shirley Braunberger presiding, and Ruth Loughead serving as the registrar. There were 56 registrants. In attendance were members and friends from the Minot Union, the Max-Benedict Union, the Crosby Union, and two Members-at-Large from the Parshall-New Town area.

A special treat at this convention was a fifteen minute music segment performed by Winkler Bible Institute from Canada. Other musical numbers included congregational singing led by Laura Forthun, a trio number by three sisters, Lila Fannik, Lorna Sambor, and Evelyn Meronuck, a solo by LaVonne Fannik, a duet by Rev. and Mrs. Howard Franklin, a duet by Lila Fannik and Lorna Sambor and a solo by June Wiebe. Vera Page served as the pianist for the convention.

Other special numbers included readings given by Shirley Braunberger and Katherine Schmidt. Also, realizing our need for divine guidance and fellowship with our Lord many prayers ascended to the throne of God in behalf of our organization and for the needs of different people.

We were blessed by the morning devotions in charge of the host pastor, Rev. Waldo Wiebe, and the afternoon devotions given by Rev. Charles McClain. Both brought us many inspiring thoughts from God's Holy Word and encouraged us to keep on with the ministry of our organization, the WCTU.

The morning session closed with the observance of the Memorial Hour under the direction of Laura Forthun. The presentation of a bouquet of white flowers in memory of our dear departed relatives and friends, prayer, the music, and readings all contributed towards making the Memorial Hour very impressive.

A delicious meal was served at noon by the ladies of the host church.

Our guest speaker, Police Chief Carroll Erickson gave an informative talk. He stated that we have a good community but we do have problems. Several incidents in connection with his work were related by Mr. Erickson. He gave us advice about what we can do to help prevent crimes and also how we can help those who have gotten into trouble. We were made to realize what a debt of gratitude we owe to our law enforcement officers.

Several items of business were taken care of. (1) Greetings from our convention were sent to special people. (2) Form letters, written to designated congressmen concerning a current issue, were distributed to the group. Almost everyone signed their names and addresses on said letters. (3) Plans for the State WCTU Convention, to be held here in Minot this fall, was discussed. (4) We were reminded that the time for the YTC Camp will soon be here. We were urged to cooperate with the program. (5) Since our district WCTU received

quite a sum of memorial money, suggestions were given as to how we might use the money wisely. A favored idea was to put the money into a "revolving fund". By using said plan our treasury would never be depleted, but would always be replenished by the recipients making extra donations.

We concluded our very successful convention by repeating the Aaronic Benediction together.

Following the convention we all enjoyed a time of fellowship as we partook of the birthday cake furnished by Laura Forthun and LaVonne Fannik in honor of Lila Fannik.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Jake Steffen

REPORT 2

"CHRISTIAN OUTREACH"

"Service - Strength and Power"

Galations 5:13- "Brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh; but by love serve on another." The Christian outreach department has many avenues and challenging pathways.

We need to stress the need to deepen our spiritual life and to strengthen our temperance program. Let us begin by the study of God's World and prayer by individuals and as groups.

This will strengthen our foundation.

This year I would like to see each union have a prayer chain and a prayer retreat.

Also make use of the "prayer clock" and the "prayer walk" As suggested by our National Director. These were distributed at our State Convention. If you did not receive copies, let me know, I will send you the information needed.

Let us live according to God's Word and do everything we can to guide people to a deeper consecration for the Lord.

Prayer is so important.

"May we lift our voices to God," we know He is greater than any of our problems and that He will Bless us as we serve Him through our W.C.T.U. As we enter the new year of 1986 let us rise and walk with our hand in His hand, until life's day is over and we see Him face to face. What a glorious day that will be.

God Bless each one of you.

Bertina Evanson
Christian Outreach Director

THOUGH I LOOK OLD

Yet am I strong and lusty!
For in my youth I never did apply
Hot and rebellious liquors in my blood;
Nor did not, with unbashful forehead, woo
The means of weakness and debility.
Therefore, my age is as a lusty winter,—
Frosty, but kindly.
—Shakespeare's "As You Like It," Act II, Scene 3.



JAMES VALLEY DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Seventy-Seventh Annual Convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance union of the James Valley District met April 25, 1986 at the United Methodist Church, Marion, N.D.

Theme for the convention was "Nothing is Impossible with God". Registration and coffee hour under the direction of Vivian Trapp at 9:30 a.m. 18 were registered.

The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by district president Hattie Piehl.

Evelyn Klusers of the Marion Union gave the greetings and Lenora Hughs of the Jamestown Union gave the response.

Devotions were by Rev. Irvin Hultin of the Marion Methodist Church. His text was from Acts 1. He said different churches are talking about changing the Scriptures to do away with certain passages, we should be aware of this. He urged us to continue to do all things for Christ ending with prayer.

Group singing followed. The song we sang was "The Family of God".

Flag salutes followed by Lillian Kraft. Offering was taken- Henrietta Van Dyke gave the offertory prayer.

Business session followed- Secretary read the minutes of last years district meeting- Treasurer read her report- Both reports were approved.

The nominating committee (Lillian Kraft and Vivian Trapp) gave their report. All officers were re-elected except treasurer. The new treasurer being Lenore Hughs.

Four state officers were present. Marion Bartle, State President, Vivian Trapp, State Promotion Secretary, Lillian Kraft, State Director of the Education Department and Henrietta Van Dyke State Director of the Public Department.

The local presidents gave their reports.

Marion Bartle gave a report on state work. The inserts for YTE week were to be used last week of April but Marion said they are not dated so can be used the year around. YTC Camp will start June 12 at noon bring a sack lunch for that meal. Camp closes June 15 after the noon meal.

State Convention will be held in the Assembly of God Church, Minot, N.D. dates are September 25-16.

Marion closed morning session with prayer. Lunch served by Marion Union.

The afternoon devotions were given by Rev. Irwin VanLeeuwen of the Reformed Churches of Litchville and North Marion. He read from I Corinthians 10:1-13 Paul's warning to us all. Those passing through the Red Sea did many things that were wrong. God was not pleased with them. Nor is He pleased with us when we do wrong.

Jennie, Hattie and Henrietta sang a memorial song. This was for two honorary members who passed away during the year.

Speakers for the day were Mr. and Mrs. Ted Moser of Jamestown. They spoke on their prison

work. A great work they do.

Mrs. Moser spoke about their work at Mandan Industrial School and how they work with them. Many memorize scriptures, seek a better life.

Mrs. Moser played tape of prisoners singing, one was by the Prison Choir and one was a solo.

The Mosers then sang "Give Me A Vision". Mr. Moser read Proverbs 29:18 Luke 7:13 and Galations 6:2 and spoke on the Laborers for the Harvest is truly great but Laborers are few. He said we need a vision, a burden and comparison. They closed their part of the program by singing "Burdens Are Lifted At Calvary".

In the absence of treasurer Lillian Kraft read the budget committees report. She also extended an invitation for next years convention to meet in Jamestown.

The meeting closed with Audience singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" and repeating the aronic Benediction.

Marion Union served a delicious and refreshing fruesta.

Hattie De Vries
District Recording Secretary

IN MEMORIAM

Turn Again to Life
If I should die and leave you
here a while,
Be not like others, sore undone,
who keep
Lone vigil by the silent dust
and weep,
For my sake turn again to life
and smile,
Nerving thy heart and trembling hand
to do
That which will comfort other souls
than this;
Complete these dear unfinished tasks
of mine,
And I, perchance, may therein
comfort you.

(Mary Lee Hall)

JOHN SHELDON

John Sheldon, 89, died in a Bismarck Hospital on October 14, 1985.

John was born June 5, 1896, in Hebron, N.D.. the son of William and Bertha Konietzka. He attended schools at Anamoose when the family moved. During World War I he served in the Navy submarine corps. In 1920 he married Eva Rife. She died in 1958. In 1959 he married Sydna Owens Berry. They lived in Grand Forks until 1975, when they moved to Garrison. Since 1980 they have resided in Bismarck.

He is survived by his wife, Sydna, five sons, two daughters, 22 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

PROMOTION REPORT

Dear Co-Workers,

"Faith, mighty faith laughs at impossibilities and cries it shall be done." This was taken from a little chorus, but I think this would be wonderful for us in the W.C.T.U. to practice.

I'm hoping that you all observed the Youth Temperance Education Week by giving inserts to the various churches. The inserts to were very attractive and can be used for youth meetings or camps throughout the year.

I'm mailing out the report blanks for 1985 to 1986 Vanguard Unions. This report is due June 30. Even if you don't qualify to be a Vanguard Union please mail the report to me anyway. It helps me so much to know what you have accomplished and also when I make out my state report for the State Convention at Minot. It is time to start checking on your membership so you can qualify to be a Vanguard Union, take the WCTU and Parliamentary Law Quiz, pay state funds, National funds.

Dedication

One WCTU member
Dedicated, brave and true,
She won a member,
And now there are two.

Two WCTU Members
Entered an open door,
They won their neighbors
And now there are four.

Four WCTU members
Working early and late,
They were successful,
And now there are eight.

Eight WCTU members
More and more are seen
Each gained a member
And now there are sixteen

Sixteen WCTU members
All fine and true.
It's time to start a new union
For now there are thirty two.

Now this poem may sound familiar, but let us work hard to gain new members. One new member just to pray for our youth is very important.

Youth Camp will be starting the 12th of June in Cooperstown. Please send your your children and young people. I've had young people tell me, "This is the best camp." It is only by your prayers and help that will keep it that way. God answers prayer.

This reading course report is due by June 30th also.

May God bless you all.

Your Promotion Secretary
Mrs. Lyle (Vivian) Trapp

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SCORES HUMANISM

I was pleased to read the article in the March 24 issue "Undoing the Wrongs in American Education" by Eileen M. Gardner of the Heritage Foundation.

Darwin, before he died, regretted that he had written his book Origin of the Species. He believed that God was the creator and many scientists agree with him.

Humanism contradicts the Bible, teaching that there is nothing absolutely right or wrong, so anyone can do as he pleases, even disobey old-fashioned parents.

Parents need to question teachers or examine their children's textbooks to find out what they are learning.

Bertha Sage
Mesquite, Texas