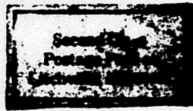


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## MARION'S MEMOS

O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good; because His mercy endureth forever. Psalm 118 Verse 1.

Dear Co-workers,

We do indeed have much to be thankful for- the Love of God that surrounds us; Jesus who died to redeem us from sin.

We are deeply thankful to live in the United States of America. Thankful for the love, the caring, the sharing with loved ones, friends and neighbors.

We are grateful for all the abundance of good things God showers upon us. May we ever be carefull to share with others.

My wish for all of you is a Blessed Thanksgiving Day with loved ones and friends.

May your Christmas be a time of Peace and Joy- not forgetting the true meaning of this Holy season.

May we fill a renewed sense of God's presence in our lives.

Let us rise above the materialism of the season and live this "Christmas Prayer" - by Lew Holston.

"Oh, let us dare to live in the joy and peace that comes to those who believe in the birth of Jesus Christ!

May we enter this Christmas Day with a hope that believes, a faith that creates, and a love that sees the image and likeness of God within each person.

Today let us realize that His light shines on every birth, that every cradle holds a child of God.

Today let us remember that His voice still speaks to the listening heart.

May Christ be in your Christmas. May the joyous peace and the heavenly happiness of this glad season be yours, now and throughout the New Year- Amen".

Lovingly,  
Marion

## VIVIAN'S VIEWS

Dear Members,

I Corinthians 15:57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are approaching the Holiday Seasons and have so much to be thankful for.

There is a few things to remember. First, let us strive to finish the reading course. The list of books is found in the Program Manual for 1986-87. Next, I'm hoping that we will be 100 percent Advance Unions. This means that every member of your locals has paid the dues by November 30th. They must be mailed to our state treasurer by that time. I'm sure I sound like a broken record, but this must be reported on time.

I wish to announce that our WCTU president, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Bartle have celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary in November. Congratulations LeRoy and Marion! May you celebrate many more.

(Back to the state business) Our National Promotion director sent me a copy or suggested way of keeping track of books read. This was borrowed from Indiana. It indicates that the report of each book need not be lengthy... just a few lines are all that is needed.

## READING COURSE REPORT

Name.....

Union.....

Category.....

Name of Book.....

This book is about.....

My Comments.....

This may be repeated for all five books. Sign and send this report to me. Thank you. May God bless your work.

Mrs. Lyle Trapp,  
Promotion Director

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Steve Bogan, head of adolescent drug treatment program at Ryther Child Center, says, "Parents will say, 'Don't you get drunk or use cocaine,' but they'll come home from work and have six beers. Kids look to adults to some integrity. Some parents

feel that they can't let their guard down and let their kids know their opinion, but kids tell me 'I wish my mom and dad had given me some direction.' So it's important to be honest, and if you're worried just say so."

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

September 29, 1986 to November 5, 1986

**DUES**

Women- Dickey 10, Fargo 25, Minot 23, Prosper 11, Steele 14.

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Mrs. Oscar Johnson, Treasurer

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 \$475.00 (no postage charge)

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"Dead is Dead" - 16 mm film

Straight forward, matter of fact, terse showing of actual scenes of persons experiencing cocaine withdrawal. Should be viewed by every young person, but alerted in advance- it pulls no punches.  
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How Much is Drunk? No. 3122

(Revision of "What's in a Drink")  
 subhead is "Stages of Intoxication"  
 100 for \$2.15; 50 for \$1.20; 25 for 70 cents  
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 Program Kit and 12 calendars..... 5.75  
 Program Kit and 25 calendars..... 7.10  
 Program Kit and 50 calendars..... 8.75  
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Bookmarks

3 different series: Animal, Bible & Scenic  
 12 in each series with Bible verse  
 10 cents each

**Christ  
 is  
 born...**

May the message of His birth bring comfort and joy to all.





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

Through its advertising, the alcohol industry has a great stake in saying that alcohol is fine, that there's no problem with it at all, that there are just a few sick people who can't handle it. But this position isn't true.

It is implied that if you are not beautiful or rich or successful, you can fake it with a certain product.

Most of us feel when we are reading or watching a TV program that the program is brought to us by the sponsor. The truth is actually the reverse. We are brought to the sponsor by the program. The purpose of the magazine or TV program is to round us up to the advertisers. We are the product; we are sold to the advertisers by the particular medium.

We as consumers are almost completely ignorant of the research and production techniques advertising, not because we are stupid, but because we've never been encouraged to take them seriously. Even a simple ad requires an enormous amount of time, energy and money to create. Advertisers spent at least \$10,000 to get the artwork or photographs perfect. Every detail - the shape, color, positioning is carefully planned. They know it only takes a few seconds for the images to register on your subconscious.

Advertisers often use what are known as subliminal techniques. Subliminal simply means "unconscious." Very powerful imagery, usually sexual, embedded in the ads will effect you immediately on an unconscious level, but won't be perceived consciously.

Alcohol is the Nations's number one drug, and the advertiser is the chief pusher. Advertising alone does not create alcohol problems, and changes in the advertising won't solve these problems. But advertising does play a very important role in developing attitudes about drinking and in establishing norms which are damaging and which contribute to the overall problem.

The alcohol industry spends \$900 million a year promoting the use of alcohol, and we pay the price. But in addition, and perhaps most important, we pay a very high price for believing we need to escape all pain and in escalating the trend to seek drugs as instant solutions and alternatives to life's complex problems.

We're faced with some amazing problems. Rather than being able to face them, we prefer to tune out. Alcohol is a big part of that tuning out. Whether we drink or not, this is an attitude that affects all of us. There are very few people who don't have a friend or a relative or a co-worker or a lover for whom alcohol is a problem.

Alcoholism can be arrested but not cured. If not treated, it ends in permanent brain damage and early death. We need to offer treatment where it is indicated, but mostly we need to work on

prevention, because this is the best weapon against alcoholism. Prevention means working on changing our own attitudes and working to change the attitudes in society.

To allow advertising to influence you to use alcohol is to allow yourself to be manipulated by a very powerful industry.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Dear Co-workers,

Our program book states that we are ambassadors in this work, and each one of us is a Public Relations member. Did you stop to think that others are watching what we say or do, and that they judge the WCTU by our standards? So, let us go forth to meet the public with knowledge and understanding.

What you see remains longer in your mind than what you hear. Therefore it is essential for more ways to see what alcohol, tobacco, and drugs are and what they do. Children NEED easy visual aids.

Knowing how to deal with the media—whether it be newspapers, magazines, radio or television—is our first requirement. Letters to the editor, to the public opinion page, or media dialogue and public forums are a few possible methods. Make available to local radio stations the Radio Releases from the National Director. (Cost is \$4.00 a year).

**REMEMBER** that your opinion does count! So, be ever ready with cards or letters of commendation as well as protest to our legislators, editors, radio and television networks.

It has been said, "The extent of our outreach is dependent upon the extent of our publicity." Bear in mind the promises in our Scripture verse for the ensuing year: "For God hath not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." II Timothy 1:7

Mrs. Melvin Gangness, Director  
**NOTES FROM THE UNIONS:**

The Prosper Union began the new WCTU year with a Prayer Breakfast at the Melvin Gangness home. The special prayer concern was for our teachers. Our Christian Outreach Director, Ruth Olson, was leader for this meeting.

Michelle Flick, an intake counselor at the Care-unit Hospital at Kirkland, says she sees about two cases a month of kids who have stolen at least part of their parents' cocaine, marijuana or pill stash.

Sometimes, drug counselors say, parents may have quit using drugs such as marijuana, but don't see anything wrong with their kids using it. The attitude is, "I did it in college and it was no big deal."



**MINOT SEPTEMBER WCTU REPORT**

There were 22 people present for our September meeting. Our agenda consisted of opening prayer by Rev. Charles McClain - the salutes to the flags and repeating the pledge - a congregational song entitled, "I Would Be True" - devotions by Bernice Hoppman - a selection entitled "Beatitudes for Women" read by Dorothy Steffen, and the transaction of old and new business (collection of dues - plans for the state convention - minutes read by Ruth Loughhead - treasurer's report by Genevieve Dubovoy - the payment of bills - the distribution of leaflets sent by the Procter-Gamble Company absolving them of derogatory information - information about Judge Rehnquist being selected for the Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court and the suggestion that all of us write or call our senators urging them to vote for him - information about liquor being allowed in the bowling alleys on certain occasions and the suggestion that we contact our alderman and express our disapproval). The program consisted of several instrumental numbers by Debbie Syms plus a very inspirational and challenging message by Rev. George Syms, the pastor of the Minot Reformed Church. The closing prayer and table grace were given by Serge Dubovoy. Our hostess, Mary Lang, served a delicious lunch and we all enjoyed a time of fellowship.

-Mrs. Jake Steffen,  
Reporter

**MINOT WCTU**

Our Minot WCTU met on October 12th for their monthly meeting with Dorothy Steffen serving as hostess. There were 17 people present. Our agenda included: prayer by Bernice Hoppman, the salute to the flags, repeating the pledge, devotions by Serge Dubovoy, distribution of (1) leaflets against the proposed state lottery, and (2) copies of material sent out by our newly appointed Legislative-Citizenship Department Director, Verna Ellsworth, an explanation of the WCTU reading program by Ruth Loughhead, a Signal Press leaflet entitled "An Unhealthy Chew" read by Bernice Hoppman, the transaction of business and an address by our invited speaker.

We all appreciated the talk given by Dean Throntveit, Director of the Chemical Dependency Unit at St. Joseph's Hospital. Their program is somewhat different from ours in that we seek to prevent people from imbibing - theirs is to attempt "a cure" for those who have become addicted to alcohol. However, our common ground is that we both recognize the problems created by the consumption of alcohol. He stated that alcohol is the most abused drug of all. The alcoholic not only hurts himself, but also those closely associated

with him, and the public. Drunk drivers on the road are a hazard for all of us. It is estimated that the cost of each DUI case is \$2,500.00. As a person drinks more his health deteriorates, he loses self-control and self-esteem and also loses sight of his priorities. A man may spend money for booze when his family needs it for food and clothes. It is sad that many young people (ages 10, 11, 12, 13 etc.) are now addicted to alcohol. Treatment is now provided for people of all ages. Mr. Throntveit stated that the CDU is successful in rehabilitating 40 to 50 percent of those who come for treatment. The program is costly - a 30 day stay in the hospital costs \$5,000.00. (It costs less to go to the Jamestown State Hospital or a Vets Hospital). Some achieve their goals as out-patients, but many need more than they can get that way. How much better it would be if they had never started drinking in the first place. As one WCTU leader put it, "If you never take that first drink you won't ever become a drunkard."

Mrs. Jake Steffen,  
Reporter

Michael Kirkland, a psychotherapist in private practice on Mercer Island says, "Parents who think it doesn't hurt to use Marijuana aren't taking into account two things:

1. Marijuana grown today is much more potent than it was in the 1960's. Tetrahydrocannabinols, or THC was 1 percent or less then and is now 10-20 times that now.

2. Average age of first-time users (drug) was 17 years or older. Not its 12 years. What used to be a rite of passage into adulthood is now a rite of passage into adolescence."

Children who have tried drugs at a very young age usually start with their parents, says James Farrow, a doctor who directs the Adolescent Clinic at the University of Washington.

"When I see a child who was smoking marijuana when 8 or 9 years old, it (the marijuana) came from the home, not school or friends," Farrow says. "Parents used to think it was a good experience or cute or something."

Today, the deception in cigarette advertising is more subtle than in past years, but still effective in communicating the message that it is reasonable safe to smoke. The ads seem to be having a diminishing effect on men, but now are being strongly and effectively targeted at young women. The imagery of ski-racers, wind-surfers, aerobic dancers and other athletic role models believes the reality of addiction, disease and death.

**IN MEMORIUM**

When all is done say not my day is o'er and not  
through night I seek a dimmer shore; Say rather  
that my morn has just begun, I greet the dawn not  
setting sun, When all is done-

Paul Lawrence Dunbar

**ANTHONY H. ERICKSON  
LYDIA ERICKSON**

Anthony H. Erickson, 97, Wilton, N.D., was born in Dakota Territory May 26, 1888. He married Lydia Johnson December 28, 1922, at Stillman, Illinois. He was Deputy Game and Fish Commissioner in the 1930's. He raised Canadian geese, pheasants, wild turkeys, ducks, deer, coyotes, and other wildlife. He and his wife were members of Mission Evangelical Free Church and active with 4-H Clubs. He had a beautiful high tenor voice and he sang in a family trio and in a choir. He died February 12, 1986.

Lydia Johnson Erickson, 85, was born June 26, 1900, in Illinois. She graduated as a nurse there. After her marriage to Anthony Erickson, she and her husband moved to a farm near Wilton. She taught art classes, home nursing classes and piano. She delivered many babies in the community. She taught Sunday School and played the organ at church.

She and her husband are survived by one son and 1 daughter, 4 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

Lydia was a proud supporter of the WCTU.

**ANN DYKSTRA**

Mrs. John (Ann) Dykstra, 79, of Litchville, died in a Valley City hospital Wednesday morning, October 8, 1986.

Funeral services were conducted October 11 at the North Marion Reformed Church with Rev. Irwin VanLeeuwen officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Ann DeVries was born October 3, 1907, near Litchville, where she grew up and attended school. She married John Dykstra September 15, 1933 at Sioux City, Iowa. They moved to a farm near Litchville, and in 1974, they retired and moved into town.

She is survived by her husband; a son and four daughters, Selmer, Litchville; Mrs. James (Patti) King, Worthington, Minn.; Mrs. Andrew (Renee) Feldman, Binghamton, N.Y.; Joan Anderson, Harwood, N.D.; and Barbara Dykstra, Fargo, N.D.; two brothers and four sisters, Steve and Mrs. Leonard (Clara) Welken, both Valley City, N.D.; Pete, Litchville; Mrs. Frank (Henrietta) VanDyke, Ypsilanti, N.D.; Mrs. Alvin (Jennie) VanEnk and Mrs. Walter (Patty) Piehl, both Marion; and eight grandchildren.

**CARRIE MURRAY**

Carrie Murray, long-time teacher and resident of Oakes, N.D. died Thursday, September 25, 1986, having reached the age of 97.

Carrie was born Emily Caroline Lathrop on July 8, 1889 in Dakota Territory, near what is now Armour, SD, on a farm being homesteaded by her parents, Willard and Nellie (Smith) Lathrop. She received her early education in the typical one room country schoolhouse and later attended Ward Academy and Yankton College in completing her preparation as a teacher.

She met her husband, Frank A. Murray, while teaching in Geddes, SD, and they were married April 17, 1925, at Alexandria, SD. He died in 1951.

As her family grew up, she returned to teaching in the Oakes area. She retired in 1959 but continued teaching thru tutoring and assisting in the Oakes Library until moving to the Oakes Good Samaritan Center in 1978.

She was honored as Oakes Woman of the Year in 1973. Her volunteer work included the Oakes Hospital Auxiliary, Red Cross and Oakes Manor. As an active member of the Oakes United Methodist Church, she taught Sunday School, maintained the Church Library and participated in the Women's Society for Christian Service and many missionary projects. Organizations she was a member of included the Rebekah Lodge, Order of the Eastern Star, Women's Christian Temperance Union, Red Cross, Oakes Hospital, Auxiliary and Women's Relief Corps. Carrie also served as the U.S. Weather Observer for 24 years, taking over from her husband after his death.

Survivors include two sons, Bill Murray, Richfield, MN, and Jim Murray, Yakima, WA; four sisters, Josephine Martin of DeSmet, SD, Edith Gale of Van Nuys, CA, Florence Young, Milwaukee, WI, and Amy Behrens of Vermillion, SD; five grandchildren, Mrs. J.A. (Debra Murray) Hoekstra, Michael Murray, Marshall Murray, Marlo Murray and Maxine Murray; and one great-grandson. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one daughter and one sister.

Crack-crystallized cocaine that is cut into tiny pieces called "rock" - can be produced for enormous profits using ingredients found in any kitchen. The tiny crack crystals, which are smoked, are sold in vials originally designed to hold computer chips. The economics of drug dealing has produced entrepreneurs in all sections of New York City. Cocaine costing \$1,200 can yield crack worth \$4,000.00 at street prices.

Los Angeles Times

**Did you know.....**

that Frances Willard and Anna Gordon attended the 7th and last Dakota Territory WCTU Convention September 14, 1889, at Yankton, Dakota Territory?

that Susan B. Anthony attended the first North Dakota Convention in Jamestown in 1890?

that in 1897 the state WCTU paper was called Western Womanhood?

that the State WCTU Convention in 1897 met in Fargo after it had recovered from disastrous fire in 1893 and severe flood in the spring of 1897?

that in 1897 the North Dakota WCTU had 23 departments?

that in 1897, with the help of 4 foreign-speaking ministers as well as other ministers, a Catholic priest and merchants in Jamestown, 10,000 pieces of literature in 7 languages were given out in Jamestown by Mary Bennett in the Department "Work Among Foreigners"?

that other Departments in 1897, since discontinued, included Jail and Prison, Homes for Homeless Children, Franchise (Woman Suffrage), Physical Culture (the Murphy Bill providing for physical education in public schools was defeated in the Legislature in 1897)?

that 89 unions paid North Dakota WCTU dues in 1897?

that Cass County had 13 unions and Pembina and Grand Forks Counties each had 10 unions?

that two-thirds of the North Dakota woman used school suffrage, 11 counties had women county superintendents, 156 women were on the school boards in North Dakota in 1897?

that the North Dakota governor in 1897 assured Miss Elizabeth Preston that he would veto woman suffrage if passed by the legislature?

that those working for temperance were the best workers for woman suffrage?

that the states of Wyoming, Colorado, Utah and Idaho had equal suffrage by 1897?

that Judge Charles A. Pollock of Fargo was known as the father of the state prohibition law?

that the Honorables William Langer and Lynn Frazier were Life Members of the North Dakota WCTU in 1917?

**RESOLUTIONS - 1986**

We, the members of the North Dakota Woman's Christian Temperance Union, meeting in the Assemblies of God Church, Minot, North Dakota, for the 97th annual convention, September 25-26, 1986 do hereby acknowledge the provisions and promise to each and everyone of our members this past year.

We recognize there is growing public awareness concerning the problem associated with the use of

alcoholic beverages, other narcotics, and tobacco in all forms. As a direct result, we are thrilled by those in government, medicine, education and the sports world who exhibit the courage to speak out and take the necessary steps toward alleciating these social evils.

We have laid the groundwork with our educational endeavors for more than a century for this precise moment in time. However, we dare not rest on our laurels, but must continue our interest with renewed zeal to make total abstinence the acceptable practice of every citizen.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

**CHURCHES-** The Church and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union have always stood side by side in the fight to protect the home, preserve the purity of the individual and promote the general welfare for the good of all activities of everyday life. We humbly intreat all church members to renew their Christian commitment by setting a good example as total abstainers in the home as well as at business and social functions. We commend those denominations who are endeavoring to institute the total abstinence pledge in their churches.

**SCHOOLS-** We believe alcohol education in public and private schools by concerned teachers will provide the information needed to encourage students to say no to all substances that would impair their minds and bodies. We invite school authorities to review our printed materials and visual aids and attend the Narcotic Education School to experience for themselves the benefits derived from teaching total abstinence.

**DEGRADING PUBLICATIONS & MEDIA-** Deploring the fact that many forms of entertainment continue to depict crime, explicit sex and other sordid aspects of life, we urge cooperation with groups attempting to create public censorship of indecent and harmful literature and advertisements.

**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.

**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 bills. We sense the importance of individual contacts and urge our members to be in touch with their representatives on the following issues:

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON AIRLINES:**

A bill to amend the Federal Aviation Act of 1958 to require regulations prohibiting serving alcoholic



beverages to passengers on airlines without charge.

We recommend that a bill be introduced which would abolish the serving of alcoholic beverages on all airlines.

#### HEALTH WARNING LABELS:

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

#### ALCOHOL ADVERTISING:

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

#### EQUAL TIME FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A bill which requires equivalent time shall be provided for public service announcements regarding alcohol consumption and misuse.

**WAR ON DRUGS-** We commend President and Mrs. Ronald Reagan for their influence and promotion of the program referred to in the media as the "President's War on Drugs". We know alcohol is the number one drug problem in our nation, and since it is legally available it is even more of a menace to society; therefore we sincerely hope it will be considered among those drugs to be abolished.

**THANKS-** We express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the Assemblies of God Church for the use of their fine facilities and for the luncheons and morning coffee and rolls provided. We convey our thanks for all services rendered for our comfort and convenience.

Our very special thanks to the Minot District and Union for their part in arranging for rooms, meals, the banquet, the speaker, the special music and all the details connected with this convention. We express our appreciation for the delightful Fruesta at the close of the convention.

We extend our grateful appreciation to our speakers. Mr. Bob Hunskor and Mr. Earl Dodge, for their most inspiring and challenging messages.

We express our thanks of gratitude to the General Officers for their untiring and faithful work throughout the past year.

We extend our thanks to those who had charge of the devotions and to those who provided the inspirational numbers in music. We further convey our thanks and appreciation to others whose cooperation and consideration helped to make this convention a time of renewed dedication to the task before us.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Mrs. Melvin Gangness

Basically, alcohol advertising has three purposes: to recruit new users, to increase the consumption of its products, and to assist potential buyers between competing brands. Recruiting new users means that they want you!

#### What Is The Value You Place On A Child's Life?

Adolescent Drug Use Stems From Parents Habits  
'Brad' 39 (not his real name) could hear banging on the floor through the fog of his cocaine-stoked brain.

He stumbled into the kitchen and found his 15 year old daughter, Kirsten, convulsing on the floor, arms and legs thrashing, foaming at the mouth. She'd gotten into his cocaine stash and snorted so much that she'd gone into a seizure.

Brad was so badly addicted that night he saw her convulsing on the floor he thought about not calling an ambulance because he knew the police would become involved.

He never gave Kirsten cocaine, but "she knew what was going on...and she knew where the supply was."

Often, its their children's treatment that leads parents to getting help, says Betty Schanzenbach, treatment director for the Snohomish County Drug Abuse Council. In family counseling, part of the drug treatment for adolescents, we ask parents to look at their own drug use and stop.

After Kirsten entered the hospital it took Brad six months to grip with his own drug problem. He realized what his drug use was doing to his family and he quit taking drugs. He has been clean for two years.

"I almost killed my kid," Brad says today, his eyes brimming as he recalls that night two and a half years ago.

He knew his daughter smoked marijuana. But he had never worried about his own drug problems, or his daughter's.

"In the group of people we were associating with, smoking marijuana with the kids was pretty common," he says. "It wasn't any big deal to give the kids a couple of joints and let them go into the other room and amuse themselves. Some would let their kids smoke at five or six years old."

Brad's situation is not that uncommon, Seattle drug counselors say. They estimate that half their adolescent patients have at least one parent who has a problem with substance abuse. And many times, those young people started using marijuana or alcohol with their parents approval.

"It's a phenomenon we see with adults who grew up in the '60s using marijuana and who continue to use marijuana," says Lin Carlson, coordinator of drug treatment at the Center for Human Services. "They relate to adolescents as peers, in a way, and smoke with them."

"It's troubling - but not much more weird than parents who let kids drink beer with them."

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Christmas brighten  
your holiday.

