MARION’S MEMOS

In the first issue of our paper for 1987 I wish again to remind you “That your strength comes from the Lord’s mighty power within you”. Ephesians 6:10.

May you all have a blessed, happy, healthy New Year.

I give you this prayer for the new year, copied from Jake Steffen’s book of prayers. Thanks Jake!

“May God bless your New Year - your going out and your coming in. May He direct you in your journeys, refresh you in times of rest, protect you in danger, sustain you through cares, comfort you in sorrow and increase your joy. May He prosper you with His bountiful provision, and fill you with His spirit.

May the sense of eternity be your constant orientation and may each moment of each day find you renewed by the presence of Y’shua - (Jehovah)”.

Isn’t that a good report from our WCTU booth at the NDEA Convention at Minot in October?

We do thank Lillian and her good husband for all their work in making the booth such a success. Also many thanks to Ruth Zimblemen and Dorothy Steffen who so ably assisted Lillian.

The picture of Lillian and Dorothy at our booth was very good. It was in color and unfortunately it seems that black and white pictures turn out better in our paper.

We are happy to welcome these new members to North Dakota WCTU namely, Jeannette Johnson, recruited by Dorothy; Delvin Stemen, recruited by his mother. Also two new members-at-large: Ralph and Rena Offner. It is so good to hear of new members being added for we surely need them. Thank you to those who have done the work.

Now, some of the news items about union activities may be a bit old. Here is one reason for this - some of these items reached me a day after or maybe even several days after I had taken the paper (WRB) over to Litchville for printing. But we do like to read them anyway and learn what our Unions are doing.

We will be letting you know when and where the mid-year meeting will be held. Plan to be there.

At the December meeting of my union the leaflet concerning the Statue of Christ which had been erected in the Andes Mountains was read. It reminded me of a poem I learned years ago. There is so much unrest in our world today - a desperate need of peace among us. I’ll quote the poem for you. It fits in with our unrest and our need of peace.

“Christ of The Andes”

“Christ of the Andes, Christ of everywhere,
Great lover of the hills, the open air,
and patient lover of impatient men
who blindly sin, and strive, and sin again.

Thou living word, greater than any creed,
Thou love divine, uttered in human deed,
O teach this world waring and Wandering still,
Thy way of peace, the footpath of good will.”

In closing I quote-

“Bless us all oh Lord we pray, Give us faith and strength for each day, Teach us love and courage true, Keep our hearts and minds on you.”

Sincerely,

Marion

VIVIAN’S REPORT

Dear Members of W.C.T.U.-

Another new year has arrived. I just wish you a Happy New Year. I pray that we will all follow God’s leadership in everything we do and in all our planning. Let us make this a year that we truly glorify God.

Romans 8:31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

I have received the new WCTU quiz for 1986-87 and the new Parliamentary law quiz. I’m going to send out a copy of each so you can study them. Please let me know how many copies you wish for this year. Let’s keep our minds alert for doing the Lord’s work.

The leadership training school is soon. Write to National Headquarters, 1730 Chicago Ave., Evanston, Ill. 60201 for brochures. This would be wonderful training and also a vacation with other Christian women.

I’m hoping that many of you are reading.

May we not forget to fight pornography and the killing of our babies which is called abortion. Don’t forget to pray.

May this year be a year when we have an increase in membership.

God be with you.

Promotion Director
Vivian Trapp
MINOT NOVEMBER W.C.T.U. REPORT

Our Minot WCTU was rescheduled for the third Friday instead of the second Friday in November. (Several members wanted to attend a funeral on our usual date). There were 19 people present. Our agenda consisted of (1) opening prayer by Ruth Zimbelmen, (2) devotions by Irene Linenko, (3) a demonstration of the flannelgraph lesson, Hootie, the Wise Old Owl, by Dorothy Steffen (this valuable learning tool was donated to the Minot Public Schools by our Minot Union), (4) the reading of leaflets entitled (a) Alcoholism is One Sickness, etc., by Bernice Hoppman, (b) Alcoholism, In What Sense Is It A Disease? by Ruth Loughead, and (c) The Evil Shepherd by Dorothy Steffen, (5) an exhibit and review of his newly revised Book of Prayer by Jake Steffen, (6) the reading of Senator Burdick’s answer to a letter asking him to help stamp out pornography (not much help to be expected from him), (7) minutes read by Ruth Loughead, (8) the treasurer’s report by Genevieve Dubovoy, (9) an explanation of a current important issue by Edna Folden (a number of people signed a petition she brought along), (10) the closing prayer and table grace given by Mina Triebwasser, and (11) refreshments served by our hostess, Victoria Nelson.

-Mrs. Jake Steffen, Reporter

MINOT WCTU

The Minot WCTU had their Christmas get-together on December 12th. There were nineteen present. In addition to the usual items of business there was a discussion about the proposal to make it illegal to sell gas and liquor on the same premises. It is expected that the 1987 legislature will deal with the matter. Rev. Charles McClain gave the opening prayer and Alice Quam read the devotional from the Union Signal. Jake Steffen exhibited and gave a brief description of his newly revised book of prayers (there were a few duplicates in the first one). The book is entitled “Prayer Changes Things and People”. It was compiled by Mr. Steffen over a period of years and contains 234 prayers for all occasions. Rev. Virgil Peterson, the pastor of the Nazarene Church in Velva, favored us with two solos, gave a Christmas message and led the group in singing a number of Christmas carols. A tract entitled “Let’s Keep Christ in Christmas” was read by Dorothy Steffen. Serge Dubovoy gave the closing prayer and table grace. We all enjoyed partaking of a variety of Christmas goodies brought by different ones in the group.

Mrs. Jake Steffen, Reporter

MAX-BENEDICT UNION

The Max-Benedict Union held their Prayer Breakfast on October 30th at the George Fannik home.

It began at 9:30 a.m. with devotions given by Rev. Daniel Heringer, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Max. Delores Baklenko, Missionary at Quito, Ecuador, working with H.C.J.B., spoke to us of her work and many answered prayers.

Prayer Partners were chosen that day. A time of fellowship concluded the breakfast as we were served brunch, coffee and hot cider.

On November 18th, the Max-Benedict Union held a program and refreshments at the Velva Nursing Home. Missionary Delores Baklenko was the guest speaker. Delores and her sister Lois sang several lovely duets.

There were several other program numbers, reading and songs. Refreshments were sandwiches, donuts, coffee and punch.
TREASURER’S REPORT
November 5, 1986 to January 5, 1987

DUES
Women - Dickinson 8, Fargo 1, Grand Forks F.W. 16, Jamestown 9, West Lisbon 23, Marion 14, Max-Benedict 18, Minot 6, Northwood 29.
Members-At-Large - 20
Honorary Men - Dickinson 2, Grand Forks F.W. 3, Jamestown 4, West Lisbon 4, Marion 9, Max-Benedict 9, Minot 2, Northwood 5, At Large 10.
LILLIAN STEVENS FUND - Dickinson $3.00, Jamestown $3.00, Max-Benedict $3.00
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STATE REPORTS - Dickey $4.00, Dickinson $3.00, Jamestown $5.00, West Lisbon $8.00 (2), Max-Benedict $7.50 (2).
LIGHT LINE - West Lisbon, Max-Benedict
WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN - Dickey $10.00, Dickinson $5.00, Jamestown $5.00, Max-Benedict $20.00
Y.T.C. CAMP - Fargo $25.00
N.D.E.A. BOOTH - Dickey $5.00, Dickinson $5.00, Jamestown $10.00, Max-Benedict $10.00
CENTENNIAL - Dickinson $10.00, Prosper $10.00
CONVENTION - Minot $14.50
GIFTS - Dickey $28.00, North Prairie ALCW $30.00
MEMORIALS - $3.00 in memory of Mrs. John Dykstra by Marion Union; $3.00 in memory of Mrs. Harry Miedema by Marion Union; $10.00 in memory of Mrs. Harry Miedema by Mrs. Ralph Kraft.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mrs. Oscar Johnson
Treasurer

Total membership from September 1, 1986 to January 5, 1987: Women 271, Men 65.

MRS. TOM (HATTIE) BREKKE
Another faithful WCTU member answered God’s call home.
We have just learned of the death of Mrs. Tom (Hattie) Brekke of rural Ray, ND.
Mrs. Brekke died May 23rd, 1986, after a prolonged illness. She was in the Bethel Lutheran Home in Williston, ND since 1983.
Mrs. Brekke was a member of the Happy Workers Homemakers Club of Wildrose, the New Home Township Farmer’s Union Local, the Rainbow Valley ALCW and a member of the former Ray-Tioga Woman’s Christian Temperance Union.
She leaves to mourn her passing her husband, Thomas; son Harlan of Fargo; daughter Mrs. Grant (Shelene) Boehm of Billings, Montana and two grandchildren.
Blessed be her memory.

NOONTIDE HOUR OF PRAYER
“It is always noontime somewhere, and across
The awakening continens from shore to shore
Somewhere our prayers are arising evermore.”
“Lift up a standard for the people.” 
Isaiah 62:10

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REPORT ON 1986 WCTU BOOTH

We had a wonderful response to our Booth at the North Dakota Teacher’s Convention in Minot October 15 and 16. Alaska punch was served to about 1,100 people. We thank Dorothy Steffen and Ruth Zimblemen for doing the serving and furnishing the ice. They were kept busy.

I handed out 4,554 pieces of literature. This included new catalogs, posters, recipe leaflets, leaflets on smokeless tobacco, smoking, alcohol and drugs.

The clown posters were in great demand. Sorry I ran out of them.

Many teachers expressed their thanks for the leaflets which they could use in their classes.

We heard lots of good comments and also appreciation for the good chilled Alaska punch.

The punch consisted of apricot nectar, pineapple juice, orange kool aid and ginger ale. This gold colored punch, with lots of ice, was served from a beautiful large punch bowl on a gold lace table cloth.

It was a thrilling experience for Dorothy, Ruth and myself.

I must give thanks too to my good husband who took me to Minot, did all the carrying and running to the store for me. The cost of the punch was $90.35 for 1,100 people (a little over 8 cents per person). Rent of the booth was $35.00.

Thanks to the unions who give to the booth fund. It is a worthwhile project.

Lillian Kraft
State Education Department Director

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH...
Strength in Fellowship...

I John 1:7- If we walk in the light, just as He is in the light, then we have fellowship with one another and the blood of Jesus His son purifies us from every sin.

Most people at some time or other long for fellowship with God. This longing for God is beautifully expressed by Augustine, ‘People are created for God and they are not at rest, before they rest in God’.

To have this fellowship we must meet a certain condition, that is... to walk in the light.

The first step is to confess our sins, because sin is the cause of broken fellowship.

The next step is to be forgiven.

There is also a positive side to walking in the light. This can best be expressed by the words of Jesus, ‘Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven.’

May we in this coming year, strive to be faithful in our Christian Outreach. There are so many things we can do. May we go forth, with the help of God, who blesses us so abundantly as we serve Him through our W.C.T.U.

Bertina Evanson
Christian Outreach Director

The National Woman’s Christian Temperance Union heard that workers who smoke use the health care system up to 50 percent more than non-smokers and may cost their employers as much $500 a year each in excess expenses, according to the surgeon general’s report on smoking and health just released in December.

“A smoking employee is a more expensive employee than a non-smoking employee,” Surgeon General C. Everett Koop said at a news conference.

“The smoking employee uses the greater health dollar.”

Smokers bring higher health insurance costs for companies, increased absenteeism, more work-related accidents and disability reimbursement payments, not to mention “additional cleaning bills and destruction of desk tops, upholstery and carpeting,” Koop said.

Los Angeles Times

Michael Kathe, a student at Arizona State University, is paralyzed from the chest down. Two years ago, he and some friends drove home from a bar. They were all drunk, and the driver ran off the road.

“For that one night of $20.00 worth of alcohol, I’m going to be spending the rest of my life in a wheelchair,” he told participants in the ninth annual Phoenix Youth Town Hall.

The Phoenix Gazette