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## STATE CONVENTION HI-LITES THURSDAY, & FRIDAY, SEPT. 24 & 25, 1987

Dear Co-Workers-

Let us then rise up and build— yes, let us strengthen our hands for this good work.

It was a great convention at Maryvale. Thursday morning was taken up with meetings for officers and State Directors and District Presidents.

Bertina Evanson, State Christian Outreach Director was in charge of the Prayer and Praise Service which started the afternoon session. It was a blessed time. Bertina read appropriate scripture. We sang "Lead On O King Eternal". Praises and prayers were offered. We closed with meaningful and prayerful choruses.

Convention was then called to order. Business was carried on — also songs and services.

We enjoyed the solo by our LTL director, Jean DeVries. Thanks Jean!

A hi-lite of the Convention was the White Ribbon Recruit Service. One-year-old (that very day) Lacey Everson, daughter of Alan and Elise Everson of Jamestown, was dedicated. Four generations were before us on the platform: Lacey, in the arms of her mother Elise, grandmother Jeannette Waldie and great-grandmother Gelia Stemen. They represented quite a number of years of service in the WCTU. We hope to have a picture of them in an upcoming WRB.

The Jamestown Union had charge of the Memorial Hour which closed the afternoon session. The 3 ladies conducted a very impressive and sacred service. They had scripture, appropriate poems and prayer. As the list of memorial members were read as we viewed a North Dakota map with white ribbon bows indicating the areas where our departed ones had resided. Margaret Gackle and Jeannette Waldie ended the hour with a precious duet.

Ladies we had quite a long memorial list. We must work hard to fill our depleted ranks.

We received many a challenge in song and speech.

The evening session opened with a beautiful prayer by our own Rev. Don Klingensmith.

Our speaker of the evening, Earl Dodge, challenged us to be faithful to our cause, to pray and agitate, to pray and educate, to pray and legislate, to pray and administrate. These are words of our great National leader of by-gone years, Frances E. Willard. Thank you Earl for the

challenge. Earl also favored us with the patriotic song he had sung at the Prohibition Party's Convention in Springfield.

Jim and Margaret Gackle sang a lovely duet. Margaret was our pianist during convention. She was just great- played for all the specials, no practice ahead, just came to convention.

Jeannette sang our own special North Dakota WCTU song.

Earl closed with the Benediction.

Then we were fortunate to view slides of the framing of our Constitution. They were informative as well as beautiful. They were narrated by Phyllis Schafley. These had been brought by Thelma Klingensmith. Thanks a whole lot Thelma. They were great.

Friday morning Rev. Darrell Losing, Pastor of First Assembly of God Church, Jamestown, opened with Devotions. Rev. Losing urged faithfulness in the little things as well as the great. He said for us to keep on in our good cause. Thank you for coming Rev. Losing, we know pastors are busy people.

Our Promotion Director Vivian Trapp gave her good report. She presented the awards, always a most interesting time. We really appreciate all each and every one of you accomplish during the year. Ladies, you doubled the number who are reading the books from National. That is great — shall we double them again?

Vivian does a wonderful job keeping track of so many details. We like to hear what other Unions have done. It gives us ideas as to what we can do another time.

The directors all gave good reports. Thelma and Verna challenged us to be aware of things that will come up in legislature, also that lottery in North Dakota is not a dead issue. These ladies did a tremendous piece of work last winter keeping us informed of legislative doings.

We appreciated two special numbers: a prayerful solo by our faithful vice president Lila Fannik and a lovely duet by Henrietta Van Dyke and Hattie Piehl.

Business was carried on. Convention ended around 2:30 p.m. Jeannette Waldie sang especially for Jack Steffen, former railroad man, the song "Lite's Railway to Heaven". Jake closed with prayer. Then we sang "Blest Be The Tie".

I thank each and everyone who came. Without you we would have no convention. Without you we would have no unions. I appreciate your faithful-

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ness all during the year. I ask for your prayers and will remember you in mine.

We know others would like to have been with us. Sometimes things come up to prevent it. We know your prayers were with us. If you received a greeting from convention, thank Violet White. She wrote the greeting cards. Thanks Vi.

We do appreciate all our honorarv members so much. We need you. Here are those who took time out to attend convention: Gordon Hector and Frank Schell from the Crosby Union— it was a long way, Rev. Klingensmith, Bismarck, Jake Steffen, Minot. These men rarely miss a convention. Sorry I forgot to recognize you during convention. Earl Dodge has been coming to our convention since 1976. He said he has only missed twice.

Our treasurer deserves our sincere thanks for the great job she does - hers is not an easy task. Recording secretary does a beautiful precise work on our annual. It takes much time and concentration.

You are all needed, you are all great. Keep up the good work - gain new members - stay well.

All-in-all we had a glorious time at Maryvale. Didn't we? Wish more could have come for you missed a lot.

Maryvale is a beautiful place, many trees and flowers. More than adequate facilities.

The good Sisters treated us royally, fed us bountifully. We shared rich Christian fellowship.

God blessed us. The Holy Spirit was with us.

Lovingly,  
 Marion

P.S. Thank you to any who had a part in making our convention a success. First, all of you by your presence. Those who voiced special prayers. The ladies who acted as ushers. We thank those who remembered friends and loved ones with special memberships, the various committees acting

during and before convention. It all goes to make our annual convention a good meeting.

MINOT WCTU

We Minot WCTU people had quite an experience at our August meeting. Some of us came to the library a bit early to get things ready for our meeting. About 1:30 p.m. a librarian came to tell us that there was a tornado warning, and that we were all to go to the basement. The librarians brought benches for us to sit on and we listened to the radio to learn the latest about the storm. Jake was out in the worst of it, picking up ladies for the WCTU meeting. The rain poured down; the streets were flooded; debris of every sort was caught in the rushing waters and moving along beside the car, and sometimes in front of the car so there was no way to avoid running over it. The car stalled once, but he got it started again. Finally, he made it to the library where he and his passengers were also directed to the basement. A little after 2:30 p.m. we were told that we could go upstairs. So we resumed our activities where we left off before the tornado warning. The final report on the amount of rainfall stated that there was almost six inches. The flood caused untold damage throughout the city.

Because of the weather conditions many people who had planned to come to the meeting couldn't make it. Only eleven people were present.

Zoe Anne Flickinger was in charge of our program. She gave an educational slide presentation on the history and content of our U.S. Constitution, entitled "We, The People". We are in agreement with former Supreme Court Chief Justice Warren Burger, who stated that showing of these slides should promote individual understanding and appreciation for this great document.

-Mrs. Jake Steffen, Reporter

**TREASURER's report**

July 5, 1987 to September 28, 1987

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Respectfully Submitted,  
Mrs. Oscar Johnson (Treas.)

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**PROMOTION DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Dear Co-Workers-

Psalm 9:1 - I will praise Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will show forth all thy marvelous works.

This is how I feel after our State Convention. It was wonderful. I wish to thank each one of you for all the reports I received and your cooperation. The attendance was so good from so many unions. God's spirit was truly with us.

I'm hoping that the National Contests will not be too confusing. Just study the sheets and I believe it will be clear. The National Promotion Director is to have one copy and State director one each quarter. The first two can be combined as we are getting started late. You should keep one copy. If you don't understand write to me. I will try to help. Please run off 3 copies for each quarter.

I'm very pleased and happy with each and every one.

May God bless your work for this new year.

Your Co-Worker for Jesus,  
Mrs. Vivian Trapp-  
Promotion Director

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- 1st Place - Angela Wieck, Litchville

**Grades 10-12**

- 1st Place - Kristen Trapp, Lisbon

**Judges were-**

- Adele Ottinger, Fargo
- Verna Ellsworth, Mandan
- Opal Burchell, Jamestown.

**CORRECTION**

In the last issue of the White Ribbon Bulletin, there was a glaring typographical error in the report from the Minot District by Mrs. Dorothy Steffen. In the last sentence of paragraph two, the article reads "She denounced the use of the book entitled "Self Respect" which is being promoted by Dr. Dobson and other Christian people". The last three sentences should have read "She denounced the use of the book entitled "Finding My Way". It is very rank. She recommended a course entitled "Self Respect" which is being promoted by Dr. Dobson and other Christian people."

I truly regret this error on our part occurred. It was accidental, not planned, as it was missed in the proof reading. There was no thought to offend or criticise the work of Dr. Dobson or Mrs. Klingensmith. I also apologize to Mrs. Steffen for the misquote appearing in her article.

Norma Miedema, publisher

Mrs. Steffen also calls your attention to another error in the same article. She had stated that Mrs. Klingensmith was an "independent paid lobbyist" when she is an "independent volunteer lobbyist". This clarifies her correct title as she pays her own expenses and is not paid by any one person or group.

**IN MEMORIAM**

"Each year the Master calleth some loved ones to endless rest, and our hearts, though filled with sorrow can but say, He knoweth best."

Three members of Bismarck Woman's Christian Temperance Union answered calls of the Master-

**FLORENCE NEAL**

Florence Neal died July 31, 1987, a resident of the Baptist Nursing Home.

Florence Berquist was born July 8, 1885, at rural Underwood. She attended the Chicago Evangelistic Institute and received an Associate Degree in Bible studies. She became a licensed Methodist Lay Pastor, serving churches at Grassy Butte and Gladstone. She married Earl Neal October 12, 1946, at Bismarck. They farmed at Douglas and Turtle Lake. Florence taught rural school in McLean County and served area churches.

They retired in 1972. Mr. Neal died in 1976. Florence has been a resident of the Baptist Home since 1976.

She is survived by one step son, three step daughters and many step-grandchildren and one step-great-grandchildren.

**EDNA JENSON**

Edna Jenson died September 16th, 1987. She was president of the Bismarck WCTU. Vice President of the Bismarck District. She will be greatly missed.

Edna Kresse was born June 4, 1921, at Wheatland, ND. She graduated from Buffalo High School and Vennard College in Iowa.

She worked at Bethany Children's Home in

Kentucky and taught rural schools in several North Dakota counties.

Edna married Harvey Jensen May 4, 1964. He died in 1986.

She is survived by a brother Clarence Kresse of Wheatland; a step son, 8 step daughters, one living in Bismarck- Ida Mae Ramberg; numerous step-grandchildren, step-great-grandchildren, and step-great-great-grandchildren.

We will miss Edna in N.D. State WCTU also. She was an active, faithful member.

**MILDRED DICKINSON**

Mildred Dickinson died August 6, 1987. She was born October 2, 1918, at Paradise, where she was raised and educated.

She lived in Grafton and rural McKenzie before becoming a resident of the Baptist Nursing Home in 1967. Mildred was a member of the Salvation Army.

She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Ellis Todd, Bismarck, and one brother, William, of Sterling.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS**

The theme for the new year spurs us to -- **RISE UP AND BUILD.** Our National Director, Marie Siivola, in her September-October letter to State officers and directors challenges us with these words: "May your dreams have legs and feet to make your dreams come true."

**BEGIN NOW**--Study the plan of work as outlined on your report blanks found in the Program Packet.

**NEXT**--Read each letter from your National Director that appears in the Union Signal throughout the year. Many new suggestions are found therein.

**THEN**--Be original, and adapt ideas that fit your group and your community. Yes, dream, and then put legs and feet to those dreams that I might have a great report in 1988.

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Mrs. Melvin Gangness

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**HIGHLIGHTS**

**113th Annual Convention  
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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 Prayer and Praise service 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 Sarah Ward, consultant, WCTU Bureau of Narcotic Education, addressed the Convention on "Rebuilding Momentum for Narcotic Education." Miss Frances L. Bateman, National LTL Executive Director, followed by addressing the Convention on "The Upward Flight".

A beautiful Memorial Service, led by Mrs. William Yost and Mrs. Edward L. Mason, both Pennsylvania, 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 Miss Sue Nimmon, 1987 Apple Blossom Festival Queen, Adams

County, PA, Rev. Stewart Bingham, of the Pennsylvania Council on Alcohol Problems, and Dr. Roy Hostetter, President, Messiah College, Grantham, PA.

Mrs. Kermit S. Edgar, National WCTU President, then presented her annual address entitled, "A Green Light for Temperance."

Following the President's address, for which she was given a standing ovation, a beautiful reception, hosted by the Pennsylvania State WCTU during which Dr. and Mrs. Edgar were honored in commemoration of their recent 50th wedding anniversary.

**Friday, September 4th**

Mrs. Matha G. Edgar, National President, presented her Recommendations, after which Mrs. Winifred L. Kissling, National Promotion Director, followed with her annual address, "Rise Up and Build," and then her department awards.

The panel, "Rise Up and Learn" was presented with addresses by Mrs. Clarence Darkes, National Director of Education; Mrs. Jean Burgess, National Director of Home Protection and Mrs. William Siefke, National Director of Projection Methods.

Friday afternoon's session was highlighted by the annual address of the National WCTU Treasurer, Miss Marilyn F. Staples, entitled, "To Pay or Not To Pay?"

**MORE NATIONAL CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS  
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**CONVENTION REPORT - Grand Forks District**

The 77th annual Convention of the Grand Forks District was held May 13th at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Grand Forks.

Our convention theme was I Cor. 6:19, 20 "Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own. For ye are bought with a price, therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which is God's."

Our president, Bertina Evanson, opened our session, and welcomed all who came. Our speaker for the morning was Pastor Mark Ellingson of the Holmes United Methodist Church. He based his talk on Romans 14, verse 17- "For the Kingdom of God does not need food and drink, but righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit".

1. Righteousness- When everything is in line with God's will. God gave us rules to keep our lives in God's will. Are we consistent in our following of God?

2. Peace- No peace can come to this world until it comes to every human heart. In Christ we find a supernatural strength- we face the problems.

3. Joy- Wanting to be happy, looking for the right things in this world; showing our joy through our speech and our actions. "The Joy of our Lord is our strength". Let us show that we have righteousness, peace and joy in Christ.

Music was furnished by Rachel Berg. Beatrice Korsmo and Anna Kordahl conducted our Memorial Service. Grand Forks Union lost one member: Helma Bertheuson, and Northwood Union- Myrtle Tufta.

During the afternoon session thirteen Grand Forks students presented their essays, ones they had written themselves.

The afternoon music was given by Joan Bahr, Jeremy Bahr and Donna Raeder. Glory Fladeland, a ventriloquist, brought with her Willy and Susie who said "Nope to Nope".

The Nominating Committee presented the same slate of officers for the coming year. There were 27 registered at our convention.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Secretary of Northwood WCTU

**MINOT WCTU**

The regular meeting of the Minot WCTU was held on September 11th in the Minot Public Library. There were 25 people present.

We had an interesting and worthwhile program. Mrs. Oscar Folden gave an informative talk about our political situation and other problems in our U.S.A. today. Most of us receive letters in the mail urging us to support their organizations. It behooves us to know exactly where they stand on Christian values. We could be giving to the "Moonies". They latch on to a popular cause that they feel will promote their projects. While they are anti-communist they are not people we want to

support. If they would operate under the name of the Unification Church or the "Moonies" we would know who they are and what they stand for. But that's where the deception comes in. They have very attractive literature. She displayed one of their books on patriotism. It was very colorful and appealing. Mrs. Folden came out strongly in favor of Robert Bork being the one to replace Judge Lewis Powell in the U.S. Supreme Court. We should all write to our senators and ask them to vote for his confirmation.

Tony Durbataki favored us with two vocal selections entitled "Peace in the Valley" and "I'm Yours, Lord". He has a beautiful voice and was greatly appreciated by the group.

To conclude our program Dorothy Steffen read two leaflets from the Signal Press entitled "Evasion or Torch Bearing" and "More No No's on Smokeless Tobacco". She then gave a review of an article from the Union Signal entitled "Can Two Families Be Made One?". And lastly, she read an editorial from The Minot Daily News complimenting the work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

Our business meeting followed. We were all urged to pay our dues for the coming year. Plans for the upcoming state WCTU Convention were discussed.

Mrs. Jack Steffen  
Mrs. Jack Steffen, Reporter

**FARGO WCTU**

The Fargo WCTU had a prayer breakfast in August, 1987, at the home of Mrs. Adele Ottinger. Nine ladies were present. Delicious food was served. We sang the table prayer. Maxine Byers opened with prayer for the meeting. Ina Eid read about prayer in a book "The Bible", - readings by Ron Klug. Miriam Pennington, a former missionary to Nigeria, Africa spoke to us. "What is a missionary? One who brings the message of the gospel". She and her husband, Harry, were both missionaries. They taught in the Bible Colleges - there were five. Harry died in April, 1975, and is buried in Nigeria. Miriam came back to the United States, for awhile, but she had a calling from the Lord to come back to Nigeria to teach again. She stayed for another 2 years and 4 months. She came back here in 1978 and retired at that time. Miriam is making her home in Fargo, ND. She said that Nigeria is an agricultural country. The temperature is around 90 degrees with 80 percent humidity. They are clearing the jungle of trees and brush for the highways. This was a nice meeting. In closing we sang "Let There be Peace".

The date of the State Convention was announced as September 24th and 25th, 1987 at Maryvale, Rural Route Valley City, ND.

Mrs. Henry Johnson, Secretary