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WCTU State Convention

The 1987 session of the North Dakota Legislature was my 15th session as a Volunteer Lobbyist. I believe it was the most difficult session I ever worked in as the forces of evil were well organized in advance to change North Dakota's quality of life and moral standards, in the name of increasing tourism. The attempt was to change North Dakota from the "Peace Garden State" to a leading "Gambling State".

North Dakota came into the Union with a constitution forbidding a lottery, and gambling, forbidding traffic in liquor (A Prohibition State) and recognizing Sunday as a day of worship, recreation and rest with "Blue Laws" to enforce the latter. All three of these moral standards were under strong attack and we lost ground in all three areas. I firmly believe some had the plan to have a state lottery - legal and in place by July 1st, 1987, even though the people had voted it down in the preceding November election.

Some of us considered any victory in these areas as a gift from God in answer in prayer and faith. The goal of a state lottery was temporarily defeated. However, we will have to defeat it again at the polls in the Primary Election next June. That will take prayer, repentance, faith, time, effort and money. This is a spiritual battle and only God can give the victory. North Dakota now is the only state who has ever defeated the establishment of a state lottery when the issue was on the ballot.

I attended the Legislature over 50 of the 63 days, missing one week when I went to Iowa for the funeral of my brother-in-law. I attended about 75 hearings, and testified at 59 of them - sometimes at 2 in one day and one time 3 in one day. These bills and resolutions were mostly connected with gambling, keeping Sunday and against increasing liquor consumption. I also testified on some bills affecting children and senior citizens.

In communicating with legislators, I wrote 65 "thank you" notes for votes against increased liquor in the state parks and shared 477 letters of written testimony at their desks, besides the written testimony used in several committee hearings. I talked personally over 250 times on various bills, especially against parimutual horse racing and forgiving past charitable gambling

debts to the charities.

We were thankful for all your prayers and phone calls to legislators. We had more help by others interested in combating the erosion of our morals. Verna Ellsworth and former Governor Link were real helpers in getting people informed, and urging them to pray, phone legislators, talk to them personally and helping testify in the hearings.

I should also like to thank the W.C.T.U. Unions who sent me some funds to help pay for long distance telephone calls in connection with legislation.

Some of the victories given us in the Legislative sessions:

1. No lottery commission established, but will have to work against lottery in June.
2. Two lottery amendments to the Constitution were withdrawn.
3. Black jack bets held down to \$2.00 instead of proposed \$5.00
4. No further opening of stores on Sunday.
5. Defeated under-age youth selling liquor.
6. Recognition of unborn child as a child.

We praised God for every victory.

We need to become "Offensive" rather than always be on the "Defense". As someone said, "The best defense is a strong offense". We need to work against the establishment of a lottery NOW. We need to bring in legislation to forbid the use of state funds to promote gambling and legislation to forbid the use of liquor in our state parks as Minnesota and other states have done. We also need to be more active in local precinct meetings and help get legislators nominated who stand for the right and then help get them elected.

Claim God's promise in II Chronicles 7:14.

Thelma H. Klingensmith

ATTENTION WCTU MEMBERS

Ladies, please take note of Thelma's good legislative report. We wonder how she does all this.

Thelma would say by God's power and many prayers and perseverance. Keeping on though often weary, "I'm sure" We owe much to her and Verna. They kept us well informed of legislative matters.

Do not discard this WRB - refer to it often. We must remember that the lottery issue will come up in June. Work, prayer and vigilance is needed to once again defeat the lottery for our State.

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PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

MINOT WCTU

Dear Co-Workers of WCTU,

Greetings for the beginning of our work during this coming year of 1987-88.

Now, is the time to check our dues. Be sure they are all mailed in before November 30th. I'm hoping each local will reach the goal of being an Advance Union. If any of you have lost members during the year to death or moving away or refusal to pay dues, work hard to gain new members to **make up the difference**. This is the **Builder Union Goal** - to have a membership equal to last year. This is to be accomplished by January 1, 1988.

Please promote the "Rise Up and Build", contest among your members. This will only work if you get excited about it and spread that excitement to your members. Study the information, be sure that you understand it, then promote it.

The first report from your Unions, reporting progress of the first quarter (September 1 to November 30), should be sent to both the State Promotion Director, and to the National Promotion Director immediately after November 30. Then keep one copy for yourself. Making extra copies is no problem these days with the abundance of copying devices available. Let me know if you need help. Make a point to read the National Organization page of the Union Signal to keep current in the things to promote during the year.

This information comes from our National Promotion Director, Mrs. Winifred L. Kissling, 1730 Chicago Ave., Evanston, IL, 60201. This is her address.

May God bless us with a successful New Year.

Your Promotion Director,
Vivian Trapp
Box 105
Marion, ND 58466

The Minot WCTU met in the Minot Public Library Community Room for their regular meeting on Friday, October 9th, with President Dorothy Steffen presiding. There were 17 people present (several of our people are on the sick list).

Our agenda included: (1) the call to order, (2) opening prayer by Rev. Charles McClain, (3) salutes to the American, Christian, and Temperance flags, (4) the repeating of our Membership Pledge, (5) devotions by Lillian Moldenhauer (using the meditation from The Union Signal), (6) a report about the WCTU reading program by Dorothy Steffen, (7) the reading of several Signal Press leaflets by Mrs. Steffen, (8) a talk by Rev. Charles McClain, (9) music by Joan Guenther, (10) a review of several articles from The Union Signal by Mrs. Steffen, (11) reports about the ND WCTU state convention by Luella Oler, Ruth Loughead, and Dorothy Steffen, (12) our business meeting, and (13) closing prayer and table grace by Ruth Zimelman.

Rev. Charles McClain gave an outstanding address in which he discussed the pertinent issues about which we should be concerned, and what we as Christian people should be doing to help our beloved country get back on track.

Using her guitar as an accompaniment, Joan Guenther favored us with a solo entitled "Amazing Grace", and also led us in the singing of a number of choruses plus the Happy Birthday Song for those having birthdays in October.

Following our meeting lunch was served by our hostess, Dorothy Steffen, and we all enjoyed a time of fellowship.

-Reporter

Happy Holidays

TREASURER' REPORT

October 1, 1987 to November 5, 1987

DUES

Women- Crosby 13, Fargo 24, Minot 5, Prosper 11.

Honorary Men- Fargo 1, Minot 5.

NDEA - Fargo \$15.00

MEMORIALS - \$5.00 in memory of Edna Jensen by Mrs. LeRoy Bartle, \$5.00 in memory of Pearl McCleary by Mrs. LeRoy Bartle.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. Oscar Johnson (Treas.)

Total membership from September 1, 1987 to November 5, 1987: Women 76, Men 18.

P.S. To be an Advance Union- you have to have dues in by November 30.

GREETINGS WCTU MEMBERS

Thank you for contacting legislators, congress men and other officers this past WCTU year. But put on your WCTU shoes (as the little playlet in your new manual pages 18, 19 suggests) for there is always work to do.

Congress expects to adjourn before Thanksgiving until after New Years, but you can contact your congressmen's offices in Bismarck, Minot and Fargo. (See addresses in phone book).

Watch the Union Signal for bills to write about. These are in the Washington letter.

Keep informed on city and county commissioner meetings, be ready to attend when special issues are on the agenda.

I've been phoning Bismarck people to attend commissioners meetings about allowing liquor license in the Civic Center.

Be a watch dog to see that liquor, drug and gambling laws are being enforced. Check candidates for moral qualifications.

Mrs. Barbara Schulz is secretary for North Dakota Council on Gambling Problems. The address is 325 W. Boulevard Ave., Bismarck, ND 58501. Membership is \$5 and you will be put on the mailing list, but you may ask for material giving arguments against lottery.

The WCTU has good literature, January leaflet "The Case Against Legalized Gambling". The August 1986 issue of the Union Signal contains an excellent article "Lottery's Down Side" on pages 8-11. I quoted it for newspapers.

Pray for native Americans on the Standing Rock Reservation where the majority voted against the selling of liquor on tribal land (this does not affect non-Indian communities).

I sent the Union Signal article about Canadian tribes "Battle Against the Bottle" to an Indian last January when he made complaints about the illegal bars. He thanked me and asked for prayers.

Stay alert - keep up the good work.

Best wishes for a fruitful year.

Verna Ellsworth,
Director of Citizenship-
Legislation Department

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

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MARION'S MEMOS

Dear Co-Workers-

This is my wish for you, a happy and blessed Thanksgiving Day with loved ones and friends. Or if it should be possible, with some who have no one to share the day. To make others feel loved and cared for would be added blessings.

A Thanksgiving Prayer

By Grace V. Watkins

For all the plentitude of joyous things
this year has brought,

I offer thanks today,

But most of all the shining faith that sings

In my Thanksgiving heart.

And, Oh!

I pray that while I lift my voice in gratitude

For all the glorious living I have had this year

I shall remember gracious God,

To say a Thank You for the rich and glad

abundance of the year that lies ahead;

And if somewhere along the trail of time
The Hills and Cliffs are steep that I must tread,

Oh, thank you Father, for the strength to climb.

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May your Christmas Day and all of the Holy Season bring you Peace, Joy and a true realization of what the birth of the Holy Child of Bethelhem means to each one of us and to the World!

Here is a "Christmas Prayer"

By Robert L. Hastings

O' God our Father, we are so busy this Christmas that unless we are careful we will overlook Thy Gift. We are so rich that, unless we give heed, we will disdain Thy Gift. We are so self-centered that unless we dethrone self, we will belittle Thy Gift.

Thou didst't, in the long ago, hide Thy Gift in Bethlehem. Only those who were seeking found it. Only those who were unhurried saw it.

Grant that we may rediscover Thy Gift this Christmas. That is, may we find Him, and He be found in us. May we praise Him, and His loveliness be mirrored in us. May we serve Him, and His compassion be revealed in us.

And if - in Thy mercy - Thou dost choose to grant our wish, everyday shall be Christmas, every star an ornament, and every breath of hymn of praise of Thee - AMEN.

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Then let us remember though Christmas is a season of joy and merrymaking,
A time for gifts and presents, for giving and for taking--

A festive, friendly happy time when everyone is gay-

But have we ever really felt the greatness of the day?

Christmas is more than getting and giving,

It is the why and wherefore of infinite living.

It's the positive proof for doubting God never,

For in His kingdom life is forever.

Helen Steiner Rice

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Have a happy Thanksgiving Day and A Merry and Blessed Christmas!

Sincerely,

Marion

P.S. Would anyone (who was at State Convention) have gotten my copy of the National Annual along home with their material. I had it along to state Convention, but must have mislaid it - or it got in someone else's material. It has the Knoxville Convention material in it. I would appreciate having it back - should someone find it. I will reimburse you for the postage. Thank you.

KATHIE ANDERSON PORTRAYS
MRS. ELIZABETH PRESTON ANDERSON
(2nd State WCTU President)

On October 7th, Verna Ellsworth and Rev. Klingensmith attended a meeting at the Bismarck library.

At this meeting North Dakota Centennial speaker Kathie Anderson portrayed our second State Woman's Christian Temperance Union President, Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson.

Kathie is an English and Communications Instructor at the University of North Dakota. She is not related to our former president, Elizabeth Anderson.

As a Centennial speaker she was given a list of famous historical people from which she was to choose someone to represent. She chose Elizabeth Preston Anderson because Elizabeth Preston Anderson was a teacher, was interested in young people, as is Kathie.

Many of the issues in Elizabeth's days, that she was actively involved in, are still vitally important in North Dakota today. Issues such as the alcohol problem, immoral movies, impure literature, use of cigarettes, snuff and so on.

Should Kathie Anderson be speaking in your area, Verna says to be sure to go and hear her. She will make you proud of the WCTU.

I do not wish to take more space in this issue, so in the next WRB watch for more about Kathie Anderson as Elizabeth Preston Anderson. How you can obtain a video of her October 7th speech will also be in the next WRB. We will also have some of that speech in our paper.

MORE NATIONAL CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

**113th Annual Convention
National Woman's Christian Temperance Union
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Friday, September 4th

Friday afternoon's panel, "Rise Up To The Challenge", included addresses by Mrs. George Brown, National Director of Christian Outreach; Mrs. James Hatfield, National Director of Publications; and Mrs. Clifford Rust, National Director of Social Services.

The Friday afternoon session also included an address entitled, "Great Expectations" by Miss Juanita Whisler, Executive Director of Field Service.

A skit by the Barrymore Bits Players concluded the afternoon session, and delegates and visitors attended Department Conferences.

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

Saturday, September 5th

Saturday morning began with early morning Prayer time. The Convention session with Mrs. Clyde Roland, National WCTU Recording Secretary, reading the minutes of the preceeding days, followed by a panel entitled, "Rise Up to Responsibility," which consisted of the annual addresses of Mrs. Ralph Siivola, National Director of Public Relations and Mrs. Ella Peck, National Director of Legislation and Citizenship.

The main address of the morning was given by Mrs. Janet Gill Minschwaner, Washington Correspondent.

Also given were addresses by Miss Cara A. Tschanz, Manager of Signal Press, and Miss Evelyn M. Marden, Manager of Publications Circulation Department, and Mike Vitucci, P.R. Cnsl. and Editor of publications.

Closing the Saturday morning session was a report sent by Dr. Diane Reed, National WCTU Representative at the U.S. Mission to the U.N. and World WCTU Representative to the Non-Governmental Organization of the U.N. which was presented by Miss Sarah Ward.

Opening the afternoon session was the traditional White Ribbon Recruit Service, presided over by Mrs. Jearn Burgess, National Director of Home Protection. A special guest, at this time, was introduced to the Convention. Mrs. Jennie Gardner of Mechanicsburg, PA age 105½ was introduced and recited a poem. Mrs. Gardner was tied with the White Ribbon at age 10 which probably makes her the oldest White Ribbon recruit and possible the oldest WCTU member. Mrs. Garden is the mother of four daughters who are also WCTU members.

Six infants were tied with the White Ribbon by their grandmothers.

Following the White Ribbon Recruit service, the LTL demonstration, entitled "Soaring Upward" was presented. Led by Mrs. Jane Yoder, Myers-town, PA and Mrs. Betty Atkins, Jonestown, PA these young LTL'ers from these communities did themselves proud as they performed a well executed program.

Miss Frances L. Bateman, National LTL Executive Director, narrated the program and introduced Miss Ruth Landin, the Pennsylvania State Director of LTL.

Special Memberships were taken by Miss Marilyn Staples.

Department Conferences rounded out the afternoon.

The Honorary Members enjoyed a tour of the Amish country and a visit to the Tabernacle.

Saturday evening's session opened with a Diamond Speech Contest presided over by Mrs. Thelma Sieske, National Director of Projection Methods. Three contestants, Angela Conner, Donna Rietz, and Cathy Weand, all from Meyerstown, PA participated. The winner of the Diamond pin was Donna Rietz for her presentation of her oration of "I Know Joe".

As usual, the Saturday evening program was devoted to the Youth Temperance Council, who presented a most inspirational program.

The YTCers held their own convention during the day and elected new officers and directors. The following is a list of those elected: President- Mary Helen Blue, New Jersey; Vice President- Natalie Wilson, California South; Promotion Secretary- William Wilson, California South; Recording Secretary- Debbie Adams, Michigan; Treasurer- Ed Long, West Virginia. The National YTC Directors are: Candy Hodge- Education; Debbie Adams- Social; Stephen Gurd- Public Relations; Griff Shuler- Christian Living. The YTC installation service followed and was conducted by Miss Merry Lee Christy, National WCTU Vice President and Mrs. Donna Pearson, President of the New York state WCTU.

Mrs. Rita K. Wert, National YTC Executive gave her annual address and announced that 19 new YTC Councils were founded this past year. Following the YTC program Miss Cara Tschanz presented three new films for the audience to preview.

The YTCers held their annual party and new friendships were made and old friendships rekindled.

Sunday, September 6th

Sunday morning session opened with a Grand Diamond Ladies Speech Contest of Scripture Oratory. The contestants included Nola Allmond, Tennessee; Ruth Matter, California north; and Eva Watkins, Maryland. The winner was Nola Allmond of Tennessee.

The Worship service began with a prayer by Rev.

Basil Young of Kentucky; Scripture reading by Rev. Ralph Heisey, PA; and a fine thought provoking sermon by the Rev. Andrew Heller, retired Pastor of the Primitive Methodist Church. Miss Marilyn Staples, WCTU National Treasurer, gave the Offering Prayer.

The Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest was Sunday afternoon's main attraction. Contestants included: Carol Lilly (Messiah College) PA; Brockie Harvey (Friends Bible College) Kansas; Roger Weiss (California State University at Northridge) California South; Suilan Tan (Pacific Union College) California North; and Lisa Anderson (Carney State College) Nebraska. The winner was Roger Weiss (\$250), first place. Other winners were Second Place- Siu-lan Tan (\$200) and Third Place- Carol Lilly (\$150).

Sunday evening's program, designated World Night in honor of the World WCTU, was presided over by Mrs. R. Roy Jarrett, former World WCTU President.

The program opened with Scripture read by Mrs. Florence Parish of Indiana, and prayer by Mrs. Virginia Helm of Oregon. Mrs. Helm narrated a slide show produced by the Japan WCTU on the ever worsening problem of prostitution in their land.

Mrs. Jarrett introduced the World Officers and Superintendents and recognized the World Life and Continuing members. Mrs. Evard Dickerson, World WCTU Treasurer, asked for special World memberships, conducted the offering and promoted the World WCTU magazine.

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

Monday, September 7th

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

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

Mrs. Gilbert Loe, President of the Minnesota WCTU installed the incumbent officers for another two year term.

An invitation was presented for the 1988 National WCTU Convention in Anaheim, CA, hosted by California South WCTU.

An elegant closing banquet was held Monday evening, at which Dr. Ernest H.J. Steed, Executive Director, International Commission for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Dependency, was the speaker.

This brought the 1987 National WCTU Convention to a close with unfinished business referred to the Official Board.

National WCTU Family of Year 1985-86: William Wilson family, California-South (Los Angeles)

National WCTU Family of the Year 1986-87, Henry O. Griffis, Jr., family, Georgia (Waycross)

POWERFUL STUFF

A Former Ro'ker looks at Rock Music

Music is powerful stuff. It can lift your spirits when you're feeling down or make you feel depressed. It can also mold your thoughts and make you see something in a different light, which is why you hear it in elevators, dentists' offices and movies, to name just a few places.

Music itself has always been popular, though the styles of music that people listen to most - change fairly frequently. Popularity can come for a number reasons - as a sign of rebellion, in honor of a person or idea or just because people like the sound of it.

Today's popular music comes in several flavors, but they're all based on rock-and-roll, a style of music that made its debut in the 1950s.

Touring with a group is really rough business with incredible hassles to put up with. A lot of people wind up drinking heavily or taking drugs in an effort to keep up the pace. Road managers and promoters, in fact, often try to keep the band loaded throughout the tours.

The drug-related messages that are being embedded in some songs today are really frightening. The messages that are being pounded home are not things to be taken lightly. It can change your thinking and some even promote suicide.

Popular music has, in the last 10 years, changed tremendously, even though it's still rock-and-roll. When I was playing, the music was on an emotional level, appealing to the listener's feelings. Believe it or not, there weren't many people making records then, who could read music; we did it all by ear. Now everyone reads music, and the music they produce is very sophisticated.

By sophisticated I mean carefully drafted and tightly put together. Everything follows a rigid pattern built around one recurring theme. It's that theme that you find running through your head when you're trying to concentrate on something else, and that's exactly what the record makers want.

What scares me is the way these messages are being beamed at younger audiences and 10 and 12 year olds aren't ready to make those kinds of decisions yet. Music is a lot of fun. It can be good for you, but it can be a problem if you're not careful. A lot of kids I know seem to live for popular music. They never give themselves time to spend on important things, like what they're going to do for the rest of their lives. Rock musicians are planning their futures, while their listeners are letting theirs slip away.

Don't stop listening to music, but look out for yourself. What you put into your mind affects your thinking, and shows.

Music is powerful, beautiful stuff. Learn to respect its power and enjoy the beauty.

Ed King as told to

May 1986

Richard E. English - Listen Mag.