MARION’S MEMOS

Dear Co-Workers,

Greetings in this New Year 1988. Do you realize our WCTU will be one-third over when you read this?

It was so good to hear from our National Promotion Director that 5 N.D. Unions are participating in the “Rise Up and Build” contest.

We urge all of our Unions to take part in the contest. It is not difficult. A very rewarding, also encouraging way of promoting more interest among your members. A way to gain new members. You receive credit on the contest sheet for all that you do.

Dorothy Steffen reports 2 new members at large. Bismarck Union reports a new honorary member. Dickey Union reports 3 new members - one under 35.

North Dakota WCTU received a National Leadership Training School Award. We qualified in the Red Seal category of states for having the most “Holdfast Unions”. We tied with South Dakota. A $20.00 Scholarship was received. This would apply on the expenses of a WCTU member attending 1988 Leadership Training School in Evanston, April 4-10.

I’m proud of you all - keep up the good work!

A Prayer for the New Year

Dear Master, for this coming year,
Just one request I bring.
I do not pray for happiness
Or any earthly things;
I do not ask to understand
The way Thou ledest me;
But this I ask - Teach me to do
The thing that pleaseth Thee;
I want to know Thy guiding voice,
To walk with Thee each day.
Dear Master, make me swift to hear
And ready to obey;
And thus the year I now begin
A Happy Year will be
If I am seeking just to do
The thing that pleaseth Thee.

Author Unknown
Shalom & Prayerfully,
Marion

ELIZABETH PRESTON ANDERSON
RETURNS TO NORTH DAKOTA
as a member of
The Centennial speakers Bureau

Back in the 1890’s when few women attended college or pursued a career other than marriage and family, Elizabeth Preston Anderson raised a strong voice for prohibition and women’s suffrage. From 1880 when she came with her family to Dakota through 1933 and beyond in a remarkable career that saw her active in her 90’s, Elizabeth Preston Anderson fought for “purer and more moral society.”

She returns to the state she worked so hard to reform, including her effort to bring North Dakota into the union as a prohibition state, for the North Dakota Centennial. She picks up where she left off interpreted by Kathie Ryckman Anderson of Grand Forks as a member of the Centennial Commission-sanctioned Speakers Bureau.

As a leader in the Woman’s Christian Temperance Union, Anderson speaks for “freeing public dining rooms, restaurants, and cafes from the smoking nuisance, prohibiting the sale of Copenhagen snuff, prohibiting the manufacture, sales, and advertising of cigarettes and cigarette papers.” She also hopes to “prohibit impure literature” and to clean up the movies. She said when she was here before and again, “There is perhaps no more potent influence in the lives of young people today than the motion picture... It has a far reaching influence, not only upon dress, habits and customs of these young people, but also upon thought and character.”

Anderson believes that North Dakota has much to do and to undo, including such mistakes as repealing prohibition. Were she available for public service today, she would probably be a member of MADD and SADD groups against drinking and drunk driving, be involved in legislation regulating television, including what could be broadcast on cable networks, and ever diligent in equal-pay-for-equal work and other women’s rights issues.

She is outspoken against defense budgets and weapons of destruction, the problems of a time, as she wrote in 1951, “when scientists are feverishly working to discover means of prolonging and preserving human life, and at the same time are inventing methods for the wholesale slaughter of men, women and children. I believe it is the most revolutionary age in the world’s history, and that

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ATTENTION WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN READERS:
Please keep this copy of District Presidents and Department Officers as they won't be printed in any other issues this year.
TREASURER’S REPORT
November 5, 1987 to January 5, 1988

DUES
Women - Bismarck 24, Dickey 12, Fargo 1,
Jamestown 12, West Lisbon 21, Marion 14, Max-
Benedict 18, Minot 1, Northwood 29, Steele 12.

Honorary Men - Bismarck 4, Dickey 5, Jame-
town 4, West Lisbon 4, Marion 9, Max-Benedict 9,
Minot 1, Northwood 6, At Large 12.

LILLIAN STEVENS FUND - Bismarck $5.00,
Jamestown $3.00, Max-Benedict $3.00, Minot $5.00,
Steele $5.00

FRANCES WILLARD FUND - Bismarck $5.00,
Jamestown $3.00, Max-Benedict $3.00, Minot $5.00,
Steele $5.00

STATE REPORTS - Bismarck $12.00 (3), Jame-
town $5.00 (1), Max-Benedict $4.00 (1), Minot $8.00
(2).

LIGHT LINE - Bismarck, Max-Benedict, Minot,
Steele.

THE UNION SIGNAL & THE YOUNG CRUSADER
Now that the computer is working, the mailing of the Union Signal and The Young Crusader will be easier and quicker. The processing will be even better if subscriptions for the circulation department and orders for Signal Press are on separate sheets of paper with separate checks please. These are distinctly different departments of our work. It will be less confusing if each is addressed: circulation dept., National WCTU etc. The Union Signal is the title of the magazine and Signal Press is the literature department. Thank you for your help in regards to this matter.

THE UNION SIGNAL
One year $6.00
Two years $11.50
Three years $16.50
Canada $6.50
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CHURCH MEMORIALS - $5.00 in memory of
Hulda Sheldon by Bismarck Union; $10.00 in memory of
Ruth Standal by Fargo Union; $5.00 in memory of Ruth
Standal by Ina Eid; $5.00 in memory of Edna
Jenson by Bismarck Union; $5.00 in memory of
Mildred Dickinson by Bismarck Union; $5.00 in memory of Florence Neal by Bismarck Union;
$10.00 in memory of Naomi Guymer by Mrs. Ralph
Kraft.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mrs. Oscar Johnson, Treasurer
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP from September 1, 1987 to
January 5, 1988 - Women 238, Men 62.

P.S. We need you Dickinson and Grand Forks.
Please send in your dues. Also state report books are
out so if I missed anybody please let me know.

Studies conducted by Dr. Isabel M. Birnbaum
and her research group at the University of Ca. at
Irvine, indicated the women who drink moderately
have increased depression, anger, and mental
confusion that persist when they are sober. A study
of ninety-three selected women from the Irvine
area showed alcohol consumption to be strongly
related to mood disturbances during sobriety.

Last May Dr. C. Everett Koop, the Surgeon
General, reported: "We can say today, with
greater certainty than ever, that cigarettes are the
most important individual health risk in this
country, responsible for more premature death and
disability than any other known agent."

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

WHERE’S AN ORDER BLANK?
Don’t Be A Chicken - Say No! No. 1230
This is the first word about the full color insert for YTE
week in April! It is clever as can be! Price information later
order away please.

Don’t Be A Chicken - Say No! No. 928
This is the poster number - this one will also be in full color.
Picture a large chicken flinging down a handful of pills! Love
it! Order away please.

Staggering Statistics No. 128 (just revised)
100 for 85 cents; 50 for 50 cents; 25 for 30 cents

1988 Signal Press catalog is ready for the asking

Is It Really Non-Alcoholic? No. 126 (new leaflet)
100 for 85 cents; 50 for 50 cents; 25 for 30 cents

Alcohol - America’s No. 1 Drug Problem No. 103A
(this popular leaflet is being updated)

Exploding Myths That Could Destroy America (book)
$6.95 per copy

About Crack or Rock Cocaine booklet
Just Say No booklet

What Everyone Should Know About Smokeless Tobacco
(the 3 booklets) 100 for $4.50; 12 for $6.75; 75 cents singly
(plus postage and handling on all orders please)

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1730 Chicago Ave., Evanston, IL 60201-4585
(you may call in orders after 6 p.m. until 11 p.m. private
residence - (312) 869-9335)
RESOLUTIONS

We, the members of the North Dakota Woman’s Christian Temperance Union assembled in convention at Maryvale Convent, Valley City, North Dakota, September 24-25, 1987, do acknowledge the faithfulness of God during this past year. We are grateful for His blessings and we look to Him for guidance in the year that lies ahead.

Using the accomplishments of the past as a foundation, we must rise and build - moving forward with boldness to formulate new plans, participate in various activities and reach higher goals than ever thought possible.

Now, therefore, be it resolved:

CHURCHES

Frances Willard said, “the liquor traffic would destroy the church if it could; the church could destroy the liquor traffic if it would”. We commend those denominations that are still holding high the total abstinence way of life before their people. However, we also realize the impact the church would have on society if all denominations endeavored to promoted such an ideal. We, therefore, urge all church members to re dedicate themselves to a life of total abstinence in the home, as well as in their business and social functions.

SCHOOLS

It is important that every child, regardless of age, be taught and encouraged to say NO to all substances that impair the mind and damage the body. We invite all school officials to review our Signal Press material and make it available for their staff. We encourage all persons involved in education to attend the Narcotic Education school in Chautauqua or a WCTU-sponsored workshop in their area.

PORNOGRAPHY

The media and other purveyors of pornography are flooding our nation with deviant, depraved, sexually explicit and sadistic television programs, books, magazines, musical recordings, and home video tapes, contributing to the deterioration of the moral fiber of our nation. Testimonies of law enforcement officers and the Report of the Commission of Pornography have affirmed a definite link between pornography and violent sex crimes. The Commission found that the causes of the pornography problem are organized crime, failure of law enforcement on federal, state, and local levels and citizen apathy. Therefore, we must as individuals, express opposition to pornographic materials and report violations to the proper law enforcement officers. In addition, we need to help maintain effective community action groups by joining in lawful boycotting of businesses that peddle pornography, and, when appropriate, file complaints with the Federal Communications Commission about obscene broadcasts.

GAMBLING

We continue to protest and declare our opposition to lotteries, pari-mutuel betting on animals, & all other forms of gambling that drain away funds essential for the basic everyday needs of the growing family. We urge the churches to join us in protesting this growing trend.

LEGISLATION

Congress must raise several billion dollars to meet the Federal Budget deficit. Since Federal excise taxes on beer and wine were last raised in 1951, we feel that higher taxes on alcoholic beverages at this time would help alleviate that problem to some extent. Moreover, we see that higher prices to the consumer would directly affect consumption, especially by young people and heavy drinkers. There would also be a reduction in various problems associated with the use of beverage alcohol, such as fatal auto crashes, health care costs, etc. Therefore, the members of the Woman’s Christian Temperance Union do urge Congress to double the taxes on liquor and equalize the rate of tax on alcohol in liquor, wine and beer to provide $12 billion to reduce the Federal budget deficit.

THANKS

We express our sincere thanks and appreciation to Maryvale Convent for the use of their fine facilities and for tasty meals provided. We also express our thanks to the personnel for all services rendered for our comfort and convenience.

Our special thanks to the officers and other committee members for their part in arranging for the speaker, the special music, and all the details connected with this convention.

Again, we gratefully express a special word of thanks to our speaker, Mr. Earl F. Dodge, for his challenging and inspiring message. His presence among us was a motivating spirit at all times.

We express our sincere appreciation to our General Officers for their faithful and untiring work this past year.

We acknowledge with thanks those who gave the devotionals and those who provided the musical numbers. We also extend our thanks and appreciation to all others whose cooperation and consideration helped to make this convention an outstanding success.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Adele Ottinger
Mrs. Melvin Gangness

Frequent alcohol and drug use have reached as low as the eighth grade, according to a study of ten thousand Minnesota youth. The study consisted of a 122 item questionnaire given to eighth, tenth and twelfth grades in private schools.

Marijuana use was 17 percent for eighth grades, 39 percent for tenth graders and 57 percent among twelfth graders.

Listen Magazine, 1985
IN MEMORIAM

For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.

II Corinthians 5:1

Hulda Sheldon

Hulda I. Sheldon, 88, Bismarck, formerly of Washburn, died December 16, 1987, in a Bismarck nursing home.

Hulda Bergquist was born September 28, 1899, at rural Washburn. She grew up near Washburn at attended Minot State Teachers College, where she received a teachers certificate. She taught in a rural school at Turtle Lake and later taught public school in Washburn and Turtle Lake. She married Owen Sheldon, June 22, 1927, at Washburn. They farmed near Washburn. She moved to Bismarck after his death in 1967. She entered Missouri Slope Lutheran Care Center four months ago.

She is survived by one sister, Esther Nehrenberg, Jamestown.

Hulda was a member of the Bismarck Woman’s Christian Temperance Union.

MINOT WCTU

Our Minot Union met in the Minot Public Library on November 13th for our regular meeting. There were 25 people present. Our agenda was as follows: (1) Call to order by Pres. Dorothy Steffen; (2) Opening Prayer by Ruth Zimbelman (especially remembering Mrs. Otto Gackle, one of our members, who recently had a severe stroke); (3) Salutes to the flags and the Membership Pledge; (4) Devotions by Genevieve Dubovoy; (5) A reading entitled “10 Reasons Why I Abstain” by Dorothy Steffen; (6) Music by Don Grille, Morris Stromberg, and Bob Van Wormer (Their selections included old time favorites and hymns); (7) A review of a tract entitled “Total Abstinence Motivates the Christian Family” by Dorothy Steffen; (8) An address by Rev. William Puls, a Chaplain at the Chemical Dependency Unit in St. Joseph’s Hospital (His message was very inspiring and challenging); (9) The secretary’s and treasurer’s reports; (10) Distribution of Signal Press literature; (11) A promotion f-r the WCTU Reading Program; (12) A discussion about the gambling issue (A letter from former governor Arthur Link, concerning the state lottery, was read to the group); and (13) Closing prayer and table grace by Pearl Warner.

Following our meeting a delicious lunch was served by our hostess, Victoria Nelson, and we all enjoyed a time of fellowship.

-Reporter

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH REPORT

This year’s theme is “Rise Up and Build”.

As we start this new year, 1988, we must put Christ first in our lives. In 2nd Chronicles 7:14 we read, “If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves & pray & seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”

“What a great promise this is”. God expects us as Christians to band together in prayer and help those who are in need of salvation.

We can use the power of prayer to further the work of our Christian outreach. It might mean a sacrifice on our part, but remember the sacrifice Christ made for us. Also remember the will of God will never lead us where the Grace of God cannot keep us. We can be inspired by the Holy Spirit to reach out to others who are in need.

Again this year I ask that you use the Prayer Walk that seemed to be a great blessing to many of us last year. The Light Line service and prayer chains are also important. Whatever we do, let us do it to the praise and glory of God.

In closing I want to remind you of the purpose of the Christian Outreach Department. It reads- to live according to the Word of God and do everything we can to guide people to a deeper consecration for the Lord. God is to be set apart in our lives, our love and our thinking. He is to be served and trusted in all things. Our prayer for this year is- Fill me just now Lord with power anew, power to pray and power to do. Amen.

Christian Outreach Director,
Bertina Evenson
out of it will come, either one world governed by law, or chaos."

Anderson has little patience for those who argue that the economy needs Sunday opening and serving alcohol on Sunday. As she said of those who offered a liberal ninety-day divorce law which would create new business for the state in 1890. "Men from who we ought to expect better things – told me in the legislature that I must not forget – that this business divorce brought money into the state and that the times are hard. When it comes to a question of money or morals, morals must take a back seat." (Naturally, Anderson believed that morals, not money, should mandate policy.)

Elizabeth Preston Anderson's creator holds an M.A. degree in American literature from the University of North Dakota where she teaches in the school of communication and the department of English. Cathie Anderson works toward completing a history of North Dakota literature and culture and an anthology of North Dakota literature.

She will be available as Elizabeth Preston Anderson through the North Dakota Centennial year in 1989. Those interested in an Anderson community visit may call toll-free, 1-800-932-8778.

Editor's Note: This is Kathie Anderson's speech I received from Verna Ellsworth. In the last WRB I said we would print it.

We agree with all that is said, except, we do not believe, if Elizabeth Preston Anderson were here today she would join either MADD or SADD.

We cannot go along with these groups wholeheartedly, for they do not advocate total abstinence as does the WCTU. They are only against drinking and then driving. We are sorry to learn SADD has received monies from the liquor industry.

To be sure Elizabeth Anderson would never have sanctioned that.

You can get a copy of Kathie's speech and part of the question and answer period (all of that is not on the video) on video from: Cable Access Co., Jeff Olson, P.O. Box 1112, Bismarck, ND 58502. Price $15. Jeff Olson took the video tape.

PARENTS BEWARE

Parents, we have been informed that a form of tattoo called Blue Star is being sold. It is a small sheet of white paper containing blue stars. The stars are about the size of a pencil eraser and each star is soaked with LSD.

The stars are removed from the sheet and placed in the mouth however, the LSD can be absorbed through the skin simply by handling the paper! There are also brightly colored paper tabs the size of postage stamps that have pictures of Superman, clowns, butterflies, Mickey Mouse and other Disney characters.

These stamps are packaged in a red cardboard box wrapped in foil. This is a new way of selling ACID by appealing to our young children.

A young child could come upon these tattoos or stamps and have a fatal "trip". It has been learned, that little children are being given free "tattoos" by older children who want to have some fun, or by others cultivating new customers.

A red stamp called Red Pyramid is also being distributed along with Micro Dots in various colors and another kind called Window Pane, which has a grid that can be cut out.

All these items are laced with drugs ...Please warn your children about these new drugs and how dangerous they are. If you or your children see any of the above, do not handle them! These drugs are known to react very quickly. Some of these items have been found to be laced with strychnine.

Symptoms are hallucinations, severe vomiting, mood change and change of body temperature. Get to the hospital as soon as possible and make sure you call the police.

MAX-BENEDICT UNION

On October 27th the Max-Benedict Union held their fall institute at the John Semmen home in Minot.

Ella Baklenko led in devotions. A White Ribbon Recruit Service was held for Monica Baklenko, daughter of Darrel and Cindy, and granddaughter of Ella and Nick Baklenko, longtime WCTU members. All are Benedict.

Two skits were presented. Prayer partners were drawn. Zoa Ann Flickenger showed slides and presented "We the People" on the American Constitution.

Lunch was served by Mrs. Semmen.

On November 10th the Max-Benedict WCTU met at the nursing home in Velva to hold a service for them. Several Thanksgiving readings were given and songs were sung.

Lois Kankovsky presented a very enjoyable program on Thanksgiving in message and song. Lunch was served by the WCTU.

The National Woman's Christian Temperance Union wants you to know that worse than alcohol alone is taking a drink on top of a drug that acts as a stimulant, tranquilizer or antihistamine, said James O'hanlon, a professor of traffic science at the University of Gronigen in the Netherlands.

Doctors don't know for sure if drugs hamper the ability to drive, said Herbert Moskowitz, UCLA professor. But drugs that cause sedation can significantly affect performance. He also noted that like alcohol, drugs frequently have a "hang-over" period, in which the immediate effect has worn off but the drug still hampers reflexes. He said it is quite possible that people who have taken drugs suffer from the same overconfidence in their abilities to drive as found with people under the influence of alcohol.

The Orange County Register