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Y.T.C. CAMP NEWS

The camping dates June 9-12 are fast approaching. Many of the plans are intact and this report will highlight them.

The staff for the L.T.L. will again be Mrs. Vivian Trapp and Keela Forthun. We're also hoping that our State L.T.L. Director, Mrs. Jacob DeVries will be able to join us this year, too.

The older campers will be taught by David Forthun. Kasha Forthun, the president of the ND Y.T.C. will be in charge of the Y.T.C. business meetings. Mrs. Bertina Evanson will conduct the Morning Watch.

Mrs. Marion Bartle gave us the names of David and Susan Kroeker, Child Evangelism workers in the southeast area of N.D. They and their children will be at camp for the Saturday night banquet and our Sunday morning worship time.

Ladies, would you remind the campers in your area to bring games, skits, devotionals, musical instruments- if they play, as well as the usual camp materials and needs. Help them to recruit five campers who have never been to camp, and get the camp fee reduced to \$21.00. The regular fee per camper is \$42.00.

Again it is important that there be much prayer for our days at camp. The cost of materials as well as the general operating cost is always increasing too. The \$42 that the camper pays is the cost charged by the Bible Camp which provides only the board and room. So the other costs, including the camping fee for the staff comes from the special offerings the Unions and concerned members provide.

See you in June at Cooperstown Bible Camp. Remember the camp time begins with a brown-bag lunch at noon on the 9th.



Dear Co-Workers-

The labour of the righteous tendeth to life.
Proverbs 10:16A

This is the time to send in all of your book reports and Vanguard report. These must be in before June 30th. When sending in the District Convention report to the White Ribbon be sure to include your new officers for 1988-89. This helps so much. By doing this they will get into the year book correct. We get much encouragement from these. We need to help each other. Be sure to get that new member before June 30 so you can qualify as a Vanguard Union.

Thank you so much for your faithfulness in sending the "Rise Up and Build". This is one way of checking up each quarter to see what we've accomplished.

Your Promotion Director,
Vivian Trapp

NOTICE

To the W.C.T.U. members and honorary members: The dates for our 99th State Convention are Thursday, September 22nd and Friday, September 23rd. Please put this on your calendar and reserve these dates. The place is "Comfort Inn", Bismarck. More information on convention in the July-August issue.

Marion

JAMES VALLEY DISTRICT CONVENTION

The 79th annual convention of the James Valley District Woman's Christian Temperance Union was held at the North Marion Reformed Church April 29, 1988.

Devotions by Rev. Terry Beyl, United Methodist Church, Marion, ND; special number by Ellen Clark; delicious noon luncheon was served. The afternoon session included devotions by Henrietta Van Dyke; speakers and special numbers by James and Margaret Gackle. There were 18 members registered and we had 3 White Ribbon recruits. Closing song - Lord Dismiss Us. Fruesta was served.

Hattie DeVries
District Recording Sec.

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Dear North Dakota WCTU Members, Friends-

Last fall Mrs. Ella Peck (just retired from National WCTU Director of Legislative-Citizenship Department) sent her appreciation to all of you for your very active work in this Department in 1987 and past years.

Mrs. Gwen Ohnesorg of Lincoln, Neb., sends greetings as the new director. She is 32 years old, and as a teen was active in YTC and later as Nebraska YTC Director. She urged contacting Representative Byron Dorgan to vote Yes on HR 1786 Telephone Decency Act and also Senator Helm's Amendment to prohibit Dial-a-Porn to protect American children. Dale V. Sandstrom of Public Service Commission is against Dial-a-Porn and wants to keep it out of North Dakota. Also ask for a Yes vote on HR 2606 to disallow deduction of advertising expenses on Federal Income Tax for tobacco and alcohol as a child will see alcohol consumed 75,000 times on TV before reaching legal drinking age (according to Ann Landers).

Psalms 90:17- May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us. The themes "Rise Up and Get to Work" and "Rise Up against Opposition" warn us it's time for us to work and pray to defeat the Lottery initiated Measure 3 on the June 14, 1988, N.D. Primary ballot. Vote NO and urge others to VOTE NO on measure no. 3. If gone on that date, secure Absent Voters Ballot from County Auditor and follow instructions. We need every NO vote. Check on moral stand of candidates.

Barbara Schulz (Secretary of N.D. Council on Gambling Problems, 325 West Boulevard, Bismarck, ND 58501) spoke at Bismarck WCTU

April 8. She showed a video on gambling (15 minutes of this about lotteries will be available to borrow to show to groups - her phone number is 223-2629) and also a 15 minute video of interview by 700 Club with Larry Braidfoot (author of Gambling, A Deadly Game on WCTU Reading List).

Here are other arguments against the state lottery:

Lottery siphons money from regular business (lowering sales tax revenue).

When a lottery ticket is paid for, no goods or services are received; only the hope for a win. The poor are more often attracted to lottery. Compulsive gambling is harder to treat than drug or alcohol addiction.

It weakens stable family life increasing welfare costs.

It leads to bad checks, bad debts, increased crimes of violence, embezzlement, exploits weakness of individuals, and promotes wrong attitude to work. Illegal gambling often comes with state lottery as on credit, bigger pay-off, and no tax report on wins. Scientific Games paid petition circulators, is connected with Bally, Inc., which was reported connected with organized crime in the Eastern States. They sell lottery equipment. (Much of this taken from Gambling, A Deadly Game). This is very expensive. May God be with you as you seek to inform others (don't forget the young voters) on Measure 3. Vote NO. God bless you. Many women and teenagers are compulsive gamblers.

Sincerely,
 Verna Ellsworth

TREASURER'S REPORT

March 5, 1988 to May 5, 1988

DUES: Members-at-large - 1; Honorary Men-1
 LILLIAN STEVENS FUND- Marion \$3; West Lisbon \$5
 FRANCES WILLARD FUND- Marion \$3; West Lisbon \$15
 LIGHT LINE UNION- Dickey, West Lisbon
 WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN- Marion \$10; West Lisbon \$10
 DISTRICT PLEDGE- James Valley \$15
 Y.T.C. CAMP- James Valley \$15
 MEMORIALS- \$5 in memory of Hazel Baker by Vivian Trapp; \$5 in memory of Martha Stewart by Fargo Union; \$2 in memory of Mina Christenson by Jake and Dorothy Steffen.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Mrs. Oscar Johnson (Treas.)

Total Membership from September 1, 1987 to May 5, 1988: Women 256 and Men 74.

IN MEMORIAM

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. Psalm 116:15

Mina Isabel Christenson, 98, was born October 25, 1889, in Lebanon, Ohio, to Charles and Sarah White. She moved with her family to Drake in 1906. They homesteaded south of Benedict in 1909 and 1910. She began teaching in Torning Township, Ward County. She married Arthur Christenson in 1913, and they lived and farmed in the Minot area before moving to Berthold in 1929. They moved to Minot in 1932. He died in 1963, and shortly thereafter, she moved to Trinity Nursing Home.

She was a member of First Presbyterian Church and the local chapter of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, both Minot.

Survivors: sons, Maurice, Minot, Howard, Hollister, CA; daughter, Isabel Anderson, Des Moines, Iowa; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren.

Hazel Purinton was born October 13, 1898 in Bancraft, SD where she grew up and attended school. She graduated from DeSmet, SD High School. She taught in rural schools in North Dakota.

She married Bryant Baker November 29, 1919 in Linton, ND. They farmed near Linton and later moved to Milwaukie, OR where they lived for three years. They returned to Linton, and in 1946 they moved to the Ypsilanti area. He died in 1957.

She is survived by five sons and six daughters. She had 36 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren.

She was a member of the North Marion Reformed Church and a member of the Marion W.C.T.U. Union.

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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Through the years, alcoholism has frequently been associated with the skid row areas of the larger cities across the U.S. This stereotype of the alcoholic has made it difficult to accept that alcoholism is a disease found as much on Park Avenue as the Bowery.

The skid rows of America have never represented more than 5 percent of the nation's alcohol population.

And, for those who feel that everyone who resides on skid row is alcoholic, a number of research projects have confirmed that no more than 15 percent of those living on skid row are alcoholic.

A 1983 survey showed that the percentage of those under age 31 in the U.S. and Canada entering Alcoholics Anonymous was a record 20 percent.

The "typical" alcoholic could be young, old, employed, female, or skid row bum. The point is that there is no such thing as a "typical" alcoholic.

The disease can affect rich and poor alike, the employed and the unemployed, male and female, any race, religion, occupation or nationality.

RANSOM-LAMOURE DISTRICT CONVENTION

The 89th Convention of the Ransom-LaMoure district Woman's Christian Temperance Union was held in the Dickey Methodist Church Wednesday afternoon, April 27th, 1988.

Jeannette Waldie, President, led the meeting. Welcome was given by Jessie Lewis, Dickey. Response by Melissa Dick, Lisbon. Lucille Nash of Lisbon had devotions. Irene Wiltse, Lisbon, led Flag Salute.

During the afternoon we enjoyed two beautiful musical numbers by Margaret Gackle, Jeannette Waldie. Two playlets by the Dickey ladies were "Facts on Lottery" and "WCTU Shoe Fashions". The memorial hour service was conducted by Helen McCleary - 3 members were lost by death this past year.

Business and election were conducted and union reports given. Only one change in officers- Gelia Stemen, secretary since 1982, asked to be replaced. Marion Barltle consented to be the new secretary. Gelia was given a big hand for her faithful service.

We closed with song and Aaronic Benediction. Lunch served by Dickey Union.

Secretary-Gelia Stemen

MINOT DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Minot District WCTU Convention was held in the Bible Fellowship Church of the Mennonite Brethern in Minot on April 14. There were 51 registrants. President Lila Fannik served as chairman for the convention.

Ruth Hector from Crosby led the group in the salutes to the American, Christian and Temperance flags.

Our keynote speaker was Rev. Alan Hathaway, state overseer for the Church of God in North Dakota. He quoted from several magazines, relating the problems caused by the use of alcohol and drugs. Studies show that total abstinence is the best policy. We can learn from Nehemiah. He had a vision and a plan. These were crystalized into action. In Nehemiah, chapter 3, we observe a miracle of God taking place. With each one doing his task the wall was built. We note that Nehemiah didn't concentrate on Sanballat and Tobiah who were trying to discourage him, but rather on those who were willing to build the wall. We need courage, vision, and a commitment in order to get the right things done. Plus it is important for us to encourage one another.

We were blessed by much good music. In addition to several selections sung by the group there were a number of special renditions which included two solos by Rev. Hathaway, solos by June Wiebe and LaVonne Fannik, and a duet by Lila Fannik and Janice Heringer.

Rev. Waldo Wiebe, pastor of the host church, and Rev. Charles McClain, a retired Baptist minister, were in charge of the devotions. Both ministers

gave timely inspirational messages. For his morning devotions, Rev. Wiebe read 1 Corinthians 15:57 and 58, Jude 1:20-23, Romans 8:26, and I John 4:4 from the New Testament. He concluded his message with a challenge from Nehemiah 2:18(b), "Let us rise up and build."

For his devotions in the afternoon Rev. McClain read Hebrews 6:1, 11, and 12, and Romans 5:2. He urged us not to slow down, but to be followers of Christ in faith, and finally to rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. He concluded his meditation with prayer.

A skit entitled "Why Get New Members" to promote the work of the WCTU was given by Ruth Hector and LaVonne Fannik.

An impressive memorial service was conducted by the Minot union. Dorothy Steffen read 1 Corinthians 4:18 and 5:1, Revelations 14:13, Psalm 116:15, and 1 Corinthians 2:9 from the Bible. She, then read two beautiful poems entitled "The Blessings That Remain" and "Safely Home". As Mrs. Steffen read the names of our dear departed loved ones Helen Liebelt placed white flowers in a decorated basket, making a lovely floral arrangement in their honor. June Wiebe favored us with a solo entitled "God Will Take Care of You". Helen Liebelt concluded the memorial service with prayer.

The noontide prayer and table grace were given by Rev. Daniel Heringer, pastor of the Max Baptist Church.

The White Ribbon Recruit Service was conducted by LaVonne Fannik. Little Holly Jo Hartman, daughter of Salvation Army Captains, Richard and Susan Hartman, was our little "White Ribbon Recruit".

There were several items of business on the agenda. New officers were elected. They include (1) LaVonne Fannik as vice president, and (2) Ruby Lang as treasurer. Geneva Cacal was presented with a WCTU pin and a card by Pres. Lila Fannik in appreciation for her many years of faithful service as our district treasurer. (Lila Fannik and Dorothy Steffen still hold their positions as president and secretary respectively.)

Closing remarks and prayer were given by Rev. Daniel Heringer. He read John 5-1-10 from the Bible about the lame man by the pool of Bethesda. He finished his meditation by offering prayer for the work of the WCTU and each of us as workers in the Lord's vineyards.

Recognizing our need for Christian unity and fellowship, President Lila Fannik led the group in singing the hymn "Blest Be The Tie That Binds".

Fruesta was served by the ladies of the host church. We praise the Lord for another great WCTU convention!

Dorothy Steffen, Reporter