CONVENTION CALL

We the state officers of North Dakota Woman’s Christian Temperance Union call all members and interested persons throughout the state to assemble for the 99th annual Convention to be held at the Comfort Inn, 1030 Interstate Avenue, Bismarck, ND, September 22 and 23.

Notice

The Comfort Inn is holding a block of 25 sleeping rooms for us. We each must make our own reservations. They ask that all reservations be in at least 2 weeks in advance. They will then have enough time to resell any unused rooms. By doing so, it will save us any charge for rooms that are not used.

Setting up the room block for September 22 will make the release date September 8, 1988. In other words, ladies and gentlemen, your reservations must be in before September 8.

Rates for rooms are as follows: Singles- $25.00 a night; Doubles- $30.00 a night (2 to 4 people). Should you wish to phone in your reservation the number is 223-1191. I do have a number of reservation cards should you want one let me know.

Short Version of Our Program
Thursday, September 22, 1988:

10 a.m. - Registration; 10:30 a.m. - General Officer’s Meeting; 11 a.m. - Official Board and Executive Committee Meeting; 12 noon - Luncheon (the Royal Fork is close by); 1 p.m. - Prayer and Praise Service; 1:30 p.m. - Convention called to order.

We continue with flag salutes, roll call, reading of the minutes, offering and furthur programs as time permits.

4 p.m. - The Memorial Hour - ladies send your names for the Memorial Hour to Mrs. Elizabeth Lind, Box 87, Wilton, ND 58579 or give them her when you arrive.

6 p.m. - Banquet at the Royal Fork (we will go through the line upstairs) Cost is $5.10 plus tax. Our banquet speaker will be former Governor Arthur Link. Mrs. Link will be with us also.

Friday, September 23, 1988:

The Comfort Inn serves a complimentary breakfast of coffee and donuts each morning in the lobby.

9 a.m. - Devotions; 9:15 a.m. - Sing Time; 9:30 a.m. - Our Program Director’s report and awards, State Director’s Highlights, Election of President and Recording Secretary, Offering, Business; 12 noon - luncheon; 1 p.m. - Devotions; 1:15 p.m. -

appointment of Committees for the coming year, report budget, and resolution committees, unfinished business, invitation for next year’s convention and closing prayer.

MARION’S MEMOS

Dear Co-Workers-

Notice your banner reports in this issue. Vivian needs them in plenty of time so she can get her report ready for convention.

Ladies it is good to know how many are working the “Rise Up and Build” contest, also those who are reading the books on our list. Keep up the good work! We wish to congratulate the Minot Union for being in the top ten score in Class B in the “Rise Up and Build” contest.

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at our 99th Convention. We need you all, ladies, our faithful gentlemen, members-at-large. We need you to help make plans for our Centennial Convention in 1989! God bless you as you plan to come to the Comfort Inn.

Be in prayer for our Convention, Bismarck ladies, our speaker, all who have a part - that means each one of us.

Love, Marion

MINOT WCTU

The regular meeting of the Minot WCTU was held on May 13th. Pres. Dorothy Steffen presided and Ruth Loughead was the hostess. There were 22 people present. Our guest speaker was Lila Fannin, the ND state vice president and the Minot District president of our WCTU. She gave a brief history of our organization and also its purpose and goals. She urged us all to let our lights shine in this dark and sinful world. Lila also favored us with two beautiful vocal solos. Evelyn Meronuck served as her accompanist.

-Reporter

MINOT WCTU

There were 22 people present for our June meeting. Our program consisted of a talk and slide show on China by Stanley Saugsted, music by Debbie and Eileen Hance, and material from our program kit. Business transacted included the election of officers. Our new slate is as follows:

Pres. - Dorothy Steffen; Vice Pres. - Alice Quan; Secretary - Bernice Hoppman; and Treasurer - Genevieve Dubovoy. We welcome Mable Jacobson as a new members of our Minot Union.

-Reporter
All matter for publication must reach the Managing Editor by the 5th day of the months of January, March, May, July, September and November.

General Officers:
President........................................ Mrs. LeRoy Bartle, Box 35, Dickey, ND 58431; 778-5171
Vice President.................................... Mrs. George Fannik, Box 296, Max, ND 58759; 679-2686
Promotion Director............................. Mrs. Lyle Trapp, Box 105, Marion, ND 58466; 669-2217
Recording Secretary............................ Mrs. Gilbert Johnson, Route 1, Box 122, Hope, ND 58046; 945-2529
Treasurer......................................... Mrs. Oscar Johnson, Route 1, Box 231, Harwood, ND 58042; 282-3868

BANNER UNION REPORT

Each Union is to complete and send a copy of this report to the State Promotion Secretary by September 10. Unions scoring 100 or more points will be recognized at State Convention.

PROJECT

Points

Observance of September Roll Call........................................ 10
Dues for membership of all living resident members
paid by November 30 (Advance Union).................................. 10
OR dues paid by March 1 (Steadfast Union).................................. 5
Maintaining an LTL...................................................... 25
Assisting a YTC......................................................... 25
Assisting in organizing a New Union, LTL, or YTC......................
Number —— x 50
Each member subscribing to The Union Signal Number —— x 25
Each subscription of The Union Signal or Young Crusader given to family members or friends Number —— x 10
Each Union Signal or Young Crusader subscription given to libraries, ministers, public officials, doctors’ offices, etc. Number —— x 10
Maintaining a Temperance Shelf in school or public library. Number —— x 10
Each public meeting, institute, or special guest meeting. Number —— x 10
Each Poster, Essay, or Speech contest. Number —— x 10
Maintaining a Prayer Band.................................................. 10
Frances E. Willard Meeting held........................................... 10
Each new member gained.................................................. 10
Using National Program Planner Packet................................ 25
Paying for State Annual Report........................................... 10
Using State Annual Report in local Meetings............................. 10
Becoming a Light Line Union ($11.90)................................... 10
Each Beacon Light (Individuals or groups paying $11.90) Number —— x 10
Each member or Honorary Member assisting at YTC Camp Number —— x 10
Preparing and sending ALL reports to the Promotion Secretary Two weeks or more before State Convention 10
Sending correct alphabetical list of members with COMPLETE address to the State Treasurer by January 1 10

Total Banner Points
TREASURER'S REPORT
May 5, 1988 to July 5, 1988

DUES.
Women- Belfield 2, Grand Forks F.W. - 12
Members-At-Large- 2
Honorary Men - Grand Forks F.W. 4, Prosper 4
YTC - 39

LILLIAN STEVENS FUND - Belfield $5.00
FRANCES WILLARD FUND - Belfield $3.00
STATE REPORTS - Belfield $4.00
LIGHT LINE UNION- Crosby, Marion, Prosper
WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN - Belfield $8.00,
Crosby $10.00

DISTRICT PLEDGE - Bismarck D. $20.00, Fargo
Fargo D. $25.00, Grand Forks D. $25.00, Ransom-
LaMoure D. $20.00, Southwestern D. $20.00
YTC CAMP - Belfield $10.00, Bismarck D. $20.00,
Fargo D. $25.00, Minot $50.00, Grand Forks D.
$40.00, Minot $25.00, Steele U. $20.00

NDEA - Belfield $10.00
CENTENNIAL FUND - Southwest D. $10, Ransom-
LaMoure D. $25.
WORLD FRIENDSHIP - YTC Camp $22.60

Respectfully Submitted,
Mrs. Oscar Johnson (Treas.)

Total Membership from Sept. 1, 1987 to July 5, 1988:
Women 272, Men 82.

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

BISMARCK DISTRICT CONVENTION
On May 11, 1988, 15 WCTU members and friends
attended the 89th Bismarck District Convention at
Steele United Methodist Church with District
President Mrs. Olga Huhnke presiding. Audrey
Klein gave Scripture that emphasized the impor-
tance of worship and praise to God. Steele has their
old records and plans to write their local WCTU
history. The District WCTU records are lost, but
some early WCTU workers were named from old
annuals.

The Steele Union has 8 members, is an advance
union, pays for daily Bible thought in newspaper,
provided 500 inserts for area church bulletins, and
subscribed to Union Signal for school. The Bis-
marck Union is advance, building, and fruitful, had
slide presentation of US Constitution, 500 inserts to
6 churches, and attended City Commission meet-
ings.

In a memorial service Elizabeth Lind honored
the 4 Bismarck members lost by death this past
year. Audrey Kleih talked about danger of lottery
and gave material about it. After prayer, Steele
served a delicious dinner. Rachel Bahnen,
whose pastor husband passed away recently,
talked on John 11- Jesus is near in sorrow, faith is
for now, need to be willing to be used, be patient, be
sensitive, have social concern, recognize it is God's
work not ours, give God all the glory and expect a
miracle.

An offering $101.25 was received and part of it
was used to pay state pledges. Marion Bartle gave
a comprehensive list of problems and examples.
She quoted prayer of Senate chaplain "all great
nations were destroyed by moral decay within
before being defeated by outside force." Dr. Lee of
Grand Forks performed thousands of abortions
- enough babies killed to equal the combined
population of many ND towns. But the No. 1 drug
problem is alcohol due to its use in many homes,
and glorified in ads and TV. The answer is preach
and teach total abstinence.

Elected were Karen Bragg, 1001, 6th St. NW,
Mandan, president; Olga Huhnke, vice president;
Verna Ellsworth, secretary; and Marion Brunven,
treasurer, as district officers. Meeting closed with
the reading of WCTU prayer "Strength in Fellow-
ship".

Verna Ellsworth,
Bismarck District Secretary
BANNER DISTRICT REPORT

Each Union is to compile a report with the following information and send it to the District President by September 1.

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Please note that this revised version will help in understanding what is wanted and how to prepare it. The Union reply is to be either "yes" or a number on all but the last four statements which are the responsibility of the District President. The District President then to total the Union points of her District and relay them to the State Promotion Secretary by September 10.

FARGO WCTU

The 97th annual Convention of the Fargo District WCTU met May 5, 1988, at the Edgewood United Methodist Church in Fargo, ND. The theme was “Rise Up and Learn.” Registration and frustea preceded the meeting at 10:30. Attending were 15 members. Hazel Anderson, president, and meeting opened by singing “Take My Hands and Let Them Be.” Devotions were by the Rev. David Andrews of the church. He read from Samuel’s letter to the Philippians. We live in this world of struggles, but also Joy.

Mrs. Melvin Gangness led in the flag salutes and Maxine Byers, Fargo Union, president, gave the welcome. The District secretary’s report was given by Mrs. Hank Johnson, in absence of Adele Ottinger. We voted to send $25.00 to the state and $25.00 to the YTC. The nominating committee reported the following: President- Maxine Byers, Vice President- Annabell Johnson, Secretary- Anna Duncan and Treasurer- Mrs. Melvin Gangness. Our former president turned in her resignation.

Hazel Anderson installed the officers. Noontide prayer was given by Mrs. Manny Ueland, from the Prosper Union. Lunch was served by the Fargo Union.

At 1 p.m. following a hymn, Anna Duncan gave the opening devotions. She read from several of the scriptures and offered prayer.

A skit “Rise Up and Get to Work” was given by the Prosper Union. The speaker was Carolyn Gage. She is a pastor’s wife. Her talk was on “Walking in Someone Else’s Shoes.” It was very interesting.

A meaningful Memorial Hour was led by Mrs. Ina Eid, for Mrs. Gust Arneson, Ruth Standal, Mrs. Martha Stewart and Mrs. Anna Christian. Closing prayer by Maxine Byers and we sang “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”. Benediction following. It was a good meeting.

With some luck, Congress will see through the anti-warming propaganda and respond to their constituents’ concerns about alcohol.

Of course, health warnings along won’t eliminate alcohol problems. We really need a comprehensive strategy that would include expanded educational programs, mass media campaigns to neutralize industry’s huge ad campaigns, and sharply higher Federal alcohol excise taxes. But passage of the pending bill with its clear, concise label notices, is an important place to start.