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MARION'S MEMOS

Dear Co-Workers,

It was a great 99th Convention in Bismarck at the pleasant "Comfort Inn" -- an excellent place to meet.

Sorry more of you could not be with us. There was Christian fellowship, inspiration, information and abundant Blessings from our God.

We express heartfelt thanks to the Bismarck, Steele Unions for their good help in making it a profitable time. We enjoyed the toast and goodies they brought, plus the rolls, coffee and juice provided by the Comfort Inn.

A great big Thank You to all who took part in our good program. Friday morning the Rev. I. David brought meaningful devotions. We enjoyed special duets by Lila Fannik and Janice Heringer, Henrietta Van Dyke and Hattie Piehl.

We appreciated our pianist Margaret Gackle and her "piano key board". Thank you Evelyn Kluvers for acting as song leader in the absence of State Music Director Jeannette Waldie. Vivian Trapp and Ragnhild Johnson brought us interesting Hi-Lites from National Convention. Elizabeth Lind conducted the sacred memorial hour and favored us with a solo.

A delicious banquet was held at the Royal Fork. Invocation was by Rev. Klingensmith. Thelma Klingensmith was our toast mistress. Bismarck local president Audrey Kleigh graciously welcomed us. Greetings from Lieutenant Governor Lloyd Omdahl and Robert Shubert from the State Department of Public Education were warm and encouraging.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gackle favored us with a lovely duet. Earl Dodge spoke briefly and sang for us as he always does. We would really miss Earl if he failed to come. He also sang our State WCTU song and pronounced the Benediction. Mrs. Arthur Link brought a challenging address. We do appreciate our faithful honorary members who are with us every year. Thanks to all who attended our 99th Convention--without you it could not be. Those who could not be there were with us in thoughts and prayers and we thank you.

To you dear White Ribboners my sincere thanks for your confidence in electing me once again as your president. God bless each one of you as you faithfully carry on in this our great cause--"For God and Home and Every Land". My wish is that you all may have a Blessed Thanksgiving and a

Joyous Christmas.

I leave with you this Thanksgiving thought and Christmas prayer.

Shalom, Marion

Thanks be to God:

His unspeakable gift
To the sons of men
Closed and healed the rift;
For it came wrapped
In a heavenly purpose,
Its glory concealed
By a human surface.

—Elsie Jeanes
Buna, Texas

Let this Christmas season be a renewing of the mind of Christ in our thinking, and a cleansing of our lives by His pure presence. Help us bear witness to His saving Grace before all our brethren. Let His joy come to our weary world through us. We pray in the name of Him who is our Redeemer and our Lord, even Jesus Christ. Amen.

—Gerald Kennedy

PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dear Local Unions,

The Rise Up and Build Contest is beginning for our new year. With God's help it can be the best year of our contest. "Wait on the Lord, be of good Courage" -Psalm 27:14.

Let us strive for new members and have a fall membership drive. Get dues from every living resident member by November 30 and you are an Advance Union. Then we must gain new members to make up for members lost by death or moving away. If your membership is equal to last years by January 1- you are a Builder Union.

I would like to urge you to read, just 5 books. Read one in each group.

Let us strive to have one book read equal to our membership. This is a new goal. Reading opens our hearts to the needs in our communities.

I'm hoping this next year we will have locals getting the public schools involved in the poster and coloring contest. The coloring contest is for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades. You have to write to Signal Press and order the coloring sheets. The prizes are very good and each child that enters will have received a good message.

May God keep us faithful.

Promotion Director,
Vivian Trapp

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NEW ARRIVAL

Our vice-president Lila Fannik and husband have a new grandson, William James Barden, born to their daughter Carolyn and son-in-law Alan. Lila plans to go to Georgia to make the new grandson's acquaintance.

MINOT WCTU

There were 23 people present for our September meeting. Our program consisted of music by Ted Polsfut and Bonnie Rennich, a talk by David Forthun, an instructor and the recreational director for the YTC Camp, and material from the Program Kit. -Reporter

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IN MEMORIAM

When all is done, say not my day is O'er,
And not through night I seek a dimmer shore;
Say rather that my morn has just begun,
I greet the dawn and not the setting sun,
When all is done.

by Paul Lawrence Dunbar

LURA BACON WININGS

Lura Bacon Winings, 99, passed away on September 19, at the Good Samaritan Home where she had resided since 1978. She came to the Arthur community in 1936 from Bethany, IL where she was born, educated and taught school before her marriage to Rollo Winings in 1911. Lura is survived by five sons, two daughters, 26 grandchildren, 57 great-grandchildren, and 13 great-great-grandchildren. She is best remembered for her many years of zealous WCTU work and as state director of Visual Education thus instilling temperance truths in the hearts and minds of the youth in the schools and the Sunday Church Schools by flannel-graph presentations and the promotion of poster contests. Lura was a staunch supporter of the YTC and sponsored several grandchildren at the annual encampment. She held numerous offices in the Arthur Union and the Fargo District. Blessed be her memory.

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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

TREASURER'S REPORT

September 1, 1988 to November 5, 1988

DUES:

Women- Fargo 22, Minot 23, Prosper 11.
Members-At-Large - 4
Honorary Men - Fargo 1, Minot 7
FRANCES WILLARD FUND- Crosby \$5.00, Minot \$5.00, Prosper \$5.00
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Respectfully Submitted,
Mrs. Oscar Johnson (Treas.)

Total Membership from September 1, 1988 to November 5, 1988: Women 60 and Men 8.

P.S.: Women's Dues for Each Union should be sent to the Treasurer by November 30, 1988 to qualify as an Advance Union.



NOTES FROM THE UNIONS

A Prayer Breakfast marked the beginning of the new WCTU year for the Prosper Union. The hostess was Hazel Anderson, and Ruth B. Olson, Christian Outreach Director, was program leader with topics emphasizing prayer. Program calendars were given to the members. The October meeting was the union's annual guest day, hosted by Else Ueland. Bobbi Gangness was in the charge of the program. State Convention highlights were also shared at this meeting.

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED FROM SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER ISSUE

The youth held their annual party at the hotel pool, and new friendships were made and old friendships rekindled.

Sunday, August 21. Sunday morning's session opened with a Grand Diamond Ladies speech contest of oratory. The contestants included Frances Bateman, IL; Martha Shelley, IN; and Pearl Loe, MN. The winner was Frances Bateman of Illinois.

The worship service began with a prayer by Rev. Basil Young of Kentucky, Scripture reading by Rev. Walter Zabel of Maryland and a fine thought provoking sermon by the Rev. Charles Crismier, Chaplain, Riverside, California General Hospital. Mrs. Marilyn Staples, WCTU National Treasurer, called for the offering.

The Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest was Sunday's afternoon's main attraction. Contestants included: Tammy Fisher, Cerritos College, CA South; Linda Crumley, Pacific Union College, CA, North; Susan Tomaska, Wilkes College, PA; and Tracey Gillaspay, Sterling College, KS. Rev. Walter Zabel presented an original oration.

The winners were: First Place- Tammy Fisher, \$250.00; Second Place- Linda Crumley \$200; Third Place- Susan Tomaska, \$100; Honorable Mention- Tracey Gillaspay.

Sunday evening's program, designated Worlds WCTU night, was presided over by Mrs. T. Roy Jarrett, former World's WCTU President.

The program opened with scripture read by Miss Frances Bateman of Illinois and prayer by Mrs. Virginia Helm of Oregon.

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

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

Monday, August 22. The morning session included the election of a National President, Vice President and Treasurer for a two year period. Mrs. Henry Kelly of Maine was elected National President, upon the retirement of Mrs. Kermit Edgar. Miss Merry Lee Christy was elected Vice-President and Miss Marilyn Staples was re-elected Treasurer. Mrs. Frances Thompson of Ohio installed the officers.

An invitation was presented for the 1989 National WCTU Convention in Greenville, S.C., hosted by the South Carolina WCTU.

An elegant closing banquet was held Monday evening, at which Dr. Edward V. Hill, Pastor, Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Los Angeles, CA, was the speaker.

This brought the 1988 National WCTU Convntion

to a close with unfinished business referred to the Official Board.

National WCTU Family of the Year 1987-88 - Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Brown of Illinois.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

In regard to this department our National Director has said: "Overcome fear with a three-fold formula of **Preparedness, Experience and Confidence.**" So keep both ears and eyes tuned in for new facts that are pertinent to the WCTU work, and which you may readily share with others. Keep pen and paper at hand so that you can register your sentiments on TV viewings, and on congressional and legislative issues.

Remember the 3 P's—Pray, Prepare, & Perform. These are just as vital in the work of Public Relations as in other departments. Let's begin NOW to Rise Up and Build that your community will know that the WCTU is ALIVE and AT WORK. This is best done in news stories. For your opening paragraphs follow the advice of Kipling:

I keep six honest serving men,
They taught me all I know;
Their names are WHAT & WHERE & WHEN
And WHY & HOW & WHO.

Remember, Publicity is the Golden Key to a door which, when opened, reveals a lighted lamp of information and inspiration. Let's OPEN DOORS as we strive to further the cause of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

Mrs. Melvin Gangness, Director

MINOT & MAX-BENEDICT UNION HOLD JOINT INSTITUTE

On October 14, 1988 the Minot and Max-Benedict Unions held a joint institute at the Minot Library with 25 in attendance. Max-Benedict planned and led the program with Minot having the place and refreshments.

Rev. Dan Heringer, pastor of First Baptist Church of Max was the guest speaker. He spoke on being locked in with God as Noah, Joseph, Daniel, 3 Hebrew children, Jonah, Paul and Silas had been. He stating the promise, "That where I am there ye may be also."

Legislative report was given by LaVonne Fannik. State Convention reports were presented by Janice Heringer and Lila Fannik. Ruby Lang led us in devotions and prayer.

Evelyn Merowick read an article on the "History of Three Flags". We celebrate our Centennial of WCTU with flags and red, white and blue streamers to decorate the room.

Special music was 2 duets by Sharon Wishaar and Vernetta Brandt of Minot, solo by LaVonne Fannik, a duet by Janice Heringer and Lila Fannik.

We had 2 sessions, breaking in between with a time of lunch and fellowship.

Lila Fannik