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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Praise the Lord from Whom all blessings flow! He has blessed us with a grandson, Anthony David Bragg, born June 9 in Kansas. He is so beautiful! I was able to be in Kansas on my birthday, June 21, and hold Anthony. Now I can wear all those "Grandma" T-shirts. Ha!

National Convention will be in Springfield, IL July 15-22. Please pray for Cleo Kulish, Vivian Trapp and me as we drive. I wish I had a van so I could take a delegation from North Dakota. This is the year to drive if any of you can get there. Next year it will be in Tampa, Florida and the year after, in Oregon.

My husband, Terry, and I will celebrate our 25th anniversary in September by sending our third son, Ryan, to Mid-America Nazarene College in Olathe, Kansas. Kyle will be a junior there and Troy graduated in May with a business degree from MANC. Troy is married to Suzanne Peck from Overland Park, KS. What a beautiful daughter-in-law!

All of us are so busy with our families. Isn't it wonderful we can serve in WCTU, too? God has called each of us to a special ministry so this will be a better world for the children. I pray that all of you can come to Fargo September 19-20 for our WCTU State Convention. Maxine Byers and Annabelle Johnson and their committees are hoping to put us up in homes. First to let them know will be able to get "Bed and Breakfast" instead of a motel room. We appreciate the work Fargo and Prosper Unions are doing to have the convention there. Write or call me if you have any advice for this year's convention. YTC Camp was wonderful. Convention will be great, too. God is with us. We praise Him.

Joyfully yours,
Grandma Karen

CALL TO CONVENTION

The state officers of North Dakota Woman's Christian Temperance Union call all members, delegates and friends to the 102nd annual convention.

We meet Thursday, September 19th, and Friday, September 20th. Convention will be held at the Trinity Church of Nazarene at 1550 16½ Street South, Fargo, ND.

Ten rooms have been reserved for us at the Regal Inn at 1202 36th Street South, Fargo, ND. There are 2 beds in a room. The price is \$34.35. Please get your reservations in by September 1st.

On Thursday, September 19th the Convention opens with registration and coffee hour at 10:00 a.m. Pre-convention meetings will start at 10:30 a.m. and continue until noon. The ladies of the host church will serve a luncheon Thursday noon and also Friday noon.

The Prayer and Praise Service will be conducted on Thursday at 1:00 p.m. At 1:30 p.m. convention is called to order. Business and program continues until 4:00 p.m. when the memorial service will be held. Please send your names for the memorial hour to me or give them to me when you arrive- Marion Bartle, Box 35, Dickey, ND.

The banquet is to be at the Royal Fork at 6:30 p.m. The address is Oak Park Plaza, 13th Ave. South.

On Friday, September 20th the convention starts at 9:00 a.m. There will be a Fruesta on Friday afternoon at the close of convention.

WCTU members this is your convention, the work you have been called to. Please reserve these dates. May we have each union represented. We need you there. You will gain information, inspiration and be challenged to go home with renewed dedication to our great cause.

Be much in prayer for those who are planning and preparing our 102nd Convention. Be in prayer for our state officers and all who have part in the business and program of our convention. This year we elect a promotion director, treasurer and vice president.

Pray for God's guidance and blessings in all that we do.

PROMOTION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dear WCTU Members,

Our theme for this year has been "Let (My) Light Shine", as our Song says, "Let is shine for Jesus".

Now is the time to be tinkering about reports. I would appreciate you sending me the Vanguard Union reports even if you don't qualify to be a Vanguard Union. I get so much information about your union from them. It helps when I make out the reports for the State Convention.

I'm planning to go to National WCTU Convention at Springfield, IL. Hope I can bring back new material and new ideas that will help us to get new inspirations for the new year.

I'm planning to mail short report blanks after I get home from National. Please mail these back to me by September 10th if possible.

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THE DISTRICT CONVENTION MINUTES - 1991

The Fargo District of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, consisting of Fargo, Prosper and Northwood Unions, celebrated its 100th anniversary convention at Doublewood Inn, Fargo, ND May 3, 1991, commencing at 11:00 a.m. Registration showed 25 persons in attendance. The convention theme was "Shining With Joy".

District president, Maxine Byers, called the meeting to order and the song, "This is My Father's World" was sung. Mrs. Allie Lasham accompanied at the piano. Bertina Evanson, President of the Northwood Union, led in devotions based on Romans 10:1-13. Mrs. Lucille Morris conducted the flag salute and Mrs. Oscar (Annabelle) Johnson welcomed the members present.

Reports concerning work accomplished were read by Sally Johnson for Fargo, Mrs. Melvin Gangness for Prosper and Mrs. Bertina Evanson for Northwood. A greeting, via telephone, from Marion Bartle, the State past president, was related to the Union members. Mariam Pennington led in the Noontide prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

A noon luncheon was served in the convention room.

The convention reconvened at 1 p.m. and the meeting opened with singing "I Would Be True".

Karen Bragg of Bismarck, State WCTU President, gave the convention message, "Don't give up!", based on II Corinthians 20, "The battle is the Lord's". With the use of VCR we viewed an interesting lecture on alcohol abuse and how to council. Statistics show that alcohol is the No. 1 worst enemy we have. There are 26 million alcoholics in the USA. The VCR message concluded

with the question, "How can I help?" and the answer was "Go and make disciples".

Mrs. Hazel Johnson offered a prayer of Thanksgiving. An offering was taken and the amount was \$45.00

Mrs. Melvin Gangness presented a paper on "Echos from the Past", which revived in us many fond memories of bygone years.

Mrs. Hazel Anderson, Chairman of the nominating committee, presented the following names for the next District Convention: President: Mrs. Maxine Byers; Vice-President: Mrs. Oscar Johnson; Secretary: Mrs. Ina S. Eid; Treasurer: Mrs. Melvin Gangness. The vote was a unanimous "yes".

By unanimous vote \$25 was pledged to the State budget and \$25 to the YTC Camp.

Annabelle Johnson suggested that our next annual convention be held in Fargo. Discussion followed and it was concluded that the next convention will be somewhere in Fargo, September 19 and 20, 1992. Annabelle Johnson offered to be Chairman of next year's convention. A unanimous vote resulted in Maxine Byers being 1st vice chairman and Bobby Gangness 2nd vice chairman in charge of these arrangements.

Karen Bragg installed the new officers and the song "Oh Master Let Me Walk With Thee" was sung. Ina Eid read a eulogy of Elizabeth Schmidt who passed away at Elim Home this year.

The convention closed by singing "Blessed Be The Tie That Binds". Maxine Byers offered a prayer, and the benediction was prayed by all.

Ina S. Eid,
 Secretary Pro. Tem.

TREASURER'S REPORT
 May 5, 1991 to July 5, 1991

DUES:

- Women - Bismarck 2, Max-Benedict 3
- Honorary Men- Bismarck 2
- L.T.L.- Camp 8
- Y.T.C.- Camp 15

STATE REPORT - West Lisbon \$5.00

WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN - Bismarck District \$15.00

LIGHT LINE - Prosper

DISTRICT PLEDGE - Bismarck D. \$25.00, Ransom-LaMoure D \$50.00

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WORLD FRIENDSHIP - Y.T.C. Camp \$25.00

MEMORIALS - \$5.00 in Memory of Edwin Krause by Fred and Cleo Kulish, \$10.00 in memory of Nettie Dance by Bismarck Union.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Mrs. Oscar Johnson (Treas.)

Total Membership from September 1, 1990 to July 5, 1991: Women 217, Men 79.

BISMARCK DISTRICT CONVENTION

The 92nd Bismarck District Convention met May 17, 1991, at the Bismarck Church of the Nazarene with 18 registered. Karen Bragg called the convention to order followed by singing "Praise Him! Praise Him!"

Rev. Dale McClafflin, Nazarene Church pastor, gave devotions. His mother belonged to WCTU as long as he could remember and still is. In one church he pastored in Nebraska, the Nebraska State WCTU president was a member. He quoted many Bible verses referring to wine and drinking. Some people misunderstand as when the Bible was translated in English wine also meant "unfermented grape juice".

Emma Johnson sang "Are You Able?" Winnie DeKrey gave the good Steele report: 500 YTE bulletin inserts in area churches; prayer partners; flowers and cards for the sick; Rev. Ray Martin had Rev. Gene Amandson give Billy Sunday's Temperance Sermon in Steele's United Methodist Church last Fall, WCTU members were invited. 17 youth came forward to sign total abstinence pledge.

Bismarck Union placed 1000 YTE inserts in 9 churches; WCTU material was given to five schools for Temperance Friday; some churches used our Legislative Hearing Update; Thelma Klingensmith sent letters to state newspapers about observing May 2nd as National Day of Prayer.

Mrs. Olga Huhncke was in charge of Memorial Hour. She read Matt. 5:3-12 saying the Lord knew

NOONTIDE HOUR OF PRAYER

"It is always noontime somewhere, and across The awakening continents from shore to shore Somewhere our prayers are arising evermore."

persecution would come, but He promised them blessing. Elizabeth Lind sang "He the Pearly Gates Will Open". Audrey Ecklund gave the noontide prayer.

After devotions were given by Carl Ecklund reading Romans 8:33-39, with God's spirit within, nothing can separate us from the Love of God.

Offering received was \$99.50. Various state and national funds and other expenses totaled \$105.

The following district officers were elected and installed by Audrey Ecklund (with Donna Brusven standing in for her mother), Marion Brusvem, treasurer; Mrs. Olga Huhnke, president; Karen Bragg, vice president; and Verna Ellsworth, secretary.

Several gave testimonies, and then divided into small groups to pray until the speaker came.

Lynn Steffan graduated from a Christian College in Oklahoma this spring and gave her testimony. As a freshman she was lonely and homesick, and was enticed by desire to be popular and joined the wrong crowd. Her mother sensed that something was not right and faithfully prayed for her daughter. How thankful she was for her mother's prayers and God's forgiveness and love! Remember to pray for youth and children as the world is full of temptation.

Thelma Klingensmith closed the convention with prayer. Morning and afternoon lunch and noon meal were served in the basement of the church.

Verna Ellsworth, Secretary

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PROMOTION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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Thank you to everyone that read the books and reported to me. We have 14 who finished the reading course. May God reward you for taking the time.

Hoping to see you all at State WCTU Convention in Fargo.

From our theme song: I was walking along in the darkness, I didn't know which way to go; Then the Lord, He turned the light on, He changed my life and saved my soul. Now I'm living for just one purpose. To let the Lord shine through me; If His love can shine on others, Then His Spirit can set them free. (Words and music by Dallas Holm)

May God's light Shine on You.

State Promotion Director,
Vivian Trapp

—O—

The National Woman's Christian Temperance Union wants you to remember the cost to the children of those who are bound by alcohol. How can you measure the misery of a child afraid of a parent who is out of control?

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The National Woman's Christian Temperance Union reminds you that you can't think when you drink because **Drinking Prevents Thinking.**

—O—

The National Woman's Christian Temperance Union warns that nation that gambling is addictive behavior and it should not be encouraged by the states. We have not seen any surplus in the school income due to gambling revenue.



In July we are reminded of the birthday of our Nation and of the great heritage that is ours as Americans. We, as Americans, should be proud to celebrate the signing of the Declaration of Independence. God has given us this Nation and I love it! Men through the years have fought and many have given their lives to preserve our freedoms and I thank and praise God for them and our wonderful Country.

We have the responsibility of contributing to its strength and independence. Let us train our children and youth in ways of purity and truth. We must remain faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ and seek His strength and guidance as we live in peace and enjoy the freedoms of our great land!

From Minnesota White Ribbon

1991 CAMP REPORT

It was a very nice warm June day on which we gathered for the State Y.T.C. Camp at Coopers-town, ND. I'm sure it was one of the best times these 21 campers had during the month of June, and it may even be safe to say, that it may be one of the best times they will have during the entire summer. Yes, there were some apprehensions and also some uncertainties, but as acquaintances were made and renewed, we soon recognized that this time was going to be special and that each one present was going to have a "good time with a purpose". God provided a special couple to lead the music and the Christian Citizenship Class, as well as our evening and Sunday morning spiritual emphasis time. Rodney and Deb Brooking and their four children from Ellendale, ND came to lead in this very important department that is a part of the Y.T.C. program.

We were honored with the presence of our State WCTU President. She was counsellor for the girls, and also helped Mrs. Trapp with the L.T.L. Class. We appreciated her help with some of the evening activities and also appreciated her general encouragement. Then how we thank Bertine Evanson for the meaningful "Morning Watch" study presented so well. This special time, right after the Flag Raising, set the tone for the entire day, and prepared each camper for the fun-packed day. We also give thanks for the prayers and gifts that the Unions and individual ladies provided for the purpose of promoting an alcohol-free life style.

Income: Financial Report:

Balance Forward June 1, 1990	\$286.65
Gifts from Savings & Unions	\$675.00
(Breakdown at bottom)	
+ Campers Fees	\$714.00
Y.T.C. Savings	\$200.00
Y.T.C. Dues	\$ 7.50
Friendship Fund	\$ 15.00
Willard House Restoration	\$ 25.00
Mrs. Gilbert Johnson	\$ 15.00
Rodney Brooking	\$ 25.00

Breakdown of Union Contributions: Minot Union \$100; Marvel Molm \$25; Fargo Union \$25; Bismarck Union \$25; Grand Forks Union \$150; James Valley District \$20; Fargo District \$25; ND W.C.T.U. \$205; Northwood Union \$10; Ransom & LaMoure District \$25.

+ Includes \$44 from Crosby Union.

Expenses: Officeland, Jamestown \$22.58; Andersons of Cooperstown \$31.40; Jim and Barb Dahl \$50.00; Cooperstown Bible Camp \$1,187.00; Rodney Brooking \$200.00; ND W.C.T.U. \$47.50; Signal Press \$10.50; Camp Paper, postage and printing-\$65.00;

Balance as of July 10, 1991 - \$261.67

Balance in Y.T.C. Savings - \$479.91

Submitted by Mrs. Cleo Kulish,
Y.T.C. State Director

P.S. - I'll be mailing the camp paper to everyone at the end of this week.