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VISIONS FROM VIVIAN

Dear Co-Workers,

Happy New Year to you all! It is a time of the year to count our blessings. Psalm 136:1 - O give thanks unto the Lord: for He is GOOD: for His MERCY ENDURETH FOREVER. We have so many wonderful promises for the New Year.

I'm happy to report that we have 13 local Unions who were advance Unions. This means that all dues were paid and sent in to the State Treasurer by November 30.

It would be wonderful if all local Unions were Fruitful Unions. A Fruitful Union would be a Union which gained one or two more members. If you had 20 members last year, you would need 21 members this year to be fruitful. However, if you had 20 members last year but there were 2 deaths and 4 moved, you would need 4 new members to be fruitful - a total of 21 (or more).

This year we have a contest for the Monthly Promoter Packet of literature. The contest is open to anyone. You all may subscribe. Any customer sending in five Promoter Packet subscriptions at one time will receive one free subscription to anyone they designate. Everybody, the "I can't Do Without It" Promoter contest is open to each of you!

Promoter subscription prices are \$1.50 per year. This is also a State Contest.

Please read books - just one book under each category. This will enrich your life. Send me your reading report by June 15.

May God give us courage to make 1984 the best year ever.

Mrs. Lyle Trapp
Promotion Secretary

PERSONAL MENTION

VERNA ELLSWORTH REPORTS THAT:

Thanks are due to all who contacted NBC stations or signed petitions against the showing of "Princess Daisy". The KFYR program director armed with signed petitions and reports of complaints by phone attended a NBC meeting in Chicago the latter part of October. Minnesota and Wisconsin TV workers also reported many complaints. As KFYR continued receiving complaints and petitions, they continued making phone calls to NBC in New York. I imagine other NBC local stations did the same. As a result NBC kept editing out more and more of the objectionable scenes. So,

although "Princess Daisy" was shown, it was no worse than many other movies shown on TV. KFYR said they welcomed the input from the community about their programs. By working together we can make an impact on what is shown on TV.

It has been reported that Public Television is planning to show a similarly objectionable movie "No Sacred Cow" next year, but at present I have no details.

On November 19, 1983, the Bismarck WCTU participated in the Civic Center Christmas Craft Sale. WCTU literature was given out, especially to the children. One lady, a counselor in Montana, was very pleased to get the material for her work. It was just what she wanted, but never knew existed.

The Christmas meeting of the Bismarck WCTU of Friday, December 2, 1983, began with a bountiful potluck at noon. Mr. William Lind gave a very interesting devotion on Handel's Messiah, including both Old and New Testament scriptures. Both he and his mother, Elizabeth Lind, have sung in the presentation of The Messiah for many years. Many Christmas carols were sung. By request, Elizabeth Lind sang 'Star Of The East'. Several members shared Christmas stories and thoughts. Ella Olson told of pleasant Christmases in her native Russia and also of the many hardships during the war years in Russia, Siberia, and Germany. But, she related, "Through it all, God was with me."

PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Jake Steffen Reports That:

Twenty seven of us gathered at the lovely home of the Vernon Forthuns here in Minot for our WCTU Christmas party. Our host and hostess, Vernon and Laura, made us feel so very welcome. Not only was their home beautifully decorated in keeping with the holiday season, but also Vernon and Laura dressed in appropriate Christmas attire. The pot luck meal was enjoyed by everyone.

President Dorothy Steffen presided at our meeting in the afternoon. We voted to send Mrs. Don Klingensmith, who heads our state legislative department, thirty five dollars. She did a marvelous piece of work, as a paid lobbyist, during our last legislative session, and largely at her own expense.

Our program consisted of devotions by Mrs. Oscar Folden, carol singing, and a timely message by Rev. Howard Franklin.

FIRST FRUITS

As Peter Marshall so succinctly put it:

"No nation has ever made any progress in a downward direction.

No people has ever become great by lowering their standards.

No people has ever become good by adopting a looser morality.

It is not progress when the moral tone is lower than it was.

It is not progress when purity is not as sweet.

It is not progress when womanhood has lost its fragrance.

Whatever else it is, it is not progress.

We need women who will lead us back to an old-fashioned morality, to old-fashioned decency, to old-fashioned purity and sweetness - for the sake of the next generation, if for no other reason."

What are YOU doing in your own spot to further the Kingdom of God? The measure of life, after all, is not its duration, but it's donation. How much will you be missed?

Were your plans a success for Anti-Smoking Week? For Temperance Day on the third Friday in January?

Are you now making plans for the February Willard meeting, Tea and-or offering? In March do you know if your Union Signal subscription expires? Renew it and give one as a gift. Put a reminder on your calendar for April: Plan YTE Week program - order literature.

I learned about the National Prayer Week which leading Christian organizations were setting up to coordinate with the National Day of Prayer proclaimed by President Reagan. Do try to get the cooperation of your pastors and congregations and meet for specific prayer as designated for each day. Rev. Klingensmith recommended that we commit 2 Chronicles 7:14 to memory. If we commit it to memory, we will also pray it. If we truly pray it, our nation will receive it.

The Freedom Council newsletter tells us that Madelyn Murray O'Hair through the organization, The American Atheists, plans to sue to keep nearly a dozen planned world history books out of Texas classrooms because the books "present nothing more than pseudo-history for religious indoctrination. This must be changed to include a study of the development of atheism and its influence."

Benjamin Franklin said we had the best Constitution we could have - if we could keep it. Today the amendment calling for another Constitutional

Convention is only the ratification of two states away. Where will we stand? What lobbying factions are all prepared simply for self-interest? We can see many possible coalitions. Who didn't have to attack the United States. They only had to wait for us to destroy ourselves from within?

NAMBLA is the North American Man Boy Love Association. One segment of this group wants sex allowed between men and boys down to the age of eight. Another faction thinks the boys should be as young as four years old. Let not one think that just because something was a practice thousands of years ago. Such practices simply made it mandatory that God step in and remind man that His standards were holy, pure and attainable.

Our departments of work are never lacking for projects. We need only to observe, read, and listen to find something in which we can praise God and uplift mankind at the same time.

Helen McCleary

SPEECH DELIVERED TO THE NORTH DAKOTA WCTU 1983 CONVENTION Richardton, North Dakota, October 6, 1983

Test yourself and see what your honest, gut reaction to the following statements made about a true relationship with God are:

We are not our own; God made us and gave us life in the beginning; then He bought us with His own precious blood. So we are doubly His, by right of creation and purchase, and He is entitled to the sole ownership of our lives. He has the right to send us where He will, to command us to what He wills, to use us as it pleases Him, to wear us out, if that is His plan; then when we are done not even say one "thank you."

The praise belongs unto the Lord, not to men. We are unprofitable servants, forever in the red to God. How could the day ever come when any one of us could feel that he had returned to God the debt he owes in the light of what He paid to redeem us from sin and death and hell?

So when we have given all, done our best, we have but done our duty, and what one of us can say that we have done even that?

The number one killer of Christians in the world today is a heart hardened by materialism. It did not come on us like the lions which first century believers faced; it did not strike as the sword which our brethren in the past bravely met - as sheep led to the slaughter; it did not flood in on us as violent persecution or a sudden denial of liberty, but as a beguiling serpent which promised to give us the success of sinners while not jeopardizing our heavenly reward as saints.

Oh yes, we still sing: "This world is not my home," and we still call ourselves "strangers and pilgrims" but with modern day modifications. It is true, this world is not our home but after all - we

have rights! Pilgrims and strangers we are, but who said we had to put up with misunderstanding and discrimination? Several ominous shifts in the way the Christian views his role in the world, have taken place. Today's perspective might be seen as those who have joined the rat race to worldly success, but with privileges.

C.S. Lewis noted that if Christians think of this world as a place intended simply for our happiness, they will find it quite intolerable: but think of it as a place of training and discipline and it's not so bad. Like people living in the same building, half were told it's a hotel - and find it unacceptable, the other half were told it's a prison - and decide that it is surprisingly comfortable.

Let me explain further by a simple diagram used by sociologists in interpreting behavioral patterns:

ROLE ADAPTATION	GOALS	MEANS
Conformist	+	+
Innovator (Non-conformist)	+	-
Ritualist	-	+
Retreatist (Drop-out)	-	-
Rebel	+ -	+ -

One unique problem that the sociologists admit to, is that it's difficult to distinguish between the CONFORMIST and the RITUALIST. While the R admits to having other goals, he joins the battle and the race to try and achieve his own goals by using the very same means that the C uses. In other words, he goes through the motions, but his heart is set on some other desire. e.g. A boy who marries a girl whom he has gotten pregnant. Not because he loves her and has chosen her above all others to be his mate for life, but merely to give the illegitimate (a word soon to disappear from our vocabulary) child an air of respectability. e.g. The man who steals from his company and then turns around and gives to the company's charity drive as an atonement for his deed instead of confessing to the crime and paying the penalty. e.g. A Christian who lays claim to all the promises of the Bible (God's love, blessings, protection, healing, salvation, heaven), but refuses to carry his cross daily, deny himself in order that others might be brought to Christ, giving cheerfully so that others who have nothing might have something. Instead, he substitutes a minimum of Christian activity (attending church occasionally, giving to some worthy cause, or even coming to a Sweetheart Banquet to placate his wife and pastor. Such materialistic-carnal Christians have become society's largest single group of Ritualists.

Have you ever heard someone mention that they know a lawyer who is a Christian? Why didn't they say, "I know this Christian who is a lawyer?" Perhaps the semantics are not all that clear, somewhat like unidentical twins.

But there is a great deal of difference as it relates to true identity. By saying, "This lawyer who is a Christian, implies that he is a lawyer first. Everything he does revolves around his being a lawyer. All other things come second, including the

fact that he is also a Christian. But by saying, "This Christian who is a lawyer," it signifies the fact that above all else he is a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ. Everything else, including his profession, follows his commitment to Christ. I like the way one man put it, when explaining what he did he said, I'm a full-time witness for the Lord Jesus Christ, but I work on the side as a plumber to pay the bills."

Jesus said, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness." The erroneous idea that we should try to make it to the top of our vocation, while somehow holding on to our Christian faith (or even worse, putting it on hold until we get there), is a product of the Laodicean age. Like the strength of Samson, our talents are most effective when the Spirit of God rests upon them. When that Spirit is removed, we fall back on our human frailties. Yet somehow, in the midst of our accomplishments in everyday life with talents given to us by God, we are misled into thinking that we can simply shake ourselves at anytime and God's Spirit will give us spiritual success. The wreckage of those who have attempted such folly, lie all around us as mute witnesses.

Perhaps the key word to all of this is success. But just what does it mean to a Christian in this world to be "a success?" Jesus provides the magnetic north for all our spiritual compasses, when He stated very clearly, "For what shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world, and lose his soul?"

The story is told of a Chinese philosopher who sought to teach this truth by illustrating with a hand full of water. If you try to grab hold of it, you will lose it, but if you leave your hand open, you will keep it.

Whether it is our life, love, aspirations, dreams, etc., the quickest way to lose them is to selfishly hold onto them. To make them come true, keep your hand open and let your spouse, family, church, community, but most of all Christ, have ready access to them. Don't be a RITUALIST, playing the game, supposedly living by the same rules, but rejecting the goal of total surrender to Christ. As odd as it may sound, you may have everything to lose and nothing to gain. For the real truth is, only those who are willing to lose (give up, surrender) for Christ's sake, are the actual winners.

Dr. Robert R. Seyda, Th.D.
Pastor, Church of God
Lemmon, South Dakota

The National Woman's Christian Temperance Union found that...

More than half (55 percent) of the students responding had used marijuana. About 37 percent of the students were classified as current users, 10 percent smoke marijuana daily and 18 percent smoke several times a week.

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It is God's plan for us to have abundant life. Such a life can be built only as we do God's will. We must stress Total Abstinence in our homes, schools, and churches.

I. Did you have: Spiritual Life Retreat.....
Prayer Breakfast..... Prayer Partners.....
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Light Line Union..... Did you promote WCTU
by reading articles from World White Ribbon.....
Did you visit your Prayer Partner Union (Nov.-
Dec.) WRB.....

II. How many: Pastor given temperance material.....
Church schools given literature (Especially YTE leaflets and posters for youth classes).....
Number of Vacation Bible Schools helped by giving coloring sheets and-or
presenting a temperance object lesson.....
How many have family worship..... Personal
devotions at noontide.....

III. Put Christ into Christmas: Number of mem-
bers who used only religious Christmas cards.....
How many displayed the Nativity Creche.....
Help me reach my goal - a report from every Union
in 1984!

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Honorary Men- Crosby 6, Dickey 4, Fargo 5, Hettinger 7, West Lisbon 4, Marion 9, Max-Benedict 12, Minot 7.

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Respectfully Submitted

Mrs. Oscar Johnson, Treasurer

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP: From September 1, 1983 to December 10, 1983 - Women 225, Men 64.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. Oscar Johnson, Treasurer

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The National Women's Christian Temperance Union wants you to know...

Marijuana users' first experience with the drug is occurring at younger ages than in the past, with some individuals reporting their first occurring during elementary grade school years.

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

MINOT UNION

For our September meeting our Minot Union met in the Community Room of the Minot Public Library, with Mrs. Vernon Forthun, President, presiding. Mrs. David Forthun gave a very excellent report about the Y.T.C. and L.T.L. Camp. We praise God for the Forthun family and their willingness to be used of the Lord to help our children and young people. Other numbers included the devotions and a solo entitled "Only To Be What He Wants Me To Be" beautifully rendered by Lila Fannik. Genevieve Dubovoy accompanied at the piano. LaVonne Fannik invited the members of the Minot Union to Benedict for a WCTU Institute. Lila Fannik presided at the installation for the new officers. A delicious lunch was served by our hostess, Mrs. Maurice Oler.

Our Minot WCTU held their regular meeting on October 14th with Mrs. Jake Steffen, President, presiding. Bernice Hoppman was in charge of devotions. Those who attended our state WCTU convention at Richardton gave very complete and interesting reports. They were namely, Ruth Loughead, Burnadeen Stemen, Luella Oler and Dorothy Steffen. Three solos were beautifully rendered by Rod Pederson with Elma Frank accompanying at the piano. A delicious lunch was served by our hostess, Alice Quam.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Always express appreciation for press service. Be courteous and understanding when your material is not used. Ask for suggestions for better reporting. Conserve your poise. Nothing is gained by ruffled feathers.

Leaflets No. 2820 and No. 2824 give excellent suggestions to the Public Relations director. They should be in your Program Kit.

Begin early in the year to contact Mrs. Ralph Kraft for films to be viewed in the schools and churches.

Order Radio Releases and Quotes from Mrs. Ralph Siivola 7341 Villamuer Drive, West Bloomfield, Mich. 48033. So many outlets for these.

Then, looking toward spring and early summer, concentrate on parades and floats, exhibits and fairs. Be creative and original. Launch Out! Try A New Venture! Activity gains the public eye.

Quoting from one of the leaflets: "Knowledge brings interest; interest brings activity; activity brings results." And Results will make up my Report in 1984.

Mrs. Melvin Gangness, Director

LEGISLATION-CITIZENSHIP DEPARTMENT

Dear Co-Workers:

No doubt most of you are aware of the fact that the so-called "disease" of alcoholism costs our nation 54.1 billion dollars each year. Not only that, it is responsible for at least 50 percent of all automobile fatalities and 30 percent of all suicides. In addition it is the cause of 80 percent of all home violence and 60 percent of all child abuse.

In view of these alarming facts it behooves us to speak out on the harmful effects of alcohol and support bills that would forbid its use by those under 21, and bills that would prohibit the serving of alcoholic beverages to passengers on airlines without charge. These are but two examples. Watch the Glossary of Bills in the Union Signal and write to our Senators and Congressmen. Perhaps we cannot keep up with all the issues that arise, but let us do as much as we can.

Abraham Lincoln once said, "Let every American, lover of liberty, every well-wisher to his posterity swear by the blood of the Revolution never to violate in the least particular the laws of the country, and never to tolerate their violation by others". This is something to ponder in our day and age when the trend is to disregard the law and to sympathize with the criminal and ignore the victim. It can truly be said that we are living in a day when many call evil "good", and good "evil". There is a lack of respect for law and justice. As Christian citizens may we be examples to others and teach our children and young people to support our Constitution and the laws of our country.

The Work Sheet outlines the various projects that may be carried out. Keep a record each month of what is done, and making out your annual report will be greatly simplified. Send your reports to me by September 15, 1984.

Best Wishes for the New Year,
Mrs. Gilbert Johnson, Director

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Some drink and drive; in fact, too many do. At least 55 percent of all fatal accidents involve alcohol. These accidents occur most often in late evening and early morning hours on weekends. Most involve a single vehicle.

Many drivers are not aware of the effect alcohol has on them, or how it impairs their ability to drive safely. Some are unconcerned.

Alcohol is a depressant. It works on the central nervous system, slowing down brain and spinal cord activity. Reaction time and coordination are considerably impaired with increasing intoxication. Alcohol is rapidly absorbed into the bloodstream. Some is instantly absorbed through oral tissues upon contact. When it reaches the stomach, about 25 percent of the alcohol is immediately absorbed into blood through the stomach wall.

Within 20 to 30 minutes, the remainder of the consumed beverage is processed through the intestinal tract into the bloodstream. The blood carries it to all organs and tissues. The brain, rich in blood supply and having a high water content, is quickly affected. A full stomach can slow the absorption process.

BAC, meaning blood alcohol concentration, is defined as grams of alcohol per 100 milliliters of blood or grams of alcohol per 210 liters of breath. The larger the body, the greater the blood supply. Thus a big person can drink as much as a smaller person and yet have a lower BAC. Although it takes quite a few drinks to become legally intoxicated, a person can be impaired after one or two drinks, depending on the size of the drinkers.

A normal 160 pound person, drinking two drinks in an hour (12 oz. of beer, 5 oz. of wine or 1½ oz. of liquor constitutes one drink) will have a BAC of about 0.04. A normal 240 pound person will have that same alcohol level if he drinks three drinks.

The body will eliminate alcohol at a rate of approximately one drink per hour. These are examples and can vary with each individual.

One very unfortunate aspect of all of this is that a disproportionate number of drunk drivers and alcohol-related traffic fatalities are young people. Alcohol-related traffic accidents involving teenage drivers increased 28 percent during the 1970's.

Approximately 100 million adult Americans drink alcohol beverages. Drinking and driving costs our nation over \$10 billion dollars per year through traffic accidents.

From: Nation Safety Council, Operation Life-saver Newsletter, Summer 1983

(I agree with Sandy Golden, investigative reporter, that the term 'accident' is a misnomer. What is really meant is an alcohol-related crash or collision.)

Marie Siivola
National Director Public Relations