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## Alphabet of Christmas

Anonymous

- A for the Animals out in the stable  
B for the Babe in their manger for cradle.  
C for the Carols so blythe and gay.  
D for December, the twenty-fifth day.  
E for the Eve when we're all so excited.  
F for the Fire when the Yule Log is lighted.  
G for the Goose which you all know is fat.  
H is the Holly you stick in your hat.  
I is for the Ivy which clings to the walls.  
J is for Jesus, the cause of it all.  
K for the Kindness begot by this feast.  
L is the Light shining way in the East.  
M for the Mistletoe - beware where it hangs.  
N is Noel the angels first sang.  
O for the Oxen, the first to adore Him.  
P for the Presents the wisemen laid before Him.  
Q for the Queerness that this should have been.  
near two thousand years before you were seen.  
R for the Romps and the Raisins and Nuts.  
S for the Stockings that Santa Claus stuffs.  
T for the Toys on the Christmas Tree hanging.  
U is for Us all over the world ranging.  
V for the Visitors welcomed so warmly.  
W for the Waits at your door heartily singing.  
XYZ Bother me! All I can say,  
Is this is the end of my Christmas lay.  
So now to you all, wherever you may be-  
A Merry Merry Christmas, and May Many More You See!

## FROM VIVIAN'S VIEW

Dear Co-Workers,

Now that Convention is over, we must prayerfully look forward to a new year. In words, I'm unable to express my appreciation for all the wonderful reports sent to me this past year. They have encouraged me. But we must look and step forward to winning many more **NEW MEMBERS** and **ENCOURAGE** those who have become discouraged. Satan will constantly tell you that we are not accomplishing much in the WCTU. Again, remember that he is a liar, and the father of lies! The Bible tells us so.

Let us make North Dakota 100 percent in Advance Unions. All we have to do is to get ALL our dues to the State Treasurer by November 30th.

From our National Promotion Secretary's letter: Make your prayer list, pray for them, and then Go and try to enlist new members. Five new members reported to this office will receive a five dollar (\$5.00) voucher for Signal Press literature. These are individual awards, though if a Union wants to work for the voucher, they may.

The Top Ten: the first ten members who enlist five new members each and report to the National Secretary's Office will be called "The Top Ten." They will receive a gold WCTU Award pin in addition to the bell. The Award pin will be given at National Convention in Oklahoma City in 1985.

Remember that this is the Lord's work. Ask him to give you new enthusiasm. He will, for He is faithful.

Vivian Trapp

## PUBLIC RELATIONS

Did you know that our official WCTU Handbook gives a good resume of the work of this department? Yes, there is a two fold purpose of the Public Relations department as it is developed through the media of the Press, Radio and Television, our WCTU publications and literature:

- 1- To keep the public informed on the program and accomplishments of the WCTU, especially in the field of legislation and education.
- 2- Better public relations must be built. The following avenues are very effective to make the public aware of the ever-increasing outreach of the WCTU.
  - a- **THE PRESS.** Use it to announce meetings and do not hesitate to contribute to the "Opinion Page," aiming to promote sentiment for total abstinence.
  - b- **RADIO & TELEVISION.** Commend stations for good programs and protest programs unfit for public viewing. Make available the National Radio Releases and Quotes.
  - c- **LETTERS & CARDS.** Your opinion does count! So register either praise or opposition to the legislators, editors and the networks.
  - d- **PUBLICATIONS.** Subscribe to and use the

publications of our WCTU. Each union should have at least one subscription to the Monthly Promoter to keep informed on newest material.

- e- **LITERATURE, FILMS, FILMSTRIPS.** Have catalogs from Signal Press available in schools, churches and libraries. Continue to **SERVE** the Lord with gladness in the year ahead.

Mrs. Melvin Gangness, Director

## LEGISLATION-CITIZENSHIP DEPARTMENT

Dear Co-Workers:

We are now well into our new WCTU year and we need to pursue our goals in earnest. Our members must be informed as to important bills, not only before Congress, but also those which are introduced in our State Legislature. We must be informed in order that we in turn may inform our fellow citizens and urge them to support good bills and to protest which are undesirable.

We should contact our legislators not only on the national level but also on the state and local level. It should be noted that it was state legislators and not Congress that defeated ERA. It is state legislators that now are calling for a **HUMAN LIFE AMENDMENT**, not Congress.

Bills which are of special interest to the WCTU are listed in The Union Signal, so watch for new ones appearing from time to time. If you have not already written concerning those which have been listed for some time please write in. Make use of the pen - or typewriter.

Thank you to each one who circulated, as well as signed petitions to raise the drinking age to 21 and petitions to ban the advertising of alcoholic beverages on radio and TV. In view of the fact that the consumption of liquor brings such devastating results we must do all we can in whatever way possible to curb its use. The same goes for all other drugs that are so widely used in this day and age.

We have new Work Sheets which will take us to 1987. The theme for the three-year period is "Service — Strength — Power". The theme for 1984-85 is "Service." "Serve the Lord with gladness". Psalm 100:a

Study the projects suggested and do all you can in the coming year. Send me your report by September 15, 1985. Thank you for all you have done in this department the past year. Keep up the good work!

With Best Wishes,  
Mrs. Gilbert Johnson, Director

Tobacco smoke can not only make you sick, it can interfere with medication taken for unrelated illness. Benzpyrene, an ingredient in smoke, forces some medications to move through your system too quickly to be fully effective.

**MEDITATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS**

Matthew 1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: For he shall save his people from sins.

Oh, God, I say not: Hear my prayers! I say: Blot with forgiving pen my sins away.

Shaikh Saadi

Forgiveness is the fragrance the violet sheds on the heel that has crushed it.

Author Unknown

Prayer is the world in tune.

Henry Vaughan

A saint is a dead sinner, revised and edited.

Ambrose Bierce

The darker the world and the deeper the virus of hate, the more glowing must be our Christianity and more triumphant the note of our faith.

Rufus M. Jones

When adoring the birth of our Savior, we are celebrating our own true origin. For indeed this generation of Christ, in time, is the source of the Christian People, and the birth of the Head is, too, that of His Mystical body.

St. Leo

**I PROMISE MYSELF...**

To be strong so that nothing can upset the peace of my mind.

To talk health, happiness, hope, and prosperity to every person I meet.

To make my friends feel that there is something beautiful and good about them.

To look at the funny side of everything and make my optimism come true.

To think only the best, work only for the best, and expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as I am about my own.

To forget all the mistakes of the past, and press on to greater living in achievement of useful character in the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times, and give every living creature I meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of myself that I have no time to criticize others.

To be too large to wrong, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to admit the presence of trouble.

To lift my heart in prayerful trust each day that the Spirit of the Christ may become natural to me.

—Anon

**NORTH DAKOTA AWARDS**

**FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP CONTEST**

To encourage all members to "get those new members", the North Dakota WCTU, Marion Bartle and Mona Holt are all offering awards. Get going now and add up those new members.

State Awards: to the local Union gaining the most members will go two subscriptions to The Union Signal.

To the local Union gaining the second most new members will go one subscription to The Union Signal.

The awards being offered by Marion and Mona are for individual members.

To the lady(ies) gaining the most new members: a large ceramic pitcher and bowl set. If there is a tie, another set will be available. This has been graciously offered by Mona Holt. This award will be determined by records of the Promotion Secretary.

In order to qualify for the awards given by Marion Bartle, you must report to her that you have gained three new members and include their names. The first lady to do so will earn a lovely lapel pin (bowknot set with brilliants with a small WCTU pendant attached). The second lady to report acquiring three new members will receive the Anniversary Pin (large open white enamel bow on gold plate). The third lady to report gaining three new members will receive the bowknot pin.

Both the National Contest and our State Contest will run from September 1, 1984 to August 1, 1985.

**Alcohol and Sleep:**

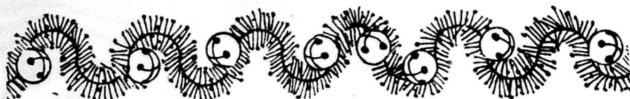
"Alcohol drinks may speed up the onset of sleep, but it will disrupt normal sleep patterns; even the smallest quantity of alcohol before bed will interfere with normal sleep."

—Dr. Thomas Roth, Sleep Disorders & Research Center

Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, Michigan

**BLESSINGS**

True blessings of Christmas arise from that first wondrous Holy Night, and may they be yours.



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#### Historian.....

"Anybody who has sniffed cocaine will always remember it. There is an actual memory which has been imprinted in his brain."

—Dr. Gabriel Nahas, Professor of Anesthesiology  
Columbia University, College of Physicians & Surgeons

"Alcoholics who have been dried out for more than a year still have altered sleep processes. Their sleep patterns may never become normal again. It is like a tree that has been bent; it can never again grow straight"

—Dr. Milton Kramer, Sleep Disorder Center  
Cincinnati General Hospital

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**AUGUST 5, 1984 TO OCTOBER 5, 1984**

**DUES:**

- Women- Grafton 9, Minot 24.
- Members - At - Large- 3.
- Honorary Men- Minot 9.

**LILLIAN STEVENS FUND- Grafton \$3.00**

**FRANCES WILLARD FUND- Grafton \$3.00**

**STATE REPORTS- Bismarck \$9.00 (3) Grafton \$7.50 (2)**

**WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN - Grafton \$10.00**

**N.D.E.A. BOOTH- Grafton \$5.00**

**CONVENTION:**

Offering Thursday, October 4 - \$125.50

Offering Friday, October 5 - \$88.85

Memberships-

Continuing 1.

Memorial 10.

Child 1.

**MEMORIALS-** In memory of Hans Langseth: \$5.00 by Prosper Union, \$5.00 by Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Johnson, \$50.00 by Jennie Langseth and Family. In memory of Johanna Hector: \$2.00 by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rysgard, \$5.00 by Freda Emanuel, \$5.00 by Mr. and Mrs. William Kankovsky, \$10.00 (Y.T.C.) by Beverly Anderson, \$5.00 by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hass. \$5.00 in memory of Mildred Westacott by Mrs. LeRoy Bartle.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. Oscar Johnson (Treas.)

**TOTAL MEMBERSHIP** from September 1, 1984 to October 5, 1984: Women 36, Men 9.

**PERSONAL MENTION**

**MRS. JAKE STEFFEN** Reports That...

Ruth Loughead and Bernice Hoppman served as hostesses for our Minot Union at our October meeting. There were 21 present.

David Forthun gave a very interesting and comprehensive report of the Y.T.C. Camp. The Forthun family is to be congratulated for their efforts in helping to provide "a good time with a purpose" for our children and young people. David and his family unselfishly use their time and money for this worthwhile project. He states that two of their greatest needs are for more campers and adult helpers. Especially needed is a piano player for the 1985 camp program. David challenged us all to get behind and promote this camp for the children and youth of our organization.

Burnadeen Stemen and Dorothy Steffen gave reports about the very fine state WCTU convention which was held in Jamestown the early part of October. It was well planned, and we were all challenged to work harder to fulfill the objectives set forth by our WCTU.

**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

**NEWS FLASH FROM CHRISTIAN OUTREACH**

It's not too early to make some resolutions for the coming WCTU year. Live according to God's Word and do everything you can to guide people to a deeper consecration for the Lord. Set your eyes upon God and know He is bigger than any of our problems and that He is with you as you serve Him through the WCTU. Find something good to do each day.

At your next meeting your president will ask how many of you will resolve to read the Bible every day. This is the first question on our new report blank. Another question that should be considered is the last one on the green sheet. As you are buying your Christmas cards now, make them honor the birthday of Christ. If it's too late for this year, buy them on sale for next year and count it for this year.

A new blank to be filled out is called Gifts for WCTU in honor of a friend or loved one. This could be the donation to our Annual State Convention Fund and-or to our State Centennial Fund (1989).

I was pleased to get so many reports and I want to thank you all. I missed the reports from Dickinson, Grafton and Cavalier. I know that every Union has something to report on Christian Outreach so let's make it 100 percent next year. Start now!

Prayer will give us the strength and power to serve God and others with willingness.

Leona Johnson

**OUR SPECIAL THANKS**

I want to thank each one who helped Warren C. Martin and I in our recent campaign. I was honored to be on the same ticket with a man who has so steadfastly upheld the Biblical principles upon which our nation and our party are founded.

Many friends too numerous to mention helped with sacrificial financial gifts and with time spent in circulating ballot petitions and copies of our platform. Others prayed for our strength and wisdom.

I thank each of you from the bottom of my heart. A special thank you also to my dear wife Barbara and my children and their spouses who provided encouragement and support which lifted my load considerably.

Only eternity will reveal the lives we have touched and the good that our joint witness for righteousness has accomplished. Most voters again supported the two liquor-dominated parties and their candidates but how thankful we are for Gideon's band who placed principle first and party second. These walls WILL come tumbling down to God's own good time.

Earl F. ...

O Come Let Us Adore Him

**THE PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is with hearts full of gratitude that we praise the Lord and thank Him for His continued mercy and for His unfailing grace as we offer ourselves in service to God and to others in the work of the WCTU for this coming year, our 111th.

"Serve the Lord with gladness" Psalm 100:2

**Your President Recommends:****DEVOTIONS**

The emphasis in our name is on "Christian" first of all, for apart from Him we can do nothing. Therefore, we recommend that:

1. A Quiet Time of prayer and meditation with the Lord. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Psalm 46:1
2. Each member read at least one devotional book listed on the WCTU Reading List.
3. We remember our Prayer at Noontime for all WCTU work and workers around the world.

**EDUCATION**

We rededicate ourselves to the education of our nation's youth to the harmful effects of beverage alcohol, other narcotic drugs and tobacco on the body and on society. To implement this we recommend:

1. That you contact the superintendent of schools, the curriculum director, the secondary and or elementary school principal in your school district and present him-her with samples of our Signal Press literature for schools along with a catalog.
2. That you purchase a copy of the award winning WCTU filmstrip, "The Four Secrets of the Wicked OOOOZe" and "Light-Up Lucifer Meets His Match" (two filmstrips, one cassette tape on both sides for \$23.95.) This is suitable for elementary grades, 1-5.
3. That you make available our films and filmstrips to the schools, youth clubs, and churches in your area.
4. That you contact the radio stations in your vicinity and make available to them the radio releases as prepared by the National Public relations Director, Mrs. Ralph Siivola.

**PUBLICATIONS**

We produce two excellent monthly magazines, The Union Signal for adults and The Young Crusader for children. However, their circulation is far too low, and it is imperative that we increase our subscription lists. The recent contest was a great boost. Now, let's keep up the momentum! We recommend therefore:

1. That every officer and more of our members become subscribers.
2. That subscriptions be sent to public officials, local educators, professional persons and to others where they will have an impact.
3. That more local unions make liberal use of the material in The Union Signal in their monthly meetings.

**LEGISLATION**

It is so important to keep on top of legislation and to make our views known to our elected officials. Hence we should:

1. Write to our Senators and Representatives in Washington, D.C. and also write to our senators and representatives in our state legislatures on bills of interest to the WCTU.
2. Attend council and-or town meetings and express our opinion when opportunity comes.
3. Pray for our public officials that they will resist the pressures of evil forces that prey upon their fellow man for profit.

**FINANCES**

Salaries, utilities, and regular operating expenses at the National Headquarters Building become due and must be met month by month; therefore, in order that the WCTU can meet its obligations, we urge:

1. All treasurers, local county-district to forward all money through proper channels, on a regular basis, if possible, but not less than on a quarterly basis. All state treasurers to forward all money to National on a regular basis, if possible, but not less than on a quarterly basis.
2. We urge to support the various national projects as follows:  
The Lillian Stevens Fund for legislative work, which includes the work of the legislative correspondent,  
The Frances E. Willard Fund for organizational work,  
The \$50,000 Club for education—a portion of this fund helps to pay for new films and filmstrips. Just \$1.00 along with your dues enrolls you in the club.  
The Three P's Fund for painting, preserving, and protecting the properties at National Headquarters.

**DEVELOPMENT**

In the midst of myriad problems plaguing society today as a result of beverage alcohol, other narcotic drugs and tobacco, the WCTU has the answer and more and more people are being driven to it. Total Abstinence! That's the answer. Our society needs to hear this message. So, proclaim it, loud and clear. Recruit people to tell about it also. Therefore we urge:

1. Each one to gain one or more new members.
2. Organize and support at least one L.T.L. and one Y.T.C. in every county-district in each state.
3. Each local union build a new union in an area where there is no WCTU work now.
4. Each WCTU member to be a committee of one to "broadcast" in your particular vicinity what your local WCTU is doing today.
5. Each WCTU member should do all she can to foster a good public relations image for the organization on local, county, and state levels. This year, don't hide your light under a bushel, but proclaim it from the housetops. The liquor and

tobacco industries don't hesitate to advertise their wares which are destructive. We have the message that is constructive. Make it known! We may not have the monetary wealth they have, but we have something they do not have—the power of God behind us!

The above recommendations are a guide to this end.

Respectfully submitted,  
Martha G. Edgar  
Mona M. Holt

*Mona Holt*

### RELIGIOUS LIBERTY UNDER ASSAULT

Religious liberty in America is under increasing assault and yet the Prohibition Party remains the only political party which warns of the dangers in that important area. Major actions against religious liberty in the last two years have included the jailing of ministers and pastors in Nebraska for not bowing to the state's demand that it control their Christian Schools; the U.S. Supreme Court action in taking away tax exemption from Bob Jones University for not upholding "national policy"; the actions of President Reagan and the Congress in appointing an Ambassador to the Vatican and in placing upon churches the first federal tax on religion in American history, the Social Security tax.

Nor is this activity confined to the federal and state level. Tom Bradley, Mayor of Los Angeles has said "Bible study would not be permitted in single family homes in a residential area since it was a violation of the zoning code. Homeowners are warned that if even one non-resident entered their home for a church service, the homeowner could be issued a cease and desist order."

In Boston a suburban building commissioner told a clergyman that inviting more than four people into his house for a Bible study was a violation of the house occupancy ordinance.

Similar rulings and warnings were given by local officials in Atlanta, Ga. and in Canton, Mich.

The irony is that authorities are usually very tolerant of wild booze parties held in private homes. Yet, they seek to require state approval of Bible studies in homes. That is EXACTLY THE STANCE TAKEN BY THE COMMUNIST GOVERNMENTS IN RUSSIA AND ITS SLAVE STATES.

Dear Christian friends, when will we be alert to the dangers we face? A resounding victory was given on November 6 to candidates who talk a lot about God but who, as government officials, act to restrict our religious liberty. Will we actually wind up voting for our own enslavement?

What is the VALUE YOU PLACE on a child's life?  
Marijuana- Through a Doctor's Eyes

The most common reason for patients to use drugs is to avoid peer pressure, to belong to the peer group. Another reason teenagers use drugs is curiosity. As long as courts keep insisting that experimenting with drugs is a normal thing for teenagers, many teenagers will not hesitate to do it. We need to promote the attitude instead that drug use is not a healthy, normal behavior because of drugs' harmful effects.

I stress a great deal that they have to learn not only to avoid the temptation to start using drugs but they also have to develop something positive in their lives to take the place of drugs. Many teenagers who are regular drug users have bypassed the growing up process and have never experienced the excitement of meeting challenges, achieving, improving themselves, and learning new skills, they have to acquire that.

I also stress to patients I am counseling that they should not use alcohol and that they should even stop smoking tobacco, because if they continue smoking tobacco, the temptation to use marijuana occasionally is much greater.

I have been impressed by the fact that many teenage girls are more interested in discontinuing their use of drugs or are more willing not to experiment in the first place if they are made aware of the possible effects of drug use on their future pregnancies.

With boys I stress that their lives in the long run will be more difficult and more unpleasant if they use drugs, and that they will not be able to achieve their intellectual potential or enjoy the quality of life that they could otherwise. I try to show them the alternatives they have in life.

I also find it quite effective to explain that they will be like lost little children in an adult world, unable to cope with their problems. I have far more than few teenage patients now who have a very difficult time facing problems, such as interreacting with friends, especially those of the opposite sex. They are afraid to take on responsibilities; they are afraid to make moves; they are afraid to face various changes in their lives. Because of their drug use, they have arrested the natural progression of their social maturity that is necessary for teens and preteens.

Parents are more ready to accept the problem and the fact that you cannot postpone action in the hope that the problem will go away. If they recognize that there is a drug problem, most parents are far more ready now to seek treatment because they recognize that if their child does not become drug free, he won't lead a normal life.

I am optimistic. The trend is toward less drug use in our society. We have faced the consequences and realized how we have deteriorated in comparison to other cultures where there are not drug users.

Listen Magazine interviewed Dr. Ingrid Lantner September 1984.

CHRISTMAS FOR CHRIST

The stores are already pushing their Christmas wares before Halloween has arrived and the commercial world makes a major effort to convince us that the size of our Christmas gifts show our devotion to the 'Christmas Spirit.' The liquor traffic will urge us to be filled with 'good cheer' as though booze ever brought cheer to anyone.

Yet, still the message of Bethlehem persists and overcomes all other competing calls. The Christ of the manger became the Christ of the Cross and of the Resurrection. God so loved us that He gave us His very best, His own Son.

We who love the Lord are glad He did come and that He is still here, in the hearts of His children. As we enter the Christmas Season we hope and pray that your Christmas will be a time of rich blessing and that you and your loved ones are happy and content with His many gifts.

From the members of the Prohibition National Committee and the entire Dodge family comes a special hope that you have a blessed and merry Christmas and a joyous and service-filled New Year.

O Wondrous  
Child of  
Bethlehem,  
O Man of  
Majesty!  
Who lifted  
high above  
the Star

THE CROSS OF CALVARY!  
CHRIST OF THE LOWLY MANGER,  
CHRIST OF GETHSEMANE,

Bless any  
heart this  
Christmas  
night  
That takes  
the road to  
Thee!



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