

ONE YEAR WITHOUT LIQUOR

A GEORGIA (U.S.A.) EXPERIENCE PROHIBITION DOES WORK!

Outstanding Results of the First Year of Prohibition in Upson County, Georgia

Injuries Caused by Drunkenness—“Decreased by 50 per cent, or more” according to a leading doctor.

Arrests for Drunken Offences, including Drunken Driving—Decreased 21 per cent. in last six months. Improvement most noticeable in City of Thomastown, where 33 per cent. drop is shown by court dockets for same period.

Deaths—Only 3 highway deaths so far in 1949 (9 months) compared with 16 deaths in 1948 (12 months).

Venereal Disease—Amazing drop of 68 per cent. in first year of prohibition proves connection between “legal liquor” and prostitution. County health records verify this.

Vice Area—“Honky Tonk Row,” infamous drinking, prostitution, and gambling section, practically cleaned up.

PROHIBITION DOES WORK! WE FOUGHT TO GET IT— NOW WE MUST FIGHT TO KEEP IT!

Comments by Pastors

The fight against liquor was led by the pastors and their churches. No moral fight can ever succeed without courageous ministerial leadership. None can fail with it.

Rev. Raymond C. Moore, First Baptist Church, Thomastown, and president of the Upson County Citizens' League: “The results of the first year of Prohibition are most encouraging. The drop in crime, the great decrease in liquor-caused injuries and the phenomenal decrease in venereal diseases have more than justified the terrific fight necessary to get legal liquor out of the country.”

Rev. C. H. Thomas, Silvertown Methodist Church and president of the Ministerial Association: “One year of Prohibition has brought remarkable improvement to the County. We pastors are more certain than ever that the way to fight vice is to treat liquor as an outlaw.”

Rev. Clyde Lancaster, Zion's Methodist Church, a man who has lived and preached for several years in the former vice section: “The shameful conditions which disgraced this area have been largely cleaned up. It is a different community now.”

—“Upson County Citizens' League.”

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BOMBAY GOES “DRY” TOTAL PROHIBITION IN PROVINCE

The news from New Delhi that Bombay had gone “dry,” was announced in the “Auckland Herald,” of March 31st, 1950.

“Bombay, with three million inhabitants became the world's biggest ‘dry’ city yesterday. At midnight all bars were compulsorily closed. The Bombay Congress Government will sacrifice annual excise revenue of £9 million by enforcing from April 6th, a total ban on all alcoholic drinks throughout the Bombay Province.”

SAFETY ON THE ROADS THE MENACE OF DRINKING DRIVERS

It was stated recently, that there had been in the past two years, 269 New Zealand road accidents which brought injury or worse to unfortunate victims, to which drink had contributed. The Transport Department has been to considerable trouble going through every report to find out the facts about such accidents and below are some of the results of their analysis.

Out of 269 accidents, 115 of them occurred on Saturdays, 41 on Fridays, and 38 on Sundays, and the remainder on the other days. Probably Sunday figures represented the aftermath of Saturday night parties.

Fifty per cent. of all drunken drivers were between 20 and 30 years of age. The analysis goes deeper than these figures given in a general sense, but they serve to show us the menace created by the drinking driver in our midst.

WHY SIGN A PLEDGE?

“Why should I sign a pledge of total abstinence? I don't drink—but I don't want to sign anything.” Has anybody ever said that to you? Here is my reply. “The Government of our country is responsible for making our laws. Many people approach the Government about the drink trade, and some of them are agitating for greater facilities for the sale of intoxicating liquor. The Government must consider these questions which are put to them, and one thing they will ask, ‘What sort of opposition will there be to any new measures to increase drinking?’ Obviously the total abstinence societies will oppose, and the next question is, ‘How many total abstainers are there? Is the number sufficient for much notice to be taken of their opinion?’ **If you are a teetotaler and you do not belong to anything**—in other words, you have not signed the pledge of a total abstinence society, **your number cannot count, and instead you will be recorded as a citizen who would not oppose increased drinking.** Think this over carefully. Is it worth while in order to help the cause for you to sign yourself as a pledged member?”

—From British “White Ribbon.”

WHAT IS WRONG WITH GAMBLING?

1.—Gambling is wrong because (a) it appeals to the lower motives—greed, covetousness and laziness and (b) it violates the Christian principle of stewardship. No stretch of imagination would ever conceive it possible to gamble to the glory of God.

2.—Gambling is wrong, because the gambler is not doing one atom of service to the community for the money he is taking. The transfer of wealth purely on the basis of chance undermines the social, moral and ethical value of industry, thrift and honesty. Machiavelli declared that a State intent on conquest would put down gambling within its own borders with a heavy hand and encourage it among its enemies.

3.—Gambling is wrong because it destroys character. The gambling spirit blinds the moral vision and hardens the heart against the sufferings of others. Some of the meanest, most cowardly and most selfish actions are done by gamblers.

—Extract from “A National Menace,” by Rev. J. D. Salmond.

THE COLOSSAL COST OF WAR

Hitler's war cost Germany an estimated total of £42,500 million sterling, according to the German Economic Research Institute.

The Institute, to drive the lesson home, have said that about £22,500 million of this could have provided a fully-furnished home with a garden and a car for every family in Germany.

The Institute also illustrated its point by showing that some of the money spent on the war could have provided, among other things:—

1,000,000 new motor cars, 700,000 one-family homes, 130,000 apartment houses, 60,000 modern small farms, 50,000 handicraft factories, each employing 10 people, 6,000 athletic fields, 4,000 schools and 1,700 hospitals.

—A.A.P.—“The White Ribbon Signal.”

THE WINE FOR THE WEDDING (Unfermented)

Cover 16lbs. or less of dark grapes with water, boil until juice is well extracted—about three hours. Place in a jelly bag and allow to drain into an earthenware vessel all night. Do not squeeze the bag.

To each quart of juice add 1lb. of sugar, boil half an hour, then bottle. Use a quarter tumbler of juice and fill with water.

Thanks to the “Weekly News.”

To preserve the wine, or to use it for Communion purposes, dip the corks in hot wax when bottling it.

—Levin.