

Our state and nation face a real problem in the sale and consumption of intoxicating beverages. But it is our contention that legalizing alcohol will not only fail to solve the problem, but will make our situation relative to drink worse.

For one thing, we contend that ABC stores will increase drinking and drunkenness. Authorities in our ABC counties ought to know. Said the chief of police. Edward Belangia, of New Bern: "About 90 or 95% of arrests, which are made are caused by drinking whiskey. Plain drunks arrested on our streets and other places have MORE THAN DOUBLED since the ABC stores have been established.

The ABC stores in Mecklenburg county have increased the consumption of hard liquors, according to the police records. The city police, Charlotte, reported 6.754 arrest for drunkenness in 1946 (before the ABC store), and for the first 11 months in 1948, the arrests were 7,754. Drunken driving for the same period in 1948 was 443, while there were only 306 in 1946.

Increase In Consumption Of Liquor

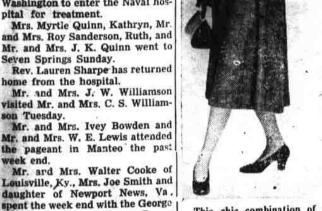
What Legalized Liquor Cost The State

Something has been said about moderate drinkers, but the liquor industry makes their profits from "excessive drinkers." The more liquor that is sold, the more revenue they make, and that is the chief aim of the liquor interest.

But what does it COST THE STATE to care for the drinkers and drunkards that result from the liquor business? There are 1,000,000 alcholics (drunkards) in the United States, according to Dr. E. N. Jellinek of Yale University, Many of these physical and moral wrecks must be provided for by the government. During the five year period from 1942 to 1947, the State Hospital, Raleigh, (Dix Hill) received 1.149 men and 124 women. The Keeley Institute has received 1.005 alcoholic patients from North Carolina. The annual loss of wages caused by strong drink is \$432,000,000, according to the economist Benson Y. Landis.

Moreover, the non-drinkers have to help carry the burden of cost in increased insurance rates, etc., resulting from more accidents caused by people driving under the influence of drink, and a shorted life expectancy due to alcoholism. (The Life Insurance

spent the week end with the George This chic combination of soft s Miss Lucy Emma Brown tweed and crisp linen was guilty of traffic-stopping by Cos-mopolitan's Male-Tested Fashions jury. The dress is part of the \$100 wardrobe featured in the magawardrobe featured in the maga-zine's August issue. A Surrey Classic with leather belt and bono buttons all in a row, it sells sepa-rately for about \$17. You can vary its effect with a silk ascot at the neck while collar and cuffs are in the wash. Ezio Pinza, Peter Law-ford and Montgomery Clift were ford and Montgomery Clift were the "all in favor" of this dress Available in brown, green or black Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Bullock of Mt. Olive, announce the birth of a dau-



is returning to Louisville with the Cookes to take a course in stenographic work.

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Miss Charlotte Hodges, Field Representative of the Dept. of Welfare will be in Kenansville Friday on a routine visit.

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"Since the repeal of prohibition," according to R. M. Hauss, of the Allied Church League, "consumption of alcoholic beverages have increased approximately five times. In 1934, \$2,000,000,000 worth of liquor was sold, and in 1947 the amount was \$9,640,000,-000. In 1934 the average consumption per individual was 8.4 gallons; in 1947, it was 30 gallons per individual.

as was the consumption in 1937." In 1934, "there was 34,000,000 people in America who drank; in 1948, the number of drinkers leaped to 65,000.000."

Legalized Liquor Doesn't Stop Bootlegging

If you really want old-fashion bootlegging, just establish ABC stores," said R. M. Hauss. And the mayor of Kinston, Hon. Guy Elliott, said: "I do not think it (ABC stores) decreased the illegal sale of whiskey. In fact, I think it made it more profitable for the bootlegger because they not only handled non-taxed liquor, but they buy and re-sell taxpaid whiskey. The fourth major raid in Mecklenburg County since the sale of hard liquor became legal resulted in the arrest of 16 bootleggers. Twenty Lenoir County residents were recently convicted in the New Bern Federal Courts on charges of violating the-liquor laws.

Moonshiners Busy In ABC Counties

"Small-Time Moonshiners are back in business," said Sigabee Miller, in The Char-lotte Observer, April 17, 1948. "The stills are getting smaller and more numerous," re-That the alcoholic inc ports T. E. Patton. "The business is booming." ... A.B.C. stores don't seem to enter into the picture. When Mecklenburg County was dry, a moonshiner was a rare find. And at the same time in Craven County, where liquor was legalized, the moonshiners flourished.

"The ABC stores will sell from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the bootleggers from 5 p.m. to of drink for the sake of money. 9 a.m." A lady recently told the writer that the bootleggers were particularly busy in their own town over the week end while the ABC store was closed.

Revenue From Liquor

Advocates of the ABC stores lay much emphasis upon the revenue derived from the sale of liquor. In fact, if the profit motive was taken out of liquor, the industry would

dry rot. Judge Wm. H. Bobbitt, of Charlotte, said: "You cannot found an enduring social order or build up enduring citizenship on liquor profits . . .

"You will never build a great state or a great country upon profits derived from the sale of liquor," said Senator Clyde R. Hoey.

"Protection of its citizens is the function of the state. It is intolerable that any government through participation in revenue should be a party to a business which thrives upon the physical, social, moral and spiritual decay of its people," said Bishop C. Purcell.

Companies will give you some startling figures

Control Stores?

The people should not be faciled by the words "control" in connection with ABC stores. A prominent citizen of Kinston said that the words "control" relative to the sale 'Consumption in North Carolina," he continued, "was nine times as much in 1948 and consumption of liquor was the keenest bit of stragety that the devil ever got across to man. The destillers and government, as the above figures indicate, are heaping up the sales of liquor rather than controlling it. The dominant motive is sales, money and more money, not regulation.

And Don't Be Fooled By The Way The Question Is Stated On The Ballot. Be Sure To Vote AGAINST the so-called "CONTROL" of Liquor.

Did You Know?

That no one expected to be a drunkard when he started "moderate drinking," and that three out of 10 moderate drinkers become drunkards.

That some people are allergic to alcohol, and that they have an overwhelming desire for over-indulgence until they become "diseased drinkers" or drunkards.

That health authorities rank alcoholism with cancer, heart and venereal disease as a public health menace.

That the distinguishing mark of an alcoholic is that, once he takes a drink he cannot stop until he is too drunk to drink any more.

That the chemist, classifies alcohol as "poison" and that it has a special affinity

That the alcoholic industry spent \$112,000,000 last year in advertising their pro-

That the public schools and the churches are teaches the ill effects of alcohol. While the liquor industry and the government (where liquor is legalized), is urging the sale

That there are 4,000,000 alcoholics in the United States, 750,000 of whom are in the final stages of the disease, according to Dr. E. N. Jellinek, of Yale University.

Some Wise Sayings

"Look not upon the wine when it is red . . . At last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder." -Prov. 23:31-32.

"O God, that men should put an enemy (liquor) in their mouths to steal away their brains."-Shakespeare.

"Liquor might have defenders, but no defense."-Abraham Lincoln.

"By legalizing the traffic we agree to share with the liquor-seller the responsibilities and evils of his business. Everyone who votes for license becomes of necessity a partner to the liquor traffic and all its consequences."-Wm. McKinley.

"A lot of people think a lot more about the little bit of revenue the State receives from legalized whiskey, beer and wine than they do about the harm it does, the lives lost, and the evil influences."-Judge J. Paul Frizzelle, North Carolina.

