

## ABC STORES IN VIRGINIA

(Continued from front page.)

3,000 Ladies dresses at \$10	30,000.00
15,000 Women's coats at \$30	45,000.00
600,000 Pounds meat at 15c	90,000.00
900,000 Pounds sugar at 5c	45,000.00
30,000 Barrels flour at \$6	180,000.00
300,000 Pounds lard at 15c	45,000.00
300,000 Bu. meal at \$1	300,000.00
3,000 bbl. apples at \$3	9,000.00
6,000 pr overalls at \$2	12,000.00
9,000 Suits underwear at \$1	9,000.00
15,000 doz. eggs at 25c	3,750.00
30,000 Chickens at 75c	22,500.00
	<b>\$1,541,250.00</b>

This leaves a balance of \$99,967.95 with which to buy luxuries.

The above figures are startling to anyone and you can hardly believe they are true. The amount spent for liquor was far more than \$1,641,217.95 during this time as this amount went through the ABC stores. Of this \$1,641,217.95 Danville got in revenue \$27,557.15. I would be ashamed to ever mention revenue from the sale of intoxicating liquor to ruin and damn women and children of any community.

The bootlegger still flourishes in our midst. He has no taxes to pay and can buy his liquor very cheap and sell it for half the liquor stores can. Evidently there is more bootlegging in our city and state than has even been in this country. Our city during the month of February arrested 100 bootleggers here in one day and they are continuing to make arrests from time to time of those selling illegal liquor. The ABC store is a shield for the bootlegger.

Drunkenness continues to increase in our city and state. In 1934 we only arrested 492 people for drunkenness and in 1935 there were

1676 and I am sure the officers did not get more than half those who were drinking. I am sure the old open saloon was much better than the liquor stores are. Women never went into the saloon and now they are large patrons of our ABC stores. The state comes in here and opens their stores just where it suits them, open and close their stores as they wish. Our city officials have no say in the matter. We furnish police protection at our expense and take care of the drunks that follow in the wake of liquor. On Saturday, our payday, their stores keep open until ten o'clock at night to get the last penny the poor working man has made that week. On other days they close at eight o'clock.

Lots of our merchants thought it would help bring business to Danville by opening stores here. Nearly three years trial of them has passed and I would be glad for you to come here and talk with every merchant in our city. They tell me that with the high prices of tobacco for the past three years that business is from 10 to 20 per cent under what it was in 1934 when we had no ABC store here. I guess they are telling the truth about it. All this money leaving Danville for legal liquor will cut the profits of the merchants very much.

Some thought it would help the tobacco market too. It never has brought one pound of tobacco extra to our city. It has had a tendency to keep some good farmers from coming here that preferred to go to the places where there was not so much liquor being sold. The reason I know it has not caused tobacco to come to Danville, while we have one of the largest markets in the world, they come here through Lawrenceville and South Hill, over 100 miles, and haul their tobacco through these towns that have ABC stores.

If there is anything good that can be said about the stores here I don't know what it can be. They are conducted in an orderly manner at the same time trying to sell all the liquor they can for the state of

Virginia. The total legal sales in Virginia last year for all alcoholic beverages amounted to over \$25,000,000.00.

I have no quarrel with my good friends who do not see this liquor evil as I see it. The Eighteenth Amendment was poorly enforced but it was a long ways better than to have liquor stores in your midst. The facts and figures I have given here are not mine but I got them from the State Auditor of Virginia and from the clerk of the police court of this city.

(Signed) M. O. NELSON, Sr.

### AID DEPENDENT CHILDREN

One of the most human pieces of legislation ever enacted in North Carolina is the Aid to Dependent Children Act which goes into effect July 1, this year.

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A COUPLE OF LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPS—Tony Canzoneri, World's Lightweight Champ for many years, relaxes in his New York restaurant with another lightweight king, the Steinie beer bottle. The popular lightweight contender helped the lightweight contender rest up for the grind of training for his comeback try at the crown on May 7. Steinie itself has little opportunity to rest, being in active service for 244 leading brewers.



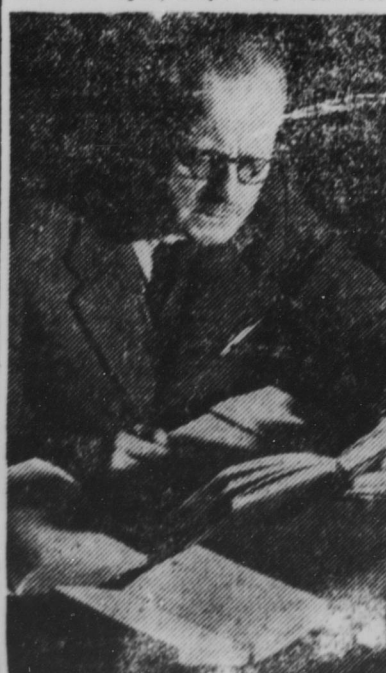
SHE'S A LATIN FROM HOLLYWOOD: Playing up the style trend (in a condensed form) shapely Joan Blondell displays what might be the last word in style, come hot weather.



TOSSES A MEAN HAMMER! Bill Lynch, Princeton University, winds up for the toss that won the Hammer Throw event of the Penn Relays.



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