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BIBLE THOUGHT

"Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink,
that putteth thy bottle to him, and maketh him
drunken also." Habakkuk 2:15

OUR BEER ELECTION

The voters of Jackson county will have an opportunity on next Tuesday to express their opinion, through the use of their ballot, on the ever-present, beer and wine problem. The problem of how best to control and combat the evil of intoxicating beverages has been a vexing one for generations, and we seem to be as far from settling the problem as we were back in the days before national prohibition was voted in. The trouble, it seems to us, is that there is too much legislation, and not enough education coupled with the matter. Legislating out strong drink will not stop drinking. Those who fight and vote for prohibition and the dry laws should not stop fighting once the laws are passed and on the books—that is just the time to really get down to work on a program of educating the younger generation in the evil and disastrous consequences which follow and catch up with anyone who habitually uses strong drink.

Of course, in the strict sense of the word, beer is not an intoxicating drink, but it associates itself with stronger drink, and is therefore considered in that category. Wine, however, is another thing, and mixed with a little beer or whiskey, sets the mind aflame.

Some of the effects of strong drink can be summed up as follows: It clogs the brain. It overpowers the heart. It checks the action of the lungs. It creates an appetite which is only increased by being gratified. It causes diseases on to the third and fourth generations by the laws of heredity. It not only ruins the mental and physical faculties, but weakens and wrecks the moral powers. These are a few of the things intoxicating liquor does to people.

Knowing these are the unquestioned results of the use of beer and wine, are you going to uphold its sale in Sylva and Jackson county? Do you want to be responsible for your son or daughter or anyone's son or daughter being a sufferer of either or all of these evil consequences of strong drink?

The issue is squarely up to the individual voters of Jackson county as to whether they wish to rid the county of the legal sale of beer and wine. Everyone should exercise this privilege.

The vote, however, one way or the other, is not going to stop people from drinking. A broad educational program to combat this menace should be provided through our schools, churches, and homes.

A GROWING INSTITUTION

Elsewhere in The Herald will be found a notice of the annual meeting of the stockholders of The Jackson County Bank in which the directors report 1947 as one of the best years in the history of the institution. The Herald extends its congratulations to the officers, directors and stockholders.

The economic condition of a county can pretty well be judged by the condition of the bank serving it, and from the recent report of The Jackson County Bank we can feel that we have a healthy business condition here. We are proud our community is served by a strong, progressive bank, such as we have here. Those directly responsible for the policies of the bank are to be commended for the job they have accomplished. In doing the job as they have they have built up their clients, which in turn

INSIDE WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON—The Republican convention in Philadelphia next summer looks like the most wide open race in many a year. For many months, it appeared that the battle would be between Senator Robert A. Taft (R), Ohio, and Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York with former Gov. Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota as a lone wolf candidate, and a few favorite sons to add some spice.

However, the drum-beating for Gov. Earl Warren of California on the west coast stepped up the pace. Then, when Milwaukee sponsors of Gen. Douglas MacArthur started passing out buttons and plastering signboards, the GOP rank and file knew that there would be a first-rate contest at the convention.

Lurking in the background, of course, is Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, who is not saying anything but who continues to act like a man who would accept if he were drafted.

As matters now stand, the GOP, unlike the Democrats, have too many, not too few, candidates.

CONGRESSIONAL HEADACHES

The 80th Congress has more than its share of headaches in prospect now that body has reconvened for its second session. Topping the list is the issue uppermost in the minds of nearly everyone: how to cope with the high cost of living. Republican leaders consider this their No. 1 worry.

Sharing doubtful honors with inflation is the Marshall Plan, on whose implementation President Truman has set an April 1 deadline. There is also the side issue of Chinese aid. The administration is now working out details of an aid program for China.

Here are some other matters high up on the congressional docket:

Tax reduction and budget cuts, extension of rent controls, universal military training, extension of the social security program, housing, educational aid to states and government-assisted medical aid.

Despite this difficult agenda, the GOP leadership hopes to adjourn Congress after a session of less than six months in time for members to attend the Republican and Democratic conventions in June and July.

MARSHALL PLAN—There is a growing belief in Congress that President Truman and the State department began "selling" the Marshall Plan too early and that the edge will be off public enthusiasm by the time legislators are called upon to vote.

The government's strongest argument for the plan's adoption — checking the spread of Communism in Europe—is being argued against with increasing force by periodicals, and the arguments are finding receptive ears among congressmen and senators looking for a platform for their opposition.

Real reason behind the mounting congressional opposition to the Plan, of course, is the large outlays involved which again jeopardize any large tax cut for Americans. These tax cuts were labeled by Republicans as one of their strongest gambits to capture the presidential elections next year.

However, the argument of no money for Europe in order to make way for a tax cut is considered too blunt in some Republican strategy circles.

They desire, instead, to reduce the program greatly from President Truman's recommendations on the ground that the smaller sum can do the same work.

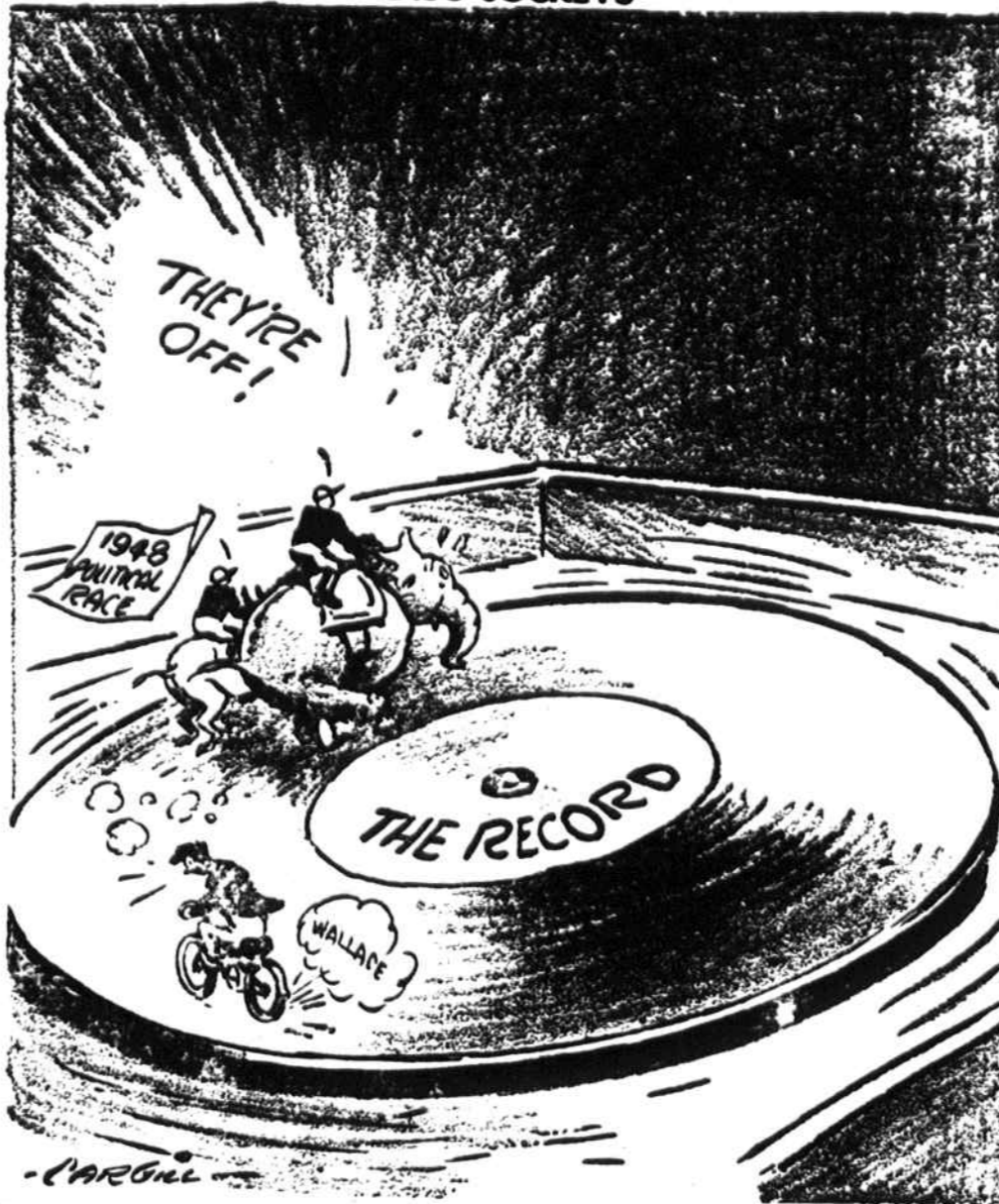
Then, with this accomplished, push ahead with a tax cut somewhere in the neighborhood of the 5.6 billion dollars proposed by House ways and means committee chief, Harold Knutson (R), Minnesota.

motivates the already rapid progress of the bank.

Comparative figures prove this bank's rapid growth—the annual financial report of December 31, 1933 lists deposits at \$275,631.17 as against \$4,388,924.08 as of December 31, 1947. Thus in a period of 13 years deposits have risen more than 4 million dollars. We wish for the bank as great a percentage of growth during the coming 13 years.

An ammunition dump explosion in Switzerland caused a landslide in the mountains. Now even the Alps have a New Look.

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The Everyday Counsellor

By REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.

Polio or infantile paralysis is the bugaboo of every child and parent. But thanks to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, now ten years old, with local chapters all over the country serving the nation's 3,007 counties, much of the terror has been removed.

Fifty per cent of the money raised through the annual March of Dimes is retained by the local chapters "to provide the aid required by the polio victims regardless of age, race, creed or color. Assistance includes payment of hospitalization, medical, nursing and physical therapy service, orthopedic appliances and transportation to and from hospitals and clinics."

The other 50% of the money raised is used for research, epidemic aid and education. It evaluates new methods of treatment and makes such knowledge available to everyone. It provides funds for training physicians, nurses and physical therapists in modern methods of treatment.

These are only a few of the services provided by The National Foundation For Infantile Paralysis to which you contribute in the annual March of Dimes which this year takes place January 15th to 30th.

The National Foundation is leading the most comprehensive and the most intensive people's attack on record against one of the most dreaded and most expensive ills to which mankind is heir.

Treatment for polio is expensive, beyond the limits of the average American budget, but the local chapters make available financial help to those in their area according to need. This is not to be construed as charity, and those who seek it are not to feel that it is such. "The money raised by the March of Dimes is considered a trust fund to bring back health, strength and usefulness to those stricken by polio."

The Foundation reports that in an average group of 100 cases of polio: 50 will recover completely; 25 to 30 will show slight after-effects; 15 to 20 will be seriously crippled; 5 to 10 will die. The battle continues to isolate the virus which causes polio, and to eventually provide effective inoculation against it.

Free literature on infantile paralysis can be had by writing The National Foundation For Infantile Paralysis, 120 Broadway, New York 5, N. Y.

Polio is no respecter of persons or classes. When you contribute to the March of Dimes, you may be contributing to the future welfare of a member of your own family; if not, certainly to the welfare of another's family.

One group of high school students, in the annual March of Dimes campaign, when confronted

Birth Announcement

Sgt. and Mrs. Bill McClung of Greenville, S. C. announce the birth of a daughter, Billie Sharon, on Tuesday, January 20, at the C. J. Harris Community hospital. Mrs. McClung is the former Ruthalene Sims of Sylva.

by an appeal to hire a physical therapist in their hospital, decided to do something about it. They voted to give up candy during the March of Dimes campaign, as part of their effort. Their slogan was, "I can do so much—for so many—for so little."
What are you going to do about it this year?

Miss Stillwell Presented In Recital At Meredith
Raleigh, Jan. 15—Elizabeth Stillwell of Sylva, was presented on Thursday on the student recital at Meredith College, playing at the piano her own original composition, "Moods", which will be entered in the annual State competition to be held in Greensboro in March. Miss Stillwell is pursuing work at Meredith this year for her second degree, the bachelor of music. She was graduated last June with the degree of bachelor of arts. She is a composition of Dr. Harry E. Cooper.

Strong And Heartman Going To Chillicothe For Special Course
Mike Strong, chemist for The Mead Corporation here, will leave Saturday for Chillicothe, Ohio to attend a school for foremen at the main office at The Mead paper making industry. Walter Hartman, also of the local Mead plant, will leave next week for Chillicothe for a similar course. On their return to Sylva both men will give special instructions to personnel of the Sylva plant.

RETONGA A BLESSING SAYS TENN. LEGISLATOR

Hon. W. J. Matthews, Father Of Good Roads And School Laws Thanks Noted Medicine For Regained Strength And Tells About His Own Case

Happily praising Retonga for his regained strength, Hon. W. J. Matthews, of Algood, Tenn., declares the famous medicine was "a god-send" in his case. Mr. Matthews served many years in both the House and Senate of Tennessee from Overton, Clay, Pickett, Fentress, and Putnam counties. He is author of many progressive measures, including the good roads system and Tennessee Polytechnic School in Cookeville. For thirty-two years he was a merchant and druggist at Algood.

"Until a year ago I enjoyed splendid health," states Mr. Matthews, "Then I began to have lots of gas pains and acid indigestion.

It got so I scarcely wanted to eat anything at all. I felt miserably weakened and run-down, I could not get a good nights sleep, and I had to rely largely on strong laxatives for elimination. My weight dropped from 160 lbs. to 135 lbs and I became alarmed.

"Being a druggist I knew the ingredients of Retonga are good, and the relief it brought me was a god-send. I enjoy my meals now with no more worry about what to eat to avoid indigestion. I sleep restfully, I do not have to depend on harsh laxatives, and my weight is back to a normal 158 pounds. I feel good all the time and enjoy looking after my three farms and other interests. I shall be glad to tell anyone what Retonga did for me."

Probably no man in Tennessee enjoys a wider friendship or greater respect than Mr. Matthews. Retonga may be obtained at Sylva Pharmacy—Adv.

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