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EDITORIAL

A VITAL DECISION

Citizens of Hot Springs will decide Saturday whether or not liquor can be legally sold in that town.

Whenever such a referendum is held there are always two points of view. One viewpoint is that the tax revenue derived from the net sales is beneficial to many sources and provides needed revenue for school improvements.

This point of view, however, is challenged by many who strongly oppose the sale of liquor in any method, including the Alcoholic Beverage Control method.

Opponents of "open liquor stores" also point out what moral decay whiskey is causing in our country and can't see how any Christian could vote in favor of selling the stuff legally.

In some ways, the question boils down to two points: (1) Financial benefits derived from the legal sale of liquor; or, (2) the moral decay of a community who puts its "stamp of approval" on drinking liquor by voting for ABC stores.

As has been pointed out above, these two viewpoints clash strongly whenever such an election is ordered. Recently, several North Carolina towns have had similar elections.

In recent weeks many "Letters To The Editor," articles, and poems, all opposed to ABC Stores, have been published in this newspaper.

We previously stated that we would publish "all sides" as long as space permitted but, to date, we have not received anything for publication which was in favor of legalizing the sale of liquor.

We have talked with several Hot Springs citizens, both "pro" and "con" and their conversations have been interesting.

One proponent pointed out that "... if Hot Springs is to expand and become more inviting to tourists and future residents an ABC store would greatly help." Another citizen stated that "... there are several places in Hot Springs now where liquor can be purchased with no tax benefits ... also plenty of liquor can be purchased a few miles from Hot Springs ... I'm in favor of ABC stores over present conditions," he concluded.

Many Hot Springs people do not share this viewpoint.

The Christian Action League of Hot Springs has vigorously fought the issue. Meetings have been held and active visitation has been spearheaded by its members. The Rev. C. R. Heier, Presbyterian pastor, along with other Hot Springs pastors and church members, have strongly denounced the plan for legalizing the sale of liquor.

Yes, we said there were different viewpoints. On Saturday the citizens of Hot Springs are to decide on a vital issue.

The verdict is now in the hands of Hot Springs citizens.

Letters to the Editor...

U.S. MAIL

Praises Officials

The News-Record Marshall, North Carolina Dear Editor:

As chairman of the Christian Action League of Hot Springs, I wish to express appreciation to the election officials for the coming ABC Store election - Swann Huff, Bernice Wright, and Carroll Anderson.

Sincerely, HARRY SELERLS

Against Strong Drink

The News-Record Marshall, N. C. Dear Mr. Story:

I would like to write a few words in your paper in regard to the liquor question. (I understand there is soon to be a vote taken in the town of Hot Springs on whether or not to have legalized whiskey.)

I have seen men drink up bank accounts and farms, even steal to get a drink.

I work with the N. C. Prison Dept. Almost all the inmates are confined because of strong drink in one way or another.

Some people say we can make a lot of revenue from legalized liquor, but they don't tell you that it costs far more to enforce the laws because of this evil than the revenue received from it.

Court records show that 75-90% of criminal cases have some connection with alcohol. More homes are broken up by alcohol than any one thing.

Legalized liquor can't be brought to Hot Springs unless some church members vote for it. Just remember before you vote that it may be you or yours who will be run

over by some drunk driver who bought his liquor in Hot Springs.

If I quit here, you could say, and rightly so, that this is just my idea. Let us see what God's Word says: In Proverbs 14:34 we read: "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."

Finally, in Isaiah 28:7 we read: "But they also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way; the priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble in judgment."

Sincerely yours, ROY V. RAMSEY

Mars Hill, N. C. July 8, 1963

The News-Record Marshall, N. C. Dear Sir:

Almost thirty years ago I sent a poem to The News-Record I had composed entitled "The Liquor Habit." Because of the coming election I would like to have it published again.

Sincerely MRS. CLAYTON WORLEY P.S. Also, "Decision" I have just written.

"THE LIQUOR HABIT"

'Tis only a dark beverage of hell, who ever named it, named it well.

You may stand by the bar and drink You really do this before you think.

The results of this are bound to be bad, And your fate will be very, very sad.

Though the habit of it you do not make,

Are you doing this just for anyone's sake. No, you're doing no good at all. Things that are bad always come

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ALLANSTAND

MRS. RICHARD SHELTON

The Rev. William Dahlanburg filled his regular appointment at the Belva Bible Church last Sunday afternoon, using for the Scripture lesson, I Chronicles 13:1-14; the text, "One Way."

The Sunday School is steadily improving. Mr. Walter Wade Gahagan, our new adult teacher, did an excellent job teaching the class Sunday.

Mrs. Delmos Cook returned home from the hospital and was able to attend church last Sunday.

Mrs. Ernest Phillips and children of Baltimore are spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gahagan.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Trimble and daughter, Debbie spent a few days last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Trimble.

Mr. Birchard Shelton has his bridge almost complete. This is the fourth time he has built the bridge and we hope it will last.

Mr. Charlie Thomas and brother, Jeter, of Walnut were on Little Laurel Tuesday.

Mrs. Bessie Hamilton of Seattle, Washington, ex-wife of the late Harrison Gahagan, passed away last week. She was a sister-in-law of Mrs. Magnolia Shelton, Mrs. Alice Hunycutt, Mrs. Emily Trimble and John Gahagan.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Reeves and daughters of Marshall visited his mother, Mrs. Stella Reeves, last Thursday.

Miss Livingston, C. B. Franklin Wed Wednesday

Miss Rosemary Livingston and C. B. Franklin were married in a double ring ceremony in Marshall Wednesday, July 24, 1963, with the Rev. Coleman C. Caldwell officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Livingston of Midway, Tenn. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Toney Franklin, of Greeneville, Tennessee.

A Message To The Christians Of Hot Springs

Much has been said and written for and against legalizing the sale of liquor in Hot Springs, a large part of which has been based on secular reasoning and appeal. The ultimate question for a Christian in making any decision: "What does God expect of me," is often ignored on a vital moral issue such as we have before us.

No one can deny or ignore the evil of the liquor traffic. Blind is he who does not see the tragic havoc that alcohol plays with life, and this is the life that God has made for Himself, and the life for whom Christ died.

With respect to alcohol, the word control is deceptive. In my belief, I have encountered scores of people to whom it is an insidious mockery. At the mention of control, they would not laugh in your face, they would cry their hearts out before you.

Jesus turned to His disciples one day and said, "Ye are the salt of the earth."

They were men and women just like you and I who had accepted Him as Lord of their lives. And what part were they to play in the world "Ye are the salt," He said. They knew what He meant. SALT KEEPS THINGS FROM GOING ROTTEN. When-

ever anything in the life of the community is in danger of becoming rancid, the Master's salt must be there to stop the rot from invading; the Master's salt must be the pledge of strong resistance; the Master's salt must engage itself in conflict with rotteness and evil. We as Christians, the Master's salt must fight this thing on Saturday, and we must continue the fight against evil wherever it is encountered. The disciples of Jesus are to be vital enough . . . healthy enough . . . and pungent enough to encounter corruption and evil . . . and destroy it.

"YE ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH," the expectation of Jesus Christ. Has He the right to expect that of us? To this I can only answer, "He loved me, and gave His life for me." This seals His claim on me. He loved you, and gave His life for you. Does that not seal His claim on you? As a Christian how else can one vote on liquor, except NO.

The decision is to be made Saturday. I appeal to you in the name of Christ to be truly Christian: fight this evil . . . vote NO.

By CHARLES R. HEIER, Publicity Chairman of Christian Action League

Singing Convention

The Madison County Singing Convention will be held at the Piney Grove Baptist Church Sunday afternoon beginning at two o'clock. All singers and the public are invited.

Expected to be present are the Joyful Aires, Homeward Bound Quartet, the Cox Brothers and several other groups.

CAN TALK TOO MUCH

Most people know when they have said enough, but only a few have the sense to put the lid on.

HUNTER CREEK

MRS. ERNEST BALL Correspondent

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. Luther Ball Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ball and son, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Ball and Mrs. Thersia Ann Bailey and daughter, Vickie, of Candler. Miss Marie Ball spent Monday night with Mr. and Mrs. Lester Lewis and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Landon Lewis and son called on Mr. and Mrs. Burns Hunter recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Ball were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Claude Ball Sunday.

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