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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 viewpoint also believes that "bootleg" liquor or non-taxpaid liquor is bountiful and those who drink the stuff are going to "find" it somewhere so why not sell it legally and reap the financial benefits?

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. Those who share this viewpoint contend that "two wrongs don't make a right." They are aware of the excessive drinking now taking place but they don't believe that "favoring" the sale of liquor for the revenue it might bring in is at all right or proper.

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 some towns the people voted in favor of ABC stores. In others the people voted against ABC stores. It is going to be entirely up to the citizens of Hot Springs to vote Saturday "FOR" or "AGAINST" a Town Liquor Control Store for that town.

In recent weeks many "Letters To The Editor," articles, and poems, all opposed to ABC Stores, have been published in this newspaper. There were many more received which space would not permit their publication.

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. Another person expressing his views connected the ABC store with Hot Springs' redevelopment program, saying ". . . an ABC store is necessary if our redevelopment program is to be a complete success."

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. One Hot Springs woman summed her feelings up this way: "We have a beautiful and quiet little town . . . ideal for people who are looking for rest and enjoyment. This is the kind of image I want Hot Springs to remain. I'm willing to work a little harder and sacrifice a little more to help our school financially rather than to allow revenue from whiskey to do it."

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...



### Praises Officials

P. O. Box 217  
Hot Springs, N. C.

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. We are grateful for the efficient correction of the town registration books and for the pleasant way in which they have received our challenges of those people who now live away from Hot Springs.

Sincerely,  
HARRY SELERLS

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### Against Strong Drink

Route 5, Box 216  
Marshall, N. C.  
July 22, 1963

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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 whisky.) I want to say that I am against strong drink in any form. I know what it will do when it is taken into the body. I know how it will make a fool out of a person who is sane and intelligent when he is sober. I have seen it take food out of hungry children's mouths and deprive a wife and family of clothing and useful things. I have personally seen men work hard all their lives and make big money, then die a pauper's death because of strong drink. I have seen men who were highly skilled and intelligent, who could have become great men, turn out to bebumbs on skid-row. Some of my close friends and relatives have been destroyed by strong drink.

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." Strong drink is condemned several times in the Bible — Habakkuk 2:15 says: "Woe to him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and maketh him drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness!" Proverbs 20:1 says:

"Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." Proverbs 23:29-32 reads: "Who hath woe? Who hath sorrow? Who hath contentions? Who hath babbling? Who hath wounds without cause? Who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth its color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." 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

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Mars Hill, N. C.  
July 8, 1963

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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 any one's sake.

No, you're doing no good at all.

Things that are bad always come

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### ALLANSTAND

MRS. BIRCHARD SHELTON

The Rev. William Dahlberg 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." This was a very interesting sermon to a large, attentive congregation.

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. Bebbie 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 daughter of Marshall visited his mother, Mrs. Stella Reeves, last Thursday.

## 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. It would be well for us to consider this question.

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-

### Singing Convention

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. Theresa 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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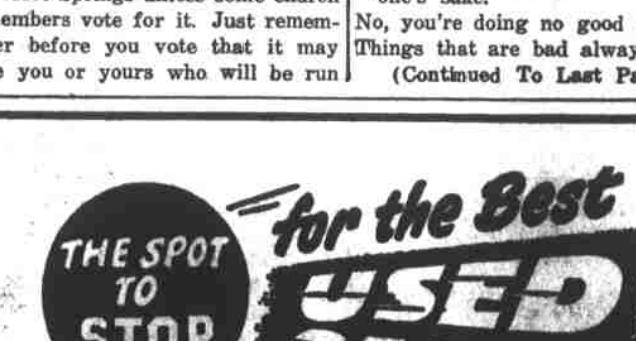
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