

LOCAL OPTION

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continue to disobey law and our hope lies in training the young of its effect upon them. John D. Rockefeller is looking ahead into the future of our great educational system.

Our opponent also said prohibition created a disregard for law and repeal brought a decrease in crime. Do not people still disobey the law now? If all obeyed we would have no use for our courts, police, or prisons. Our opponent also stated that the arrests of youths between 17 and 21 years of age rose from 65 before prohibition to 100, to 200, to 300, and finally in 1934 to 400. Remember that beer came in 1933 and liquor came in 1934. Here are a few facts to show that arrests are increasing: Statistics prove that our penal institutions housed 152,000 men and women, most of them young people and an increase of 6,000 over 1935. In our own county a young man killed a girl and his only excuse was that he was drunk and didn't know why. This year a drive against liquor violations was made and we find that the bootlegger is still with us. The proof is that 1274 stills were confiscated and 140 were arrested for evading the tax on liquors. These violations occurred during a three day law enforcement drive by the various departments of the U. S. Treasury Service in September of this year.

Our opponent states that there was more drinking among the boys and girls during prohibition. He gave figures to show the same. Here are some figures taken from Dr. Goldman—Commissioner of Bellevue Hospital, Dr. Goldman says, "Excessive drinking has increased in leaps and bounds. In 1934, seven thousand four hundred sixty-nine cases of ACUTE alcoholism were brought into their hospital; in 1935, nine thousand one hundred thirty-nine cases were brought in, and in 1936, the number of Acute alcoholism cases are increasing at the rate of twelve thousand three hundred seventy-eight for the year." Dr. Goldman is alarmed. Other hospitals state the same, and remember the taxpayer is paying in part for the upkeep of most hospitals.

Our opponent also states that men and women were put back to work, which may be partly true, but in March, 1935, there were still twelve million people on relief and Repeal had been in almost two years.

Let's see what one of our great industrialists says.

Henry Ford says, "The emergence of America from the horse and buggy period (for the horse was always sober) brought the whole drink question into focus. No one wants to be at the mercy of any machine in the hands of a drinking man." Here are some other quotations:

Connie Mack: "All the empires together have not put as many players out of the game as Old Man Booze."
George W. Coleman: "If alcohol is a hindrance to athletic efficiency, as all trainers allow, it is likewise a handicap in the fierce race for business success."

Lady Astor: "When I have a good time I want to be sober so I can know about it."

Adolph Lorenz, M. D.: "My success depends upon my brain's being clear, my muscles firm, and my nerves steady. As a surgeon, I must not drink."

William J. Mayo, M. D.: "Scientific research has shown that alcohol is a narcotic not a stimulant. Alcohol has little value as a medicinal agent and it certainly carries distinct dangers to those who make use of it as a drink."

Now, let's look at some figures during Prohibition. Banking increased \$33,000,000. There was a \$1,000,000,000 more money coming into our families and life insurance increased \$105,000,000. Fourteen million working men owned their own cars. We had 50 per cent more students in our high schools and 75 per cent more in our colleges. Money that had gone for drink was going for things worth while.

As to taxes: Have your taxes decreased since Repeal? Ours have not. We have persons in our home paying taxes in both Lake Township and Dallas Township and have seen no decrease. Look over your tax cards for the last four years. If Mr. Ryan at the Lake pays as much to County and Township as he refers to (and we all know that all his taxes do not go to the Township and County but must also go on to the State and Nation) we wonder what he has for himself. Our heavy liquor taxes supposed to make the industry pay are making an increase in the number of stills, bootleggers, and crime.

Citizens of the Townships and Borough remember—the moderate drinkers of today are the drunkards of tomorrow. Can you afford to take the chance for your girl or boy? Can you in the name of God pray for his kingdom to come on earth and then make a hell of your place by placing the evils there? Think it over friends and Christians. You ought to down these evils and remember the liquor places where liquor is sold not only carry the evil of drink but of immorality as well. Help your neighbors who live near these liquor places that have to put up with the abuse, torment, fights, loud and most shameful indecent language—help these people to obtain a good wholesome place to live where their

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Mr. and Mrs. Ross Lewin are enjoying the unique experience of having violets in full bloom in their garden in October.

The plants were transplanted last June from the garden of a relative in Goulsborough. They were believed to be dead until a few weeks ago, when they developed buds. By Wednesday they were in full bloom.

The only difference between the Fall blossom and the Spring bloom is the coloring. The October flower is very dark and rich in shade.

girls and boys need not be afraid to cross the street where this abuse and indecency is carried on by drinkers—drinkers whose lives lead to drunkenness and shame, lasciviousness, lying, fornication, and adultery. Let's measure 36 inches to the yard and weigh 16 ounces to the pound.

Mrs. Earl Weidner

Editor:

I see in your paper you want people's views on local option. I have been reading some of them. I was very much impressed with Mrs. Bissell's letter. On the other hand I see Mr. Ryan's letter in last week's issue of how much license fee, how much sales tax and other fees he is paying. He ends up by saying that if we have local option we will stop all this money. They told us when they repealed the Eighteenth Amendment we were not going to have the old saloon, like the olden times, but it is a thousand times worse.

You can get it now in the restaurants, stores or most any place. I think it is one of the worst curses that ever came upon our country, and now the Business Men's Association of Harvey's Lake have the nerve to tell how it is going to raise our taxes. I don't know who they are but may God help us when we put money above the souls of our children.

If I turn my cows in a field of corn they are sure to eat it, but if they have to jump the fence they are not so likely, as long as they do not get a taste of it. It is the same with people. If they do not get a taste of the cursed stuff they are worried for fear people will not drink it, and they are doing everything to tempt them. Why? Because their living depends on it. They make an easy living, sending souls to hell. They say a good drink of beer does you good. In Proverb 20:1 we read "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise again; Proverbs 23:29 and 30: "Who hath contentions? Who has babblings? Who hath wounds without cause? Who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine, they that go to seek mixed wine."

I could give many more if space permitted. When will people wake up to the fact that unless our nation wakes up and stamps this cursed stuff out we are doomed? It is one of the worst curses along with the cigarette. They go hand in hand, only cigarettes do not blight homes, blight lives, ruin character, murder and debauch men and women, make wife-beaters, orphan children.

Read the curse of drink or the liquor traffic in its true light. May God help us as a nation to not sell out to Satan so cheap. May God give us men with enough moral fibre in their backbone to stand out square against this curse that is ruining our country. I see in last week's issue of The Post on Page 2 they say a vote for local option means a vote for the bootlegger, but statistics show that in New York City and Philadelphia alone there are more bootleggers now than there was during prohibition, and there are more people on relief now than there was in 1932. I am 100 per cent for local option.

John S. Sutton
Dallas R. R. 4

Editor:

It has been stated in your paper several times in connection with the coming vote on local option that schools receive revenue from liquor licenses.

Outlet

MRS. JOHN SUTTON
CORRESPONDENT

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Richards and daughter Jackie were Wilkes-Barre callers on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Schooley and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wells of Trucksville visited Mrs. I. Ide recently who has been ill but is somewhat improved now.

A number of people from this place attended the Republican Rally held at Lehman High School on Friday evening.

Mrs. Wilbur Hoover spent Monday afternoon in Wilkes-Barre.

Joyce Hoover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russel Hoover, is confined to her home with the grippe.

Mrs. John Greene is improved after having a bad cold.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Rogers and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rogers on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Garring and sons, Billy and Zane visited Mr. and Mrs. Russel Hoover and family on Sunday.

Mrs. Russel Hoover spent Wednesday, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Firman Sooker of Harvey Lake.

Mrs. Harry Rossmann spent Monday in Wilkes-Barre.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Baer and family spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Walter Booth of Loyalville.

Mrs. Laura Kocker called on Mrs. Russel Hoover on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillips Roscoe expect to occupy the Millrook home vacated by Andrew Zosh and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Moyer and son spent a few days recently with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Baer.

Mr. and Mrs. Russel Hoover and family called on the latter's uncles, Crawford and Melvin Rosencraus of Mooretown recently.

Rev. Lewis Seifert called on Roy Rogers and family on Monday.

The beautiful new home of Wilbur Hoovers on Lake and Lehman road is near completion, they expect to occupy it in the near future.

Sunday school is held at 10 o'clock at the Free Methodist S. S. Young peoples' meeting at 7. Church at 7:45. Rev. Lewis Feifert pastor, a cordial welcome to all.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sutton and family spent Tuesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Steve Ide.

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The local school district receives no revenue from liquor licenses in the Borough. This is confirmed by a letter from the Department of Public Instruction dated September 22, 1936, reading as follows:
Under the provisions of the Liquor License Law, the funds from license fees are paid to the Borough Council, not to the school district.
D. A. Waters,
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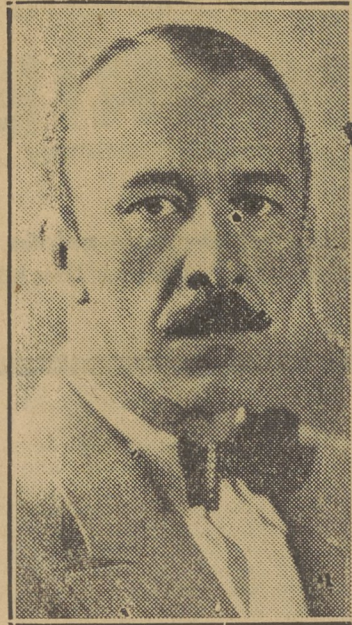
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Attorney J. Harold Flannery, candidate for Congress, was born in Pittston, son of Major and Mrs. John T. Flannery. He comes from patriotic parentage, his father having been an officer in the Old Ninth Infantry of Wilkes-Barre for many years.

After completing his elementary education in Pittston and at Wyoming Seminary he graduated in 1920 from the Dickinson Law School and was admitted to the Luzerne County Bar in 1921. As a youth, striving for an education, he was employed in the Pittston Shops of the Vulcan Iron Works. He served in the World War and was Honorably Discharged at the close of the war.

Subsequent to his admission to the Bar, Attorney Flannery represented the following municipalities as solicitor: Pittston City, Hughesstown Borough, Pittston Township School District, Yatesville Borough, Dupont Borough, and the West Pittston Poor Board. Served as registrar in the city of Pittston. In 1932 he was appointed assistant district attorney for Luzerne County, and in that capacity he earned considerable renown as a capable prosecuting attorney.

In 1929, Attorney Flannery was married to Anna Allan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Allan, of West Pittston, and has one son, J. Harold Flannery, Jr.

His ability as an orator and an eloquent public speaker, together with his thorough knowledge of public affairs, makes him most fitted to represent Luzerne County in the Congress at Washington, and his friends are assuring the voters that with Attorney Flannery as Congressman that he will place Luzerne County on the political map in the capital.—Adv.

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Bierley's Record Fits Him As Man For Office

Citizens of the Back Mountain will have an opportunity to vote for an engineer in the person of Robert Bierley, Democratic candidate for Representative in the State Legislature from the Sixth Legislative District. Mr. Bierley has been a life-long resident of this district, having been born in West Pittston.

Mr. Bierley is well known in the Back Mountain areas inasmuch he has been the engineer for many public construction jobs in and around Dallas. Being a life-long Republican Mr. Bierley is a new comer to the Democratic ranks.

His father, Louis P. Bierley, was supervising principal of the Public Schools of West Pittston for twenty-seven years, and has been quite active on the Board of Presbytery for North-eastern Pennsylvania. Robert Bierley was educated in the schools of West Pittston and upon graduating worked in the mines from which work he was able to finance his higher education.

Graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1925 with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. He was a member of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity.

Was employed for eight years by Whittaker & Diehl Company, bridge contractors, working in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Employed for one year by the State Highway Department, and for the past two years Mr. Bierley has been the engineer on many construction projects in the Back Mountains.

Mr. Bierley became a registered engineer under the laws of Pennsylvania in 1929. Member of both the Penna. Society of Professional Engineers and the National Society of Professional Engineers. Mr. Bierley is a member of the Wilkes-Barre Local, Musicians Union. Church membership is held in the First Presbyterian Church of West Pittston. Robert Bierley married Martha Kohnke, daughter of John and Mary Kohnke, of West Pittston, and is the father of two daughters.

Mr. Bierley had no desire to enter politics and its was only after the persistent efforts of his friends that he assented to become a candidate for the Legislature. However, Mr. Bierley, is well equipped for the office to which he aspires and he has earned the confidence of all with whom he has come in contact. He never sought or held public office before.

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