

STRESSES NEED OF VIGILANCE FOR DRY LAW

Mrs. H. V. Hobbie, Local
W. C. T. U. Secretary,
Announces 1930 Plans
TO UNIFY EFFORTS

Mrs. H. V. Hobbie, local secretary of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, strenuously urged a constant vigilance to keep prohibition the American institution it has become, in her lecture at the tenth annual observance of the passing of the Eighteenth Amendment last Sunday at the First Baptist Church. The text of her talk follows: An intensive educational campaign will be the program of the Women's Christian Temperance Union for 1930; to carry on a systematic, well organized campaign by news, paper articles, distribution of literature, public meetings and radio talks especially on law enforcement and law observance. All this that he who runs may read that prohibition, given its chance will have and improved world conditions.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union will co-operate in law enforcement with the regular constituted authorities. Not only have we done our bit in giving to the United States a dry president but also in creating

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

Frank J. Mulholland, local merchant: "Village Manager Parry deserves to be commended for the quick and satisfactory manner in which he and his men removed the heavy snow from our streets in the business section during the holidays."

several of our own sex among the national law makers. The object of the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union is to unify the efforts of the women of all the nations for temperance and social welfare, to promote total abstinence, to work in every country for the passage of laws to do away with the trade in beverage alcohol, to work to establish world peace, to advocate personal purity as equally binding for men and women, to promote programs of education for citizenship, to work for a greater membership for the purpose of strengthening the forces against the liquor traffic through the enlistment of teachers, educators and leaders in church, social and civic life.

The Eighteenth Amendment has been preserved by the will of the people, but do not be lulled into a sense of indifference by a false security—the enemy is still on the field alive and alert. The foe of prohibition has not been vanquished but is simply awaiting an unguarded moment to attack the principles of the temperance cause by innuendoes, by false testimony, by propaganda. Let preparatory work be our motto. Things most worth while are gained by persistent concentrated effort. There is only one way to accomplish this and that is by a personal conviction on the part of every individual that it is his duty or obligation to be well informed that they may contribute an intelligent service toward making prohibition a permanently established fact.

God has called us to His work. Let us work together—and together get a vision of the work—a sense of responsibility for the work, and let us determine to work.

The Last Mile

If I walk in the pathway of duty,

If I work till the close of the day

I shall see the Great King in His beauty

When I've gone the last mile of the way.

If for Christ I proclaim the glad story,

If I seek for His sheep gone astray,

I am sure He will show me His glory

When I've gone the last mile of the way.

Here the dearest of ties we must sever;

Tears of sorrow are seen every day

But no sickness, no sighing forever

When I've gone the last mile of the way.

And if I have earnestly striven,

And have tried all His will to obey

'Twill enhance all the rapture of heaven

When I've gone the last mile of the way.

As the old year went out we meditated upon the thought "of keeping watch" and "as the new year dawned we continued to meditate although perhaps on a new phase."

One always wonders how the millions greeted the New Year. Many were thankful for a new page—the new opportunities to do better. Many are the questions in God's word. Some seem to be casual ones—others are very deep. Therefore it may not seem strange that a question coming out of the period of the Master's life as He faced Gethsemane should be used at the opening of the new year.

It is a garden scene. The group with the Master in a small one; the crowd is back in the city. Which reminds us of today when those who gather for a time of building for His Kingdom are a small group. The crowd is elsewhere—having a good time. You all know the details of the garden scene with its deep question: "Could you not watch with me one hour?" It hurts more when a question like that is asked where the group is small. If the crowd were there the question would be almost lost, but in the little group the heart strings are pulled and one listens. The Master said, "What—could you not watch with me one

hour?" How long did He mean—a matter of 60 minutes? Ah, no! One day is with the Lord as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day. We can almost hear Him say: "Could you not take time enough for fellowship, for communion—for help in a time of sorrow?"

The enemy is just outside—he who would betray Me. Cannot you stay long enough that I may have a bit of friendly touch?

Today we need courageous men and women who are willing to assume the sacred trusts of life. We need watchers, men and women not tied by time—the hour of need is not 60 minutes—it may be a length of years—it may be but a day. The enemy of right living, if the church, is just outside. The enemy of prohibition is just outside—yes, and inside sometimes. Mocking at efforts for victory in law enforcement. Working day and night to tear down laws and their enforcement—the enemy that cares nothing for the Kingdom or for God's Holy day.

How long shall we hold out in faith, in courage, in love, in prayer? If eternal vigilance is the price of prohibition the time will be more than 60 minutes by the clock.

How long will you be willing to wait? The Master asked for an hour. Have you determined the time of that hour? Victory may have set the time, but you are mistaken. His hour has no human vanishing point.

A preacher once said: "He who would go to heaven must do four things—hard service, self-denial, devoted service, forlorn service."

One hour—the year has been hard—the one just passed. Dark times faced workers—lack of interest in the cause. The enemy had lined up more and more to tear us down—shall we give up? No! His hour is not yet over. Victory came at the tomb. His new life broke the chains of that hour. Victory will come when we bury the liquor traffic forever. Christ's new life in us will help us to hold on. His new life will bring courage and faith. Let us stay till His hour is over. Only by eternal vigilance will the gum total of the benefits of prohibition be increased and recognized. Only by eternal vigilance will law observance be written on the hearts and consciences of the people.

FILES SEWAGE REPORT

Harold H. Corson, village engineer, announced yesterday that he had filed a report with state authorities of the Birmingham sewer outlets into the River Rouge. Their capacity and what was expected their future capacities would be he and another engineer regarding the stream flow and the area which it drained, also were included in the report. The information was compiled after conferences with state and county officials. He said: Further surveys of the drainage situation with county officials to study the situation with a view to locating a sewage disposal plant were being contemplated, Mr. Corson said.

HELD FOR SENTENCE

Glen Downey, 23 years old, whose address was given as 335 Frank street, a bus driver, was to appear for sentence today in the Oakland County Circuit Court where he pleaded guilty yesterday to a charge of simple assault upon a minor child. Downey was ordered held on bond of \$1,500 dollars.

In Detroit Theaters

DETROIT CIVIC

"The Nut Farm," a new comedy by John C. Brownell, opens its first Detroit engagement at the Detroit Civic Theater on Monday night. John Griggs, George Macready, Emily Ross and Barbara Williams have the chief roles, with Pauline Croll and Kalman Matas in prominent parts. This comedy played for 25 straight weeks at the Cort Theater in Chicago, and has just been released to other companies, so that Detroit is unexpectedly able to see it at the Civic Theater, Detroit.

The wide revolves around a movie-struck family, a pair of crooks and the clever younger son, who discovers the thread of the plot, and manages to turn a near-serious situation into a riot of fun. Romance contributes its share to the entertainment, and beneath all the nonsense there is a note of something deeper and more timely. "The Nut Farm" is one of the accepted hits of the season.

An unusual attraction is the third special play of this season, "Andres and the Lion," one of George Bernard Shaw's most amusing satires, produced by request in three special performances, Monday night, Jan. 17, and Tuesday matinee and night, January 22.

ORIENTAL

"Hell's Heroes," an all-talking production of a new type, will be the screen feature at the Oriental Theater next Friday.

The picture is based on Peter B. Kyne's famous story, "Three Godfathers." Its plot deals with the reactions of three bad men when they find themselves custodians of a newborn babe on the great Mojave desert. They had promised the child's dying mother that they would take the child to a little frontier town called New Jerusalem. A trip across the blistering desert awaits them and they know that the nose is waiting for them at New Jerusalem when they get there.

Charles Bickford, Raymond Hatton and Fred Kohler, Fred Ridgeway and Maria Alba compose the cast, which also includes Buck Connors, Joe De La Cruz and Walter James.

The stage show will consist of five Big Time vaudeville acts followed by a gala carnival afterpiece.

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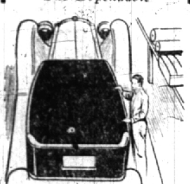
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