


WIN NATIONAL AUDITION AWARDS




Here are the first and second prize winners of the national final auditions held in New York under sponsorship of the Atwater Kent Foundation as the culmination of a competition participated in by tens of thousands of young men and women throughout the country. First prize carried \$5000 and a two-year musical scholarship and second prize \$3000 and a one-year scholarship. Left to right: Edward A. Rios, Atlanta, Ga., tenor, first prize; Genevieve Irene Rowe, Wooster, Ohio, soprano, first prize; Floy Luene Hamlin, Los Angeles, soprano, second prize; and Calvin Hendricks, blind baritone of Los Angeles, second prize

DRY LAW SHOWDOWN

Stewart Thinks Present Storm May Mean Beginning of Real Cyclone

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Washington, Jan. 9.—For a long time it has been evident that prohibition show-down was coming sooner or later.



Light now we may be on the verge of it.

No one can have missed sensing the fact that the air became electric with the recent issuance of Senator Borah's militant cry named.

The present storm may blow itself out without demolishing any skyscrapers, as a good many similar and mighty vicious-looking storms have done hitherto; but there are quite a few indications that this is the beginning of the real cyclone.

Inasmuch as good drys, like Senators Borah, Brookhart, Har-

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and Norris, he said so already, there can be no harm in releasing that they have not had genuine prohibition in the last ten years.

Probably the country could do long indefinitely under a counterfeit dry regime.

Finally, however, the drug boom

ing of having lost all patience; if so, and they actually are on the verge of succumbing to their thumbers, they may as well do everything, the natural conclusion is that the wets are going to turn deserters.

It will not be as amusing as lots of the things that are going on to imagine.

The dries have the advantage of the natural administrative advantage of being a majority in congress, the law on their side and quite likely the support of the public opinion on the rank and file of the

quore throughout the country. I think that it is all there in the question and the answer. The trips that the prohibition enforcement problem has not been solved. The most that has been done is the most that has been done by such agencies as the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the United States marshal service, the United States attorney commission—the most ambitious attempt at busting underground organizations that has ever had, and has been blown off of her lid, and the drys play it off.

Undoubtedly a few hundred or maybe a few thousand men are doing this thing, and it is not honest effort to enforce prohibition. However, that is not enough.

Referring to the DeKinkadee trial, I think that Representative O. J. Kvale, who was elected to Congress as a dry, and who has been elected to the same seat to me, "I do not assert that that dry agent ought to have been lynched, but I think that a man has been lynched for less."

What I mean is that resentment at prohibition killings has not been confined to men.

With such men as Representative Kvale, who has been elected to murder and lynch law, it obviously is only a question of time that the prohibition law will be followed by an informal hanging, and when lynching begins

lyoged and as soon the enforcement officials' numbers begin to multiply it becomes no longer possible to keep the situation under control. There is the essential difficulty—if enforcement is honest it is inadequate; if adequate it is crooked. * * *

As to sources of liquor supplies—when one is plugged up another one opens.

There are sources of legitimate and illegitimate purposes are stopped, smuggling is resorted to; if

They Shoot Game "On The Wing"

From left, New Jersey and Pennsylvania aviators took part in a deer and bird hunt recently. They took off from Langley Field, near Philadelphia, in a cabin monoplane, and were the guests of Felix D. Pont, widely known sportsman, at his estate at White Hall, S. C. The hunting party is shown above with their bag of game for the four days.

—The deer and many small birds and ducks.

deaths were recorded during the past year.

Township Tax Receipts Normal

Receipt of Bloomfield township taxes this year is normal, so far, with \$253,950 paid in out of \$254,004 tax roll, according to Mrs. Harriet C. Mudge, town treasurer.

While the tax roll is \$200,000 less this year, \$1,000,000 is expected to be received before the final roll for many months without penalty. Feb. 1, Mrs. Mudge says, the Bloomfield tax rate last year was \$6.08 and this year \$6.00.

Comment on dog taxes are exceptionally slow this year, Mrs. Mudge says, and residents are expected to pay dog taxes at the Birmingham Municipal Building before Feb. 1, after which the township will be charged at the Postoffice offices. Present tax rates for dogs are \$9.00 for males and \$4 for females.

ly—because the law never
there isn't. The only equality
of opportunity, which, of
course, there isn't. As to an
other equality, nature never
tended any. It is just the strange
ly continuing dream of men, from
which many have never awakened.

WHERE WOMEN BEAT MEN

"Sometimes the smile of
woman can do more to rattle
strike men's nerves than any
man can make. Sometimes a capi-
talist, very 'set' in his mind, looks
at a woman's smile and says
"maybe I'm wrong."

Secretary of Labor Davis often
entrusts knotty strike and labor
problems to women conciliators

the lack of it, has been the scarcity of the spirit of compromise. Few of us like compromise. Our idea is rather to get what we want and let the other fellow like it if he can. There can be no unity without a great deal of compromise. And that doesn't mean that we are to agree only on minor details. We must agree on things that are hard to agree on. We must be willing to be hurt. It has been said in this column be-

fore, that it is easy to be a good sport in something that we don't care about.

The machine may mean a rearrangement of one's prejudices in so violent a manner as to be exceedingly painful.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

—Clarence C. Vliet, superintendent of schools: "At our present state of progress, we have a nurse in the school. The nurse is crying when each school will also have a doctor and a dentist."

I. E. Colver, of Puritan avenue: "I feel that the people of Birmingham and vicinity indeed are a good example in having at the head of their schools an excellent and able man like Clarence C. Vliet."

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