

I WRITE

As I See It

By Barton W. Marsh

As I see it: the manufacture of alcoholic beverages is the greatest demoralizing traffic in which men engage. Whenever I witness a drunken man or woman, or a teen-age boy or girl, acting as only intoxicated persons can, I pity them. They are cruel victims of a state of society, that is ignoring the destruction of morals in youth and age alike.

We have, for so long, neglected the education of our youth in the nature and effect upon the human mind and body, of alcoholic products that the parents instead of being the protectors of childhood and youth, have in far too many instances become examples of ignorance and debauchery. Of what real value is education, if it fails to establish moral principles, and build up backbone of character, which testifies for the good or bad in education.

There is much drinking and carousing in the homes, and far too little serious thought given to the harvest of failure and misery that such standards produce.

Not much in a spirit of criticism of the one who may be a victim of the drink habit, but rather that he may have opportunity to know something about the unscrupulous and nefarious combinations that are arrayed against him, combined in the various liquor organizations of the country, we herewith set forth a short array of facts as given through departments of our government, and by authoritative spokesmen. Regardless of whether or not you agree with all that is written in this column, we beg of you to give these factual statements the consideration to which they are justly entitled.

According to the Alcohol Tax Unit of the U. S. Government, as of Sept. 30, 1945, there are 142 distilleries, 463 breweries, and 865 wineries licensed by the government to produce alcoholic beverages. They spent in that year a grand total in advertis-

ing of \$75,649,199.

"Alcoholism causes the arrest of two out of every three persons who find themselves in district penal institutions." FROM Washington Times-Herald of Mar. 1, 1946.

"Alcoholics occupied 35 per cent of the beds in Veterans facilities in 1941, and with 16 million World War 2 veterans coming home this percentage will probably rise." Miss Myrtle Judd, chief social worker, Veterans administration facility, Los Angeles.

"All you need to do is to examine the police records any day in any city of our country and you will find there are more people in jail because of the use of liquor, either directly or indirectly, than for any other cause." says Congressman Edward H. Rees, Union Signal, December 1, 1945.

J. Edgar Hoover, in 1943, declared that "70 to 90 per cent of our crime bill of \$15,000,000,000 could be attributed directly or indirectly to liquor."

"The National W. C. T. U. reports that home drinking of alcoholic beverages has increased 500% since 1934 and is a contributing factor in juvenile delinquency. This is taken from the Baptist Message of May 2, 1946.

"Arrests of girls under 18 increased 178 per cent between 1837 and 1845. During the same period arrests for boys under 18 increased 101 per cent for drunkenness," Baptist Message of Feb. 28, 1946.

"The man that counts is the man who is decent, and who makes himself felt as a force for decency, a force for clean living, for civic righteousness." Theodore Roosevelt.

"If we are going to found the prosperity of the county—its commercial prosperity, its industrial prosperity—upon an impregnable basis, we must cleanse the foundation of the rot of alcohol." David Lloyd George.

"I am a total abstainer from alcoholic liquors. I always felt I had a better use for my head," Thomas A. Edison.

"The world today needs men, not those whose minds and will power have been weakened and

destroyed by a desire and craving for alcohol and tobacco." Henry Ford.

"There isn't a thought in a hoghead of beer. There isn't an idea in a whole brewery." Theodore Roosevelt.

"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 wines. Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth its color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder." Proverbs 23:29-32.

Harbor School Notes

THIRD GRADE

Peggy Moffitt was absent Monday and Tuesday.

Friday we had another arithmetic contest. Marjorie Moore was the star.

Easy Street children brought a Valentine box for our room.

We are learning another song, called "Indian Lullaby."

Sharon Allen was promoted to the first group.

Peggy Moffitt went to Portland to get a new car.

Friday the first grade invited the third grade to listen to some records.

Joanne, Dixie, and Marjorie have read ten books.

We have a pretty hyacinth in our room.

We have fun studying Growing Big and Strong.

The Department Store Kitten is the next story in "More Streets and Roads."

This week we were reading about "The Battle of the Cows" in "If I were Going."

In science stories this week we are reading on page 118.

Water is all over our school ground now. We have been cleaning the yard.

The second grade has not been taking care of the ball.

We are going to draw names for Valentine Day.

SECOND GRADE

Group 1 finished their readers and have "More Friends and Neighbors". Group 2 has new readers which are: Friends and Neighbors and Down the River Road.

We have only one more health test in our health books and will get new Democracy readers.

We have our Valentine box decorated for our party, Friday afternoon.

Ralph Carr is on a trip to Seattle. Patsy Taylor stepped on a nail so was absent from her class. Victor Kinion has also been absent.

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FIRST GRADE

Eddie Hoar, Lillian and James Fields are back in school after having been ill for a week. Philippe Bonde is still home, sick.

Group B completed their readers and will begin new ones on Thursday.

The first grade wone one-half the membership prize for the last Parent-Teachers meeting. We now have \$7.50 to spend for our room. We haven't decided as yet what to buy.

Tuesday John Scherer showed us how to make boats. We each made one.

We are learning to write letters. Last week we wrote letters to the third grade inviting them to listen to the phonograph. They have no outlets to plug the phonograph in their room.

Sharon Carr's was chosen best letter.

During the March of the first graders donated

Local News Items

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kudrnas, companions, of Lafayette, were Saturday visitors in the area, en route to Los Angeles to visit a son-in-law and daughter. Just retired from active duty, the Kudrnas are on their first real vacation in many years. While in town they called on the Pilot.

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