

# 25 Years Of Repeal, But Prohibition Lingers

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While the 13 years of prohibition failed to turn the United States dry, the 25 years of repeal have failed to make the nation wet.

During the Prohibition Era — when it was illegal to produce or sell alcoholic beverages — there was many a boozy oasis for the citizen who did not like to drink his water straight.

On December 5, it was exactly 25 years since ratification of the 21st Amendment. This was the law which turned on the spigots again.

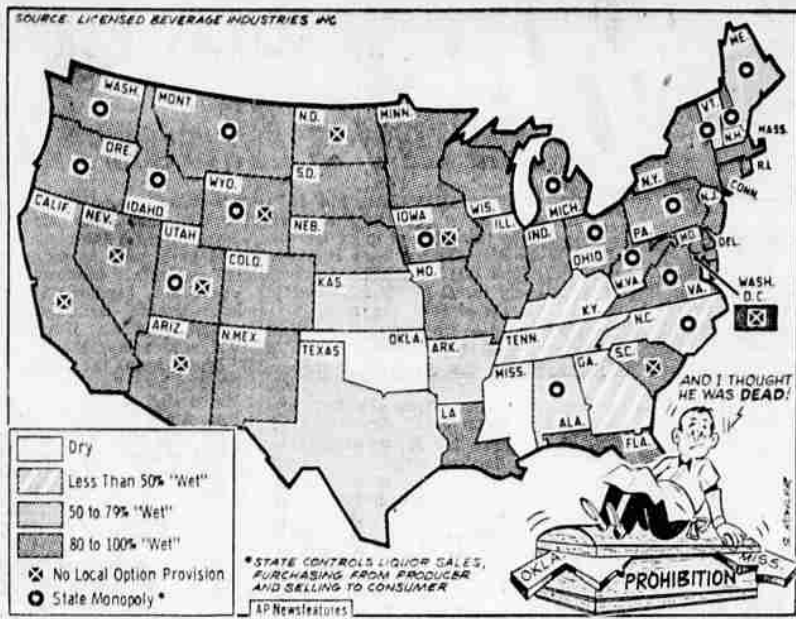
But not wide open, as the accompanying map illustrates.

For today there are two states where prohibition is in force. These are Oklahoma and Mississippi. Additionally, there are 10 states considered less than 80 per cent wet. By definition of the Licensed Beverage Industries, Inc., this degree of wetness is figured on the basis of total population in a state where there is local option. For instance, let us say there is a city of 400,000 where liquor is legal, surrounded by 10 dry cities of a total of 100,000 population. This would mean the entire area is 80 per cent wet.

The LBI says 83.8 per cent of the nation is legally wet. This figure closely approximates that given by the Women's Christian Temperance Union, which says 25 million people live in areas where hard liquor is banned.

The WCTU continues in its campaign to prohibit the sale of liquor, wine and beer, a campaign which began 84 years ago and saw its darkest hour with the repeal. The organization works toward this end mainly in local option elections. Thus, in a thoroughly wet city such as Chicago, 90 per cent of the Internal Revenue Service's will find a dry precinct such as the one taking in the northwest corner of 63rd Street and Cottage Grove Avenue.

All but eight states (Arizona, California, Iowa, Nevada, North Dakota, South Carolina, Utah and Wyoming) and the District of Columbia have local option provisions. Naturally, 100 per cent dry Oklahoma and Mississippi have none. Additionally, there are 17 so-called monopoly states. These are states which engage in various ways and degrees in the sale of liquor. They buy from the producer and sell to the customer. The



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In banging the drums for repeal's 25th anniversary, the LBI further states that the industry is responsible for the direct employment of 1,200,000 persons at an annual payroll of more than four billion dollars. In 1957, the alcohol beverage industry produced more than four billion dollars in public revenue from taxes and licenses—\$2,900,475,000 federal, \$397,527,135 state and \$113,752,712 local.

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## Art-Sleuthing Attorneys May Have Hit Treasure

CHICAGO (AP)—Two attorneys who dabble in art sleuthing and collecting have picked themselves 1½ million dollars in masterpieces, says a Vatican art expert. The lawyers' outlay for the three paintings? Just \$2,200. "Extraordinary luck," says the Chicago artist who advised them to take a chance on their purchases, "just like finding diamonds in the street."

Prof. Amadore Porcella, catalogist for the Vatican Gallery of Art, pronounced the 16th century paintings authentic Friday. He described them as:

"Christ Carrying the Cross," by Giorgione; "Sacred Conversation," by Giovanni Bellini; and "The Massacre of the Innocents," by Raphael Sanzio. The lucky barristers are Rudolph Vasalle and Paul Delaney. Delaney told a newsman he bought the 17 by 15 inch Giorgione for about \$1,000 from a Chicago dealer who apparently knew little of its history.

MAY VISIT RUSSIA MONTGOMERY, Ala. (UPI)—The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., Negro integration leader, is considering a visit to Russia next May, his secretary said Saturday. The secretary did not say whether King had been invited by the Russian government or planned to make a private tour.

The painting, one of the last by Giorgione before his death in 1510, was valued by Porcella at one million dollars. The Venetian artist painted only about one dozen masterpieces.

The other painting owned by Delaney was termed by Porcella "the great lost masterpiece of Bellini." The attorney said he bought it in 1955 for \$1,000. The catalogist says it is worth \$300,000.

Last July, Vasalle walked out of a Chicago auction house with a small 11 by 16 inch painting for which he paid \$170.

That one, says Porcella, is the Raphael. Value? \$300,000, declares Porcella. Advising the attorneys was Alexander Zlatoff-Mirski, Chicago art restorer and sculptor, who has passed previous tips, though with somewhat lesser results.

"I look at the painting and see its possibilities as a great one," he said.

"Sometimes, it is valuable. Sometimes, the buyer does not even get back what he paid for the painting plus the cost of restoration. That's why so many of these 'finds' are bought at auctions. Dealers cannot or will not pay for the restoration."

Asked why he himself did not purchase the paintings he had hunched about, Mirki answered: "I cannot afford to speculate."

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**OVER THE GARDEN GATE**

**EVERGREEN GARDEN CLUB**  
By Verona Dahler

Mrs. C. (Edna) Hammond, 2202 Oregon Avenue, was hostess for the November meeting of the Evergreen Garden Club when members talked about a variety of subjects.

Mrs. Robert Luscombe, president, asked members to answer roll call with the names of good garden books or magazine articles on gardening they had read. Eleven members answered.

It was announced that the club would help make wreaths for the Moose Lodge to be sold for the annual operation Santa Claus, also that Boy Scouts are selling tea-dial pods to raise camping funds.

House plants and their care and new birds seen recently were of the program. A clever doll, made of quince, coat hangers and pipe cleaners, was exhibited by Pansy Jackson. Mrs. Verda Urbach displayed new garden books, including one on roses by Rockwell and Grayson.

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