

Delinquency Problem Discussed At St. George P.-T. A. Meet Thursday

Group Went On Record To Ask All Parents And Citizens To Cooperate

More than 200 school patrons attended the P.-T. A. meeting held last Thursday evening in the Elementary school recreation hall, where vital problems of growing juvenile delinquency were discussed and resolutions were presented in the interest of controlling this situation and in this connection, the present illegal supplying of tobacco and alcoholic beverages to minors. These discussions were led by Milton E. Moody, county school superintendent and Pres. Harold S. Snow, with other contributors. Mrs. Rodney A. Ashby conducted the program.

Audience Sings

Preceding the discussion the audience joined in singing the P.-T.A. cheer song; Mrs. Irene Everett, Mrs. Vera Christian, Mrs. Murray Webb and Miss Josephine Jones presented a violin quartet, and the Woodward high chorus under the direction of Mrs. Mae A. Pace sang two numbers, "Song of the Sea Bees", and "There's A Star-Spangled Banner Waving Somewhere". Junior Gates of Santa Clara was accompanist.

Superintendent Moody presented the subject and introduced the speakers.

As a preface to his address, Pres. Harold S. Snow questioned whether parents were aware of the situation, saying, "now, more than ever before, parental cooperation is necessary", especially in bringing to justice those who supply minors with liquor and to-

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bacco. He read the resolutions framed by the Center ward high priests' quorum on this subject, which was adopted by the stake at their recent conference. He also read the appeal through the local newspaper by the county and city peace officers for the cooperation of parents in the control of this practice and of growing juvenile delinquency, promising their efforts in prosecuting the law. Reports on the issue contained in a letter from Theodore Bohn, district Juvenile Judge, were also presented, along with his approval of the action being taken.

Dr. Reichmann Talks

Leading the discussion that followed, Supt. Moody called on Dr. W. J. Reichmann to outline the ages of delinquency, and on Sheriff Antone B. Prince, who pledged the best efforts of his staff in meeting this situation, asking for the support of parents. He said the local liquor dispensary is a source of great sorrow, but is still better and more desirable under present management, than would be a repetition of the former "Little Arizona", which is understood to be contemplated, should the liquor store be removed.

Along with the discussion of the contemplated curfew law, Hyrum Atkin, local constable, expressed favor for this control to be extended to at least age 16, suggesting that greater problems come with those 14 to 16, rather than below that age. This thought was confirmed by Dr. Reichmann and Sheriff Prince and M. M. Bentley, representing the St. George city council, said that these were the ages contemplated with respect to the proposed curfew law, with the curfew hour set at 10:30 p. m.

Questions raised as to those returning after such hours from socials, which they were allowed to attend, such as picture shows, dances and parties, were given to understand that the measure is not intended to restrict such cases, but to control the improper loitering around public places and on city streets of unchaperoned minors.

Postmaster Brooks Talks

Postmaster William Brooks, who served for many years as county sheriff, made effective and definite statements as to the responsibility of parents and citizens generally, saying, "the law cannot be enforced without the help of the public. Officers need the help of people who recognize law-breaking and who are willing to bring such persons to justice by testimony without fear or favor". He also said, "the harder you make it for people to get liquor, the better it will be for them and for peace officers".

Commended by all the speakers for his handling of the local liquor agency, Vivian Leany explained the privileges of citizens in controlling the granting of liquor permits and reducing of same, and urged the people to make use of these privileges. He also gave figures on local liquor distribution. Hurricane now has no liquor store and customers naturally come from that area, it was noted, as well as much being sold to transient

permits, along with that to local permittees.

A. K. Hafen said no city could take pride in a liquor store no matter how much revenue it yielded, but urged that the power of control must come from education within and the desire within the public mind.

Reviews Saloon Era

W. O. Bentley, president of the high priest quorum of the stake, reviewed very briefly the history of the saloon era, prohibition, bootlegging, local option, and the tragedies resulting from Little Arizona, and told of the rights of family members to have permits cancelled. Information was also given showing that even with the state liquor agency, bootlegging is still going on.

Whatever results, it was felt that this meeting afforded a consistent and sensible airing of the problems presented, minus any hysteria or contention, concluding with a standing vote of the entire assembly to give full cooperation to the peace officers in their work, and to inform themselves as to the best measures to be taken as to both juvenile delinquency illicit sale of liquor and narcotics to minors, and liquor control.