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FIVE MORE BOOZE JOINTS ARE PULLED

Sheriff Johnson and Posse Sweep Line

'LUMBER JACKS' PAY VISIT TO JOINTS; WERE DETECTIVES AND GOOD SPENDERS

On Sunday and Monday, June 17 and 18, two splendid looking "lumberjacks" visited the "club" district of this county and were so royally welcomed at one of the clubs that recommendations were issued to all the other clubs.

The boys had plenty of coin to spend and, naturally, the hospitality extended them was the most cordial. They made friends at each of the clubs and it is needless to say they "thirsted not" while in that section.

Who "Jacks" Were.

When these fellows arrived in Bemidji the following day it developed that they were not lumberjacks at

all, but detectives from "somewhere." They came back with a splendid report.

"We got 'in right' at the very jump when we visited Waskish club," was their report and then proceeded to give the details to the county attorney of their fine trip.

The result was that eighteen warrants were issued, nine of which were used by the sheriff and his deputies and the other nine may or may not be used, just as the county attorney sees fit.

The present campaign is just a starter, according to Mr. Torrance, and should demonstrate the fact that the authorities and citizens will no longer tolerate the conduct of booze joints in this county.

ADVANCE NOTICE

The Pioneer herewith gives publicity to an account of the pulling of five more booze joints that have been running wide open. Nine arrests were made and a large quantity of liquor has been taken and brought to Bemidji.

For some time these places have been under surveillance and a mass of evidence collected.

Those arrested have been brought to the county seat. The "pinch" was made at 7 o'clock this morning by Sheriff Johnson, Deputy Sheriff Denley and a special posse of prominent citizens of Bemidji.

And this notice is served in advance that no apologies need be demanded of the Pioneer by some ardent booze game lover for writing up an account of the "pulling" of these law violating booze free-for-alls.

CARLOADS OF BOOZE AND BEER, FIXTURES AND BOOZE CLERKS BROUGHT TO BEMIDJI AND GUARDED AT RAIDED JOINTS

On nine warrants issued through County Attorney Graham M. Torrance a grand "Klu Klux Klan" raid, led by Sheriff Andrew Johnson and Deputy George Denley was successfully executed at 7 o'clock this morning on five "clubs" or "drinking parlors," located north and west of and in the vicinity of Kelliher.

The warrants were issued charging some with running an unlicensed drinking place, some with selling liquor without a license and some with doing both. The evidence secured by County Attorney Torrance before the raid was made, together with the loads of booze and beer captured by the sheriff and his able deputies this morning, would lead the average layman to believe that a trial would be unnecessary in order to secure a conviction.

But Deputies Were There; "Tip" Too Late

While Deputy Denley was at the back door of the Provo club, G. D. Backus held the fort in the front room. All of a sudden the telephone bell commenced to ring. Mr. Backus quietly took up the receiver and this is what he heard:

"The sheriff and deputies are coming. Get rid of the stuff. Notify the Midway club."

But the message came too late.

the confidence of the deputies and brought to Bemidji this morning.

The sheriff and James Black made the trip to Waskish and there took into custody Frank Lyon and another man supposedly Robert Putman, for whom a warrant had been issued. They found a thousand pounds of beer and booze. Mr. Lyon, it is understood, sold his place to Mr. Putman last Sunday noon. Both are charged with selling booze on that same Sunday, one in the morning and the other in the afternoon.

Another "Club" Bagged.

G. E. Carson and E. L. Benner visited the Battle River club, which is located about six and one-half miles west of Kelliher. There they laid claim to one Ed Springfield, apparently in charge of the club and also took possession of seven cases of booze, three barrels of beer and two barrels of whisky.

Cooked Meal For Visitors; Then Arrested

When Albert Klevin and C. W. Brandborg dropped in on the "Midway Club" early this morning they did not state the purpose of their visit to Gus Olson, so Gus invited them to stay for breakfast.

After Gus served the breakfast, which he cooked himself, Mr. Klevin informed Mr. Olson what they were there for and then proceeded to take general charge of the premises. Gus smiled and was even kind to the ungrateful visitors.

DUTIES OF HOME GUARDS EXPLAINED; QUESTIONS ANSWERED BY TOWNE

In order that Bemidji people may understand more about the Minnesota Home Guards enlistments for which are now being taken to complete the organization of Company D, Tenth Battalion, E. P. Towne of Duluth, who is in charge of enrollments of candidates there has issued a list of questions and answers, explaining the features of this new war branch.

Mr. Towne's list of questions and answers follows:

"Q. Who are eligible to enlistment?"

"A. All able-bodied citizens from 18 to 52 years of age and also those of draft ages, who, by reason of dependents or otherwise, are exempt from the draft in the opinion of the enlisting officer.

"Q. What is the term of enlistment?"

"A. For the period of the war.

"Q. Is the Home Guard subject to Federal call?"

"A. No. The oath of enlistment calls for service in Minnesota only. It calls for obedience to the governor's order and not those of the president. The guard is enlisted without physical examination and the age limits under federal aid imposed.

"Q. Can a guard member later enlist in the Federal service?"

"A. Yes. The order establishing the guard provides for honorable

discharge in case of such enlistment.

"Q. What will be the duties of the guard?"

"A. Following is the resolution adopted by the Minnesota safety commission, defining the duties: 'It is the sense of the commission, that members of the Home Guard are liable to general duties and obligations of members of the National Guard. It is not the purpose, however, to call on the Home Guard for any duty that can as well be performed by civilian officers or private watchmen.'

"Q. Where can further questions be answered and enlistments made?"

"A. On application to E. P. Towne, 500 Torrey building, Duluth."

TWO DRUNKS ARRESTED

William Brown and Nels Rogers, both transients, were brought before Municipal Judge Gibbons this morning, charged with drunkenness. Brown was fined \$5 and Rogers \$10. Both paid their fines.

SPLENDID RED CROSS SHOWING BY MISS DEAN

Of the hustling committee of the First ward in securing memberships for the Red Cross chapter, Miss Velma Dean makes a record showing.

Out of the 221 members secured in that ward up to Thursday evening she secured 102. Other members of the committee are doing splendid work and conducting the campaign in a businesslike manner, is the report of Chairman W. E. Dean.

CLEARWATER COUNTY TO BE TAKEN OVER BY THE BELTRAMI RED CROSS

Tomorrow has been designated as Children's Day during Red Cross week. A box will be installed at the Red Cross headquarters in the Leeman insurance office, where children may deposit their "bit" from a penny up.

Many towns in the county are becoming interested in Red Cross work. Tenstrike has sent in its first papers, making application to become a branch of the local Red Cross chapter. Blackduck is also organizing.

Word has been received from Washington, D. C., requesting the Beltrami county chapter to take over Clearwater county also, as there is no Red Cross organization there.

It is expected that the amount collected by the different wards here will amount to \$2,500 by this evening.

BERGH TO MUCH FOR MERCHANT'S BALL TEAM

The Bemidji merchants may be baseball players—but be that as it may—they are more than willing to admit that the farmers are a few too many for them, which admission was plainly shown by the outcome of yesterday's game. The farmers trimmed the merchants to the tune of 9 to 2.

The trouble with the merchants was that they just couldn't hit that man Bergh. The only close call to a good hit was Nat Given's two-bagger.

The lineup:

Merchants—Pogue, pitcher; Herbert, catcher; Erickson, first base; Halgren, second base; Fric, third base; Barker, shortstop; Given, center field; Kittleson, left field; Leible, right field.

Farmers—Bergh, pitcher; Pete Edd, catcher; Trafton, first base; Tellman, second base; King, third base; Grover, shortstop; Englebrezen, center field; Gardner, left field; Sheets, right field.

ALLEGED THIEF ARRESTED

Scott C. Tarus, who was arrested by the Bemidji police yesterday on a warrant issued by the International Falls police for the theft of clothing and money in that city, was taken back this morning by Chief of Police Kirkpatrick of International Falls.

Sheriff's Deputies Never before in the history of Beltrami county did so many prominent business and professional men, who represent the best citizenry of Bemidji, act in such an official capacity as did the deputies who assisted the sheriff in this haul of bottles, barrels, kegs and cases of "delicious" beverages. Here are the men who did the business and answered the call to duty:

- Dr. G. M. Palmer.
 - Thomas W. Swinson.
 - G. D. Backus.
 - G. E. Carson.
 - E. L. Benner.
 - James Black.
 - Albert Klevin.
 - C. W. Brandborg.
- Under the direction of Sheriff Johnson and Deputy George Denley every "joint" was "pinched" at the same hour, 7 o'clock this morning. These

STATE FAIR RESOURCES TO AID GOVERNMENT

(By United Press)

St. Paul, June 22.—The resources and machinery of all state fairs are to be placed at the disposal of Herbert Hoover in the food control campaign. The matter will be placed before the authorities at Washington tomorrow.

ELABORATE PLANS FOR BIRCHMONT OPENING

Very elaborate plans are being made for commencement of the 1917 season at Birchmont Tuesday, June 26. Festivities are to start with a big banquet at 6:30 p. m., followed by the Birchmont annual grand ball. This will be a program affair. Favors will be given the ladies.

Do not neglect getting tickets early.

Here's the Grist

Chris Rogers was nabbed at the Shotley club by Thomas W. Swinson and Dr. G. M. Palmer. They found on the premises 15 barrels of beer and six cases of booze.

The weight of the prize is 4,500 pounds, according to a report from the deputies.

At the Provo club on a warrant issued for Joe Doe, G. D. Backus and Deputy Denley captured a Frenchman, whose name at this writing could not be learned, a quantity of beer, one case of beer and two of booze.

"Midway Club" Taken.

Gus Olson, who was found in charge of the "Midway Club" by C. W. Brandborg and Albert Klevin in company with two barrels of beer and two gallons of whisky, was taken into

Appeal In Wet and Dry Case Is On Hearing Today

AMERICAN FLAG IS FLYING AT THE FRONT

(By United Press)

With the British armies, June 22.—The American flag is flying over the great base hospitals widely scattered over the battle zones of France. American doctors and nurses are relieving the British workers.

NEARLY TEN MILLION REGISTRATION SHOWS

(By United Press)

Washington, June 22.—The complete registration roll shows 9,649,938 names. It was announced today.

(By United Press)

St. Paul, June 22.—Beltrami county may become dry if the supreme court decides that Indians cannot vote at a county option election.

At the county option election held last August the prohibition forces lost by 15 votes. There were 52 Indians in the Red Lake reservation who voted at the election. Their right to vote was contested in the Beltrami county district court which held that they were entitled to the vote. An appeal was taken to the supreme court and the case set for argument Friday.

If the supreme court holds that the Indians could not vote legally the county will be declared dry.

ABLE TO BE OUT

Frank T. Beaver, editor of the Pioneer, was able to be at the office a short time today.