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Night Editor—T. W. SARGENT, JR.

DRINKING

Early this fall President Marion L. Burton called a meeting of the representatives of various campus organizations. These men expressed the belief that the student body would willingly obey the dictates of the eighteenth amendment. They promised to bring the attention of the groups they represented to the fact that the matter had become one of law violation. Many of them did so and it is known that a number of organizations took action to stamp out drinking among themselves.

However, the action of the representatives has not been sufficient. Some students who were accustomed to drinking to excess before the era of prohibition have continued to do so, and others have followed them. The climax came in the sad affair of last week-end.

Face to face with the fact that the present situation is intolerable as a blight on the good reputation of Michigan, the many must take action to prohibit for all time the excesses of the irresponsible few. Whether the violators are unfortunate, wrong-minded, or completely incorrigible has ceased to have a bearing on the situation. The fact alone, not the circumstances, is the thing which insidiously makes its way to the tongues of the entire nation by way of headline and news-story, leaving its impress in a lumping of the entire university community as lawless and lacking in moral fibre. It has been proved that the good offices of the Student council and the promises of representatives can only partially eradicate the evil. The one complete solution is an enforcement code set up by the entire student body and backed, as it is sure to be, by the administration. There must be no exceptions: relaxations of such a code, however fair to the individual will be unfair in the end to the greater interests of the University. Evidence of drunkenness should be the only proof required.

Here is a university town, where people are supposed to think straight and to the point, certain students whose expenses of education are being partially defrayed by the state have been convicted abetting violation of the law by their demand for liquor. Totally apart from the morality or immorality of the act of drinking alcoholic beverages, a sense of duty to society should prevent us from indulging our tastes when those tastes are in direct violation of the expressed will and law of the majority. Our country is suffering from a wave of moral instability which threatens to put law and order at naught. Every time any one of us violates or winks at the violation of the prohibition amendment, he is furthering the contemptuous disregard of law which has already endangered many governmental institutions abroad and which may at any time do the same thing here in America. These facts, dinned in the ears of every one of us time and again, have apparently fallen unheeded before the little group of violators whose unthinking acts we must now bring to an end in the interests of the entire University.

There could be no better object of the first great student convocation than the setting up of an enforceable liquor code and the expression of our determination to stamp out this menace.

WHERE IS MICHIGAN RADIO?

There was a time in the pre-war days of amateur wireless when the University station over on the Engineering building was nationally known. Men who have in the past "pushed the key" on the old set which represented Michigan in radio fields still talk of the night in '16 when 8XA, as the station was known, worked direct with Colon, Panama, and was called down for making too much noise down there. But Michigan radio since the war is apparently not what Michigan radio was then. Among the authorities in charge of the operation of the set here the idea appears to prevail that amateur communication is not progressive and that participation in the affairs of the non-commercial wireless world as promoted by such organizations as the American Radio Relay league does not make for efficiency and a promotion of the art of etheric communication.

An adherence to strictly technical lines is all right in its way, but it can be overdone. Amateur experimental radio work in the past has in many cases been the means by which some of the most useful and valuable discoveries and inventions have been made in the wireless field. It is nothing to be laughed at. The amateur is not merely a tinkering individual — he is a self-trained practical scientist and has been responsible for many valuable developments in the radio field. For a university or experimental set of any kind to be classed as a special amateur station is no reflection either on its importance in the wireless field or on the ability of its promoters.

Michigan's engineering department has a radio station with a reputation, a station licensed by government officials as an experimental amateur set, and yet its call is seldom heard any longer and almost never counts for anything in the realm of communication. Much of the apparatus in use is of the sort which was up-to-date before the war but which now, with the many recent developments in equipment, is not to be counted as the best by any means. Of course, experimental work is being done in the physics department along this line, but meanwhile the old pre-war set continues to work under its old pre-war call and accomplishes nothing.

Wisconsin has a station which works all over this part of the country, handles communication regularly, and pushes through weather reports and time signals. The University of North Dakota and others such as Washington university at St. Louis are regularly making names for themselves and ever since the time when 8XA here was "in her glory" have been carrying on constructive work in experimentation and communication. There are possibilities for near-commercial work with such a set as we have, for the handling of news dispatches with other colleges to the mutual benefit of school papers, and for experimental testing and communication. Why can't Michigan get back into the radio game in earnest?

There are few finer shell-racing courses than the pond above Barton dam. This would be a good time for embryo Kellys, Corbetts, and Wrays to make a try for the inauguration of the great old sport of sculling and crew-racing at Michigan.

The Telescope

The Tappa Kegs they had a pledge
Who warbled like Caruso;
A brother swung an iron sledge
And now he doesn't do so.

Dear Noah:
Why is it that it is much easier for a stout man than a stout woman to lose flesh? — Curious.
Probably because the stout men go to the barber oftener.

For the Better!

Showered with many socials, the fiancee of Harold W. Atkinson, Miss Marjorie Kuhn, is being feted and made over. — DeQuincey Journal.

D'ja ever have the prof call on you
And be forced to say, "Unprepared, sir."
And all the while the kid volunteer
Next to you was wildly waving his hands.
And then when the prof finally called on him
You found out he didn't know any more than you.
Don't you feel kinda sorry for the poor fish?
Neither do we.

Strictly Non-intoxicating

First stude—Bill always wears an eye glass when he crosses the campus.
Second stude—Why so?
First—So he can drink in the beauty of the girls.

Yes, Clarice, a girl who marries a block head could properly be said to be celebrating her wooden wedding.

"I HAVE REMOVED CORNS FROM THE CROWNED HEADS OF EUROPE."
— A Chicago chiropodist's ad.

Help! Help! Help the Telescope!

That the Lord may help them
Is our earnest prayer and hope,
For those kindly souls, who
Contribute to the Telescope.

Famous Closing Lines

"Acting like one possessed" she muttered as she saw her sorority sister proudly displaying her new engagement ring. NOAH COUNT.

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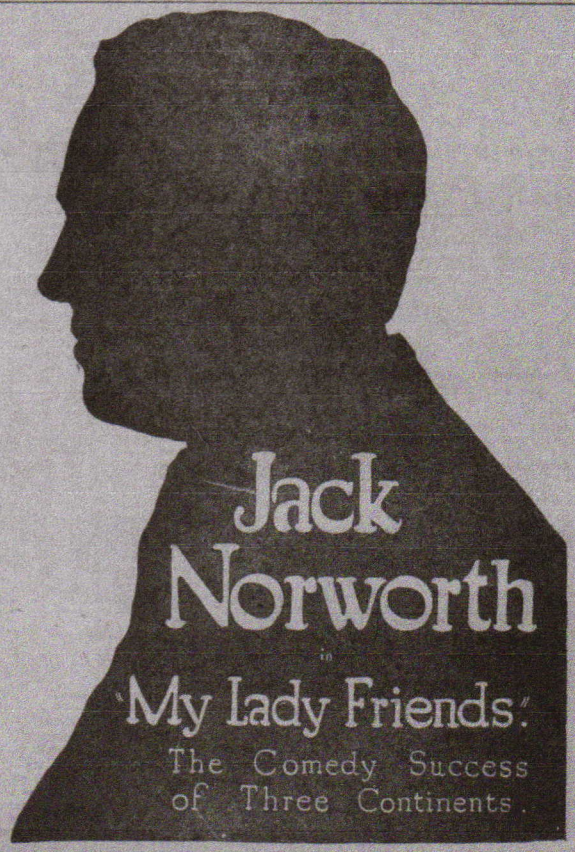
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