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Address W. C. T. U. at Meeting November 20

Mrs. R. E. Thomas, president of the Waukegan W. C. T. U., addressed the Highland Park W. C. T. U. November 20 at the home of Mrs. Flora Gordon of Highland Park.

Mrs. Thomas is county director of publicity and spoke on that subject. She gave points to the women to help them prepare their articles so they will be more acceptable to the editors. She praised the county newspapers for the large amounts of space given to the W. C. T. U. organization and urge the women to reciprocate, whenever the opportunity presented itself.

Tells About Canada

In speaking of the Canadian plan she had these facts to give:

"The Dominion of Canada, through its Bureau of Statistics, has issued a bulletin which removes all justification for support of government sale of liquor on the grounds of 'temperance' or 'moderation.' The official Dominion figures show the Canadians have increased spending for liquor from thirty millions in 1922 to more than a hundred million dollars last year; that the sale of whiskey instead of being retarded by the popularizing of beer and wine, has increased more than sixty per cent in the last two years and is increasing more rapidly than the sale of beer and wine; that drunkenness is increasing.

In Ontario

"Ontario, for instance, convicted 13,700 drunks in 1926 and 16,000 two years later. Deaths from alcoholism in Canada increased from twelve per thousand in 1922 to twenty-two per thousand in 1928. Convictions for drunken driving in Canada increased thirteen hundred per cent in the six liquor control years. Motor accidents show almost a doubled death toll in four years. Bootlegging, illicit distilling and home brewing are still active, in spite of government restrictions.

"All of the increases are in greater proportion than the Canadian increase in traffic, or population and must be laid to the fact that intoxicating liquor from a government bottle is just as dangerous as from any other bottle."

Staff Physician of Pres. Lincoln Is Dead

Dr. John M. Robinson, 94, major in the Union army who ministered to Abraham Lincoln as staff physician died recently at the veterans' home at Yountville, California. Dr. Robinson witnessed the assassination and was at the president's side when the president lay on his deathbed. The veteran physician retired to California 30 years ago.

Addresses W. C. T. U.



Mrs. R. E. Thomas

Special Session of Tax Is Invalidated

Gov. Emmerson will call a special session of the legislature this winter to enact a new gasoline tax should the Supreme court hold that the present excise is illegal and void. He made this announcement last week on the eve of his departure for a vacation in the south.

The test case, challenging the constitutionality of the fuel levy, was brought by the Chicago Motor Coach company a few months ago and a decision from the high tribunal is expected at the February term of court.

"I have no doubt but what the legislature would pass another gasoline tax bill with little opposition," said Gov. Emmerson. "I have hopes that the Supreme court will sustain the validity of the present law, but I am preparing to meet the emergency should I be disappointed.

"The administration took every precaution to draft a bullet proof gas tax bill. However, those attacking the act have the aid of capable counsel and it's never safe to predict the outcome of a lawsuit."

Governor to Address Republican Women

Governor Louis L. Emmerson will deliver the keynote speech at the opening session of the convention of Illinois Republican Women's clubs, to be held in Springfield, Dec. 3 and 4. Mrs. Emmerson will receive delegates at the executive mansion and otherwise assist in social features of the convention.

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