

Detroit Crowds Drink 3.2 Beer as Restaurants, Night Clubs and Hotels Are Filled for New Era

Joy Is Tempered with Moderation

*Speakeasies Deserted
as Patrons Turn
to Legal Brew*

Outstate Cities Find Red Tape a Burden

Beer came back Thursday—that is, the real beer with the real labels, the real flavors and the minimum of katzenjammer.

At 6 p. m. the new 3.2 brew began to flow in all parts of the State where permits had arrived in time to legalize its sale. Within a few hours Detroit, at least, was a city of joy unconfined but not unrefined.

Very shortly after the taps opened and the steins filled it became apparent that the first legal beer Michigan has had in 15 years is a beverage which stimulates good cheer, yet produces no wild and woolly jags.

Outstate Fares Badly

Outside Detroit, the citizens of this commonwealth did not fare so well. Because of the mechanical difficulties in distributing the permits and tax stamps at least three-fourths of the State, it was estimated, was without its newly acquired right to drink.

In only two cities, Detroit and Lansing, were the State revenue stamps available.

But the inhabitants of those places made the most of their good fortune. Trade in beer and victuals was brisk wherever 3.2 licenses adorned the walls. All the downtown hotels, the beer gardens, restaurants and roadhouses reported capacity crowds.

Within a few hours after the legal hours the streets began to feel the pressure of the unusual traffic. Woodward Ave. was filled with happy, noisy crowds before midnight.

Most of the activity centered around the large hotels, where thousands went to get their first taste of 3.2. The Statler, Book-Cadillac, Tuller, Fort Shelby and Detroit-Leland reported all dining rooms open and filled to capacity.

Numerous private parties were held in the upstairs, suites and the beer flowed in a steady stream until the closing hour of 2 a. m. The hotels laid in an average supply of 12,000 bottles and reported complete consumption. At the rush hour of 6 p. m. and again at midnight tables were at a premium.

Throngs Turn Out

The new brew flowed freely at scores of popular restaurants and amusement centers. Throngs jammed such well established places as the Northwood Inn, the Alamo Cafe, the Coconut Palms Gardens at Eastwood, Boesky Bros., the Chinese Tea Garden, Eastern Star Cafe, and the Chalet.

The new beer garden, Bohemia, at Woodward and Temple Aves., was filled long before midnight. Expectant patrons had to wait in line outside the doors until those inside reached their capacity.

The old time atmosphere plus modern speed was present at Bohemia. When a jazz orchestra was not moaning the latest dance hits, a German band of Gay Nineties vintage was parading and tooting on the floor.

At the Heidelberg, the special features were German music and decorations and waitresses in German peasant costumes.

The city's principal clubs held 3.2 parties. Attendance at the Detroit Club, the Harmonie, and the Detroit Athletic Club was far above average.

Ginger Ale Sales Fall

A trend in night club business was seen at the Alamo, where the manager reported that his ginger ale sales fell off to nothing and that he sold more food than he had ever dispensed before.

Such optimistic news was not forthcoming at the speakeasies. Some of the larger downtown places were closed entirely, and in those that remained open there was virtually no business.

In the Woodward Ave.-Second Blvd. speakeasy district only one or two parties were seen in the blind pigs that held out against the

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3.2 invasion, while the restaurants licensed to sell the new beer were crowded.

Even entertainment and special features did not succeed in drawing the crowds to the illegitimate places.

Proprietors of speakeasies remaining open said that they had received no orders from the police to close, and that they would continue operating until the authorities took action.

Contrary to the expectations of drys, drunkenness did not reach a new high Thursday night. Between 6 and midnight, only 15 "Golden Rule" drunks were arrested, which is no more than the average.

The first person arrested under the 3.2 law in Detroit was Sam Ozadovech, 34 years old, proprietor of a grocery at 4149 Third Ave. Eighteen cases of beer were found in his car parked in front of the store, according to police. Labeled from an Ohio brewery, they lacked the necessary revenue stamps, ac-

Windsor to Seek Beer

Fearful that Canadians are going to cross the River to Detroit for their beer, Mayor David Croll, of Windsor, has called a mass meeting of Border Cities residents for Tuesday night in Jackson Park to demand that the Ontario Legislature revise the liquor laws to permit the sale of beer and wine in hotels and restaurants with meals.

cording to Lieut. Thomas Nelson, of the Canfield Precinct.

Ozadovech said he had purchased the beer from another grocer and had applied for his license. He was released to appear Friday morning.

Thousands of other dealers who had applied for licenses were disappointed because of the difficulties in distributing them. Although the Liquor Control Commission head-

quarters remained open all Wednesday night, fewer than 1,000 applicants obtained their permits.

An attempt to rush permits to Escanaba by plane failed when a low ceiling forced the ship back. The permits were sent by automobile then, but the distance was so great that the car could not reach its destination before nightfall.

At midnight a thorough investigation was instituted to determine who, besides those attending Wednesday night's American Legion party, had drunk the first 3.2 brew.

After careful study the honor was awarded to James C. McCabe, manager of the Michigan Motor Transport Corp. Mr. McCabe seated himself at a table in the Detroit-Leland Hotel and ordered his beer well before the legal hour. At 5:59.30 he filled his glass. At precisely 6 he downed his drink in the presence of checkers and double checkers whose word cannot be disputed.

Driver Who Hurt Pedestrian Jailed

Martin Holka, 39 years old, of Ruth, Mich., was sentenced Thursday to the Wayne County Jail for 20 days by Traffic Judge John J. Maher.

Holka was charged with reckless driving. He was arrested Wednesday evening after his automobile had run down a pedestrian, Miss Theresa Novak, 23, of 6188 Sheridan Ave., at Mt. Elliott and Harper Aves. Miss Novak is in Receiving Hospital.

Holka left the scene and was overtaken by Marvin Getschla, D. S. R. motorman, who was on foot.

Joseph Sunard, 48, of 1321 W. Vernor Highway, was sentenced to the County Jail for 10 days on a charge of reckless driving. He was arrested Wednesday evening at Michigan and Fourth Aves., following an automobile accident.

'Some May Like Wine, but a Cold Stein for Mine'

