

# Mass meeting called to rehabilitate Sunday

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Apparently, the city marshal, George Owens, had, on the previous Sunday, jogged the memories of some merchants about the law. The *Telephone* did not report how Owens' hints were received.

But the ministers, Indiana University professors and some businessmen present were optimistic about not only future enforcement, but the public attitude as well. Related the newspaper, "We believe the feeling is that good will grow out of the effort to improve the moral and social condition of the city, not that but we will compare favorably with other town and cities of our commonwealth, but because we feel that there is great room for improvement."

Actually, the citizens seemed to be less concerned about Sunday meat or drug sales than they were about other lines of business. Remarked IU Professor Allan Philputt, "This fight is not against meat shops and livery stables so much as those lines of business which are morally wrong in themselves."

It certainly didn't take much imagination on anyone's part to come up with what the professor had in mind. In case anyone didn't understand, the offenses were spelled out in another reso-

lution, which read:

"We are morally convinced that there are repeated and unpunished violations of law in our city, and we have the right not to be satisfied with anything less than the absolute suppression of all gambling, drunkenness, rowdyism, illegal liquor selling, maintenance of bawdy houses, allowing pool-selling in public places to minors, the illegal selling upon the Sabbath of soda water, cigars, tobacco, liquor and other unnecessary articles at drugstores, the Sabbath opening of restaurants, and the illegal Sunday traffic in all other kinds of business."

A letter-to-the-editor writer on July 2 pointed out that not everybody felt the same zeal about the fourth Commandment. In fact, the anonymous author suggested that Bloomingtonians were roughly divided into three categories: "Those radically in favor of enforcement; those careless and indifferent about the matter; and those opposed to them." He or she added that the second category was probably the largest group.

The writer concluded, "It seems to me that one true and infallible way to boom the town is to give it a name for observing the law and Sunday that will go far and wide throughout the state."