

CLEAN-UP PLEDGED IN PRINCE GEORGES BY SHERIFF-ELECT

**Fink, Chosen on Reform Plat-
form, Announces War on
Vice and Gamblers.**

**500 STILLS DECLARED
OPERATING AT SURRATS**

**Bladensburg Road Is Called
Battlefield for Bootleggers
and Hold-Up Men.**

John Fink, of Berwyn, Md., elected sheriff of Prince Georges county on campaign promises to scourge the county of vice, last night declared he already had begun to lay his plans for a wholesale clean-up of bootlegging and the abolishment of gambling resorts.

Sheriff-elect Fink was indorsed by the Law and Order League of Prince Georges county, and carried a great majority of the women's vote. His only opponent for the office was Colonel Thomas Garrison, of Hyattsville.

"Vice is rampant throughout the county. In the Surrats district, 10 miles from Washington, there are

probably 500 illicit stills in daily operation. Two of the largest gambling houses south of New York have been in operation for more than a year. Bladensburg road, the main gateway to the National Capital, has been virtually turned into a battlefield by bootleggers and hold-up men," were some of the charges made by Mr. Fink last night.

Mr. Fink declared that if he had not had the support of the Law and Order league and the women of the county he would have been defeated as the gambling and bootleg element were against him.

Gamblers to Be Ordered Out.

"As soon as I receive my commission and take oath of office, I will personally serve notice on the proprietors of the gambling resorts to shut their doors," he said. "With that element out of the way we will at once turn our attention to the bootleggers."

"The citizens of Prince Georges county are demanding that vice be stamped out. At Seat Pleasant and Aquasco a week before the election I pledged that I would clean up the county and regardless of who it hurts that's what's going to be done."

Mr. Fink, for more than five years, has been connected with the office of supervisor of elections and had never run for public office. Conditions in Prince Georges, which were brought to the attention of voters by the Law and Order league at public meetings in Hyattsville and elsewhere in the county, resulted in his selection for sheriff.

His entire ticket was elected. Joseph Mattingly, of Oxon Hill, defeated States Attorney Wilson Ryon for associate judge, and Allen Bowie, of Brandywine, defeated Arthur Keef-er, of Mt. Rainier for States Attorney.