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IN MEMORY OF A BIG DRINK

It's pageant time in Rothenburg and the old Bavarian town commemorates an incident of 320 years ago. Captured after a long siege, the town was condemned to destruction; but the burgomaster saved it by winning a bet with a mighty drink.

In memory of that old-time mayor, today's burgomaster sinks a stein at a go, which makes everybody happy, so strike up the band and let the people dance!

They had some good ideas, those old-time people. Fancy winning safety with a swill! And what a slogan! Drink a pint for peace! If you could get the powers to agree, there'd be no time for wars!