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(An Editorial)

Stokes Voters, Vote Wisely!

Can the Stokes County voter afford to fail to vote for Franklin D. Roosevelt and his administration next Tuesday?

For the following reasons, we do not think he can:

Farming is the chief occupation of 90 percent. of the Stokes county people, and on the farmer's prosperity depends the prosperity of 100 percent. of Stokes county's citizenship.

Franklin D. Roosevelt has done more for the farmer than any President since George Washington and every fair minded person, if he thinks seriously, must admit this.

The farmer's position today is stronger, and his buying power larger than at any time in the history of the nation.

The very first thing Roosevelt did when he came into power was in the direct interest of the farmer, as well as of every other citizen. He closed every bank in the United States. More than 19,000 banks had failed under the administration of Hoover, and uncounted millions of dollars had been lost by the people because the banks could not collect notes and mortgages, as the condition of the times were so serious that business houses were falling every day and the price of land and the products of the farms were so low that farmers could not meet their obligations.

They could not even pay taxes.

Tobacco was bringing far below the cost of production. Hundreds of thousands of farms and homesteads were on the block, and men were losing their savings of a lifetime because they could not raise money to rescue them.

After a short while the safe banks were reopened and the new President, Roosevelt, demanded and received from congress a law to guarantee up to \$5,000 every deposit in the banks. Thus was the country restored to confidence, and people began anew to take heart.

This was followed by laws to establish giant pools of cash by which farmers and business men could get loans to save their property and to revive their paralyzed business.

At this time uncounted thousands of men and women were walking the streets and highways of the country barefooted and hungry, out of work, out of a means of earning the very necessities of life.

Under the demand of the President the great WPA and other agencies were established, not to give the people free doles like in some of the European countries, but to give them honest work, and allow them to honestly earn the means of living, to take new heart, to get a new view on life. It was the NEW DEAL that the Republican campaign orators abuse and cuss to this day.

The New Deal resurrected the nation from the most stupendous financial catastrophe of history in which more

money was lost by the farmers, businessmen, the railway companies, the insurance companies, the industrial factories, etc., than is now owed by the great war debt of the United States.

Roosevelt didn't stop at this. He demanded and received from the Democratic congress legislation which has furnished and is furnished today under our great social security, regular checks to the old aged, the helpless, the crippled, the blind, and other unfortunates. The President had said at the outset that no person of America should starve under his administration.

He has kept his word to the people.

At the start of the New Deal the national income was only about 30 billions of dollars. Within two or three years it had increased to 80 billions. Today it is more than 200 billions of dollars.

When Hoover went out many millions of people were unemployed. During the reign of Roosevelt unemployment has been reduced more than TEN MILLION.

In giving employment to the idle and the despairing, to lead them back to prosperity, the WPA spent many millions of dollars for public buildings, roads, school buildings, parks, and a thousand needed improvements and new constructions. In our own county of Stokes the greatly enlarged and modernized court house, equal in its conveniences and comforts to almost any county's public buildings, stands as a result of the New Deal's giant saving program.

Tobacco Is the Measure of Stokes Prosperity

Like all the other counties of the great tobacco belts, the price of their great money crop is the measure of prosperity. Tobacco is today selling at higher averages than at any time in the history of the country except the one year of 1919. Almost immediately after Roosevelt took the driver's seat, the price of tobacco began climbing.

Why? Because the New Deal had taken the control of the money of the nation from the hands of the great money interests in New York, and brought it to Washington where Hoover had let it escape from. Consequently, the government was behind the great financial policy of the nation—establishing a NEW POLICY. Farmers and business men could now get the cash to do business on.

The result of the NEW DEAL for the small man can be seen today as the great interests who are backing Mr. Dewey are moving Heaven and earth to beat Roosevelt, and here in North Carolina we have the "America First" or the "Constitutional Democrats" or some such crooked political organizations as that, calling themselves Democrats—they are only little henchmen at work on orders from the big interests in New York and Wall Street to fool the common man, trying to get control again of

the government, so that they may again put the halter on our farmers, laborers and little business men.

Would the Stokes county farmers be wise next Tuesday to vote to turn out their best friend, the man who had done so much for the country and the common people?

The Vicious Attack On Roosevelt

They are using money, misrepresentation, slander, lying, and deception to beat the President now. They tell ignorant and uninformed women that Roosevelt put their boys in the war after promising them he would not. This statement is false. Roosevelt said he would not be in favor of sending any mother's boy to fight in a foreign war UNLESS WE WERE ATTACKED.

They are telling the ignorant and uninformed that Roosevelt said he wanted to keep the boys in the war because it was cheaper than feeding them or having to provide them a job when they came back. This is a dastardly lie with no semblance of the truth. The President has long since induced Congress to pass a law to muster out the boys at the quickest possible moment after the war, and to provide jobs for them when they come out.

The President himself has four sons in the armed services, and has just as much feeling for his boys as any father or mother has for theirs.

They are telling it on the President that he made no preparations for the war and that he is responsible for the loss of life at Pearl Harbor. This is so false it smells to Heaven. The facts are the Republicans in Congress who voted almost solidly against fortifying the island of Guam, against lend-lease, against arming our merchantmen, against increasing our army, against building a great air force, against enlarging the navy—against nearly every measure which Roosevelt advocated to prepare the country against war long before Pearl Harbor—these are the persons who are responsible for the blood of thousands of boys.

Don't Swap Horses Now

It would be a tragedy of vast degree to elect Dewey President now and defeat Roosevelt in the midst of this most terrible war in history, and put in a new man at the helm without either experience, knowledge or ability to hold this position of war President. Such an act on the part of the voters would certainly be construed by Germany and Japan as the refusal of the United States to back up its government in the war. These desperate nations, who are now beaten to their knees, would certainly take new heart, and increase their efforts, and the war would be greatly prolonged, meaning the death of many thousands of our boys.