

Struthers Burt Sees Opportunity Knocking at Door of Democracy

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President of the United States while Governor Smith lacks all these qualifications? Mr. Hoover has never held a political position in his life. He is utterly an untried quantity. For 26 years Governor Smith has been on the political firing-line in a principality of ten million people and for eight years he has governed this principality. Many of the greatest Presidents we have had received their political training as Governors of States; to mention three of them, two of them Governors of New York, Cleveland, Roosevelt and Wilson. What also of Governor Smith's political associates, the men so utterly alien to Mr. Page and myself, and who warped so terribly Governor Smith's character? Has Mr. Page this fierce contempt for Franklin Roosevelt, Frank Polk, Vanderbilt Webb, and so on, and so on?

Democracy's Opportunity.

It is a difficult thing to leave a party under any circumstances when your family has been closely identified with that party. I know of what I am speaking for I have left my party. But I can tell Mr. Page that, in my opinion, it is a tragic thing to leave a party when, for the first time in eight years, that party achieves once more courageous and progressive leadership; when it bids fair, unless defeated by those who should be its friends, to become for years the great and dominant and progressive party of the nation. Hundreds of thousands of progressive Republicans are now in the ranks of the Democratic Party working with all their hearts for this man who is not "our kind." If the Democrats keep their heads most of these Republicans will never renounce their present allegiance, they will become in name as well as in reality Democrats. With their aid the Democratic Party will assume a position it has not had since the Civil War. It will cease to be a minority party winning, here and there, an election by chance, and will, instead, become

the majority party, remaining such so long as it does not become stupid, corrupt and arrogant as now its opponent has become. On the whole, these Republicans are the flower of their party, in four years' time there will be thousands more of them. And what has brought them over? Why, the courage, the personality and the leadership of this man who is not "our kind."

I don't know who the "distinguished leaders of the Democratic Party" are who told Mr. Page that nobody in North Carolina liked Governor Smith, that nobody believed that he was fit to be President, but that none the less, now that he was the candidate of the Democratic Party, all good Democrats ought to vote for him, but I agree with Mr. Page that when they said that they were talking nonsense, only they were talking just twice as much nonsense as Mr. Page imagined. Of course no intelligent man should vote for a bad man simply because he happens to be the candidate of his party, but in this case no Democrat is in that position. Instead of showing their ignorance and narrow-mindedness these "distinguished leaders" ought to be down on their knees thanking Fate that, after eight years, the name Democrat, because of "the experience, training, knowledge and acumen" of its present leader, his fighting qualities and his courage, has become once more a name to be feared and respected.

And finally, let me add a word for the present Democratic administration of the State of North Carolina: I am not a citizen of North Carolina, although I am a property owner and winter resident. I can assure all North Carolinians, however, that their State has an enviable reputation for honesty and efficiency in State politics. As an interested observer it would seem to me a dangerous experiment and a piece of ingratitude to dismiss from office the party and the men who have served you so well.

STRUTHERS BURT.

Southern Pines, N. C.
October 30, 1928.

Confessions of a Maine Republican

S. B. Richardson "Declairs" for Hoover, Seawell and U. L. Spence.

To the Editor of The Pilot:

In order that there may be no misunderstanding and to avoid any possibility of being accused of having "flopped" or having fallen victim to the "personality" of a certain gentleman from the sidewalks of New York, who seems to have ambitions to occupy the White House, I wish to state emphatically that on the sixth day of November I shall cast my ballot for Hon. Herbert Hoover for President of the United States and Herbert Seawell for Governor of North Carolina. In arriving at this conclusion I have not been influenced by the fact that I was born in Maine or that my grandfather was a Republican, but that these two gentlemen are better qualified to fill the high offices of President and Governor than the opposing candidates.

My purpose in indulging in the above prelude is two-fold; first to state my position and second, to strengthen my position in what is to follow.

These are serious times, times when every good citizen should give his best and exercise his best judgment; party prejudice should give way to common sense. After all is said and done what we really want is the man who will serve us best.

Rarely, if ever, has Moore County had the opportunity of securing the services of so able a gentleman to represent its citizens in the General Assembly as we have at this time in the person of Hon. Union L. Spence, Democratic candidate for Representative.

Mr. Spence is a gentleman of unusual ability, especially qualified to serve in this capacity, entirely familiar with the needs of Moore County and the State and to whose public record we can point with pride.

Great confidence should be established in the motives of this good citizen when we consider that his election to this office will mean great financial loss and sacrifice to his profession.

I urgently request that all good citizens of Moore County shall go to the polls next Tuesday with the firm determination to elect the Hon. Union L. Spence, Democratic nominee for Representative to the General Assembly.

S. B. RICHARDSON.

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A Statement from the Democratic Precinct Committee--

Democratic Friends:—

In this country we have party government. The Democratic Party aims to serve all the people. Its purpose in government is to give expression to the will of the people. When Democrats are in power every man and every woman has a voice in the government. It is not always possible for all the people to speak directly for themselves but they always can speak through their Party Precinct Committee. There are eighty-five Democratic Precinct Committee men and women in Moore County, five to every precinct. We, the Precinct Committeemen, have been selected by the Democratic voters of this county to act as your Precinct Committee. We offer our time and our energies to the Democrats of this county to see to it that their opinions and wishes are heard and respected by all Democratic officers. We believe that every man, woman and child in this County will have a better chance if we elect a Democrat for President, and Democrats for all State and County offices. We, therefore, most respectfully and most earnestly recommend to our neighbors and friends to vote in this election for Democrats from President to Constable.

We ask you to co-operate with us and our poll workers on November the 6th to get every Democrat to the polls. We will cheerfully do all in our power to get our voters to the polls and back home, and will render any assistance we can to any who have not had previous experience in voting. We assure you that you will receive kind, polite and courteous treatment by this Committee and our poll workers. After the election is over, we ask that you continue to co-operate with us to the end that those whom we elect may know and carry out our wishes. We have every reason to believe that our candidates will carry out your wishes if they know them.

Yours for Democratic Victory,

Democratic Precinct Committee of Moore County

Wet or Dry the Paramount Issue

Rev. Mr. Tuck Says Americans Are Neither Slaves Nor Cowards.

To the Editor of The Pilot:

"Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's," teaches that political action is a religious obligation. A man's religion should affect his political action just as it should affect his domestic, his social and his commercial actions.

The liquor traffic is God's worst enemy and the devil's best friend. The liquor business had become entrenched in the government and had become its greatest menace. It manufactured paupers, made men criminals and corrupted the very springs of government, and murdered presidents. On January 16, 1920 the nation abolished the license system, which was "a sin against God and a crime against man" and adopted the prohibition of the sale, manufacture and importation and transportation of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes. This was the greatest moral adventure ever undertaken by any government on earth. "The motive was noble." It was "to promote the general welfare and to secure the blessing of liberty to ourselves, and to our posterity."

Crime Reduced.

On that morning the United States by the greatest majority behind any line in the constitution outlawed the liquor business. It was not put over on the people but it was put over by the people. As a result of partial enforcement, crime has been reduced 38 per cent, there are fewer paupers in the nation today than for twenty years, \$2,500,000 have gone into legitimate business every year instead of being wasted over the bar for poison, and the procession of 100,000 men marching into drunkards' graves annually has been arrested. It is a very significant fact that the sale of children's shoes has increased 400 per cent annually since the adoption of prohibition.

Last year the Federal Courts convicted 36,548 liquor dealers for violating the law who paid over \$4,000,000 in fines, besides being jailed. Some people say it cannot be enforced. If we can enforce it, and dare not, we are cowards. If we would enforce it, and cannot, we are slaves. I do not believe that the American people are either cowards or slaves. The contest next Tuesday is not a contest between Democrats and Republicans, but between the "Wets" and the "Drys." This is the paramount issue and I am going to put my belief into my ballot for God and home and native land, and against "God's worst

enemy and the devil's best friend."

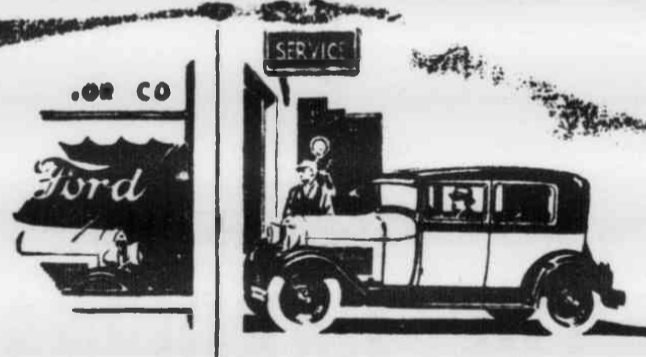
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EDW. A. TUCK.

Southern Pines, N. C.

October 30, 1928.

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