

Vote For Control

Monday, December 23rd

TO THE PEOPLE OF FRANKLIN COUNTY

While the Board of County Commissioners, as such, is taking no part in the campaign between those "For" and "Against" Control, I feel it entirely proper to say in behalf of the Board of County Commissioners that; in the event the Control Act is ratified by the vote of the people of Franklin County, this board, without political consideration, will appoint the best men available as members of the Board of Control.

We will give to the Board of Control our hearty cooperation in stamping out the traffic in illicit liquor, and in making the plan a success as far as we can.

In no event, if the act is ratified, will the credit of the County be pledged or impaired for the opening and operation of A. B. C. stores. Plans have been worked out in other counties whereby the county is not liable in any manner for purchases or expense. This same plan can and will be used in Franklin County.

T. W. BOONE, Chairman
Board of Commissioners of
Franklin County.
December 18, 1935.

THE FOLLOWING INTERVIEWS HAVE BEEN GIVEN:

In response to your request as to how I stand in regard to the election to be held on December 23rd, I beg to say that while I have no criticism for those who differ with my opinion, I am convinced that the Turlington Act under which we are now operating will never be enforced because it is too extreme, in its provisions. I do not know that the Control Act can be rigidly enforced, but I am confident that under its operation, conditions will be better in Franklin County than they are at the present time.

If the control should not prove satisfactory, then certainly we can alter or repeal it at our next General Assembly, which convenes in January, 1937.

Yours very truly,
R. L. LAYTON.

In fifteen years of active practice I have been brought into intimate contact with all kinds of homes in all parts of the County and have had an excellent opportunity to see first hand all the aspects of the liquor problem under Prohibition. Unlimited amounts of liquor of doubtful and sometimes dangerous quality have been made, sold and consumed in this County during these years. The usual ills attending the abuse of liquor have followed—saddened, impoverished homes and ruined lives. Tempted by the lure of easy profits hundreds of previously law abiding, industrious citizens have become bootleggers, and moral degeneration and disgrace have followed for them and their families.

I am sincerely convinced that the proposed law for liquor control is a very definite step in the right direction to remedy the bootlegging evil and the crime and wide spread contempt for law that it breeds. By making that vicious industry profitless as well as risky its eventual end is in sight. If there is no perfect remedy for the abuse of alcohol, and there seems to be none, at least liquor can be made to pay for the harm it does by diverting to the county treasurer the considerable profit derived from its sale which now goes into the pockets of bootleggers and makes outlaws of them.

Conditions can be no worse—I feel that the proposed change is clearly for the better.
Yours very truly,
HARRY H. JOHNSON.

You ask me how I feel in regard to the Control election to be held December 23rd, and in answer to your question I beg to say that while I would be glad to see all liquor and the traffic therein destroyed, I do not think that this result can be obtained under present conditions and if liquor must be sold, I feel that the County should control and tax the sale thereof. I believe that public sentiment is and will continue to be against the rigid enforcement of the Turlington Act which makes any man a criminal who obtains whiskey no matter what the need for same may be, and I honestly believe that the so-called Dry Forces are making a mistake in opposing the Control Act. I shall vote for Control with the hope and expectation that the liquor evil will be better controlled than at the present.

HERBERT G. PERRY, M. D.

You ask me what I think about the liquor Control Act. In reply to your question, I beg to say that I know that a great deal of illicit whiskey is now sold in Franklin County, and I am afraid that for many years this condition will continue. If liquor must be sold in Franklin County, I think it better to control and tax the sale, and I believe that under the Control Act, we can stamp out much of the illegal liquor traffic. For this and many other reasons which convince me that the Control Act should be tried out in Franklin County, I expect to vote for same at the election to be held on December 23rd.

F. H. ALLEN.

I favor Whiskey Control, or the A. B. C. Store because I think it is far better than what we have. Then good citizens who drink can get good whiskey legally. While we bring whiskey in the open to be handled by good citizens, we can make another try for the solution of the problem.

Yours very truly,
A. W. PERSON.

TO THE VOTERS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY:

We feel that the people of Franklin County should consider seriously and calmly the question to be answered at the election to be held on Monday, December 23rd. It is not a question as to whether we are WET or DRY—we think it will be conceded that Franklin County is ALREADY WET. The question to be decided IS whether or not we are satisfied with present conditions, or desire to improve these conditions by trying out a plan which seems to be successful in other counties.

We believe that the bone dry Turlington Act has proven unenforceable because it is too drastic. Under its terms, no matter what the necessity for alcoholic stimulant might be, you cannot procure same in Franklin County without becoming in the eyes of the law, a criminal. Such law cannot maintain the support of a free and enlightened public sentiment. And in spite of its enactment, we think it will be conceded that more illicit liquor is being sold in Franklin County, and there is more promiscuous drinking (especially among our young men and women, than ever before.

We believe that the improper use of intoxicating liquors should be discouraged by every means possible, by preaching, teaching and example. However, we are convinced that absolute prohibition is not now the cure for the liquor evil, and while we do not expect the new Control Act to prove a perfect solution of the liquor problem, we do believe that it is a step in the right direction and worthy of a fair trial.

Because we believe: (1) That the present prohibition law cannot be enforced and in many respects is worse than a failure; (2) That the Control Act can be enforced and will better conditions in Franklin County; (3) That liquor is being, and will be sold,—and it should be controlled and taxed to the end that the tax burden of our people may be lightened to that extent; (4) That we know that if the Control Act is ratified and should not prove satisfactory it can be changed or repealed by our next General Assembly—we ask you to meet this issue without prejudice or hypocrisy and let your common sense be your guide in casting your ballot.

Without criticism for those who think otherwise, we believe that the morals, health, and financial interest of the people of Franklin County, will be best served by the ratification of the Control Act.

Yours in the interest of Franklin County.

ASSOCIATION FOR BETTER CONTROL OF SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS IN FRANKLIN COUNTY,

We, as practical citizens, interested only in the welfare of our people believe that we know existing conditions better than the so-called "United Dry Forces" and we shall vote "For Control" on December 23rd with the hope and expectation of improving the present conditions and making Franklin County a better county within which to live.

- E. H. MALONE
- W. J. COOPER
- A. W. PERSON
- W. B. TUCKER
- S. P. BODDIE
- Q. S. LEONARD
- P. R. WHITE
- F. W. WHELESS, JR.
- A. E. HENDERSON
- W. N. FULLER
- W. G. BALL
- W. H. HORTON
- F. H. ALLEN
- CLYDE BURGESS
- L. J. PERNELL
- W. H. PERNELL
- C. W. JONES
- L. O. THARRINGTON
- J. R. EARLE, JR.
- P. D. WESTER
- F. M. FULLER
- HERBERT G. PERRY, M. D.
- J. W. WINSTON
- C. A. UNDERWOOD
- W. C. PERRY
- R. F. GREEN
- E. L. GREEN
- W. B. BARROW
- MRS. T. K. STOCKARD

- C. M. HOWARD
- D. F. MCKINNE
- E. F. THOMAS
- J. IRA WELDON
- A. F. JOHNSON
- W. L. LUMPKIN
- W. T. KING
- MRS. JIMMIE ALLEN
- MRS. STAPLETON ALLEN
- R. F. YARBOROUGH
- P. S. ALLEN
- MRS. S. P. BODDIE
- J. H. JOYNER
- MRS. J. E. EARLE, JR.
- R. C. BECK, JR.
- KILGO GARDNER
- F. M. COX
- J. R. MEDLIN
- J. P. TIMBERLAKE, JR.
- J. A. HODGES
- J. O. GREEN
- H. H. UTLEY
- D. C. HICKS
- W. F. ROSE
- L. T. SUITT
- JNO. T. SAWYER
- GEORGE GILLIAM
- WALLACE H. GREEN
- S. P. PARKER

- O. MOORE
- JOHN F. GONELLA
- H. E. PEARCE, JR.
- R. W. SMITHWICK
- J. Y. BEASLEY
- T. K. STOCKARD
- W. E. BARTHOLOMEW
- E. C. BULLUCK
- ARCH H. PERRY, M. D.
- F. A. READ
- A. S. J. HAMLETT
- G. C. PARRISH
- EDWARD F. GRIFFIN
- F. G. BAKER
- C. W. LEA
- F. E. ROSE
- W. D. EGERTON
- R. A. PEARCE
- LAWRENCE MILLER
- B. G. ALFORD
- H. L. DENTON
- J. W. MURPHY
- B. N. WILLIAMSON
- W. E. WHITE, JR.
- MRS. K. K. ALLEN
- W. E. MURPHY, JR.
- S. D. HARRIS
- J. R. TERRELL
- J. D. TERRELL

THE TRUTH ABOUT LIQUOR CONTROL

The Liquor Control Election to be held next Monday, December 23 is a challenge to the intelligence of the voters of Franklin County: the question that we, as citizens, are to decide is, whether we will squarely face the actual positive facts as to the present existing conditions, or whether we will shut our eyes to the facts and vote for our ideals, without taking into consideration the conditions that actually exist in Franklin County with respect to the manufacture and sale of illicit whiskey.

The ideal of every citizen is that liquor be forever banished from civilization, and this has been the ideal of humanity since its beginning. We are confronted with the question of the most sensible and intelligent handling of the liquor problem and should decide whether it is best to have blockade liquor manufactured on every branch and creek in Franklin County and sold publicly in every community and neighborhood in the County to our boys and girls by an irresponsible element of our citizenship who fatten and grow rich without work; or whether we shall control by governmental action the sale and distribution of whiskey and take the profits that have been going to the bootleggers and use them to reduce our taxes, to help pay the burden of the expenses of good government, to break up the manufacture and illegal sale of whiskey and to teach temperance, sobriety and respect for law to the younger generation.

Why not put the bootlegger out of his profitable business and put him to work? Why pay him the profit that is so sorely needed to increase our school term and relieve our taxpayers? How could it be possible to have more liquor in Franklin County than we have under the present law? Why tax our meat and bread and necessities of life in the name of government and let liquor, which is of no value to man, go tar free?

Our neighboring counties under rigid liquor control have practically dried up bootlegging; have reduced the purchasing of liquor, and are using the revenue for the benefit of their taxpayers. Are we still willing to let the bootleggers get the revenue rather than give it to the taxpayers?

On Monday, December 23, 1935, vote the ticket upon which appears the words "For Control Act" and you will be casting your ballot to bring about the following change in conditions in our County:

- 1—Eliminate the deplorable conditions brought about by the manufacture and sale of whiskey to boys and girls.
- 2—Place the control and sale of whiskey under rigid and strict regulation, subject to police supervision.
- 3—Take the tremendous profits from the bootlegger and reduce your taxes.
- 4—Take the glamour and romance of buying and drinking liquor from the young people.
- 5—Guarantee to the mothers and fathers that their minor children cannot buy liquor.
- 6—Bring about public respect for law and order.
- 7—Unite all of the citizenship of our County with a real drive for temperance.

The citizens favoring rigid liquor control for Franklin County have no paid workers or press agents and leave the question with the voters of Franklin County upon the facts as they actually exist.

It is a shameful thing that the so called "United Dry Forces of Franklin County" who claim to stand for temperance should be guilty of distributing throughout Franklin County, circulars filled with the most intemperate statements and gross inaccuracies. These circulars appear to have been written by outsiders and while calculated to mislead the ignorant, we do not think that our sober thinking voters of Franklin County, who are thoroughly disgusted with present conditions, will permit this kind of PURE BUNK to effect them.

If the Control Act is ratified by the voters of Franklin County, there will be NO saloons. The stores to be conducted under the law will be run by officials appointed by our own elected County Commissioners, and will be under bond for the faithful performance of their duties. There appears in the opposite column a statement signed by some of our best citizens who know conditions in our county better than anyone in Virginia or Raleigh or Kalamazoo. These same "United Dry Forces" wanted to deny us the right to vote on this question. Were they right there? The Supreme Court of North Carolina said not. Listen to your own people who stand for the best interests of your County, and show the courage of your convictions by voting "FOR CONTROL" and the destruction of bootlegging in Franklin County.