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select the officers and choose the policies of their county, state and nation.

Persons who are not sufficiently informed to make up their own minds about whom they shall vote for, or who will accept financial reward for voting, have no business at the polls on election day. Any politician, ward heeler or election day worker who will stoop to coercion to obtain votes is not worthy to be called an American, and should live in some country like Germany where there is only one way to vote or else—be shot.

Industry's Two-Fold Job
Airplanes and tanks are not the sole needs of national defense. If the United States is going to be well equipped to face the problems that the future may bring, manufacturing industry must be in good running order, and it must continue to answer the requirements of the civilian population of this country. If for no other reason, this is the case because we must depend upon industry, directly or indirectly, for a large part of the revenues necessary to finance our huge new defense program.

Industry has two problems which it must deal with effectively. One is national defense. The other, as one spokesman has put it, is "domestic defense of national prosperity."

If America recognizes these truths—and the public today is demanding realism in the work of achieving national unity—industry is capable of doing both these jobs effectively.

Borrowed Comment

FARMERS TO VOTE AGAIN
(Oxford Public Ledger)

Again next Saturday, tobacco growers, as they have several times since 1934, will participate in a referendum to determine their willingness to cooperate in a program devised to bolster tobacco prices.

In the referendum, growers have three alternatives: Voting for one year control; Voting for three year control; Voting against control. It is not a local issue, but an issue which is to be decided by participating growers in all tobacco-growing states.

Statisticians of the United States Department of Agriculture have studied the tobacco situation from every point of view and they have reached conclusions which have been placed before administration chiefs in the Department of Agriculture. On the basis of conclusions reached, machinery and financial support provided by the Congress of the United States, the Department has formulated plans for consideration by growers in their referendum.

The statistical experts have concluded that the total of the votes in the referendum will determine the price which growers will receive for their tobacco when it is placed on sale in the summer and fall. Experience during the past six years has shown conclusively that these experts are accurate in their calculations and that it is good farm business to follow their recommendations.

They tell us, for instance, that if one-year quotas are voted, that the Federal government will not be able to protect prices at the 14.9 cents per pound the 1939 crop brought, and that allotments for 1941 would be reduced by only 10 per cent.

They tell us, further, that if growers reject quotas, and each grower produces and markets as much tobacco as he desires or is able, that the 1940 crop will bring a price range of 5 to 10 cents.

On the other hand, if growers wish to go all the way, and pledge their cooperation for three years, and stand by that pledge for 1941 through 1943, the Federal government will protect prices of the now maturing crop at a price not below, probably slightly above, the 14.9 cents per pound paid in 1939.

The sole interest of the government of the United States, or of the state of North Carolina, in making the referendum possible, is to assure a reasonable income for those engaged in the production of tobacco. The government nor agents of the government, but farmers, those engaged in the actual production of tobacco, alone can put the control program into effect. Saturday is their one and only chance to do that.

Five days are left in which growers might discuss the control program with their farmer committees, their county agent, banker, merchant, doctor, preacher, son, daughter or wife, consider it from every angle—and then vote.

The outcome of the referendum will have important bearing upon the future welfare of the tobacco section. Approval of the three-year control proposal will be a reasonable guarantee of prosperity for the three years to come.

Pores Knob News Of The Past Week

Mrs. E. C. Jennings and children and Miss Nina Michael enjoyed a vacation at Myrtle Beach last week.

Mrs. J. B. Bentley is visiting relatives in Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio. She plans to be gone about two weeks.

Mrs. Docha Farrill of Charlotte, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Davis, during the week end. Mrs. Davis, who has been real sick for several months, remains about the same.

The Pores Knob Home Demonstration club enjoyed meeting with Mrs. Dove Jones last Friday.

The Walnut Grove Sunday school is progressing nicely with an attendance of about 125 each Sunday. Mr. Vaughn E. Jennings has been superintendent of the school for several years and much interest is being shown in the Sunday school work. The singing class under the direction of Mr. T. R. Ashley is improving greatly with much interest being taken in singing by the young folks of the community.

The Young Ladies class held its regular monthly meeting at the home of Miss Gladys Lowe Friday night while the young men held their regular Friday night Bible study at the church.

Prayer services are being held each week as a forerunner for the approaching revival which will be held the 3rd week in August. Rev. Grady White will assist the pastor, Rev. C. C. Holland in this meeting. Rev. Mr. White is pleasantly remembered here as he assisted in a meeting at our church several years ago and we are looking forward to having him with us again.

Much cooperation has been shown in the ice cream suppers given recently in our community. One was sponsored by the young ladies Sunday school class and

the other one by the Pores Knob ball team. A nice sum was realized from each. Many thanks go to everyone who helped make these a success.

The Pores Knob ball team hasn't lost a game so far this season. They played Mountain View Saturday on the home ground. They will go to Kings Creek next Saturday for a game. The team is under the management of P. R. Lowe.

Miss Maude Jennings, of Greensboro, visited her mother, Mrs. Sallie Jennings last week.

Miss Corina Jones, age about 44, of one section of Pores Knob, has come to stay a while with her sister, Aunt Nancy Jones, who is well up in 98. They seem very contented and happy together. Aunt Nancy is the oldest resident of our community and lives alone and is still quite active despite her age.

Some of the young people around here enjoyed a winter social Saturday evening.

Misses Nora, Caroline, and Mary Bell Broynhill, and Grace Marlow enjoyed a trip to parts of Virginia and Washington, D. C., last week.

Misses Nora Laws, Bessie and Pauline Brook spent the week end in Charlotte as guest of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Steelman.

Mr. James Meadows, of Martinsville, Va., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Meadows last week and greeted many old friends at church Sunday.

Rev. C. C. Holland delivered a very interesting sermon at the regular service Sunday afternoon. A large congregation was present.

Mr. and Mrs. Millard Kirby, of Moravian Falls, visited their daughter, Mrs. P. M. Lowe, Sunday.

Ads get attention—and result

PORK

Since the program was authorized in December, 1939, the Surplus Marketing Administration has bought for domestic relief distribution 241,000,000 pounds of lard and pork products.

Famine On Horizon

Recent magazine articles have pointed out that a major famine in Europe is just as inevitable as any preconceived happening. A food famine in the old countries, several writers have said, is just as certain as the sunrise in the morning, although not that near in the future.

People of Belgium, Holland, Norway, Poland and France are going to feel the food shortage acutely during the next winter, economists say, and if the war continues the German people will also feel the pinch of shortened rations. England may be in a similar predicament if the war continues and the German submarines become more plentiful in the seven seas.

These predictions of famine are based on several natural and sound economic reasonings. In the first place, the productive man power of almost all of Europe is under arms instead of producing food and clothing on the farms and in the factories. Many productive fields have been marred by battle. Mine laying on almost every coast has made deep sea fishing impractical and dangerous. Industry has been converted into a war machine for war materials production and food has been forgotten in the rush.

There is plenty of food in the world and now in the process of production. But the age-old problem of distribution has been severely aggravated by war and it seems that the war lords of Europe may eventually go down in dismal defeat because of their own ambitions of conquest and military might.

We have the food to feed millions but there is the problem of shipping through mines and submarines. And there is also the little matter of payment for food. France, Belgium, Holland and Norway have gold holdings in this country but the German mark is no go in any country except Germany. It is positively no good in world trade.

The German people, whom Hitler thinks are the salt of the earth, will get what food is available. The people of the countries his military might has conquered are going to suffer and perhaps—starve.

Clean Up Politics

Now that Congress has passed the Hatch act barring state employes paid in full or in part from federal funds, from taking an active part in politics, it has been suggested that the legislature of North Carolina pass a similar act barring state and county employes from political activity and thus turn the elections over to the people where they belong.

The recent amendments to the Hatch Act will mean that, not only those who are paid directly by the federal government but all government employes paid in part from federal funds are barred from political work. This should bring about some election reform but still does not go far enough to turn elections over to the free will of the electorate.

One major political evil in which both major parties have participated is the political activity on the part of job holders, who go to extreme lengths in political coercion and do the bidding of the political bosses in order to perpetuate themselves in their jobs.

In other words, the situation has reached the deplorable state wherein the ability of a person to do the duties of a government job have become subservient to his ability to get votes on election day by fair means or foul.

We would like to see the day when an election will be held wherein the people who are interested in voting the dictates of their conscience—and only those—go to the polls and without fear or coercion

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