

# Will Alleghany County Go In The Liquor Business? NO!

## ALLEGHANY BALLOTS

This month the eyes of the state are fixed on Alleghany county where an election is to be held July 26 to determine whether the county will go into the liquor business.

The people all over Western North Carolina will be hoping and praying that this good county does not go over to the liquor interests.

It is deplorable enough to see liquor sold by bootleggers, but when counties and cities and states go into the liquor business that is going too far.

No wrong can be converted into a right by mere legal sanction, and in our opinion the deeper we go into a wrong by trying to legalize it, the deeper and more entrenched grows the wrong. No government, city, county or state, should ever wink at, condone, or in any manner encourage a business that all the world acknowledges as an evil.

Let the voters of Alleghany stop this evil at the ballot box! !

## Adjoining Counties Express Deep Concern!

"Citizens of our adjoining counties have expressed deep concern about the deplorable effect an A. B. C. store in Alleghany County would have on the moral condition of their citizenship."

## Will Liquor Stores Reduce Crime And Lawlessness? No! They Never Have And Never Will!

Evil — evil — more evil. According to the figures of the Attorney General of the state of S. C., a wet State, there has been since liquor was legalized, an increase of at least 50% in conviction of all kinds of crime.

## By It's Fruits It Shall Be Known

This was not to happen when liquor stores came back - -but it did and plenty of it!

### Alcohol And Traffic Accidents!

1 out of every four fatal accidents in 1945 involved a driver or a pedestrian who had been drinking.

### Drink A Factor In Most Divorce Cases!

Blaming alcohol for strikingly high percentage of quarrels and divorces, the indictments reflect alarms by judges over present trends in the American cultural pattern—estimating percentage of divorce cases attributable to use of liquor ranging to 78 percent.

### The Cost Of Drunkenness!

Since 1932, or the last year of National prohibition, arrests of drinking drivers increased 45.2%. In the 13 years of repeal there have been between 11 and 12 million arrests for drunkenness.

### 372 Arrested For Driving Drunk In January 1946!

Raleigh — Three hundred and 72 motorists were arrested for driving drunk by the State Highway Patrol last month, an increase of 16 over January of last year, was announced today.

## "Control" Goes Out Of Control

### A. B. C. FAILS TO HALT DRUNKENNESS IN STATE CAPITAL

The Utopian Dream promised by A. B. C. liquor stores has failed to materialize, and drunkenness marches on in the State Capital unchecked.

Figures just released by the Police Department of Raleigh reveal that the Capital City had 1041 convictions for drunkenness during 1945.

The report also shows that in all the cases tried, in all the category of crimes listed, that liquor cases totaled more than all the other crimes combined.

And that is "control" for you right in the heart of the state.

In Raleigh (Yes, in Raleigh, mind you, where they have liquor "control" stores that do not control) 15 bootleggers were convicted, fined and sent to prison.

Down by the sea, "where ships pass in the night" and where they also "control" em, 15 bootleggers were arrested in a raid made by undercover agents in Wilmington.

### Old Joe Marsh's Son Says:

The best way to prevent accidents by drunken driving is to prevent drunkenness.

## What Leaders Say About The Liquor Evil

### Senator Clyde R. Hoey

"You will never build a great State or a great county upon the profits derived from the sale of liquor.

### Former Gov. Cameron Morrison

"Whisky is recognized all over the earth, where there is rationality, as being the deadliest enemy of mankind."

### William E. Gladstone

THE COUNTY'S DUTY TO ITS CITIZENS  
"It is the duty of government to make it as easy as possible for the citizens to do right, and as hard as possible for him to do wrong."

W. F. DOUGHTON SAYS, "I shall oppose the establishment of an A. B. C. store in Alleghany county for the reason I feel sure it will increase the use of liquor and bring more crime and evil of all kinds to our county. It would hurt the moral and spiritual welfare of the people in general."

J. T. FENDER SAYS, "I am opposed to liquor because it contributes more to crime and law violation than any other factor; it plays the major part in destroying and breaking up our Christian homes; the records show that A. B. C. stores will not prevent more drinking, crime and lawlessness. All of this has increased since A. B. C. stores have been established."

## The Pig In The Bag - - -

The proposed so-called Liquor Control Measure that you are asked to adopt is a pig in the bag.

### WHAT YOU FIND WHEN YOU OPEN THE BAG:

- 1 It is not a liquor control measure in any sense of the word, but it will increase the consumption of liquor with all its attendant evils at least fifty percent.
- 2 It will not stop bootlegging, but encourage it, as the bootlegger can sell his product at least \$2.00 per gallon cheaper than the liquor stores and make more profit on it.
- 3 It will put the county into the business of running liquor stores and all who vote for it will share the responsibility. "Woe-unto them that justify the wicked for a bribe."
- 4 It will give to the liquor board unlimited power to spend the county's money in establishing and running these saloons. They may establish as many as they please, where they please, even beside every church and school. They may pay any price the please to any person they please for any lot or building they please, and the taxpayers must furnish the money. Chairman of Mecklinburg county A. B. C. Board is now receiving \$7,500 per year.

- 5 They can, and if their business prospers, they must, sow the county down with liquor advertisements and get customers who are not now drinking.
- 6 They can employ as many people as they please and whom they please and pay them any price they please and the taxpayers must furnish the money.
- 7 To establish these saloons will turn the wheels of moral progress backward for 50 years.
- 8 Some of those who favor these saloons:
  - (1) Persons who want their drinking made respectable.
  - (2) Persons who hope to get jobs with these liquor boards.
  - (3) Persons who hope to sell or rent property to these liquor boards.
  - (4) Some good people who have been misled to believe that they would improve conditions we now have.
- 9 Some of those who oppose these saloons:
  - (1) The preachers. Who knows more about moral problems than the preachers?
  - (2) Thousands of mothers and wives who love their homes.
  - (3) All well-informed citizens who love their country.
  - (4) All Christ-centered church members.

## Whose Side Will You Take?

The Allied Church League