

WHEN YOU VOTE:

1. Don't Confuse The Issue

Let's get this straight: When you go to the polls on Saturday, January 29, to vote in the Beer Election you will not be asked to decide whether Brunswick county shall have beer but from what source the people may make their purchases.

With wet counties to the north and to the south of Brunswick, there is no way to stop purchases, and even in a dry county, Under North Carolina law it is legal for each adult to have in his possession up to 5-gallons of beer.

It seems the part of folly to divert thousands of Brunswick county dollars into the trade channels of adjoining counties, when last year through legal sale of beer a sum totaling \$14,897.83 was paid into the general fund of Brunswick county, the City of Southport and the Town of Shallotte.

Brunswick county share alone amounted to \$13,012.93, and if this revenue is lost to the General Fund for the next fiscal year, the only recourse of the county officials will be to raise taxes to make up for this loss.

2. Don't Cripple Law Enforcement

The day that legal outlets for sale of beer are closed in Brunswick county, the job of law enforcement will be doubled. Where sales are made in an open and legitimate manner, there is a control on who is doing the buying and who is doing the drinking.

To do away with this control is to invite the return of large scale bootlegging. To drive the sale of beer and wine from decent, respectable places of business is to set up joints and dives which will spawn a situation of lawlessness and corruption the likes of which we have never seen.

An intelligent person knows that where the sale of beer is concerned, out of sight is not necessarily out of existence. We believe that it is far more desirable to give our law enforcement officers a chance by refusing to subsidize the business of the bootlegger.

3. Don't Be Intimidated

We live in a Democracy and we believe in majority rule. We do not believe that it is the right of any minority group to threaten rule or ruin regardless of what cause they may seek. That is why we see in the recent threat of boycott on the part of the organized drys of Brunswick County an ominous danger to our rights and liberties as free American citizens. This organization, has adopted one of the most ancient and ruthless weapons of coercion to whip in line all who dare to disagree with them.

And to wield the big sticks in this campaign of a minority to control the rights of the majority they have called in speakers from other states and other counties to tell you what you can and what you cannot do. One is from the Capital of another state. That State, that County and that City is wet. Why does he not work at home?

Another featured speaker is from another North Carolina county in which ABC Stores operate and where beer and wine sales are legal. Why doesn't he confine his do-good efforts to his home county?

The minority which has called this expensive election—it has been estimated that it will cost the county at least \$2,000.00—is well organized. Unless you want to see a few people control the rights of all, be ready to stand up for what you think is right. Don't let somebody else do your thinking for you.

Weigh These Facts...

Then Go To The Polls Sat., Jan. 29th. And Vote For Legal Control-Law and Order

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Drunk Arrests Soar In Month Under Beer Ban

Total For November 69 Per
Cent Higher Than In
Same Period '47

The number of arrests for drunkenness in November, Fayetteville's first beerless month in many years soared to 169 as compared with 100 in November, 1947 when beer was legally on sale in the city, according to figures contained in the monthly report of Chief of Police L. F. Worrell.

Total number of arrests in Fayetteville in November 1948 was 495 as compared with 379 in November 1947. There were 57 arrests for assaults as compared with 32 in November 1947, 23 arrests for larceny as compared with 15, 16 arrests for liquor law violations as compared with 10, and 95 arrests for moving traffic violations as compared with 39.

Chief of Police Worrell stated that very few of the arrests for drunkenness last month were those of soldiers.

Asked about the observance of the anti-beer laws the Chief said he had heard of no violations in places which formerly retailed legally. He said, however that he was having a number of complaints about people bringing whiskey into pool rooms and cafes and drinking it there over the objections of the management. He has been compelled to assign officers especially to the job of discouraging this practice since the display of liquor in a public place is a violation of the law.

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