

Ralph McDonald for Governor

"Safe
Sane
And
Sober"



RALPH W. McDONALD

"His
Fiscal
Policy
Is
Sound"

Ralph McDonald says that if he is nominated and elected Governor, he will recommend to the General Assembly of North Carolina, at its 1945 Session, the complete repeal of the Sales Tax, which can be done from surplus currently accumulating without a State Tax on land.

Citizens of Carteret County paid in Sales Tax for last fiscal year, ending June 30, 1943, the huge sum of \$38,881.14.

Let's take it off while we don't need it. If we have another 1933 the General Assembly can put our dear "emergency" sales tax back on the books!

SOME OF THE THINGS HE STANDS FOR:

1. ALL-OUT SUPPORT OF THE WAR AND PEACE EFFORTS.
2. FULL PROVISION FOR RETURNING SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN.
3. POSITIVE MEASURES TO INCREASE FARM INCOME.
4. EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES ON THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE LEVEL.
5. A MAJOR POST-WAR ROAD BUILDING PROGRAM.
6. FULL POST-WAR EMPLOYMENT.
7. BETTER REPRESENTATION FOR FARMERS AND WOMEN ON ALL STATE BOARDS.
8. HONEST AND CAPABLE STATE APPOINTIVE OFFICIALS.
9. FIRM PROMOTION OF TEMPERANCE AND SOBRIETY.
10. PAYMENT OF ENTIRE GENERAL FUND DEBT WITH SURPLUS FUNDS.
11. ELIMINATION OF SALES TAX.
12. NO STATE TAX ON LAND.
13. A SAFELY BALANCED STATE BUDGET.

WHAT CERTAIN LEADERS WHO OPPOSED RALPH McDONALD IN 1936 SAY OF HIM NOW

"Sober, Christian Gentleman"

"I enthusiastically supported Hon. Clyde Hoey in both the 1936 primaries. When the result was announced, Dr. McDonald, as the defeated candidate, accepted a verdict recorded at the polls. He took his licking like a man and rendered full support to the ticket in the general election, making speeches in nearly half the counties. Since that time his party record, his views on public affairs and his personal life justify the support of those who opposed him in 1936. If for no other reasons, I would support Dr. McDonald because of his loyalty to and support of our Party; because nearly half of the members (214,414) of the Democratic Party in the State have evidenced their desire that he be Governor of North Carolina, and because he is a high toned sober, Christian gentleman."—Hon. Chas. G. Rose, of Fayetteville, former Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, former President N. C. Bar Association.

"Need Sympathetic Government"

"I have carefully read the speeches and statements of the two candidates for Governor, have observed them in their public careers for the past few years, and have come to the conclusion that I shall vote for Ralph McDonald for many reasons. As a business man, I have confidence that his administration will be sound. There will be many readjustments arising from the post-war period. The principal problems of North Carolina will be problems of how best to meet the needs, the hopes and aspirations of the average people of this State. We will, therefore, need as Governor, a man who is sympathetic and who will be better able to translate the thinking of the people into governmental action. I believe Ralph McDonald to be such a man."—Hon. L. Lee Gravely, eminent business man and tobacconist of Rocky Mount.

"Safe, Sane and Sober"

"I like the fine fitness of the man for the office. Measured by every standard, he seems to me to be qualified to become a worthy successor of that fine line of noble men who have graced this high office for the past forty-four years. I believe that in him the democratic party can offer to the people of the state as fine a leader as they have been accustomed to put forth and one who I believe is safe, sane and sober, studious and statesmanlike, and one who will not only lead the party but the whole people of North Carolina into that great advancement and progress which should mark our state and its performance in the tremendously important years that lie immediately ahead.

"I am expecting the people of North Carolina to cast a tremendous majority vote for Dr. Ralph McDonald for Governor.—R. N. Simms, Sr. Raleigh.

A LEGIONNAIRE'S OPEN LETTER TO MR. CHERRY

Kenly, North Carolina
May 6, 1944

Dear Mr. Cherry:
Sir Walter Hotel,
Raleigh, North Carolina.

I see from the Legion News, issue of February, 1944, that the Past Commanders of your local post of the American Legion have addressed "An Open Letter to War Veterans of North Carolina" in your behalf. Well, this is an open letter to you from a fellow legionnaire.

I was present at the Convention of the American Legion held at Winston-Salem when Itimous Valentine of Spring Hope proposed and backed a resolution to change the Legion constitution to restrict certain voting privileges of Past Commanders of the Legion, which you were on e. You took the floor to speak against the resolution, and by way of belittling its sponsorship, you said:

"And who is this Itimous Valentine? Nothing but a Private! And where (or what) is Spring Hope? This proposal is backed only by the little and inconsequential posts of the State."

The inference was clear: "Those who proposed the resolution were little and inconsequential legionnaires and who were we little fellows to set ourselves up against the high and mighty head men in the Legion?"

A member of the Spring Hope Post, in deep resentment at the slurs you cast upon his home town and fellow-legionnaires and other small posts, got up in the back of the hall and denounced your sarcastic remarks all the way up to the platform, and then back down aisle to his seat. The Convention voted you down and carried the now famous Valentine Resolution by an overwhelming majority.

This incident is significant—not because of any embarrassment to Valentine resulting from your condescending and belittling language, but because it clearly indicates your attitude to those, in or out of the Legion, whom you think are "little and inconsequential."

Valentine, now a Lieutenant-Colonel serving overseas in the second war, in my humble opinion, would be deeply disappointed if you were made Governor of North Carolina. Under military rules he is not permitted to even express an opinion, while you over here are doing all you can to drag the Legion—his Legion and ours—into politics, in plain violation of the Legion's National and State Constitutions, and in violation of the oath you took to uphold it. There are hundreds of legionnaires in North Carolina who will recall the above incident and who still resent it, because they know that this is a clear indication of your attitude toward all people whom you consider to be beneath you.

Incidentally, it is difficult to see why you should expect Legion support, since it is well known that you did not support the only Legionnaire running in the 1936 Primary.

There are many of us who hope you will not be chosen to "Lord it" over us so-called "little and inconsequential" people, and because we know that this is exactly what you would do, we shall vote for Ralph McDonald for Governor. We know that he will be a friend to all veterans, whether in or out of the Legion, and whether they are "head men" or are "small and inconsequential" legionnaires.

Yours very truly,
(Signed) MARVIN S. REVEL.
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