

MRS. MOREFIELD IS IN EARNEST

Writes On Question Of Liquor Traffic In the County.

Editor Reporter:

I desire to express through your paper my ideas on the liquor traffic and its immoral effect upon this enlightened age of civilization. I have been living in old Stokes county for thirteen years, and have witnessed some very sad scenes due to the erroneous use of liquor. We know that we have two distinct elements on the liquor subject: one is wet and the other is dry. We have two distinct political parties, and in these parties we have both wet and dry elements, so we have a very complex and difficult job when it comes to eradicating liquor, and I hardly think the time will come when liquor will be eliminated entirely. It may have a place in medicine, where it is of benefit to the sick and afflicted, but the whole-

sale use and abuse of this evil as it has been among us for the last few years is a shame and disgrace to our people. We have many things to consider when we find ourselves engulfed in bad surroundings due to the abuse of liquor. First we have a selfish motive, second those who take from only a taste to complete intoxication, third the high price of whiskey, which is an inducement to make and sell it, and fourth the lack of co-operation on the part of the people toward the officers.

How, then, can we improve the conditions of this liquor business? Let us lay aside politics and every other obstacle that pertains to the encouragement of this trouble and unite for law and order, and this drinking and immorality will move out to stay. Let us elect officers who stand for law and order and who will execute the law to the letter without fear to any man. After all of this we will then have enough left for a snake bite.

I believe that every good citizen in this county should compliment our present sheriff for the great good he

has accomplished thus far in subduing and eliminating this liquor making and selling.

I say without fear that the next election will determine in full what the people of this county stand for, because the women must raise their voices in defense of their sons and daughters, and for the moral uplifting of humanity, or they must sink in shame to their husbands and have no voice in the home.

I say the time is here for that element of our people who stand for law and order, not only on the liquor question, but all questions that are for the betterment of our people to stand together in the noble cause for humanity.

This is no time for deceiving. Let the issues come before us as they really are. I believe when the time actually comes for us to act that we should be ready to meet the circumstances face to face. Just as an illustration, if you will show me any part of the country where liquor is made and sold regularly, I will show you in this community the highest degree of illiteracy, immorality and crime. Is that not evidence to prove my statement? I think the saddest thing we can imagine is a young boy who has reached the age of puberty with no education, and is found in constant companionship with a liquor sot.

It is my opinion that we will now have to start with more home government and more chastisement.

I know that some of the bootleggers and their allies will think that my letter is out of place, but the fact is, if you have a plain understanding among people it makes long friends, but in the event that it makes us no friends, except those who abide by the law we must not get weak in the knees and surrender the moral rights of a civilized people.

Some politicians will say let us go slow and put up some one who is not so dry and neither so wet, and harmonize things from a party point of view. I say let the party go to the dogs where it belongs if we can't have a clean, efficient set of officers who respect the citizenship and morals of our county. I hope that every mother who has boys and girls to care for and raise may have the pleasure of expressing her desire at the polls in the coming election and we will be satisfied.

There are so many things that are said in regard to the use of liquor bo-

sidest the direct effect that it displays upon the human body. It causes poverty in the home, causes immorality, causes separation in the home; it causes murder, it causes crime after crime, it causes untold suffering in the home. Show me a man that constantly drinks, and I'll show you a man that is cruel to his family in some way. How much money has left Stokes county and been spent in Stokes county for whiskey alone, that could have been used for education, and for moral training, which in a few years would have had its telling effect upon our county? But it is lost and gone now, with no good results whatever. I don't think much of foreign missions until it's complete at home, and in our county is a good place to have lots of work done that is incomplete. We hardly think of our conduct until something happens, and then it is too late for our boy, but it's the association with the inferior element of people that causes trouble to the mother.

I know some of the best friends that we have drink liquor and probably never get out of the way, but that's no excuse for a man who wants to do right and raise his children right.

There are many more things along this line that are of great importance to us, but as I am the first target from the women's side I will soon close my letter by saying to the men or those who are in position to put up the man who stands for law and order and one that will faithfully perform his duties without fear or favor, and we will help carry him through.

If the Republican party can give us a man of that caliber march him out, if not and the Democratic party has a man of that caliber march him out. I am with him. I don't believe in politics on half way wet and dry measure. They are dangerous fellows. Everybody's man is no man.

Give us a clean administration to live under, like no other counties have.

In conclusion, let me say that I hope no one will think that I am without a job or writing for prominence or notoriety, but it is my convictions that we must lay aside selfish motives and personalities, and stand together for that noble cause for which we were created. And by so doing it will make Stokes county a decent place in which to live.

I know my letter will seem very drastic and possibly strike very deep into the hearts of those who like whis-

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key, but remember the example that you are laying before your children. I notice that the present Sheriff is a candidate again for re-election. Regardless of politics I believe that every man and woman who has seen the results of his work and faithfulness should support him and feel proud of it, notwithstanding there may be some in the race just as good in every particular. He has been tried and found true for the betterment of our people.

Yours very truly, MRS. R. H. MOREFIELD.

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A Washington, N. C., concern, making hog-head supplies, has sent to local rehandlers a letter in which Mr. Richard Patterson, manager of the leaf department of the association is quoted as saying that for the first year at least the organization will not let contracts for the rehandling of the leaf. The motive in the letters received in Danville is to solicit orders for hog-head material in view of the anticipated heavy demand.

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