

Men and Women of Stokes BE NOT DECEIVED

And so we must have liquor stores in Stokes county.

As if the supply of unlawful drink were not sufficient to ruin our county, we must increase the supply a THOUSAND PER CENT. and put the stamp of "respectability" on it.

We must be sure to have enough to corrupt and damn the boys and girls of Stokes.

The wet crowd calls it control. They know in their hearts it is not CONTROL, but UNCONTROL. Liquor cannot be controlled. It has never been controlled. It CONTROLS.

THE FALLACY OF "CONTROL."

They would leave the impression on weak minds that by putting the stamp of law on liquor stores, that liquor is "controlled."

There has never been a bigger fallacy or a bigger deception.

How can you "control" liquor by spreading it like wild-flames, by increasing the supply a thousand per cent.?

When the Mississippi is at flood stage, is it "controlled" when the Ohio is turned loose into it?

When the woods are on fire, is the conflagration "controlled" by setting the flames out in a dozen places more?

What becomes of the vast illicit traffic that now goes on when you establish your liquor stores?

It continues to go on just the same—as the record in other counties shows—with increasing momentum. The only difference is that the liquor store increases the supply a thousand per cent.

The appetite of the people for strong drink may be expanded a thousand fold—it is insatiable.

Through competition between the law and the illicit traffic, a cheaper product results, and everybody drinks more.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.

When you vote for a liquor store, your boy knows it. You can't fool him with the Australian ballot. You only vote to make it easier for him to get it, and your action encourages him to drink. He soon acquires the taste that is not quenched. You say the store won't sell the boy. But it will sell his "friend."

Thus you become a party to the ruin of your daughter, or the damnation of your boy. You cannot DENY this. You are not responsible for the blockade still, but you become responsible for the "LAW" that DESTROYS.

When you see your child led off to jail, or stand in agony and tears as the mangled body is brought in from the wrecked automobile, do not blame the law. Blame yourself.

One of the most eminent statesmen of England made the remark that liquor has carried off a third of the human race, and ruined countless millions of families.

Who shall answer for this stupendous tragedy?

FIVE STORES COMING.

They say the plan is to put one each at Danbury, King, Lawsonville, Sandy Ridge and Walnut Cove.

How near to your boy and girl do you want one? How close to your church do you want one?

They say we must have them to pay the expense of social security. They say it is the only way to raise the money to pay the aged and the blind and the crippled children.

Men and women of Stokes county, be not deceived. This statement is NOT TRUE.

The amount Stokes county must raise for social security is only \$14,000, as declared in the budget.

What is \$14,000 to a county whose taxable property is \$8,800,000, and which yearly pays around \$150,000 in taxes.

Some other counties of North Carolina are taking care of their social security and at the same time LOWERING their tax rate, and they are doing it not by selling their boys and girls, but by practicing a CLOSER ECONOMY. Why can't we?

Men and women of Stokes—Christian fathers and mothers—be ye not deceived. The excuse that we must have liquor stores to pay the expense of social security is a DELUSION and a snare, put out to capture your liquor vote.

Let the small pittance of \$14,000 for social security be absorbed in some other way—not by destroying our young men and women.

ANOTHER FALLACY.

They claim the profits from liquor will in a few years pay our county indebtedness of more than a million dollars.

This statement is another delusion and a snare, and we DENOUNCE and DENY it. We can prove from the records of other counties that the profits from their liquor stores are small, and that they are in a large measure WIPED OUT by the cost of operation and administration when they have paid the big salaries, the overhead expense, and the tremendous cost to the county of the increased crime that results.

In our best judgment it will take the profits from liquor stores a century to wipe out the debts of Stokes county, and while doing it they will leave their black trail through five hundred ruined homes, through the insane asylums and the cemeteries. The cost will be at the expense of our citizenship.

There is no valid excuse in the world to establish liquor stores in Stokes county, and those who vote to inflict this intolerable curse on our manhood and our womanhood are taking a shuddering responsibility upon themselves.

Go out on August 17 and vote NO—a thousand times NO.

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