

OUR POINT OF VIEW

EDITORIALS

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THE DANBURY SCHOOL

In response to an appeal several months ago made to the State school authorities by the citizens and patrons of the Danbury school district, a representative from the State school authorities spent a few hours in town Wednesday, purporting to consider the needs of the county seat for a high school.

The school official talked with one or two citizens in regard, then left town.

The citizens in mass meeting had made a request for a survey of this district to see if this community was justified in its desire for a high school.

It is not generally understood here why the county and the State have not given some consideration to the request for our school needs.

If it has been said that the movement here for a high school is unjustified, and that the people of Danbury desire to infringe on the rights of any other school district in Stokes county to the end that we may have a high school—such statement is in error and intended to arouse prejudice against the people of the Danbury school district.

If it has been thought that the people of this school district will not demand their educational rights for their children—this is also an error. The people of the Danbury school district will not demand more, nor accept less, than the school laws of the State of North Carolina vouchsafe to its citizens and taxpayers, and will not recognize any unfair impediment that stands in the way of their privileges and rights.

Because Danbury may have slept on its rights is no sign that Danbury will continue to sleep or that it is not now awake.

POLITICS IN THE OFFING

The primary comes on in May. Had you thought it is only 90 days till we nominate candidates again?

This is presidential year again, also governor year. Then the congressional, legislative and county tickets.

Also had you thought how interesting—if not nice—it would be for candidates to tell us what they want us to vote for them for.

Is this a cryptic era—when that people ask you to put them in office and don't say why? Is it because of their personalities, or do they stand for something?

Give us platforms.

Fertilizer probe is now on in the Federal court at Winston. The people are asking why every company always asks you the same price for guano, when the Sherman antitrust law prohibits price-fixing. It really is quite a co-incident—why?

STOKES IS ROOSEVELT

The Democrats of Stokes county are still 95 per cent. pro-Roosevelt, as indicated unmistakably by the straw vote recently conducted by the Danbury Reporter.

Nowhere in the South or in the United States is the President proportionately stronger than in this county. Stokes is preponderantly agricultural, and many of those who are not farmers are dependent on the farmers for their support and subsistence. When the farmer prospers everybody prospers. When the tobacco grower gets below-cost receipts for his product, the effect is universally bad for all classes of our population.

The farmers believe that Roosevelt is about the only President in the nation's history who has shown a consistent and conscientious concern for their welfare, and has braved the adverse criticism and bitter antagonism of big interests while he was battling in their behalf. They realize fully that some of his policies may have been ill-suited or ill-timed, but they hold to the belief that they were sincerely directed by the head of the government and his advisers for the relief of farmers. Hundreds of people love the President for the mistakes he has made, believing them honest mistakes made in an effort to serve them.

A high regard is felt by some of our folk for Hull, Garner, Farley and other aspirants for the President's chair, but nobody can take the place of the man who has the brains, the vision, the courage and the all-embracing sympathy and heart of Roosevelt.

HELP THE FINNS

The news today is that the Finns have killed 20,000 Russians the last few days.

Now this is getting along fine, but listen.

If the Finns kill 10,000 Russians every day, it will take 10 years to bump off the man power of the Bolsheviks.

Finland is making a fight transcendent in history for its bravery, its fortitude, its hopelessness.

It is believed by many of the world's best posted statesmen that England, France, Germany, Scandinavia and the Balkans will not let the brave little people go down.

It is too heart-breaking to think about. Fighting for liberty and land, for home and fireside and loved ones.

In the meantime the hard-pressed Finns are desperately in need of food, clothing, medicines and hospital supplies, and this is the cause you are asked to help in Stokes.

The pennies of the school children will be thankfully received in the country where the brave natives and the Ice King are battling to stem the tide of brutal invaders.

Help with your mite. The heart of Stokes is right—we will help.

TOBACCO COMING BACK

The inside dope is that the British embargo on our North Carolina and Virginia tobacco will not last long.

This is the opinion of Secretary of Commerce Harry L. Hopkins.

You see the British cannot do without the golden leaf which we grow. There is nothing else can be substituted for it. It has that delightful flavor and quality to be found nowhere except on the sun-clad hills of Stokes county and other places in the world-famed Piedmont belt.

The fact is now known that the Britishers have some two years' supply on hand—but they usually keep three or four years' supply. They like for the product to age and grow sweeter and milder in the processes that make for fine cigarettes. The Turkish tobacco will not fill the bill, but in order to cement their military alliance with the Turks, the English have agreed to take Turkey's production.

We believe that before fall everything will be nicely worked out, and that our exports of tobacco to our cousins across the sea will be really of larger volume than ever before.

THE DEADLY SPOTLIGHT

No person, candidate, business, corporation or system can stand the concentrated calcium ray.

Unless like Caesar's wife, you are above suspicion.

The spotlight—that means everybody is looking at you.

A Stokes county business man handling a national product, when approached by a newspaper man, said:

"I am not interested in advertising. I don't think it pays."

This dealer was an honest man and was sincere in his opinion.

But his was a one-track mind. He should have been digging potatoes.

What saved him was the big-way publicity never ceasing that the manufacturers of his product sponsored in a thousand newspapers.

Camels, Chevrolets, Dutch Cleanser, Lux soap—these survive because they are kept in the public's mind.

Let the biggest product cease advertising.

Then what?

It atrophies and dies.

Watch for the deadly spotlight.

NOT GONE WITH THE WIND

After a hurricane that destroyed 28 city blocks the people of Albany, Ga., are going ahead with plans to build a greater, better and more beautiful city. This town is not "gone with the wind." This is the true Southern spirit, born after Appomattox.