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SHALL WE CONTINUE THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN POWER, OR SHALL WE DEFEAT IT AT THE POLLS NEXT TUESDAY?

The answer is in the consciences of the free voters who will have the opportunity next Tuesday to express their honest and untrammelled opinion on what is best for the country.

Ten years ago when the Franklin D. Roosevelt administration began, the nation at large was in distress. Farm products were below the cost of production. The tobacco markets of North Carolina and Virginia were paralyzed because of lack of money and credit to move the crops. Ten thousand banks were on the rocks of ruin because farmers and business men were failing everywhere, and could not pay back their bank loans. Millions of men walked the streets and highways out of a job. Widespread want and despair stalked on all sides. Hundreds of deaths from starvation and suicide crowded the funeral parlors of the cities. Businesses large and small closed their doors. Uncounted millions worth of valuable property were sold for a song. Farms, homes, mercantile establishments, factories, railways, insurance companies were commingled in one stupendous debacle of ruin.

WHAT DID THE NEW PRESIDENT DO?

Among his first acts to relieve the distress of the nation, he demanded the bank holiday to give hundreds of solvent financial institutions that were tottering, a breathing spell to marshal their resources.

Next Roosevelt caused the enactment of the law to guarantee the people's money in banks, thus providing that basic security for the country's financial safety.

Next he procured laws to extend federal aid to farmers and home owners by providing reservoirs of cash to furnish them quick loans to save their property and at the lowest interest rate ever known.

Next through the establishment of the ERA, the FERA, and later the WPA (still operating), jobs were given those who had no means of livelihood and no chance to keep the hungry, the cold and the unclothed from perishing.

Many thousands of people were enabled by Federal pay checks to again buy the necessities of life, and again to feel in their hearts that sweet hope which sustains the perishing.

And through the Agricultural Department of the government a system of crop control was instituted which stilled the downward plunge of farm prices, and has steadily increased tobacco averages which today are highest in the government's history except the year 1919 under President Wilson.

WHAT DO THE OLD AGED, THE BLIND, THE DEPENDENT CHILDREN SAY?

The law enacted under the advice and sponsorship of Franklin Roosevelt, which brought immediate succor to the unfortunate old people, the blind and the crippled, is one of the outstanding social benefits of the world.

A secret letter circulated recently by the Stokes County Republican executive committee, promises if elected the Republicans will reduce the tax rate in Stokes county 15 cents on the hundred valuation.

The cost of the Stokes County Democratic Aid now given to the old people, the blind people and

the dependent children of Stokes county amounts to a tax of right around 15 cents on the hundred dollars of property.

Does the Republican party of Stokes county intend to discontinue the help that has been given to these unfortunate people?

In no other conceivable way can they reduce the tax rate of Stokes county 15 cents on the hundred.

This help to the helpless of our county is 3-fold. It has been paid by the Democratic administration at Washington, by the Democratic Administration of the State at Raleigh, and by the Democratic administration of Stokes county.

If the Republican party should be elected in Stokes county and should discontinue the levy of 15 per cent. on property, then immediately the Washington administration and the Raleigh administration will automatically stop their appropriations.

This would leave Stokes county to pay not alone the proceeds of a 15 per cent. levy, but a 45 per cent. levy.

Otherwise the aged and infirm and the blind and the dependent children would not any longer receive the help which they have been receiving under a Democratic administration.

STOKES COUNTY UNDER A DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATION

Stokes county can boast of one of the finest free educational systems of any county in North Carolina, with superb school buildings, excellent and safe transportation of the children to and from school, and every child in the county in reach of a high school.

Stokes county can point with pride to one of the most modern systems of public highways in this or any other rural county, with a splendid maintenance system. Hardsurface roads lead through many sections of the county, with excellent dirt roads everywhere.

Stokes county can also point with pride to one of the best-managed County Homes in North Carolina, clean and sanitary, and where the inmates are well cared for and receive ample and wholesome food and the best medical attention.

A MODERN COURTHOUSE

Recently the modern courthouse has been enlarged to give more room and greater conveniences and facilities to the steadily growing business of the county and to accommodate the various State and federal agencies that have in charge the welfare of the people, especially the farmers.

Now our county feels proud of its really modern "temple of justice" in which the people from all sections of the county any time, day or night, may visit and meet, and find a cordial welcome from the officials.

The county's business is far greater and more complicated than it was a few years ago. Stokes county officials are only paid a small increase over the salaries of old times. They are efficient, honorable and faithful servants and no one of them gets more money than he deserves. Cheaper men may no doubt be had, but the cheapest service sometimes means the highest in the long run.

The county's bonded indebtedness—every dollar of which was incurred and every bond issued under a Republican administration—yearly grows smaller.

And let it be remembered by everybody that

the parity payments received by the wheat and tobacco and rye and lespedeza farmers of Stokes county amounts to more than the whole Stokes county tax levied on the people.

Thus our people under a Democratic administration RECEIVE BACK more money than they pay out for taxes.

OUR OFFICERS

The Sheriff's office under John Taylor, the Clerk's office under Watt Tuttle, the Register's office under Robah Smith are equipped with modern facilities for the transaction of the business of the taxpayers.

The books of these officers are each clean as a pin, regularly audited and open at all times to the inspection of the people.

The board of County Commissioners, Howard Gibson, Harvey Johnson and Rev. J. A. Joyce; and the board of education, J. C. Carson, Supt.; Dr. G. E. Stone, P. O. Frye and J. van Tuttle, meet regularly once a month. The superintendent of schools keeps his office open every day for the accommodation of a vast educational system, growing in importance and usefulness every year.

The jail is modern and carefully maintained by Jailor Henderson Flinchum, Deputy Sheriff Burke Smith and lady assistants. It is sanitary, clean and comfortable for the care of the prisoners.

The Democratic county regime is in every respect efficient, honorable and conscientious and well deserves the endorsement and continued support of the people.

LET EVERY FREE CITIZEN VOTE— SLAVES CANNOT VOTE

It is inconceivable that there should be citizens living in free America who do not care enough for the sacred ballot privilege to go out and vote on election day.

In the conquered nations under the heel of the tyrants of Germany, Italy and Japan, the people are not allowed the right to vote.

There are no elections where Dictators rule. Hitler, Mussolini and Hirohito say what the laws shall be. There is no right to vote among slaves.

The divine right of suffrage in the United States was won by the blood and sacrifices of our ancestors.

Americans are fighting and dying today that the free people of this nation should retain their freedom, which includes the right to go to the polls and vote their sentiments on election day, to continue the right of free assemblage, to continue the right to worship God according to the dictates of their consciences.

The right of free people to vote is a God-given right and should be held sacred by the people. It is our privilege to give expression to our wants and needs.

Sad and terrible would be the day for America when our men and women were denied the right to go to the polls on election day and exercise the prerogative for which their ancestors fought and died.

Go out next Tuesday. Vote for the man or the party of your choice.

But vote. It is the right accorded only to free men and women.