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Current Comment

SPANGLER SPANKS THE "FOURTH TERM"

Mr. Spangler's reaction to Mr. Walker's suggestion is not only the silliest incident of the day, but it is clearly a species of political blackmail unprecedented in American politics.

Spangler, as you know, is the national chairman of the G. O. P., while Walker occupies the same position in the Democratic party.

The other day Walker in an interview suggested that in these terrible and moving times of war, that a long campaign between the two parties for a presidential candidate would engender partisan bitterness and hurt the war effort. Whereupon he proposed to Spangler that the campaign be a short one.

Spangler came back with the statement that he would accept Walker's proposition only on condition that he be furnished a guarantee by Walker that Roosevelt should not be nominated by the Democrats for a fourth term.

Otherwise, we infer, let the situation ride—to hell with the war times.

Since when has the Republican national committee or the Democratic national committee become invested with the authority to prevent the people from nominating whom they wish for President.

Since when has any small group of men become so powerful that they can thwart the will of the people, and prevent them from selecting a President of their own choosing.

The politicians, the great vested interests who hate Roosevelt, the isolationists, and the great newspapers whose stock is owned by millionaires, tried to prevent the third term, but failed.

They will fail to prevent a Fourth Term as long as the great masses want the man who is unquestionably the outstanding figure of America today and the only man the people will trust to guide us through the greatest crisis in the history of the Republic.

Spangler and his backers are trying to create the very danger that they have professed to fear—a Dictatorship.

The right of free elections and free political selection still attains in America, and will stand against Hitler, Hirohito and those Americans who would deprive the sovereign people of that sacred right.

There is no tradition in America against the constitutional rights of the PEOPLE.

DEATH LOVES A SHINING MARK

What a strange and unhappy coincident, and what an apparent gesture of irony in the great Scheme of Things that we are unable to understand, has been the recent removal by death of two of Stokes county's finest young men, young men who were exceptionally successful in their kindred spheres and of so great use in the affairs of the world.

We refer to the passing of young Dr. Robert Reeves Jones, which occurred in Winston-Salem Tuesday, and to the death of young Dr. Paul Neal in Raleigh some weeks ago.

Both were born and reared in Stokes county, each was a most efficient and conscientious member of his profession.

Winston-Salem and Raleigh respectively have sustained serious losses. Both were men hard to replace.

WILL STOKES DO ITS PART?—YES

The greatest money drive in the history of America or any other country is now on—a campaign to raise 13 billion dollars to pay our soldier boys, to feed them and furnish them adequately with planes, tanks and guns, so that they may win victory for us.

The meaning of 13 billions is colossal, a sum beyond the range of the human imagination.

Will America meet it? It will.

Stokes county's quota in this drive is \$44,200.

Does Stokes county accept the challenge? It does, and will raise its quota, which means only about \$2.00 for every man, woman and child of the county.

What is our money for, what do our lives and our sacred honor mean but to accept this challenge and conquer it?

Our boys are pledging their lives—our boys are GIVING THEIR LIVES.

Can we not LEND our money?

We can. The nation is stripped for action in every state, county, city and town.

The American way of life, our property, our free institutions, our free speech, our right to worship God according to the dictates of our conscience—all these will be forfeited if we lose the war.

Our freedom will be gone.

Will we lose? We will not.

Let every man and woman who have bought bonds, buy more. Let those who have not bought, buy now. It is the safest and best security in the world—these United States of America bonds.

The great campaign is on. Miss Grace Taylor, who is charged by the government with the duty of leading in the battle, pleads with every citizen of Stokes county to do his or her duty.

Stokes county will not fail.

GREETING

In behalf of the people of Stokes county we salute Mrs. J. Wilson Mitchell of King who has just received notice of the death of her son in China; and to the parents of young Dodson of Sandy Ridge, whose boy is among the missing in Africa.

At such a time we feel like paraphrasing the words of Abraham Lincoln, whose letter to Mrs. Bixby on the death of her five sons in battle in 1864, is among the most beautiful passages of the English language:

"We feel how weak and fruitless must be any words of ours which should attempt to beguile you from the grief of a loss so overwhelming. But we cannot refrain from tendering to you the consolation that may be found in the thanks of the nation they died to save.

"We pray that our Heavenly Father may assuage the anguish of your bereavement, and leave you only the cherished memory of the loved and lost, and the solemn pride that must be yours to have laid so costly a sacrifice on the altar of freedom."

No, after distinguishing himself so brilliantly at the Cuban town in 1898, a western Rough Rider of national celebrity nicknamed San Diego, Cal., "Santiago."

MISSISSIPPI POLITICS

A primary comes off in Mississippi next August, and already 320 candidates have filed for the legislature.

One of the candidates is P. W. Bell, farmer, of Europa, whose candor and sincerity is so beautiful and striking that we recommend it to all our North Carolina candidates some of whom are sometimes too modest to state their platforms.

Mr. Bell wrote to the editor of the newspaper Progress, as follows:

"... I am thinking very strongly of entering the race for Representative but am worried to know just what nice things you could say for me like you have all the good fellows that have allready announced as I have no political or public record and I have not done any thing big... I could hold up as a lure to the people..."

"Will give you the low down on my self. I am a Democrat and have allways advocated the SSales tax old peoples pension and a hospittle in every Co.. Some of this we allreddy have but it is not what it should be. Of course you couldn't expect every thing to be what it should be..."

"But back to my self. Everybody knows that I havent sold any whiskey in 8 years and on turning the first page of the 1943 calendar me & my wife went into a huddle and I made my self som very solom promises. She didn't take very much stock in these new year reselutions but I promased my self that I would quit lying and stealing and I have kept that promas. I also promased to quit drinking, while I reserve the right to take a social drink with a friend that promas too I have kept inviolate and I will farther promise that if I am elected that I will discharge the dutvs pertaining to that office to the very best of my ability & draw my pay.

"P. W. BELL."

AN INJUSTICE TO FARMERS

A generally stated proposition that the farmers are opposed to a 9-months school, is untrue and is a slander on one of the finest units of American citizenry.

There may be a few farmers who are willing to sacrifice the educational opportunities of their children for the sake of making more moeny by working them longer weeks on the farm, but this is not the rule among real farmers.

Many of the best farmers that we know in Stokes and other counties were denied the privilege of our modern educational privileges and facilities when they were young, but they are citizens of intelligence, character and common sense who are even willing to deny themselves of many comforts and luxuries that they may give their children the best education within their power.

The late General Assembly made it possible for every county in North Carolina that wishes it, to have a 9-months school. There will not be many who will miss this chance, as the State pays for it, and it costs the counties nothing.

If we do not take advantage of this great opportunity now offered we are doing our children irreparable wrong, especially in this day when trained minds have such tremendous advantage over those who have neglected the chance to equip themselves for the serious battles of life.