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SURRY'S NEEDS AT THIS HOUR.

The Democratic party of Surry County this year is asking the voters of the county to go to the polls and vote, but before casting the vote they would have you to seriously consider the kind of government that has been given the county by the officials during the past four years.

The county officials, and the county commissioners have well maintained the high ideals of the people and any talk about the morals of the county being in serious danger from the election of the men who are on the Democratic ticket is nothing less than child's talk. Cape Haynes, and Frank Lewellin, and Willis Lawrence, and W. J. Byerly, and Bud Chatham have lived among our people and walked among them long enough so that they need no defense from any one in their conduct in either private life or while in public positions. Just why any one would reason that with Cape Haynes as sheriff the morals of our people would break down—our womanhood and our girlhood be debased—is more than any fair minded citizen of our county could determine.

Talk about crime waves and morals! Those having such talk forget that Cape Haynes offered two of his sons as sacrifices for the cause of liberty, the establishment of higher ideals of manhood, the freedom of the world from the war-lords' heels. They forget that every night when Frank Lewellin lies down to rest that a vision of his lost son in France lingers in his mind and he rolls and tumbles like a child and finally, from sheer exhaustion, falls asleep, only to dream of the horrible death his loved boy met on the fields of Flanders, in the cause of liberty, and justice and righteousness. AND NOW IT IS CLAIMED THAT THE ELECTION OF THESE MEN WHO HEAD THE DEMOCRATIC TICKET WILL CAUSE A BREAK DOWN OF OUR MORALS AND THE OUTBREAK OF A WAVE OF CRIME. Who of the other candidates, either Republican or Democrat, can say that they have done more or as much to protect the morals and life and property of our land? It is not necessary to say all this for the people of this county already know it, but it is well to remind those who would be so forgetful as to make such charges as are being circulated just on the eve of the election.

For four years the affairs of this county have been in the hands of the candidates of the Democratic party, and they have well deserved the trust that has been reposed in them by the voters. Mr. Voter, you know what the commissioners can do, and Alex Chatham heads the Democratic list of commissioners this year, with able men to work with him—Oscar Yoldley and W. J. Swanson. You know they will take care of your tax money—you have tried them and are taking no chances when you place them in this important position.

Again, talk about the morals of the county being in danger! How would you figure out that such could be when you voted for the Democratic candidates? Why, did you know that Frank Lewellin has perhaps made more Sunday School addresses and attended more associations and religious gatherings than any other man in Surry County? And that he is still daily aiding in every way he can to promote the cause of His Master's Kingdom? And then talk about the election of such men as endangering the morals of the county!

The voters of Surry County, just bear in mind that you know the character of the men whom the Democrats are asking you to support, forget these last minute accusations that always come out just before the polls open. Give no heed to them, because you already know the character of the entire ticket from beginning to end—Porter Graves, you know what a relentless prosecutor of violators he is; you know Oscar Snow, school board chairman for twenty years; John Folger, you know his ability to represent Surry at Raleigh; Frank Lewellin, who would say naught of him as a man or as an official; Willis Lawrence, you know what an efficient register of deeds he has made, how prompt and accommodating in his work; you know Cape Haynes, whom no man would dare question his character or his fitness for sheriff; and for commissioners and other positions the Democratic party has named men of ability and character and trustworthiness. You know all these things. The county needs these men. But the county cannot get them without your vote.

PUBLIC SPEAKING.

Hon. S. Porter Graves Will Address the Voters at the City Hall on Thursday, October 25, at 7:30 P. M.

This announcement has just been made by A. D. Folger, Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Surry County.

Our people will be glad to have the opportunity of hearing this distinguished son of Surry County, who has achieved the well earned honor of being the ablest solicitor in North Carolina. He is a pleasing and forceful speaker, well informed on public questions and will present intelligently the issues of this campaign. Mr. Graves is especially anxious to have all the good women attend.

Our people are always glad to hear Mr. Graves in public address, and we bespeak for him a large and appreciative audience composed of our good citizens irrespective of party affiliations. All are cordially invited. The building will be comfortably heated for the occasion.

Woman's Club Collecting Clothing For the Poor.

Due to the unexpected cold weather, a large number of boys and girls of our community have been forced to stop school for the lack of sufficient clothing.

The Woman's Club upon hearing of this situation existing in Mount Airy through the Social Service and Health Committees of their Club, they have decided to canvas the town for the purpose of securing used or discarded clothing, to be distributed among those in need.

The campaign however, will not be limited to those boys and girls that have been forced to stop school, but will be made in order to secure clothing for all of the poor and needy of our community. A campaign similar to this has been made each year, but previously it has been made later in the year.

A committee of the Woman's Club will call on most of the citizens of the town and especially upon those who telephone Mrs. L. P. Wrenn, or Mrs. B. E. Herman, the members of the club who are in charge of the Social Service and Health Committees.

No better work could be done, particularly at this time, and The News takes this opportunity to congratulate the members of the Woman's Club upon this thoughtful and timely movement.

Kiwanians Visit Winston-Salem.

More than 25 local Kiwanians had lunch with the Winston-Salem club last Thursday at noon and enjoyed a most delightful occasion with the Winston-Salem Kiwanians. Following a welcome address the program was turned over to the visitors with C. M. Whitlock in charge. E. M. Linville introduced the visitors and E. C. Bivens in a few well chosen words most suitable for the occasion responded to the address of welcome and assured them that Mount Airy was highly appreciative of the cooperation from the Winston-Salem citizenship in the efforts to secure good roads for this section.

A return visit to Mount Airy will be made some time in November.

Bakery Gives School Children Sandwiches.

The Quality Bakery, of Winston-Salem, hit on the novel plan to advertise their Bamby bread by distributing sandwiches among the school children and during Monday and Tuesday of this week 1675 sandwiches were distributed in the local schools by Mrs. Willie Moore Gentry, who has charge of a campaign to introduce the Bamby bread in this section.

A Unique Pig Contest.

G. M. Beck, local pig dealer, has hit upon a plan of interest to all who buy pigs from him. For every load of pigs he sells in the future he will give a card to the purchaser and when the pigs is grown and killed the weight will be recorded on the card by the grower and forwarded to The News office and the one who makes his pig weigh the most will be given a pig free. The pigs now being sold will be expected to be killed and the weights sent to this office prior to Dec. 15th, 1927. Mr. Beck sells many loads of pigs during a year and his plan will afford an interesting contest between the grower, and distribute many pigs among them free of charge.

(POLITICAL ADVERTISING)

GOOD ADVICE TO REPUBLICAN VOTERS

Acquaint Yourself On How to Mark Your Ballots, and Then Inform Your Neighbor.

We desire to admonish the Republican voters, both men and women, when they enter the various polling places in the county not to allow themselves to fall in the hands of Democratic markers. You will do well to heed this warning. If you disregard this advice and permit a Democratic marker to mark your ballots, the odds are against you, the chances are that you will vote the Democratic ticket when you really intended to vote the Republican ticket. A few honest Democrats may be chosen as markers—there are hundreds of good honest Democrats in Surry county, but in our opinion few, if any, of them will be selected—their services will not be wanted by the Democratic machine. The Democratic bosses will not make a diligent search for honest men to act in the capacity of official markers. Republican voters when you go to your polling places to vote, be sure, before going in to vote, that you consult some dependable Republican who may be on the grounds, and he will instruct you how you can mark your own ballots and thereby vote your own sentiments.

Suspicion rests on all who acted as official Democratic markers two years ago, and there is no good reason for expecting that better men will be selected this year. In fact, we expect that several who rendered such satisfactory service—to Democratic politicians—two years ago, will be found doing service for them on the second day of November.

It is a violation of the election laws for a marker to offer assistance to a voter unless his assistance has been asked for by the voter. Republicans, men and women, when you enter the polling place to vote, should a Democratic marker offer to assist you, politely decline his assistance, by telling him you do not desire his assistance. Should he follow you into the booth, again politely inform him that you do not desire his help. Should he further persist in annoying you, order him out of the booth and proceed to mark your own ballots.

We do not believe there is any impropriety in suggesting to the pastors of the various churches in Surry county that they preach a sermon next Sunday on the subject of honest elections. We suggest as an appropriate text the commandment, "Thou shalt not steal," though many other appropriate passages of scripture might be chosen. It need not and should not be partisan, though political honesty as well as honesty in other matters, should be emphasized. We believe such sermons are very much needed in Surry county. We merely suggest this, leaving to the pastors the right to decide as to the wisdom of such a course. The church and the ministers of the county, as well as all good citizens, should cry out against all forms of dishonesty.

We again warn Republicans, both men and women, all over Surry county not to permit Democratic markers to touch their ballots. Do your own marking if you desire your ballots to be counted for the candidates you desire to support. In the opinion of hundreds of intelligent men who have carefully and impartially studied the provisions of the election law under which our elections are to be held, this law was framed in such manner that it would be easy for unscrupulous Democratic markers, acting under the advice of even more unscrupulous Democratic bosses, to so mark your ballots that you really vote the Democratic ticket, or in such way that your ballot will be thrown away—not counted. Shun these markers as you would a mad dog.

Should the Democratic registrars name some dependable Republican markers they can be of no service to Republican voters unless the voters be permitted to select the marker whom they desire to assist them. If the registrar refuses to permit the voters to call for the markers whom they prefer, then let Republican markers decline to serve, or if under promises of fair treatment, they should begin to serve and later the registrar begins to direct the Democratic markers to serve Republican voters, then and in that event, let the Republican markers walk-out of the polling places and refuse further to act in the capacity of official markers. The safest course for Republican voters is to learn to mark their own ballots.

And finally, let me appeal to Republican voters in every township or ward in Surry county, who have informed themselves in regard to mark-

ing ballots, to be at the various polling places in the county before voting begins in order that they may instruct the voters how they may mark their own ballots. Each voter who has been instructed in the matter of marking ballots should, if possible, give the day for the benefit of his less fortunate neighbors. It is a duty you owe to your neighbor, your state and to your county, not to mention your party. Much of this work may be done before election day thus relieving the workers on election day. Go to the polling places before voting begins and stay until the last vote is in the box.

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