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FACING THE FACTS

The use of intoxicating drink as a beverage is wrong. We know no one, who, knowing its moral effects, believes to the contrary. To a Christian, if a thing is wrong, it is wrong in every relation or connection. To a church member no argument should be necessary to persuade him as to his duty in doing all in his power to banish this curse from society. To a consecrated christian seeking to do God's will, no argument is necessary to get him to vote against this evil power.

However, there are those who do not know the pull and appeal of drink to human appetite and passion. From experience we do not know, but from observations of a half century we need no other evidence.

That our readers may know (if they do not already) why we are going to vote against ABC stores in Wake county on June 22, we offer the following reasons:

A man may and ought to be temperate in legitimate things. But intoxicating drink is not legitimate. It is morally wrong. Dram drinkers become drunkards. The father's example starts the son on the road to ruin. Total abstinence is the only safe way. The drinker may argue temperance, but seldom practices it long.

Self-control is a great virtue. Control is mastery; it means overcoming. If flood water is so controlled as to cease pouring over a dam through diversion in a new channel, it is a control of direction and not volume. When we say that the county proposes the control of liquor, according to facts gathered from A. B. C. stores already in operation, we find that the sale of drink has greatly increased under so-called county control. It gives the county a monopoly on the sale of drink and the consumption has grown under such management. As it is, it is an effort to confine the sale to the county, and not to curtail the volume sold. We shall vote against such control.

Everybody wants money; most of us need it.

With taxes mounting each year, the people feel the need of new sources of revenue. Probably the greatest appeal that comes to the voter in the coming election is the belief that the revenue derived from the sale of liquor will reduce his taxes. When we add to the original cost of the liquor police protection, court actions, operation of the stores not to mention the suffering brought on by drink, the cost will exceed the revenue derived from its sale probably three times over.

Read the full page of reasons against liquor and ABC stores carefully in this paper where the facts are set forth. We cannot see how any citizen except those who love drink for its own sake, can afford to go to the polls next Tuesday and vote for the legalizing and selling of intoxicating drink by the county with the people's approval.

We appeal to sober minded and pure hearted church members, to the fathers and mothers of our boys and girls, to every law abiding citizen to keep this outlaw who robs and murders men's bodies and souls from under the protection and patronage of the people. We beg you to quit yourselves like men at the polls on Tuesday, June 22. May the God of all that is true and good and beautiful in human character, save us from becoming the tool of liquor barons and the agent of this monster evil.

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SUNDAY CLOSING

We are glad to note that a place of business previously kept open during Sunday School and church near the Baptist church will hereafter be closed during the time of the services. We have noticed a crowd usually "hanging out" there when the worshippers came out of the church house. It did not look well for the town nor for the business nor for the hangers out.

For years it has been our opinion that no places of business should be kept open on Sunday except such as served the necessities of life, such as food and medicines. Our Town Board would do well to consider closing every place in town selling anything but these. Such things as drinks, gas, and beer should not be sold all day long on Sunday, and we believe every kind of business should suspend its sales during church hours. Our opinion is that beer should not be sold at all on Sunday.

With Sunday baseball going with hundreds paying to see the game, gas stations and such places wide open, we wonder if our new theatre will not also, when it opens, seek to substitute itself for the Sunday evening church service. As it is half the church members take no interest in their churches and most of them attend more and give more to their lodge or club or some similar affair than they do to their churches. Whose side they are on the Lord only knows.

In expressing the following statement I do not expect all to agree with me. As I see and understand why we should not legalize the sale of liquor in Wake county. I admit that liquor is being sold in practically every county that surrounds us. People have drunk liquor for hundreds of years before this present generation. We have had prohibition, but people still drank liquor. The surrounding counties and bootleggers are getting the profits for the sale of liquor. The profit of liquor should go into local and county purses to reduce taxes. But, all these statements in a measure are true.

It is the last statement we should carefully study. If we vote for the county to sell liquor, so that the county might be able to make money on it, then are we not sellers? A nation, a state, a county, a community, are the people there were no people in Wake county, there would be no voting would not be any one to sell. So you see if the county do liquor, it will be the people of the county who are selling it. It is right for the county to sell liquor, then I say it is right for any of the county to sell it. If this statement will cause a headache of the head. Think through if you do not agree with me.

Since the beginning of time there has been a curse on liquor. A member in the Bible the curse was put upon his son. Then as the Bible we read, "Curse that putteth the bottle to his neighbor's mouth. If the county sell liquor, then are we not putting the bottle to our neighbor's mouth. My life I have been a very close observer and I have never seen a person who profited by the sale of liquor. Not only liquor, but anything else that the Bible declares should not do. You might see some man who is very rich, but watch him. Watch the person who inherits that money. That man is there and will show you how he generally does exactly what he got from what it was supposed to be. You should know the consequences of trouble, the end of most of the bootleggers. We might make a hundred thousand dollars a year from taxes on liquor and lose a million dollars from disasters from the sale of liquor. Putting his stamp of disapproval on the sale of liquor.

I don't expect all to agree with me, but an honest conviction that the above is true forces me to be dry in the coming election.

— W. Berni

SEEN AND HEARD

A QUESTION FOR SOLOMON

Two certain women of Zebulon were talking together. The mother of the one and the husband of the other listened in. The mother said: "Do you suppose there is any one who could tell which of them talks the most?" He replied: "I doubt it. Solomon decided the ownership of a baby, but I doubt very much his being able to judge which of these talks the most". Does the reader wish to try?

"HERE SHE COMES" and STOP!

Open Forum

THIS BOTHERS ME. (From News and Observer)

To the Editor: The moon shone mellow upon a desolate row of abandoned huts. Two girls tending yarn spindles, in an idle moment by their window, gazed out upon this sickly landscape. "Imprisoned angels," I thought, and the watch on my car panel said 11 p. m., in answer to my glance and these reactions: "No future. What they make they spend today to live. No hope. Disease and old age will eventually release them, but this will hold them in its relentless clutch." I drove a short way, stopped, sat alone there and listened in the moonlight at the mill's rumbling, and I asked: "Do I want a daughter to live like that? Why, just why don't I?"

The next day I rode by an ABC store and glimpsed a clerk passing a bottle to a handsome youth who left immediately in a shinning car. The May sun bore gloriously down upon a Negro ploughing tiny corn in a meadow over the way. In the hedgerow a swamp bird sang leis-

ure, intermittent snatches of as sweet a tune as God thought its pretty throat could stand. Again I stopped my car, and in sight of store & field I asked myself: "Do I want my boys to end selling liquor to other folks' boys? Do I prefer they remain ploughhand or landlord? Is it snobbery or what that I sit up nights to lift my children to an ambitious goal that classifies life's tasks? Ought a State ever suffer any permitted employment to destroy by poor wage or to make poor with disease a patron product?"

I wrestled alone in the moonlight over the future of my daughters and I meditated in the sunlight over the careers of my sons. I toil both day and night to rear them right and to hate some conditions and to want to be and to do nobly. I have come to a feeling that when an honest man has to ask himself whether he is a snob about the lawful employment his children follow, it is time to check up on conditions which make one occupation less worthy or examine their wage-scale lest toil of the hands fail to furnish enough bread.

Raeford. ARTHUR D. GORE

ONCE I'LL VOTE AGAINST MONEY

There are so many different angles and view-points of the liquor question on life's journey that sometimes a person will say to himself: which is the right road to follow? Sometimes a road looks very good at the beginning, but after following it awhile we come to an abrupt ending or some battered and wornout patch that makes travelling difficult. Then sometimes a battered and torn road leads us to a magnificent highway. Each person travelling life's highway seeks happiness and success. The sad part is that so few are successful. We may have resources today that will buy us anything we want, take us any place we desire to go. Tomorrow we may be broke, depending upon our neighbors or charity. There are persons on charity who have once been worth more money than anybody else in our community. You might say, what has that got to do with me or with the liquor question? What I am trying to do is to get you to analyze yourself. I have done so. I found myself wanting.

Pleasant Hill

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ag...
Mr. and Mrs. Lennie V...
Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. ...
Wake Forest, R. F. D. ...
the birth of a daughter

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. H...
Zebulon visited their mother
W. Hood, Sunday.

Mr. G. B. Richardson ...
week with relatives in Jo

Little Virginia Puryear ...
ing several days with her

mother, Mrs. T. Y. Pury

Mr. Bernard Gay, son ...
Gay, was married Satur

12 to Miss Ruby Jones, daughter of the late Atlas Jones of this section.

A LETTER OF THANKS APPRECIATION

To the many friends who showed their service sympathy and kindness during my mother's illness and death Mrs. M. L. Stalling, old, who died May 27, 1937, I wish to express my overflow of gratitude to all of my friends who have received them for their kindness.

Mrs. Beulah ...
Zebulon, N.