

Skinner Chalk, Congressional Candidate, Gives His Views

(Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of articles by Skinner A. Chalk, candidate for Congress from the third Congressional district. Mr. Chalk plans to comment, in future articles, on the nation's defense program, aid to education, the farm program, and other governmental topics. He suggests that anyone interested in these views clip the articles and mail to other voters in this district.)

The United States is in serious financial difficulties as a result of unwise economic policies. It is going to require great courage and skill to avoid a depression much worse than developed in the Thirties.

The Third Congressional district has little industry, and for its cash income is dependent largely on farming and government operations. It is absolutely essential we expand our industrial activity to get a better balance.

Our problems are the same as exist worldwide — ignorance, disease and poverty. The first great governor of North Carolina to attack ignorance on a large scale lived in Wayne County — Aycock. He and the General Assembly recognized the importance of making an education available to all.

The present generation is profiting from this program, because there was no unfair discrimination — whites, Indians and Negroes alike were subject to the same standards. All have been lifted and improved through education.

Disease has been under a steady attack and its incidence and severity has been reduced greatly in our generation. Communicable diseases of a serious nature have been eliminated or reduced to such an extent we have little disruption in our activity.

This leaves only poverty as a physical problem. What Governor Aycock has been to education, the future will prove our present Gov. Luther H. Hodges to be in the elimination of poverty.

Governor Hodges is a great blessing to us because he is a business man with an intimate knowledge of what business needs, wants, and will do with the proper encouragement. He has vision, and that is necessary to do great things. Vision inspires confidence.

He is ridiculed by the uninformed for devoting so much time and expense to travel both here and abroad. This is necessary to get business as any salesman knows, and our governor is really getting it.

He has told us in eastern North Carolina we must make better use of our resources if we are to prosper.

What are our greatest resources? Our people. We must use them to maximum advantage to develop quickly on a sound basis.

Are we rich or poor? The University of Michigan made a survey which showed 8 per cent of the population of the United States had a per capita income of \$900 or less a year, but in Great Britain only 5 per cent were in this income group despite the fact the British wage scale is about half the American level.

This is attributed to the low incomes of people in the South. The

Negro is in the lowest level. There are 16,000,000 Negroes in the United States. Georgia and North Carolina have over one million Negroes each and no other state has over a million. A large number of these Negroes as a percentage of North Carolina's population live in eastern North Carolina.

It seems reasonable to conclude since our district is devoted to farming and this is the principal source of employment outside government, many of our Negroes are making their living on the farm.

The policies of the federal government are to restrict output (acreage control) of our farms. We are paid for what we produce. It is a fact in the midst of great economic activity and record income to individuals, the farmers' income has declined. The farmer has been sold on the idea the government is his salvation and unless he knuckles under to the government he is lost.

The twentieth century has seen a fantastic industrial growth over most of the country, but it has passed us by in this congressional district with a few exceptions. The only way we can approach getting even is to expand quickly.

How can we do it? Show the United States we are people of courage and conviction. We fought a civil war over states rights, which are really rights of the individual. This was called by some the war of secession. It should have been called the war that never should have been fought.

I remind you that the Republican party was in power. It was determined to enforce its will. I am not defending slavery or any similar injustice to man. The fact was slavery existed when the United States was formed, and the powers of the federal government were derived from the states.

Many of the states abolished slavery before 1861, but slavery continued from 1776 to 1865 in the South. This federal superiority really got its start on this issue, and like a disease, it has spread and is growing at a rapid rate. The Democratic party has always emphasized the rights of the little man as opposed to the rights of his government.

Some of my friends say because I speak out against the federal government I sound like a Republican. The trouble is so many Democrats have been acting like Republicans they have forgotten the basis of their organization and are confused.

Those of us in the Third Congressional district can't control the United States and its policies, but we can do something that will help us. We fought a civil war on principle. We led in World War I and World War II in volunteers to of-

fer our lives for a cause. We do not lack in courage, although we have lacked in clear leadership.

I do not put my trust in a huge oppressive government that steals my substance under the guise of helping me. It is unfair in dealing with its own people. It throws away overseas billions of dollars by taxing us and handing the money to foreign politicians.

Our government corrupts itself and those foreign governments. You destroy your self-respect and that of the poor people in those foreign countries.

We must get this terrible monster off our back if we are to save ourselves. We are like Sinbad the Sailor in taking the Old Man of the Sea on our shoulders. Once on, he is hard to get off.

We have brought in a Trojan horse, whose occupants are like a bunch of termites eating away the foundations of our government.

Vote for a man who is opposed to these unwise policies. Show the people of the United States you have courage not only to fight wars, but to fight injustice and corruption by refusing to be compromised any further.

I am a man of faith. My trust is in God, to whom I look for my salvation. I wore a sweatshirt, dungarees and tennis shoes in the winter of 1931-1932, and lived many times on only one meal a day. I'll do it again, if necessary, to get some of my rights back from a tyrant. Make no mistake—a strong central government is a tyrant and not to be trusted any more than the government of Russia.

What will happen if you vote for such a man? Will you lose your farm? Will you lose your job? I have enough faith in our people, if we do this, you will see a new miracle. The people in the rest of the United States will bless you.

The business interests who can promote industry will say, "We do have some real honest-to-goodness folks who are not looking for hand-outs. We owe it to them to support them. We want our money invested in plants where the people are sound in their thinking and do not want something for nothing."

"We are tired of labor, political and industrial racketeers who run up our cost and make us less competitive. Here is a place where people love freedom and will help us keep ours. We will support them."

It will take this to get our lowest economic groups off the bottom. It can be done, if you have faith. Show the federal government you want a man who believes in cutting costs to keep you competitive with the rest of the world. Do not be misled by those who want no change except more subsidies, more federal spending for things you can do yourself cheaper than the government can do it for you, and more control of the education of your children.

You know injustice exists in our government and the only way to root it out is to send someone to the congress who is fearless and

can think to plan for the future. I will work to get industry for our district and make a diligent effort to see that business is invited to come here and treated well on arrival.

Business goes where it is invited and stays where it is well-treated.



Feb. 24 — Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hibbs and little daughter, Mary Lou, spent the weekend in Chadbourn with her parents.

Mrs. Harry Lockett was called to Ft. Barnwell Saturday because of the death of her uncle, Lee Sermons. She and Mr. Lockett attended the funeral in New Bern Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Garner and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jenkins went

to Goldsboro Saturday evening to attend the Group III of N. C. Bankers Association. They were served a bountiful buffet dinner, followed by entertainment.

Mrs. Christine Carroll and daughter, Chrissie, of Lillington spent the weekend here with Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Garner.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Pruitt, their son and daughter, Carl and Anne, returned to Chinquapin Sunday, after the weekend at their home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Valverta Garner spent the weekend in Elon with her sister and brother-in-law.

Leonard Gould of Winston-Salem visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs.

C. A. Gould, during the weekend.

Lt. Cdr. Edith Prescott of U. S. Naval Hospital of Portsmouth, Va., Mrs. L. L. Gilmer and daughter, Sylvia, of Portsmouth were called here Friday because of the death of their brother, Sam Prescott. Mrs. M. D. Fly of Texas, another sister, could not come.

Miss Velma Chitty spent the weekend in Atlantic with friends. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Heath of Cove City and their son, Tommy, and Mrs. Blanche Hawkins of Cove City spent Monday here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Junius Creech, celebrated his 4th birthday Friday evening with a party at his home in west Newport.

The children enjoyed the birthday cake, ice cream, mints and lollipops. They were each given balloons and other favors.

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