

## SECOND DEBATE ON POLITICS HELD

Synopsis of Hamrick-Dunagan Debate Friday Night at Henrietta-Caroleen High School.

Caroleen, Sept. 29.—The second of the political debates between Hon. Stover P. Dunagan, chairman of the executive committee of the Democratic party of Rutherford county, and Hon. Fred D. Hamrick, chairman of the executive committee of the Republican party of the county, was held at 8 p. m., Friday night in the auditorium of the Henrietta-Caroleen High school. Oscar J. Mooneyham of Avondale presided and introduced the two speakers. R. E. Price of Rutherfordton, held the watch.

Mr. Hamrick spoke first consuming 45 minutes. He made a vigorous defense of his partner, N. C. Harris, and stated that when Harris was County Attorney the work was done on a per diem basis; at that time, the law, since changed, required that a title had to be abstracted before suit could be brought. He declared that there was nothing wrong about the building of the Buffalo Valley road; the Chimney Rock Mountains development had added over \$2,000,000 to the taxable property, and now the county was receiving \$160,000 a year more in taxes, even after the cost of the road had been deducted. Time and time again Mr. Hamrick denounced the small coterie of the courthouse ring, stating they had given the county such bad government.

**Didn't Advise Commissioners.**  
Mr. Hamrick repeated his assertions that he had not advised the old Board of County Commissioners; he defended his fee of \$5,000 for winning the suit of the County vs. Henrietta Mills, and told of the vast amount of work done. When later confronted with a certified copy of the account paid his firm by the Commissioners which showed the amount to be over \$7,000 he explained that the extra \$2,000 was for clerk hire, stenographers, and work done at Raleigh and other places, and he had told the Commissioners he was entirely willing to have the amount of his fee settled by a Board of Arbitration, but the County Accountant and Commissioners had thought the \$5,000 fee very reasonable. The same amount was paid to Hon. Clyde R. Hoey.

Mr. Hamrick reiterated his charges against the present Commissioners and County Attorney. He charged

Mr. Dunagan with being president, secretary and treasurer of the to-be-formed Annanias Club. He claimed that Mr. Dunagan had already nominated Z. O. Jenkins as a member. Mr. Hamrick stated several times he had nothing against the rank and file of democracy, it was only the courthouse ring. When Mr. Dunagan asked Mr. Hamrick to name some of them Mr. Hamrick replied that he, Mr. Dunagan was one of them. Mr. Hamrick was at his best and spoke forcibly. Several times his remarks were punctuated by applause. The auditorium was about three fourths full.

### Mr. Dunagan Replies.

Mr. Dunagan spoke for a full hour; he began his speech with a very bitter attack on Mr. N. C. Harris and stated that he, Mr. Harris had charged the county 22 1/2 percent instead of the 15 percent Mr. B. T. Jones was receiving. Mr. Dunagan said that much of the work done in abstracting the titles had been performed by Carl Hamrick and John P. Chambers, and therefore Quinn, Hamrick and Harris were guilty of gross profiteering at the expense of the county. In his reply, later, Mr. Hamrick stated his office expenses and his firm had not charged the county a single cent more than they would charge any other client. Mr. Dunagan spoke about the Buffalo Valley Road and alleged that the change was made on a petition signed by Quinn, Hamrick and Harris, but when challenged to produce his petition Mr. Dunagan had to admit the record had been lost, as were also many bills from Quinn, Hamrick and Harris. The chairman of the executive committee stated it was due to Chimney Rock Mountains that the local banks had gone busted and he made a vigorous defense of the state banking department. He again claimed that Quinn, Hamrick and Harris had dictated the policies of the county since the appointment of Mr. Harris as County Attorney after the death of Sol. Gallert. He went into detail about the great increase of county debt—practically \$3,000,000 and charged this increase up to the undue extravagance and frequent bond issues wished on the county by Quinn, Hamrick and Harris. Constantly he spoke of the firm as being County Attorneys.

Mr. Dunagan said he held no brief for the present Commissioners; they had made two mistakes, but was that sufficient to condemn a man? He pleaded for a re-organization of the Democratic Party by the party.

Next Mr. Dunagan launched an extremely bitter and scathing attack on the National Republican Party. President Hoover came in for his full share of denunciation. The chief issues discussed by Mr. Dunagan were the pre-election promises and the depression that has followed since. Mr.

Hoover received the blame for the plight of the Southern farmer, the low price of cotton and so forth. Mr. Dunagan was his best during the half hour he devoted to national problems. Time and time again he was interrupted by applause and cheering. Mr. Dunagan gave the national and state bank failures and said it had been all to the Republican regime in the last ten years.

### Mr. Hamrick's Answer.

Mr. Hamrick stated at the beginning of President Woodrow Wilson's first administration the price of cotton had gone down to less than 6 cents a bale and the buy a bale movement had been the result.

The Republican candidate further said that the bill, read by Mr. Dunagan, charging the county \$13.00 a day for eight days in Washington, D. C., had been incurred by the presence of his partner, Mr. Harris, and with the prices charged in Washington he did not see how two men could live decently any cheaper.

Once more Mr. Hamrick defended his partner, Mr. N. C. Harris and ended up with a fine burst of oratory.

### Mr. Dunagan's Speech.

Ladies and Gentlemen:—In my speech delivered at Rutherfordton on last Monday night the time allotted to me would not permit a full discussion of all the facts. I therefore devoted practically all the entire time to a discussion of the extravagance of the four year period from about January, 1925, to December, 1928, during which period I charged that the law firm of Quinn, Hamrick and Harris, of which firm Mr. Fred D. Hamrick is senior member, counseled and advised the Board of County Commissioners. I am not here to defend the acts of any public official, either Republican or Democrat, who does not keep faith with the people—however conscientious he may be.

In my Rutherfordton speech I showed that according to audits of the affairs of Rutherford County made by A. M. Pullen and Company, of Raleigh, North Carolina, the total outstanding indebtedness of Rutherford County, including township, road and bridge bonds and township school bonds, amounted to \$902,000.00. I showed also that the members of the Board of County Commissioners who served the following four years had previous to that time served as County Commissioners and under the able advice and counsel of good Democrats and a Democratic lawyer had made a splendid administrative record in Rutherford County. I felt then, and I still feel that the recklessness and extravagance of this Board of Commissioners was brought about by misplaced confidence in their advisors, the commissioners not realizing the selfish motives prompting the insistent de-

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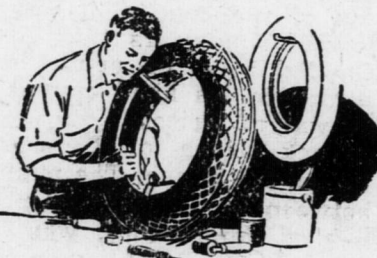
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