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## Refutation Of Misrepresentations.

Since I announced as a candidate for the Legislature I have been informed that there are being circulated over the county statements originating in the town of Marshall in regard to certain things, which it is stated I did while serving as a member of the Legislature from this County.

The statements which have been reported to me are absolutely without the shadow of foundation and are false.

One statement, I understand is to the effect that I passed a bill in the last Legislature prohibiting the people of Madison County from voting on road bonds. This statement is absolutely false. I never proposed such a bill or thought of such a proposition and no such bill was offered in the Legislature. I did vote for a bill which provides that the county cannot be bonded for more than five per cent of the taxable value of the property in the county. Instead of this taking the bridge off, it puts on the bridge and says to the authorities with the power to issue bonds, you can go thus far and no farther. I am an advocate of good roads and I want to see a good road from every section of Madison County leading into the county seat. There are still some sections in Madison County that are practically cut off from the county seat and persons living in those sections are forced to go over rough trails and a long distance to attend to their business at the county seat.

I was selected when in the Legislature to help draft the State Highway Bill. I was the only Republican who had that honor. I heartily supported the bill in the house and was flattered by a number of leading members telling me that I made the best speech in support of the bill. Under that law we are now having sixty five miles of the principal roads in Madison County maintained by the State and we will eventually have a hard surfaced road, built by the State through this county. The average tax payer does not pay one penny into the fund used for this purpose. The money is raised by the automobile license tax and, the tax on gasoline used in motor vehicles. This bill will in the end bring into Madison County a million dollars to maintain and build roads, from the richer counties and corporations outside of Madison County, if this is a crime I am guilty.

At the extra session of the Legislature the proposition came up whether or not the State would appropriate money to pay the school teachers what they had already earned and to continue the public schools for six months, the time provided by law. It will be recalled that some of the teachers in this county had gone some two or three months without receiving any pay. A bill was introduced to appropriate a sufficient amount of money to pay the teachers and extend the schools for the term of six months. This bill was vigorously opposed by some of my political friends and by many Democrats. I supported the bill with all my ability and Gov. Morrison very flattering said to Ex-Gov. Bickett and other leading men that my speech on this bill was the best speech that had been made in North Carolina in three years. I do not claim this distinction or that I was at all worthy of the compliment. The bill passed, our teachers in Madison County as well as

other counties were paid, and we have had, or will have the regular six months term of school. Madison County received about \$5000 from this source and I think it is fair to say that not exceeding \$5000 of the \$5000 came out of Madison County either directly or indirectly. This money was derived from the larger counties and the corporations. If this was a crime I am guilty.

I understand that it is still being circulated that I pauperized the sheriff's office. I have heretofore stated the facts about this matter but I wish to say again the office to which the sheriff was elected in this county paid \$1200 until he received the tax books and then \$1500 per year and \$6000 per month for a deputy. With this he paid all the expenses and fees incident to the office went into the county fund. I made the salary of the sheriff \$3200, increased the fees from fifty to eighty per cent, and all the fees of the office goes to the sheriff and his deputies. If the township deputy serves the process he gets the fees.

If the law had been left the way it was the sheriff drew the salary and if he did not succeed himself when he went out of office he took the tax books to collect the taxes for the year after he retired as sheriff. If the present sheriff had gotten the tax books next year the fees would have amounted to about \$6000 for four or five months work. When the sheriff retires now he settles with the commissioners on the first Monday in December and that is the end of his job. I do not believe the people are willing to pay \$6000, to collect one tax.

I understand that it has been reported that I tried to abolish the town of Marshall. All I am trying to do for Marshall is to make it fit to live in. I am in favor of a Gravity Water System for the town and the Board of Alderman through my assistance as attorney are trying to get such a system for the town, and when the people of the county come here they will have plenty of good water to drink. The County has nothing to do with this, and is not liable for a penny of the cost.

Space will not permit me to go through and explain the various things I did in the Legislature in behalf of my County and my State. I wish to say in this connection that I stand for the upbuilding of the schools in our county as well as the State, and I am for more education and better education and better facilities for education every day in the year. It may seem like a boost to myself and rather immodest for me to say it, but I have been appealed to by leading Republicans as well as Democrats from practically all over North Carolina to run for the Legislature and to be a member of the General Assembly of 1923.

There is one thing I wish to mention, and that is something has been said about ex-service men. I believe that I can truthfully say that I have done more for the men who served in the World War and their dependents in the way of helping them to get compensation or in any other way it was possible for me to aid them all of the balance of the workers in the County put together. From the time we entered the War my office door has been wide open to the soldiers and their dependents and if the time that I have contributed to them

## To The Republican Voters of Madison County

Ladies And Gentlemen

I take this method of urging upon you the Great Importance of Registering for the coming Primary. Next Saturday is the last day to register for the Primary and all that registers for the Primary will save having to register for the Fall election when we battle with the Democrats. Every Republican should register and vote, regardless of who they vote for in the Primary. This is important. No one should lose their vote through failure to register. See the Register in your Ward or Township between now and Saturday and get your name on his book.

S. B. ROBERTS,  
Chairman Republican Executive Committee.

had been sold for money's worth. I have contributed at least \$5,000 in services to the ex-soldiers and their dependents.

It is a loss of time and money to me to go to the Legislature but there are many important things coming up in the next Legislature and I believe that I can be of some service to the people of my county as well as the State. My past record in the Legislature is an open book and I defy any man or woman to point to any act I did or vote I cast that was against the interest of my county or my State.

I love my native State of North Carolina, my county and my town. I love my country and my countrymen, and it is through this spirit and none other that I offer to make the sacrifice of time and money to represent the people of Madison County in the next Legislature. I most respectfully ask the women of Madison County to inspect my record in the General Assembly and ascertain for themselves whether or not it is acceptable to them.

I will furnish any one who is interested with the records to show how I stood on every question that was presented to the last Legislature. Examine my record and if you find it such that you do not approve of then vote for somebody else, but in the name of common justice do not vote against me on some manufactured false report and false statement that has absolutely no foundation.

special act was passed authorizing the issuing of \$300,000 Madison County bonds. The act provided that the question might be submitted to the popular vote of the people, the act also provided that the commissioners might issue the \$300,000 bonds without a vote of the people. Mr. W. C. Sprinkle a member of the Board plead with Mr. Edwards and Edward's Colleague to submit the question to the people, but Mr. Edwards persistently refused and he and his colleague over the protest and vote of Sprinkle on the 21st of April 1913 put over the \$300,000 bond issue without a vote of the people which constitutes about half of the indebtedness of Madison County.

WHEN WAS MR. EDWARDS CONVERTED TO THE VOTING PROPOSITION?

In the last Legislature I voted for a bill, which became a law that prohibits the issuing of bonds or incurring indebtedness against the county beyond five per cent of the taxable value of the property in the county. I advised that the last proposed \$150,000 bond issue was not legal. The bonds were sold on a tentative bid of four and one half per cent premium. Here is what the purchasers of the bonds have to say.

Marx and Co., Bankers,  
Birmingham, Alabama.  
April 26th, 1922.  
Clerk Board Road Commissioners,  
Madison County,  
Marshall, N. C.  
Dear Sir:-  
Referring to contract of Messrs Kaufman-Smith Emert and Company and ourselves for the purchase of \$150,000, Madison County, N. C. road bonds, we have used every endeavor to have these bonds approved, but all bond attorneys are of the opinion that these bonds will be illegal inasmuch as they would be carrying the County above the 5% debt limitation.

Yours Very Truly,  
Marx and Company.  
By W. A. Watkins.  
This saves the county of \$150,000

## Meeting of The Dixie Highway Association

The annual meeting of the Directors of the Dixie Highway Association has been called to meet in Jacksonville, Fla., Hotel Semincle, May 20th and 27th.

It is sincerely hoped that Asheville may this year organize at least three or four automobile loads of Asheville citizens and attend this annual meeting in Jacksonville. Judge N. H. Allison, President of the Association Chattanooga, Tenn., urges the undersigned, as Director for North Carolina, to get up as large a party as possible from Marshall, Asheville, Hendersonville, and other points on the Carolina Division to attend this meeting.

You know the importance of the Dixie Highway to Asheville and what its continued improvement has already meant and will continue to mean. Sincerely hope we can get at least three or four cars to make this trip.

Dr. W. H. Glenn and Mrs. Glenn made the trip from Asheville to Savannah, Ga., a week or so ago, a distance of 312 miles, in one day. The trip can be made in one day. The trip can be made fairly well in two to two and one half days at the outside.

Let's go,  
Cordially yours,  
N. Buckner,  
Director, Dixie Highway Association, North Carolina.

## Agents Wanted

Men and women wanted to handle city trade and retail the original and genuine Watkins Products, Remedies, Extracts, Spices, Toilet Requisites, Household Specialties, Automobile Accessories, etc. Over 150 guaranteed products. Our values are unequalled and Watkins Quality is in a class by itself. Write today for free sample and full details of our offer and what it means to you. The J. R. Watkins Co., Dept. 76, New York, N. Y.

dollar indebtedness. All bonds of Madison County have been issued under laws that I had nothing to do with the making. I am in favor of reducing taxes every penny where it is possible to do so.

I understand that it is being circulated in the county that if I go to the Legislature that I am pledged to create a lot of new offices at big salaries and also to create a perpetual board of county commissioners. Every word of this is manufactured and is absolutely false. I understand that Edwards says he will reduce taxes by cutting down the salaries of the County officers. Whose will he cut and how much? The sheriff's salary was more than doubled. How much will he cut the sheriff?

A continuous string of falsehoods about me without any foundation whatever, are being circulated over the county. In regard to what I have done or what I am going to do.

I have the best interest of Madison County at heart and if I am elected I will act accordingly. I appeal to the good men and women of Madison County to repudiate the attempt to defame me by false and slanderous misrepresentations.

J. N. A. HENDRICKS

## From Roy McCampbell.

Realizing the time is very short before the primary and that I may not get to see all the voters personally I take this opportunity to announce through the paper how I stand toward Madison county and her affairs. As for the county I think we have a grand one, but as to her affairs I think we are just about on the eve of insolvency, the indebtedness that we are laboring under at this writing is about six hundred and fifty thousand dollars, can we wonder why our tax rate is so extremely high? And if the one hundred and fifty thousand dollars that have been issued would have sold then would such moves like this decreased the tax rate? I say NO, but would have rather increased the rate. Now people are we going to set with idle and closed hands and see our money slip from us like this, I should say not, I am not trying to kick about paying tax but I am kicking because we don't scarcely see the effect of our money. People of Madison County we need our County affairs put on systematic basis we need more practical ideas and not experiments we have had these experiments to the full of it and in my estimation most all have proved to be nothing less than a higher tax rate and more indebtedness, do the people of Madison County want to continue to tolerate this, if so we will still labor under the same old burden that we are now under. As I said in my announcement "I do not stand for anything that will increase or place a burden of the tax payers of Madison County." I am heart and mind in sympathy with all that have any tax of any nature to pay for I know the case, it means money and folks just to be frank it means might near all a poor man can rake and scrape the whole year to meet this demand, and there is another thing I would like to mention is the road and the way they are maintaining the question, are we getting what we should out of the money we put into roads each year? I will answer this in one word and it is NO is there a man that is responsible for a penny of road money, if the overseers of the roads now was not men of honest characters we would be in still worse shape than we are, we need an experienced road man that would be under bond for the money furnished to maintain roads and the roads should be on taxation, for instance every man that was subject to the road assess him a tax of five dollars per road year and then every district that pays this money in let the same go for maintaining the roads from where the money was collected, there several other things that should be done but they are too many to talk about we need lots of things done but the main thing is economically legislation to promote better roads schools and etc. Now voters I solicit your votes and I will further state if I am elected to the legislature of 1923 I will do everything in my power to enact laws that will bring about better conditions the County as a whole, and for fear that I don't get to see every voter personally don't mistake anything else or be misled I am for betterment of the people I ask one and all to support me thanking all in advance.

ROY McCAMPBELL,  
For County Representative.