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BRUCE REVIEWS A FEW SKETCHES OF MR. Hendricks' Record

I have up to the present refrained from saying anything about the BIG BOGGETS Mr. Hendricks has been handing himself through the columns of The News-Record, as I have always believed in that old adage that self praise did not get a fellow very far. I have traveled over a greater part of this County and I have met with a big percentage of our population and I am proud to say that I have found old Madison to be peopled with that class of Citizenship that are not easily misled by a lot of flowery language of the learned attorney. Our people as a rule have had the advantage of some education and where opportunity has presented itself for enlightenment; they have grasped it with an iron grip and above ALL; God has given each and everyone of them a bountiful supply of what the average person calls 'Good old common hoss sense' and they have the happy faculty of reasoning most of things out for themselves. The most of the writing, growling and self praise that Mr. Hendricks has been putting out is really an insult to the intelligence of the good people of our County. He evidently thinks that they do not subscribe to and read the daily papers and keep posted on the affairs of State and Nation.

I will review a little of his record which he has talked so much about. In The News-Record of June the 16th, when he calls for a second Primary, he states that he saved the people of a proposed bond issue of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars. Now I want him to explain his attitude toward this bond issue after he returned from the last Legislature and while acting as County attorney to the Board of County Commissioners who did vote to issue \$150,000.00 in Bonds. Mr. Hendricks, don't you know that the bill prohibiting Counties bonding over 5% of their taxable wealth was a State wide measure effecting every county in North Carolina and that it was introduced by a democrat and passed by a democratic house and that it would have been a law if you had never seen the Legislature. Why, O-why, do you try to fool the people. Why, in the name of Heaven, Mr. Hendricks did you return to your home and people fresh from the Legislative Halls where you knew that this 5% law had been written upon the statute books of North Carolina as a State wide measure; and take up your duties as County Attorney where you are supposed to protect legally the interest of our people and advise Mr. McKinney, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners to issue this One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars in Bonds; knowing that our poor old County was then bonded to the tune of \$683,000.00 which is far in excess of the 5% limit? Mr. Hendricks, you well know that your advise to your staunch supporter Mr. McKinney was in direct conflict with the very law you are now claiming credit for supporting. This is not all; the bond issue was passed on your advise, and then you undertook the task of selling them. You had them printed at a big cost to the County and then canvassed most of the bond houses from Maine to California trying to sell what you knew was illegal bonds and place upon the now tax ridden people of this County another \$150,000.00 of indebtedness. To verify this I call your attention to a letter herewith reproduced from Marx & Co. Bankers, Birmingham. (Letter.)

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 Coun-

ty, N. C. bonds, we have used every endeavor to have these bonds approved, but all bold 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 truly,
Mark and Company, By W. A. Watkins

Now, after Mr. Hendricks had failed in his striving efforts to set aside this State law; he goes back to Mr. McKinney and tells him that it 'Can't be done'—Just see where I have tried, all over these United States and these bond buyers are all wise. He then collects his pay out of your tax money for his legal work for trying to put across something he knew was illegal, and something this County was in poor shape to stand should he have succeeded. Friends, does this look like Mr. Hendricks is against BONDS. If he tries to sell \$150,000.00 illegally, the Lord only knows what he would do if he should get to the Legislature and by some hook or crook get our County excepted from the 5% bill—A MILLION then would look small to him.

In the same issue of the Record, July 16th, he uses one little line and modestly states that he abolished the Road Board. He hasn't much to say about this, has he? The Road Board is still doing business, and this abolition was not to take effect until next December or two years after Mr. Hendricks had passed his law and after all county road funds had been exhausted. When he failed to get his Bond issue through there was nothing much left for a road board to do. Mr. Hendricks, why is most of this Road Board so strongly supporting you now? They must be figuring on you kindly blowing the breath of life back into them if you go down to Raleigh. Really and truly, haven't you promised them the least little something? These fellows don't usually ride on a band wagon unless they have a talk with the driver. They are not supporting me because I have emphatically stated to the people that I would not appoint a Road Board, and BOYS I MEAN IT.

Mr. Hendricks says that he was one of the factors that caused the State to take over the roads in Madison County. To ask people to believe this is a reflection on the intelligence of every man and woman who reads in Madison County. Mr. Hendrick knows that this bill was introduced by a democrat and is a State wide measure and would have been a law if he had never entered the Capitol doors at Raleigh. He could claim the credit for having the State take over the roads in Buncombe and every other County in the state with as much grace. Why does Mr. Hendricks want to put this kind of stuff out to fool the people when he ought to know that he is appealing to the voting men and women of this County who have the judgment and intelligence of real grown up people. He also claims credit for a democratic bill for paying our school teachers. Now, I am sure he will have a sweet time making our school teachers believe this. They know who is responsible for the educational system of this State. It is absolutely in the hands of the democrats, even including our good old Republican County of Madison. Mr. Hendricks would have just about as much chance in the Legislature of changing or influencing our educational system as I would of getting an audience with the Pope of Rome if I were over there.

I will ask Mr. Hendricks to state if he did one single solitary thing in the legislature that would be calculated to reduce the taxes of the people of Madison County. He raised the salary of various

County officials, and put his friend, Mr. McKinney, the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners on a \$21.00 per day basis for each monthly meeting. He introduced and put through the House a bill to re-establish a Recorder's Court in Madison County for the known purpose of creating a job for himself as Solicitor or Judge of said court; knowing at the time that we have five courts a year that we would have to pay for just the same. I will ask him to explain to the people if he is still in favor of this Recorder's Court.

Mr. Hendricks talks of a Town Ring and that some of my supporters belong to it. Now if there is any such a thing as a Marshall Ring I am not aware of it; and it is nothing but fair that Mr. Hendricks name them so you people will know just what kind of a bunch holds membership in this ancient society which I have heard cussed and discussed every since I was a child. I don't live in Marshall and have no knowledge of any clique or faction there; but I do know that in the first Primary, Mr. Hendricks' own neighbors worked loyally for my nomination and as the result I carried his own township No. 1 over him. These people who live neighbors to Mr. Hendricks know him better than the rest of us—Why are they afraid to send him back to the Legislature?

If there ever existed a political ring in the world; a little close up together whispering bunch who are conspiring to control this County Government as they have for the past four years, they can be found sitting close up around Mr. Hendricks' council table. Mr. George McKinney could be designated the Exalted Ruler and Mr. Hendricks, his Attorney General. There has been circulated on good authority that at some of the Sunday afternoon meetings of this double inside Ring, that various new county offices have been discussed and when they are created, just what Ringster would fill them at those juicy war time salaries of three and four thousand per year. If Mr. Hendricks has not promised his Ring something why is he so anxious to go back to the Legislature. He says it is a sacrifice of time and expense for him to go. He has had the honor three times already and that is mostly what any of us gets or wants out of it. He don't figure on ever asking you to send him again; so friends what do you think of his attitude anyway? There must be something rotten in Denmark, or he would tell us just why he wants to go down so badly and sacrifice his time and money.

Mr. Hendricks this is not a last hour circular, and you can't holler that I am using any bogus methods because I am giving you ample time to explain your position on a few of the things you have been misleading the people on before they go out and vote for either one of us. If you can make the good people of this County believe that you are responsible for all the GOOD laws and NONE of the BAD that were passed by the last legislature; then they will vote for you; but be sure and remember in your argument that you are appealing to an intelligent people.

I will close by appealing to my friends and to those also who were misled in the First Primary to go out to the poles on Saturday July the first and cast their ballots for Paul E. Bruce, your next Representative. The FAIR, SQUARE Candidate, Controlled by no Ring, Clique, or faction, and who has promised no favors. I promise to represent you to the best of my ability and will serve you IMPARTIALLY; and will never pass or sponsor any law that will increase your taxes ONE CENT.
Yours Truly,

PAUL E. BRUCE.

MOUNTAIN SCHOOLS' FACULTIES ASK SUMMER NORMAL TRAINING SCHOOL

Annual Conference of Mountain Schools' Faculties Closed Friday Trained Nurses Asked for 36 Institutions; Over 6,000 Students Registered

Ridgecrest, June 17.—Resolutions passed petitioning the Home Missions board of the Southern Baptist church to establish a permanent normal training school for faculty members of the mountain schools in the Appalachians, supported by the Baptist church; the drawing up of a petition asking the board to place a trained nurse in each one of the 36 institutions, were two of the most important accomplishments of the conference of the mountain schools' faculties which was held Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at Ridgecrest, the Southern Baptist assembly.

Ridgecrest was proposed as the site of the training school. In the event that the Home Missions board acts favorably on the plan it is believed that the step will mean more for the upbuilding of Ridgecrest than any other one thing in its history. The erection of a large brick building with an auditorium and class rooms would be one of the possible outcomes in the event the board sees fit to establish such a training school. The placing of a trained nurse

in each of the institutions to look after the physical welfare of the students would mean an additional expenditure of \$26,000 or more.

At the present time there is an enrollment of over 6,000 students in the 36 Baptist institutions. The system is under the direction of Superintendent A. E. Brown, of West Asheville, and R. L. Creal, the assistant superintendent, and spreads over the territory of eastern Kentucky, southwestern Virginia, eastern Tennessee, western North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and northern Alabama. The Baptist Home Missions board also supports six similar institutions in the Ozark mountains. A conservative valuation of the buildings and property of the schools is placed at \$1,700,000. The teaching staff of the schools number 252 trained instructors, most of whom are college graduates with various degrees. At the present time there are being trained in the schools 237 young ministers who will take up different charges upon completion of their studies. Many of the schools give junior college work and are ranked among the best preparatory schools in the south.

The mountain schools' faculty completed one of the most successful conferences they have ever held. The attendance was made up largely of superintendents and prominent members of the faculties. During the conference the following program was carried out. Addresses on the necessity for

the fullest co-operation of mountain school workers as relating to the schools and the denominational program, were delivered by W. E. Wilson, of Mitchell institute, Bakersville, N. C., and L. E. Curry, of Barbourville institute, Barbourville, Ky.

The opening address of the conference was delivered by Prof. R. L. Moore of Mars Hill college.

Miss Ruth Richards, a faculty member, gave an interesting talk on the obligation of mountain school workers to the communities in which they work.

A discussion on the development of the self support of the schools was conducted by M. L. Skaggs, H. C. Hester and R. F. Hough. Discussions were held on such subjects as the development of the industrial departments, the scope of the Bible department, and recreation for students was taken up by the conference.

C. L. Marshall and E. M. Snow presented the subject of adult illiteracy in the mountain.

The following are the institutions represented in the mountain schools' faculty:

- Virginia—Lee institute, Pennington Gap; Oak Hill academy Kendrick.
- Kentucky—Barbourville institute, Barbourville; Hazard institute, Hazard; Magoffin institute, Salyersville.
- Tennessee—Cosby academy, Cosby; Chilhowee institute, Seymour; Doyle institute, Doyle; Stoctons Valley institute, Helena; Watuga academy, Butler; Smoky Mountain academy, Se-

vierville.

North Carolina—Fruitland institute, Hendersonville; Haywood institute, Clyde; Mars Hill college, Mars Hill; Mitchell institute, Bakersville; Mountain View institute Hays; Round Hill academy, Union Mills; Sylva Collegiate institute, sylva; Yancey Collegiate institute, Burnesville.

South Carolina—North Greenville academy, Tigerville; Six Mile academy, Central; Spartan academy, Wellford; Long Creek academy, Mountain Rest.

Georgia—Blairville institute, Blairville; Bleckley institute, Clayton; Hiawassee academy, Aiawassee; North Georgia Baptist college, Morganton.

Alabama—Eldridge academy, Eldridge; Gaylesville academy, Gaylesville; Tennessee River institute, Bridgeport. Asheville Citizen.

To Whom It May Concern.

You will please take notice that the undersigned, will, on the 15th day of July, 1922, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, apply to the Governor of North Carolina for a pardon for Clyde Murdock and James Horton, who were convicted at the March term of the Superior Court of Madison County for transporting whiskey and sentenced to twelve months on the roads of said County.

CLYDE MURDOCK,
JAMES HORTON,
Applicants

To The Voters of Madison County

I want to take this opportunity to sincerely thank those who supported me in the primary election held on June 3rd, at which time I received the highest number of votes cast in the Sheriff's race. I deeply appreciate the fact that all my neighbors, those who know me best, those who know me in my daily walks and attend church and Sabbath School with me on the Sabbath day, and all who live in my school district, so far as I can ascertain, stood by me in a loyal manner.

I had hoped that one primary would settle this matter and that the high man whoever he might be, would be the nominee and that the additional and burdensome expense, of a second primary might be saved to the people of this county, but it seems that Mr. Caton, a native of Cocke County Tennessee, will insist on a further expenditure of the tax payers money before he becomes satisfied. Mr. Caton wants to intimate that if he is elected Sheriff, that there will be no more murders. Well the Saviour of all mankind did not prevent murders and crimes and I am persuaded that the gentlemen from Tennessee is not more powerful.

I have tried to make a clean and decent canvass of the voters of this county and I shall not be the first to break over this rule in the second primary.

I earnestly solicit all the voters who supported me before and all those who voted for the other gentlemen to cast their ballots for me in the next primary. I know I can make as good a sheriff as any other man, and firmly believe that our officials should be chosen, if possible from men or women who have been born and raised in Madison County.

P. S. It will be impossible in the short time before the primary for me to see you all in person. I take this means in asking you for your support July 1st. I stand on my record in my neighborhood, for high christian ideals and good citizenship, also with all business, men and bankers of Madison County, as to my safe and sane way of doing business.

There is no man living in Madison County that can go me one better for a greater, grander and better Madison County, I love my county and my people is why I so deeply feel for their welfare for all things that are good.

Again asking your support, I am,
Yours Truly,
R. R. BANCROFT