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POLITICS AND TAXES, HERE AND THERE!

(By IRA PLEMMONS)

Again, I repeat, that any candidate that has no ideas is unfit, and if he has ideas and is afraid to express them, he is unsafe.

What good reason has any candidate that he cannot express his views and state what he expects to do in case he is nominated and elected?

Are there some matters that are wanted to be carried through that our legislative candidates do not want the people to know about?

I do not mean to accuse any of them, but I think it is only fair that they should open up with their views and let the voters know what they stand for.

It surely cannot be possible that some of the self-constituted leaders have closed the mouths of the legislative candidates.

Do you gentlemen fear that you will be knifed by some of these supposed leaders, as has been done in the past?

If this is your fear, then get it out of your minds, and be a real leader yourselves by having manhood enough to say what you expect to do. The people are entitled to know what to expect of you, and I do not believe that you will have whole-hearted support unless you are willing to say what you expect to undertake to do.

I have heard that some say that they expect to stand for the best interests of the county. Who is to be the judge of what is for the best interests of the county? Is it to be the same bunch of self-constituted leaders of both parties that are to be the judge or is it to be the voters, after knowing what laws you have in mind to pass or repeal? I think it should be the voters and tax-payers that should be the judge.

I appeal to the tax-payers to withhold their support from any candidate who is not fair enough to express himself on the many vital questions that now face the people of this county. No candidate need fear for himself if he stands for the right, for the people will be with him and they should.

If the candidate stands for the wrong, the people should know it and have a right to know it.

I have very decided ideas about many conditions that exist, and for the past year I have tried to get many of my ideas before the people. If I have been wrong, why is it that some one has not called my hand? I have been very careful not to make any statement that I cannot prove, or one that is not true.

I was beaten for office because I would not agree to do the biddings of the selected few who had some dirty work they wanted me to pull, the same thing I believe was true with Paul Bruce and Mr. Edney, for my own part, I feel like I had done my duty, and so do the other boys. Some one said that he would rather be right than to be president, and I have an admiration for that man.

Conditions are getting bad when men will actually wreck fine houses on account of the unreasonable tax as levied and collected in this county. Out of fear that some one might say that I had overstated conditions, I am quoting my letter to Mr. W. G. Johnson and his reply to me.

Mr. W. G. Johnson,
Hot Springs, N. C.

My Dear Sir:—I have heard that you are having the houses on the "Weir" property wrecked on account that taxes are so much that you cannot make them pay. Knowing these houses as I do and that they cost in the neighborhood of $5,000.00 I could not believe that they are being destroyed on account of the high taxes, and I am writing you to find out the facts.

Yours truly,
Ira Plemmons.

Here is Mr. Johnson's reply:

Hot Springs, 5-3,-28

My Dear Mr. Plemmons:—Yes it is true that I caused buildings mentioned to be wrecked because of excessive tax, and, no doubt many other buildings in this vicinity will go the same route for the same reason.

Very truly yours,
W. G. Johnson.

In view of this very unusual occurence, is it not time to give the tax payers some relief? Is it not time for the men who expect to be elected to office to assure the tax payers that they are going to undertake to give some relief, and tell the tax-payers how they expect to do it.? I think I love an honest man as well as anyone can, but I hate the scheming, undermining scoundrel just as much. I really believe that a better feeling can be had if we will be perfectly frank and honest about what we believe, and too, that we can more easily arrive at what is best for us by expressing our views, and exchanging ideas.

I have nothing to hide about the way I view public questions, and am open any time for better ideas and ways to accomplish the best for myself and my neighbors throughout the county. It does not follow that I am always correct in my views, but, I do claim that I am honest, and I desire to have the best thought. This question of taxation has reached such a point that something is going to be done and must be done to give the people relief. While the Federal Government is giving the rich income tax payer relief to the amount of two hundred and three millions, and the labor and wage board giving notice that the personnel of the staet employees must be reduced from ten to twenty-five per cent, not one word or thing is being done to relieve the small tax-payers in the counties, cities and towns. The very men that need no relief are being relieved and the small fellows like the tax-payers in Madison and other counties have not had one cent reduction since the war. On the other hand the burdens have gone up, up, up, all the time. I do not know just what to expect when the tax collector advertises the property this year but I anticipate that more farms and town lots will be sold this year than were last. The list will soon be out and I invite every taxpayer to look it over and see if your name is written there, or that of some of your neighbors.

While we are in a deplorable fix, we are not yet in so bad a plight as many of the other counties of the State, example, behold the good county of Buncombe, the county of Mr. Rector and Mr. Daley, the two gentlemen who would advise us how and what to do in Madison, to these gentlemen, I suggest that they look about their own county, and it seems from the reports by the tax-payers league that rottenness is seeping through all the floors and roofs. That is the business of their county and we have no right to meddle, for the good Lord knows we have plenty of house cleaning needed in our own county to keep us busy for many moons.

What do the legislative candidates stand for?

Know before you vote for them.

MARLOR'S BODY IS FOUND IN RIVER

The body of Floyd Marlor, 18-year-old youth of Alexander, who was drowned while attempting to cross the French Broad River in a small boat on April 27, was recovered Sunday morning near the bridge at Alexander.

The body was discovered within 150 feet of the Alexander bridge at about 10 o'clock Sunday morning, and was removed by members of the sheriff's department, who had been summoned to the scene by several people who had seen Marlor's head above the water level.

The Buncombe County coroner announced that no inquest was necessary as the death was accidental.

Funeral service was held for Marlor Monday morning at 10 o'clock at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Marlor, of Alexander, conducted by Rev. J. A. Martin of Marshall.

The deceased is survived by his parents, two brothers and four sisters.

FARM BUREAU MEETS

The Farm Bureau met in a called session Monday, May 7, 1928, at 1:30 o'clock. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Luther Edwards, acting as president.

The motion was made and carried that J. F. Bryan, G. Henry Roberts and L. L. Roberts run the Farm Bureau for the ensuing year.

The motion was made and carried that the advisory committee be composed of Lee Tweed, Beard McDevitt, J. H. Stines, Jesse Keys, and Porter Bryan.

Mr. Guy V. Roberts is serving as attorney for the Farm Bureau gratis.

The motion was carried by a unanimous vote that they use their influence to retain the Farm Agent. The committee is to meet the first Monday in every month at 2 o'clock P. M.

Adjournment.

G. HENRY ROBERTS, Pres.
L. L. ROBERTS, Sec'y.

H. G. WILLETT IN HOSPITAL

H. G. Willett, of Spring Creek, was taken to the Biltmore Hospital Saturday, due to injury received Friday, May 4th, when the sled which he was riding on turned over and thru him against a rock, injuring him internally, it was feared by Dr. Kimberly of Hot Springs, who attended him.

"My time is worth $10 a minute."
"Gee, it's pretty tough on you when they set the clock an hour ahead."

FOR SHERIFF

To the Voters Of Madison County

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Madison County, subject to the action of the Republican Primary, June 2nd.

I shall appreciate the support of all the voters, and if elected will discharge my duty to the best of my ability.

Willard C. Rector.

HENDRICKS FOR THE SENATE

To the Editor of the News-Record:

The Republican Senatorial Convention for the 30th Senatorial District was called to meet at Spruce Pine on Monday, the 7th inst. J. Herschel Sprinkle, G. L. McKinney and myself, who were duly elected delegates, with other Republicans of Madison County attended the said Convention and all the Counties in the District were well represented, most of them by a large number of delegates. John A. Hendricks of Madison County was unanimously nominated by the Convention as the Republican Senatorial candidate for this District.

After the nomination Mr. Hendricks was called on for a speech and he responded by giving his views on some of the important questions and policies which were very satisfactory and heartily approved by all present. Among other things Mr. Hendricks stated that he favored a state-wide school system so that each county in the state would pay the same rate of school taxes. That under the present system Madison County and almost all of the small counties pay from 90c to $1.20 on the $100.00 of taxable property while large counties like Forsythe pay about 25c on the $100. and while the small mountain counties pay this large discrepancy in school taxes they do not have as good equipment or as good schools as the large counties have. Mr. Hendricks further stated that if we had a state-wide school system that the smaller counties will have better schools and that the tax rate will be reduced from 50 to 60c on the $100.00 of taxable property. Mr. Hendricks further stated that he favored amending the State Highway Law so that the road money will be allocated ni proportion to the mileage and needs of the counties and not on a basis of population. He said that the large and rich counties have had sufficient money allocated under the present system to practically complete their road system while in the small counties like those composing the 30th Senatorial District, the roads system is nothing like completed and is not much more than fairly commenced. The amendment proposed by Mr. Hendricks would so allocate the Highway money that the smaller counties would soon have as good road system as the large counties now have. He argued that both the school and State Highways should be strictly highway systems and should serve the people according to the needs of the different counties. That we are all North Carolinians and every section of the State should be interested in building up and promoting the general welfare of every other section in order to make North Carolina what it should be as a great State. I will appreciate very much if you will publish said resolutions in connection with the above proceedings

Very respectfully,
C. B. MASHBURN.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE REPUBLICANS OF THE THIRTIETH SENATORIAL DISTRICT AT SPRUCE PINE, NORTH CAROLINA ON THE 7th DAY OF MAY, 1928.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Republicans of the Thirtieth Senatorial District, composed of the counties of Madison, Yancey, Mitchell and Avery, through its duly elected and authorized delegates, in Convention assembled at Spruce Pine, North Carolina, on the 7th day of May, 1928, adopt the following resolutions:

First,. WHEREAS, the Republicans of Madison County, in Convention assembled in the Town of Marshall on the 24th day of March, 1928, adopted the following resolutions:

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION OF MADISON COUNTY, ENDORSING JOHN A. HENDRICKS FOR SENATE FOR 30th DISTRICT COMPOSED OF THE COUNTIES OF YANCEY, AVERY AND MITCHELL.

WHEREAS, by custom of the Republicans of the Counties of Madison, Yancey, Mitchell and Avery, the Senatorship for the said four counties which compose one District, is rotated from county to county.

And Whereas, it is Madison County's time to recommend and nominate a man for Senator of said District No. 30, composed of the aforesaid counties.

Now Therefore, the Republicans of Madison County in Convention assembled as per call of the Chairman endorse and recommend the Honorable John A. Hendricks of Madison County for Senator of the said District composed of the aforesaid Counties.

Resolved further that the Republican Party of Madison County, having faith and confidence in the ability of the said John A. Hendricks, we hereby present the said John A. Hendricks as their choice for Senator of said District and request the other counties in the District to endorse and nominate the said John A. Hendricks for Senator in the coming election of 1928.

A. W. WHITEHURST,
Chairman Convention.

That the said resolutions be and they are hereby confirmed and adopted, and that John A. Hendricks is nominated as the Republican candidate for the Senate, Thirtieth District of North Carolina.

Second. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republicans of the Thirtieth Senatorial District, recognize and accept the system of rotating the candidate for the Senate for said District, heretofore adopted and recognized and now existing, and further adopt the said rotating as the policy of the Republican Party of said District to be followed hereafter until the said system of rotating shall be discontinued by order of the Republican Party in Convention assembled in said District.

C. A. PETERSON, Chairman.
FRANK A. CARR, Secretary.

MOTHER'S DAY

By OMIE KENT,
Kimberlin Heights, Tenn.

Sunday, May the thirteenth, is Mother's Day; and as I recall the happy hours I have spent with my own dear mother, I regret that I do not have a mother now whom I could visit, or do something to make her happy on this day.

There's no love as great as a mother's love. Nobody clings to the wayward child; Tho' scorned by every other; Leads it so gently from pathways wild—Nobody can but mother.

This question is asked, do we love our mothers as we should? "Why do we love our mothers?" For us she manages a home, orders our lives, teaches wisely, helps us always, excels in many ways and remembers us at all times.

1. For us she manages a home. Some day we will know what a great deal of managing a mother has to do. Those who have a mother who manages to make a real home, are lucky children. I read within a poet's book A word that starred the page; Stone walls do not a prison make, Nor iron bars a cage!" Yes, that is true, and something more: you'll find where'er you roam that marble floors and gilded walls can never make a home.

2. For us she orders our lives.

The right kind of a mother so orders a child's life that he receives the things which are best for him, regardless of how much extra efforts it requires on her part.

3. For us she teaches wisely.

When children begin this life they know nothing. At first they learn by seeing and feeling. Later on they begin to learn what other people teach them. For the first five or six years they are taught almost entirely by their parents, and especially by the mother, because they spend most of their walking hours with her. After that the school teacher plays her part in their lives, but the mother still has to teach the fine hings of life. The child's character develops more through the mother's teaching than in any other way. If her teaching is lax, then the child's character is materially weakened. "Children learn much more from their parents than the parents realize."

4. Mother helps us always.

Any child who can not go to his mother when he needs help is a very unfortunate child. Maybe you are not old enough yet to know how glad a mother always is when she can help her child in some way. Then, if it something that she can not do by herself, she will take it to God in prayer.

"The devil has to work hard for all he gets in the home of a praying mother."

5. How our mother excels in many ways. In how many ways does your mother excel all other mothers? How many things can she do better than other mothers? During the coming week, watch for these things and tell her about them. It will please her "Hundreds of almost anything in nature than we can mention, but only one mother for each of us the wide world over."

6. She remembers us always.

Of one thing we can be quite sure. Our mothers will never forget us.

"All that I am my mother made me."
"All that I am or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother."
"Let France have good mothers and she will have good sons."

STEVEN HENSLEY FOUND DEAD

Dr. Ditmore was called Monday to hold an inquest over the body of Steven Hensley, found dead Monday near his home near Mars Hill. Investigation and examination revealed no foul play or motive for poison, hence the verdict was that he came to his death from natural causes—presumably heart failure. Later, wild parsnips were found in the dead man's pockets and a controversy arose as to whether he had been poisond by eating them. It was reported that two of the neighbors were so emphatic in their disbelief of that theory that they ate some of the parsnips to prove that they were not poisonous, and were critically ill as a consequence.

Mr. Hensley lived about three miles from Mars Hill on Route 2, and his death was quite a shock to the entire community.

Hotel Manager: "Boy, I believe, I left my umbrella in my room on the fifteenth floor in the corner by the desk. Run up and see if it's there; and hurry, for I've got to catch a train."

The boy (stepping from elevator a few minutes later). "Yes, sir; it's right there, sir, just where you said it was." —Junior Christian Endeavor World.

EIGHT WITNESSES ARE SUBPOENAED

MRS. SHUFORD R. COWARD'S HEARING TO BE GIVEN AT MARSHALL

Eight witnesses for the State were subpoenaed Monday to appear at the preliminary hearing set for May 15, for Mrs. Shuford R. Coward, of the Spring Creek section of the County, who is at liberty under $3,500 bond on a charge of killing her husband with two shots from a revolver, following a purported quarrel at their home on the afternon of Friday, April 27, Justice of the Peace Clarence M. Gage, who will preside at the hearing, stated Monday

Although there were no eye witnesses to the affair, it is said, the eight witnesses, Josiah Gillespie, Hard Plemmons, Mr. and Mrs. James Massey, Burnette Caldwell, Floyd Smith and Stanz Plemmons, are all neighbors of Mrs. Coward. In addition, Sheriff R. R. Ramsey, Deputy Sheriff John Hipps, Justice of the Peace J. R. Woody, and the County coroner, Dr. Frank Roberts, of Marshall, who attended the inquest at the home on the night following th shooting, have been summoned.

The hearing was set for the Saturday afternoon following the shooting, but after a consultation held here by Solicitor Robert M. Wells, of Asheville, John H. McElroy and J. Coleman Ramsey, attorneys for Mrs. Coward, Sheriff Ramsey and others, the hearing was postponed, and Mrs. Coward was released on bond.

MEDICAL SOCIETY AT MARS HILL

The Madison County Medical Society was entertained Tuesday at Mars Hill by Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Robinson. One of the most interesting features of the meeting was a talk by an Asheville child specialist on preventive medicine. A motion was passed to invite the medical societies of Yancey and Mitchell counitse to meet with the Madison County society at Hot Springs May 30, at which time an effort will be made to form a tri-county medical society.

A motion was passed to make a move to have every child in Madison County vaccinated against smallpox before the next fall sessions of school begin.

HOT SPRINGS BASE BALL TEAM ORGANIZED

The base ball team, consisting of the following players: Manager, Frank Lance, playing second; Burley "Buck" Fowler, pitcher; Kenneth "Weber" Burgin, first base; Swann Huff, short stop; Judge "Mule" Fowler, third base; Carl "Dock" Stamey, left field; Willet, catcher; Howard Runnion, center field; Woody, right field; substitutes, Willie Collins, Tom Davis. This team challenges any and all the teams in Madison county and other nearby counties for a series of three or more games. Any and all teams wanting games will write Manager Lance at Hot Springs.

To The Voters Of Madison County

Ladies and Gentlemen:

As it is my understanding that the County has been paying my opponent, J. Will Roberts, around $900.00 a year to make out the TAX BOOKS and the school budget, I hereby agree and offer to do this work for the regular salary of the Register of Deeds which is $1800.00 per year, and will not ask the next Representative to raise my salary.

This is a saving of around $1800.00 for the two years I would have the office, or ONE YEAR'S SALARY.

I can do the work for this money and save you taxpayers unnecessary expenses.

Friends, I want your votes and influence and you need my services in the Register's Office.

Thanking you all for your votes in advance.

Your friend,
GROVER C. REDMON

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MARSHALL SHOWS MUCH PROGRESS

OVER HALF MILLION SPENT IN IMPROVEMENTS IN FOUR YEARS

By GLENN W. NAVES

When a small town with a population of only about 1,200 people, located in a purely agricultural section, spends over one-half million dollars in building and public improvements located within the corporate limits within a four-year period, it is an impressive example of community pride and confidence.

The little mountain town of Marshall, located on the Asheville-Knoxville highway route, 21 miles west of Asheville, according to data gathered here, which was furnished by public officials and business men, has expended over $610,000 for business structures, residences, paving, a water system, and other items during the period of 1924-28.

Business structures and improvements within that period and a high school alone total over $333,000, according to figures gathered here. Among the more important buildings erected during the past four years are the Bank of French Broad, costing approximately $75,000; the Marshall high school costing from $90,000 to $100,000; the Masonic Temple, $25,000; the City Mill Company, Inc., approximately $20,000; Marshal Plharmacy improvements, $7,000; two buildings by J. C. Redmon, one under construction, approximately $14,000; Marshall Chevrolet Company, approximately $16,000; E. R. Tweed building, approximately $17,000; and many other buildings, including improvements to old buildings running into several thousand dollars.

Among the building additions to the town during 1927 were the New Central Hotel, costing several thousand dollars, a modern, hostelry, containing three stories, under the management of Mrs. John G. Ramsey, former Asheville businss woman, who came here early last year. Also a community hospital, the Marshall Community Hospital, under the management of Dr. Frank Roberts and Dr. Harry Ditmore, with 18 beds, an operating room, X-ray and sterilizing equipment, and all modern conveniences. A gravity water system with three reservoirs, costing approximately $65,000, has been installed, in addition to a fire truck costing $3,000, and additional firefighting equipment costing close to $2,000.

Paving and road building expenditures in the city limits during the period question totaled over $116,000 while numerous improvements were made in the lighting facilities of the streets.

Since 1924 beautiful residences totaling over $45,000, and others are in course of construction.

With a community hospital, four hotels, four churches, Baptist, Free Will Baptist, Presbyterian, and Methodist two large and growing banks, four large automobile concerns, two modern drug concerns, a large number of thriving mercantile establishments, a splendid street and road system, a modern fire department, and other conveniences, Marshall is fast advancing to its proper place as one of the leading and most progressive towns in Western North Carolina.

The Main Street of the town is a section of State Highway No. 20, and branch highways, all in good condition, give connection with every section of the county, as well as the other towns, Mars Hill, Hot Springs, and community centers. Asheville, which can be reached within less than an hour, furnishes a good market for farmers, many of whom have taken advantage of the opportunity to avail themselves of a profitable market. In addition to this, during the past two years, cream shipments totaling many thousands of dollars have been made from Marshall and vicinity to Biltmore.

To the above should be added the Moore's Pharmacy building, costing well up in the thousands.

SING. CONVENTION THIRD SUNDAY

Everybody get ready for the Madison County Singing Convention to be held at the school auditorium in Marshall the third Sunday in May. Every singing class in the County is invited to come and let all the quartettes be on hand.

HOT SPRINGS PLAY IS EXCELLENT

The Senior play, "Never Touched Me," which was presented at the auditorium of the Hot Springs High School, Friday evening, May 4th, was a success in every way. It was well attended and the large audience showed its appreciation by frequent outbursts of applause.

"Never Touched Me" is a brilliant comedy in three acts written by Larry E. Johnson. The fast moving action and sparkling humor furnish an evening of fun and excitement.

The play was staged by Miss Eppa Hawes and Mr. Wayne Farmer.