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DR. J. H. HUTCHINS MAKES STATE- MENT

His Platform Explained And Important Questions Brought To The Attention Of The Voters Of Madison County

To the Voters of Madison County, Ladies and Gentlemen:—

At this time I think it necessary and timely to call the attention of the voters of the County, both Ladies and Gentlemen, to a number of questions of vital importance to every citizen and which we are now facing—questions in which everyone of us as fellow citizens, working to the best interests of ourselves and our children, are deeply interested, and which are to play a large part in the future prosperity and development of our county, as well as the education and prosperity of our children.

In the beginning I wish the voters of the County to clearly understand that in conducting my campaign as candidate for Representative in the Legislature on the Republican ticket, I am not at all interested in any "mud slinging" or "underhanded" methods, nor shall I indulge in any such practices. Such things as the citizens of the County already know, are often introduced into political campaigns by candidates who have only one purpose in view, and that is to side-track the matters of real importance and such things as would be to the general benefit of our taxpayers, while they solicit votes for an office and authority which will serve them well in individual gain, while they ignore the things which are essential to the prosperity of our citizens.

All of us know that with such important questions as taxation, bond issues, our educational and highway systems, and other things of equal importance demanding attention, such stuff should be entirely ignored while each voter makes an effort to better the conditions surrounding himself and his fellow citizens and taxpayers, regardless of circulated rumors, and other trivial stuff. At times it is to the best INDIVIDUAL interest of CERTAIN candidates to bring up such things if they are to hope for success in their attempt to blind the citizens to a view of matters of real importance.

Now, to get down to the facts, I have in mind a number of things to which I wish to call the attention of the voters, and I am sure that all of you will readily agree with me as to the importance of these matters. I am heartily in favor of them for a number of reasons, the main one, of course, being that these are the things our County needs, and which must be brought about if we are to hope for lower taxes and a lightening of the burden on the farmers and others which must work for a living as well as the remaining element of our citizenship.

A STATE-WIDE SCHOOL PLAN

All of us are interested in education. We want our children to have an equal opportunity with those of other counties, far wealthier than Madison, so why not a State-wide school plan? With this, in addition to many other benefits and improvements, will come lower taxes.

All property owners pay a school tax and many of us have to pay an additional special tax if our children are to benefit from an extended school term and high school advantages, and the fact that so many citizens of our County are doing this, is a wonderful thing to their credit, yet the fact remains that our taxes are high, even without a special school tax. A State-wide school plan would eliminate a special tax and at the same time, help to reduce our regular taxes. And with this we can have much better high and graded schools in every district and all at less expense.

This plan is what we need and only through the enacting of legislation providing for this and other things essential to our welfare and progress, can we ever hope to bring about a reduction in our taxes.

It is best to deal with Taxation in a Sensible, Practical manner.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

With the splendid material which we have available in the form of Madison County boys and girls, it is to our discredit that we have, for years, been going outside the County,

and hiring with tax money paid in by our County tax payers, teachers who do not pay taxes in the County, while many boys and girls who have prepared themselves at much time and expense for teaching, find themselves jobless at home where their parents pay taxes for hiring teachers and other expenses, with the alternative of going elsewhere and competing with others for employment.

Equally to our discredit is a Board of Education, governed by a party and controlled by a faction. I am in favor of a NEW Board of Education, composed of fair and impartial citizens who are interested in giving Madison County teachers employment, and in avoiding a "cornering" by any one element such a large percentage of the County payroll. To keep Politics and Factionalism out of the Board of Education should be to the best interests of our taxpayers, our children, and the County boys and girls who are eliminated from an opportunity to teach in our schools, regardless of their qualifications and ability, by the hiring of teachers from sections out of Madison County.

I am strongly against any member of the McDevitt or Ebbs faction being represented on the new Board, regardless of what party they may belong to.

FREE SCHOOL BOOKS

I also heartily favor the State of North Carolina furnishing free school books to all school children in the State.

Such a thing is possible, so why not work for it?

RE-ARRANGEMENT OF ROAD LAWS

I also am in favor of the re-arrangement of our road laws so as to help citizens in every section of the County. I am also in favor of more attention being given to County roads other than State highways, and a percentage of the gasoline tax collected by the State being turned over to our County road funds.

BOND ISSUES

I am ABSOLUTELY AGAINST any further bond issues of any kind in Madison County for any reason, including HOSPITALS, HIGHWAYS, or regardless—unless they are voted by the taxpayers in every section of the County by an election. Give the taxpayers a say-so on these Bond issues, and unless they are voted for, don't issue and sell them.

INCREASED SALARIES

I am strongly against any increases, regardless of the amount, in the salary of any of our County officers. When a man runs for an office, he does so, knowing in advance what he is to receive as salary for his services, and let him work for that. Should he find the amount unsatisfactory, he doesn't have to run for that particular office again unless he wishes to do so.

MEDICINES IN COUNTRY STORES

Rumors have been circulated by my enemies that I am in favor of making it unlawful for any country stores to sell medicines of any kind. This is absolutely false. I am in favor of any country stores selling medicines should the proprietor wish to carry a stock.

Such stuff is of minor importance when compared with other important things which we should be working for—a State-wide school plan, for instance.

IMPORTANT

In this statement I have been very careful to bring before the voters and taxpayers of Madison County, in all sincerity, the things which I favor and have in mind as being to the best interests of all of us, and I think that all candidates should express their views and what they intend to do. My plan is to let the people know just what I stand for and to bring to their attention the real, important questions of County-wide interest.

I have in mind only the best interests of all—citizens, farmers, working people, everybody, and I am sincere in my desire to serve all of you to the best of my ability, should I be elected.

I, and many other citizens of the County, would like to know just how Mr. McDevitt voted on the State-wide school plan when it came before the Legislature, and why this Bill was not published in the News-Record along with all the other bills he was so

careful to have published.

Folks are interested in this very much.

On this platform of equal rights for everybody and pledging the people of Madison County to work to their best interests, I solicit your vote on November 6.

Thanking you all, I am
Sincerely yours,
DR. J. H. HUTCHINS.

PIONEER CITIZEN OF MARSHALL DEAD

R. H. WARD, 74, SUCCUMBS AFTER FEW DAYS' ILLNESS

R. H. Ward, 74, pioneer Marshall business man, died at his home here at 12:15 o'clock Tuesday following a brief illness. Mr. Ward had been in bad health for several months, but had continued to conduct his business here until a few days ago, when his condition became serious.

One of Madison's oldest and best known citizens, he had been in the grocery business in Marshall for over 30 years, while prior to entering business here he was associated with the late J. J. Gudger in business on Sandy Mush, near the country home of Ex-Sheriff R. S. Ramsey and the Buncombe-Madison line.

After the elder Mr. Gudger's death he continued with the firm composed of himself, the late J. M. Gudger, Jr., husband of Mrs. J. M. Gudger, Jr., of Asheville, and H. A. Gudger.

Until locating in Marshall he and the Gudger family were actively connected with a number of Madison's initial enterprises and the Ward family is well known. Mr. Ward was a member of the Methodist church and took an active interest in church and religious work.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Wayne Goodnough, Del Rio, Tenn., and Misses Ethel, Maggie and Nevada Ward, all of Marshall. His wife died in March, 1927.

Funeral service was conducted at the Rector's Chapel church, about two miles south of here at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, the Rev. Horace L. Smith, pastor of the Marshall Baptist church, the Rev. C. B. Newton, pastor of the Saluda-Tryon Methodist circuit, Rev. J. O. Cox, pastor of the Methodist church here, and Rev. J. J. Gray, of Black Mountain, former pastor of Marshall Methodist church, officiating. The funeral was in charge of the French Broad Masonic Lodge, of Marshall, of which the deceased was a member, he having been a Master Mason for years. Interment followed in the church cemetery where in March, 1927, the wife of Mr. Ward was laid to rest.

Despite the inclement weather, the service was largely attended by the many friends of the deceased from Marshall and many other sections, who gathered to pay tribute to the memory of one of Marshall's and Madison County's oldest and best-known citizens. Everywhere from people in every walk of life, including business and professional men, farmers and others who for years had known Mr. Ward as a friend and business associate, expressions of regret at his death have been heard, which with the profuse floral offerings in evidence at the simple service, attested the high esteem in which so many regarded him.

MADISON NEWS SPOTLIGHT

By GLENN W. NAVES

CIVIL TERM TO CONVENE

The October civil term of court of Madison County will convene at Marshall Monday, October 21, with Judge P. A. McElroy, 19th Judicial jurist, of Marshall, presiding, bringing a calendar of eighteen cases before the court, including much very important and interesting litigation.

Slated among the cases to be called on the opening day is the case of Mrs. Hazel W. Rudisill, of Marshall vs. the B and H Coach Company, of Charlotte, in which Mrs. Rudisill is seeking damages in the amount of \$50,000 for the death of her husband, Gordon Rudisill, young business man, who at the time of his death, was as-

sociated with his brother, Craig L. Rudisill, in the Coal, Feed and Lumber Co. here. Young Rudisill was fatally injured, living for only a few minutes, when a small coupe in which he and his brother were riding, was struck by a bus, owned and operated by the Charlotte concern, on the highway one and one-half miles west of Marion.

The impact of the bus, said to have been en route to Asheville, turned the demolished coupe practically around in the highway, it is said, and then swerved into a fence bordering the road. None of the passengers nor Mr. Rudisill's brother were injured.

Basing its suit on the contention that the bus at the time of the tragedy was on the wrong side of the highway, and that the dead man, driving around a curve which partly obstructed his vision, found it impossible to avoid a collision, and that the driver of the bus, by law, an employee and agent of the defendant concern, placed the concern in such a position by his improper operation of the bus as to make them responsible for his alleged criminal negligence. The plaintiff is expected to make a hard fight.

John A. Hendricks, of Marshall, and Mark W. Brown, of Asheville, constitute the counsel for the plaintiff, while W. C. Femster, of Newton, and J. W. Hester, of Granville County, represent the defendant, Thomas S. Rollins, of Asheville, appearing for the Fidelity and Casualty Company, a New York Insurance concern, which has an interest in the case, since it is said that protective insurance policies of the Charlotte concern are held by the former.

Since a number of witnesses from various sections of the State are to be heard, disposition of the case is expected to consume three or more days.

Other interesting cases listed on the calendar are J. N. West vs. the Town of Marshall, wherein Mr. West,

Marshall business man, is asking damages of \$3,500 for damages which he contends were sustained by the construction by the town of a street thru property of his.

Owen J. Thomas, employee of the Azalea Woodworking Company, a Buncombe County concern, has instituted suit for \$25,000 against the concern, contending that he is due such compensation because of injuries sustained while working at the plant.

E. W. Grove, Jr., Executors, of the estate of the late Dr. E. W. Grove, well-known Asheville physician, has been named defendant in a suit for approximately \$1,700 by W. R. Ellerson, formerly of Hot Springs. Mr. Ellerson contends that the amount asked for as damages represents a like amount expended by him in the form of an expense account while he was in the employ of the late Dr. Grove, and for which he should have been reimbursed.

TOWN SEWER WORK COMPLETED

Additions to Marshall's sewer system costing over \$3,500, were completed last week, Mayor Grover C. Redmon has announced. The additions include the installation of new lines on the south side of town and along the Frisby Branch, totaling over one mile of new line.

CANDLER ARRESTED

Riley Candler, young Madison County man, was arrested Sunday night on the river highway, a short distance east of Marshall, after he is said to have deliberately driven his car into the machine of Policeman Claude L. Henderson, while Deputy Sheriff Dewey Foster was attempting to halt him. He was brought to Marshall and released under a cash bond of \$178.00, pending trial. Officer Foster stated that he saw

Candler driving his car on the Marshall-Walnut highway while in an intoxicated condition, and when he arrived in Marshall, notified Policeman Henderson, who accompanied him in quest of the arrested man. Passing him on the highway, they parked their car while Mr. Foster attempted to halt Candler, who claimed that he did not see the other machine, nor hear the officer calling to him. Policeman Henderson's car was badly damaged.

NOTED MADISONIANS IMPROVED

Considerable improvement in the condition of a number of Madison County's most prominent citizens has been reported by their physicians. Following a critical illness, W. R. White, brother of J. N. White, of Marshall, County auditor, is reported as being better at his home, a short distance east of town. For several days it was thought that Mr. White's illness would prove fatal, his grave condition having accounted for relatives living away being sent for.

Thomas Frisby, member of the County Board of Education, is said to be much improved, following a long and serious illness at his Hot Springs home.

Mayor Thomas J. Murray, of Mars Hill, is also reported as being improved, following an illness of several days at his home in Mars Hill.

The illness of these noted citizens of the County has attracted county-wide attention, and the many friends of each will be gratified to learn of their improvement.

SCHOOLS RECEIVE STATE AID

During the month of September, the school system of Madison County receive the sum of \$6,000 from the State equalization fund, County Superintendent Carl M. Blankenship (Continued to Page Four)

PUBLIC SPEAKING!

Congressman

A. L. Bulwinkle

ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1928

AT 3:00 O'CLOCK, P. M.

At The Courthouse in
Marshall, N. C.

Will address the voters of Madison County on the issues of the Campaign. All voters, regardless of political affiliation are invited to be present.

JOHN H. McELROY,
Congressional Committeeman For Madison County