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WOMAN'S CLUB ASKS HOW COMMISSIONERS STAND

The following addressed to the Commissioners explains itself. The answers will be published by The News-Record free of charge.

Dear Sir:

We, the undersigned members of the Hot Springs Home Demonstration Clubs of Madison County, do respectfully ask that you submit to our Chairman, Mrs. O. S. Brooks, or have printed in our county papers, a declaration of how you stand in regard to the continuance of the Demonstration work in our county.

Mrs. O. S. Brooks, President; Mrs. L. A. Grenell, Vice-President; Mrs. J. M. Rhodes, Secretary.

Mrs. C. C. Brown, Mrs. C. L. Stamey, Mrs. Lena Fleming, Mrs. F. T. McFee, Mrs. G. W. Corbett, Mrs. Margaret Bryant.

HOT SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL CLOSES

Hot Springs High School closed Tuesday night, May 20, with the interesting and inspiring address of Supt. E. D. Wilson, of Yancey County School. Professor Farmer presented the diplomas to the graduates. Those graduating were: Lucille Ramsey, Walter Chockley, Edward Lawson, and Charlie Williams.

FIDDLERS' CONVENTION

A Fiddlers' Convention will be held in the Mars Hill High School auditorium Saturday, May 31, 8 o'clock P. M.

All fiddlers or players of any stringed instruments are invited to take part. Riley Puckett and Gid Tanner, famous musicians of Georgia, whose records are heard all over the country, will be present, but will not enter the contest.

\$25 in prizes will be given away, proceeds to go for the benefit of Mars Hill High School athletics.

E. GLENN JARVIS.

WILD EXPLAINS TRUCK MATTER

TO THE PEOPLE OF MADISON COUNTY:

The County Commissioners bought a road machine and had to have a truck. I told Mr. Ammons and Mr. Silver that I had one that I was letting the Service Motor Company have at a bargain, and that I would guarantee it to give satisfaction. The commissioners agreed to try it. It was agreed that if the truck did not give satisfaction the transaction would not be considered a sale. Due to the interference of some outsider, it was decided not to buy the truck. I then went word by Mr. Ammons to the party using the truck to return it to the Service Motor Company. Whether the party received the message or not I do not know, but the truck was not returned and the road force is still using it. During the three months this truck has been in use, only about \$3.00 has been spent in upkeep.

MY GREATEST TRIP

I have traveled on foot, by sled, by covered wagon, by horse, by steam-railway and steamboat, and by electric railway, but the climax of all was the trip I made yesterday (Sunday) from Asheville to Washington by airplane.

Captain Thomas Doe, a graduate of West Point and manager of the Eastern Air Transport Company, of Brooklyn, N. Y., headed the party and was one of the passengers. Included in the party were Mrs. Thomas Doe, Captain Doe's mother, who resides near Busbee, North Carolina, Mr. Stone and Mr. Elliott, the pilots, and their wives, Jesse J. Bailey, Sheriff of Buncombe County, and myself.

President Of Appalachian State Teacher's College Makes Statement

Beane, N. C., April 13, 1930.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that Mr. John P. Ramsey, Beane, N. C., was a student here for three years in the high school, and nearly two years in the college. Mr. Ramsey belonged to that group of students who were always dependable and on the right side of things. He did satisfactory work and I heartily recommend him for positions of trust.

Very respectfully,
B. B. DOUGHTERY, President.
(Political Advertising)

THE PUBLISHER'S COLUMN ABOUT VARIOUS MATTERS

The Madison County Times continues to try to make the impression on the citizens of our County that its three commissioners have accepted something in the form of a bribe from the publisher of The News-Record, inducing them to continue placing the County's advertising in The News-Record. The Times publisher, after being asked to prove his insidiously made charges or retract and apologize, does neither. We doubt that there is a single level headed, fair-minded man or woman in Madison County who believes that any such bribing has been done. It is useless for us to deny the charge for the reason that it would be proved if it were possible to do so, and the fact that no proof or evidence has been produced to substantiate the charge should satisfy the people that the charges are made without foundation. It was natural that Mr. Campbell should become offended when the commissioners refused to switch the County's business from the medium through which it had been running all these years to a paper less than five months old. And his ill will toward them is shown in his effort to find some charge against these officials.

The books of the County are open for public inspection, and if this weak pretense of a charge is all an enemy can find against these officials, they must have been doing the county's business in a very satisfactory manner—possibly not satisfactory to him, as he desired to get "his nose in the trough", which was, of course, his way of expressing his desire for part of the county advertising.

The publisher of The News-Record has avoided getting into any newspaper controversy, but desires to set himself straight as to any business relations with the county officials. He came to Marshall in the fall of 1924, and purchased all rights to the only paper in the County. At the same time he bought a home here and other real estate and has been a tax payer in the County for these six years. With no competition he has done the County's business at a lower rate than prevailed in most of the counties of the State. The legal rate for four weeks has been all the time the same that it is now—10c an inch less than the rate made the commissioners by Mr. Campbell. If The News-Record, with no competition, was doing the work at this low rate all through the past years of inflated prices in everything else, on what ground would the commissioners be justified in switching the business to a new organ whose rate is higher? The publisher of The News-Record credits the good people of Madison County with too much good sense to believe that they will accept such insinuating charges without thoroughly investigating the facts in the case. We have stated time and again that it is against the policy of this paper to enter into partisan politics or to indulge in mud slinging or defamatory tactics. We hold no brief for any county official whose record is not clean and above board. We appreciate the business the people of the County have given us through the years, both as individual business men and officials of the County, and we trust that the service The News-Record has rendered and expects to continue to render will merit the continued patronage of the people of Madison County.

the unadmitted and of these states never have suspected that there was a single living person in it.

As we approached Washington the sun—like a great round disk of glowing gold—sent a brilliant mingling of red, purple and brown color behind the western hills.

We landed in Washington at 7:30 P. M. The flying time consumed by the trip was four and a half hours.

One is overwhelmed by the wonders wrought in the mind of man!

"At least once in my life I was glad to be down and out."
"And when was that?"
"After my first trip in an airplane."

YES!

J. WILL PROMISED TO NOT RUN ANY MORE

WILL A MAN DENY THE TRUTH? HONEST MEN STAND TO PROMISE, EVEN IF IT HURTS

(Political Advertising)

HENDRICKS EXPOSES PLEMMONS' SMOKE SCREEN

HOW PLEMMONS FOUGHT TO KILL STATE ROADS FOR SANDY MUSH AND UPPER LAUREL—HOW HE TRIED TO APPOINT DEMOCRAT COMMISSIONERS TO GOVERN MADISON COUNTY—AND HOW HE DECLARED FARM LAND ASSESSED IN MADISON 25% TOO LOW—AND NOW SAYS HE HAS NOT CHANGED ONE BIT.

Every qualified voter in this country has the right to aspire to any office within the gift of the people. It is a laudable ambition for any citizen to have a desire to represent the people in any official capacity. When a person becomes a candidate for an office, especially a legislative office, the people have the right to know what he stands for, and if the candidate has been a member of the legislature, or any legislative assembly, the people have the right to know what he did, and what kind of public record he made. I am not a candidate, and I am not sponsor for any candidate or candidates, and I have no desire to engage in newspaper controversy. Ira Plemmmons announced his candidacy for the legislature, and instead of telling the people what he did while a member of the State Senate two years ago, and what he expected to do if elected to the General Assembly from this County, he saw fit to attack me in trying to carry out the delinquent tax laws which he helped to make in the legislature of 1929. In his attempted reply to my former communication, he tries to be funny and comical, and to make a smoke screen to hide behind. Instead of answering the issues raised in my letter.

After Mr. Plemmmons was elected to the Senate two years ago, he had himself interviewed, and said that one thing that he stood for and expected to carry out at all hazards, was to give Sandy Mush Township a road. After he went to the legislature, he then made public statements that Sandy Mush Township was bottled up for the want of a road, and that he intended to see to it that Sandy Mush had a road if he had to cut off the Township and annex it to Buncombe County. During the Session of the legislature, a large delegation went from Sandy Mush Township to Raleigh, for the purpose of demanding relief in the way of getting a road. In the meantime Mr. Plemmmons was sponsoring a Bill to cut off Sandy Mush Township and annex it to Buncombe County, and declared he would insist on the passage of the Bill, unless Sandy Mush Township got road relief. The question of cutting Sandy Mush Township off of Madison and annexing it to Buncombe County, was brought up before the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns, and the Sandy Mush Delegation made a strong appeal, and said that they had been discriminated against by the County authorities, because of the political complexion of the Township. I was before the committee opposing cutting off Sandy Mush Township, and explained to the committee that politics had nothing to do with the road situation, for Upper Laurel Township was worse bottled up than Sandy Mush, and that Upper Laurel was practically solid Republican. The result was, that the Committee held their report, and stated that they were of the opinion that Sandy Mush Township ought to have relief, and for us all to get together and see if some plan could be devised by which Sandy Mush could be supplied with a dependable road. That night all parties concerned met in the Sir Walter Hotel, (except Mr. Plemmmons did not show up) and all parties tried earnestly to devise a means to furnish the road. Some of the parties said that the County would have to be bonded to do it. I explained that we could not bond the County. I further explained that I had been trying for more than two years to get the State to take over the Sandy Mush Road, as well as the Upper Laurel Road, and if we provided for Sandy Mush to get a

road, that we must also provide for the Upper Laurel country.

There was no one there to speak for Upper Laurel but myself. In the meantime I had conferred with Mr. Charles Ross, the Attorney for the Highway Commission, who was in touch with the Highway Commission, and he said that it would be permissible to authorize the Highway Commission to use enough of the \$170,000 which the Highway Commission owes Madison County, to assist in putting the Sandy Mush Road and the Upper Laurel Road in shape for the State to take over and maintain, and I explained to the meeting at the hotel that this could be done, and all parties agreed to this. Mr. Ross drew the bill to authorize the Highway Commission to use \$25,000 of the \$170,000 which the State owed the County, to be used on Sandy Mush & Upper Laurel roads; the State would supply the balance of the money take the roads over and perpetually maintain them, which meant adding to the State maintained roads in Madison County, about 32 miles. Mr. Plemmmons refused to introduce the Bill, but strenuously opposed it. The Bill was favorably reported, and when the title of the Bill, was read in the Senate for action, before the Bill was read, Plemmmons got up and moved to table the Bill, which cut off all discussion. Senator Johnson had introduced the bill because he said that he was interested in Madison County. Some Senators appealed to Plemmmons to withhold his motion until the Bill could be explained. He refused to do so, and insisted on his motion, and made the statement that the bill proposed to take \$170,000 of Madison County's Sinking Fund and use it for other purposes, and that the County Bonded Indebtedness was over a million and six hundred thousand dollars. In fact it was about \$600,000.

The vote was taken, and the majority voted to table, not 47 votes to 3 as Plemmmons states. As soon as the vote was taken, Senator Johnson, now Judge Johnson, went across the Hall where Plemmmons was seated, and said to Plemmmons: "You have misrepresented the facts about this Bill and you know it." And he further said to Plemmmons: "You got up and explain to this Senate that you have." Plemmmons said he couldn't. Johnson told him to rise to a question of personal privilege. Whereupon, Plemmmons got up and confessed that he had misrepresented the facts. The legislature was opposed to meddling with Sinking Funds. This Bill did not touch one cent of the Sinking Funds of Madison County. Senator Person had voted to table the Bill. When the Bill was explained to Person, he said that he had voted on the representations of Plemmmons, and using very strong terms that I shall not repeat, he said that Plemmmons ought to be expelled from the Senate. On Monday morning, the first session after the Bill was tabled, as soon as the Senate was open for business, Senator Person rose from his seat and explained to the Senate that he had voted to table the Bill through misrepresentation, and denounced Plemmmons for misrepresenting the contents of the Bill.

Senator Clark lodged motion to reconsider the Bill, which would have been done without any trouble, but after consulting with the friends of the measure, and with the Highway Commission, as the County Commissioners had already endorsed the Bill, it was decided that the matter of providing Sandy Mush Township and Upper Laurel Township with dependable roads, was in as good condition as it could be, and that the Commissioners could authorize the State to use the \$25,000 without the passage of the Bill, as well as to do it. After the adjournment of the legislature, the Commissioners in order authorizing the State Highway Commission to use the \$25,000 for the purpose above stated, and as the State has put in money on Sandy Mush and Upper Laurel roads, and has added to the State's road in Madison County.

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