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SPRINKLE REPLIES TO PLEMMONS' "PARTING SHOT" MASTERPIECE

(Political Advertising)
Since finding that my entrance in the race for Representative is UNIQUE, I feel that I should express my appreciation to Senator Plemmons for calling this to the attention of the public, for I think it quite a distinction to be able to inject something unparalleled into the contest. The adjective he uses, however, contradicts the tone of his article that follows, for he uses the same old gag that he has been using since "Taxes Here and There" made its debut about three or four years ago THE RING—My reason for emphasizing the fact that I was no man's candidate, other than my own, was that I knew just what to expect from the chief exponent of intelligence—the Senator.

As to whether I'm a man with or without a party, I am willing to leave to my friends. Just by way of explanation however, I wish to say here that should I go to Raleigh as a Senator, and go before one of the Senate committees to present my argument for a certain bill proposed by myself, that I would not call on the "Chairman of the Democratic party" to present my cause. I would have it further understood that my political caucusing is not done with the chairman of the Democratic party and his lieutenants.

As to Plemmons' correction in my grammatical error, I would say—Thanks, Senator. But please do not be too hard since you must not overlook the fact that I've not had the experience in State affairs like yourself. After all, does not the term, non-tangible imply or mean non-taxable?—In other words, not touched by taxes? At any rate I feel that my idea was understood by most of us, and thus far you are the only censor

who has come to my rescue. I do not agree with you in that an adjustment of assessments on land and personal properties would merely shift the burden from one shoulder to another. Since when it's shifted from the farmer to the business man, or in other words to those who have accumulated wealth at the expense of the farmer, then they who want the hoe handle as you suggest, might receive some degree of justice.

My argument is, and will be until some method of fair assessment is worked out, that those who own farms and farm as a vocation, are discriminated against. Suppose that your suggestions made some time ago that farms are listed 20% too low and town lots 20% too high, should become a reality and should be changed accordingly. Then what would become of the home you so earnestly desire to protect?

You term it remarkable that this gentleman (referring to myself) and others are now admitting that taxes are too high. Perhaps the reason why my opinion as to excessive taxes has not come before the public in a "Taxes-here-and-there" way is that I did not decide a year ago to make this race and begin sending into some newspaper as NEWS ITEMS, my groaning and lamentations trying to make myself appear in the eyes of the people a Daniel Come To Judgment and thereby ride into office on a gravy train. No Sir, rather than sneak my way in in such a manner, I'll just stay out. Furthermore, I have not realized nor do I want the kind of religion you mention in your article. In fact, I guess the public would like to know just what is your definition for Religion.

As to the free labor proposition, I am convinced that this is an old worn out method of maintaining roads and should be abolished—but Plemmons has not suggested anything as to what he would propose regarding those who have passed the road-working age and who have already complied with the old law. Sure, I'm for abolishing the old system, and at the same time working out a plan to avoid discrimination against the man who has "served his term."

Senator, I came into this race because I had the same right as yourself or any other man, and not at the instigation of any ring. In fact some of your closest neighbors in Hot Springs were among those from different sections of the County, who asked me to make the race and I'm positively sure that it's not any of your business whatever to say who should and who should not run. Really, since when did you become supreme dictator as to who should make the race? Don't worry, my dear sir, about my putting out any last minute

yellow sheets or broadcasting any funds, for I have never nor will I ever resort to such tactics to secure any office.

Yes, before I forget: I've discovered something strange in your letter. Just why is it that Mr. Stikelemyer had forgotten to write you the letter of appreciation for your activities in promoting the roads for No. 11 and Sandy Mush townships until just eight days before the primary (June 30th)? Talk about funny things!

In conclusion I want to express to the citizens of Madison County my disgust at such tactics as I've been forced to in this article in reply to Plemmons' "Parting Shot" before the Primary. When I entered the race for representative I did it resolved that nothing personal would be used against my opponents, but I've found that the only way to fight fire is with fire, and I believe and hope the day is almost here when our citizenship will treat with contempt these sickening and disgusting, unwarranted and untrue insinuations and criticisms as used by Ira Plemmons.

HERSCHEL SPRINKLE.

ANSWER TO JETER P. RAMSEY

(Political Advertising)
Issue of June 3rd News-Record—You state you are a very poor man and I am rich. Sorry you are not right as to the last part of this statement. You have been teaching school for the past several years at a good salary, drawing big compensation from Uncle Sam for a weak back, and you own one of the best farms in No. 10 Township, and I would be glad to swap farms with you.

I am not a director in the Bank and own no property at Beaver Lake as you charge. Now, Jeter, one of the best citizens of No. 10 Township stated to me that you made the remark that your campaign slogan was, I am poor and J. Will is rich, and people will be sorry for me. Everyone knows you are in about the best financial condition of any one in the County—school teacher, pensioner, and farmer, and again I don't believe in going around telling our good lodge brothers about being in distress just because I want a little office; neither do I borrow money from one brother to pay another.

I don't believe any one should solicit help from the lodge or church for his own personal political advantages; neither should be used as political cat's-paw. On June 7th the people will say, Who will be nominated for Register of Deeds? For by this time they have had ample opportunity to know the character and virtues of us both and I am willing to abide by their decision.

I note your weak explanation regarding your demand on the Board of Education, for money for making the race for Representative. The statement they give out and your explanation is widely different. If what you say is correct, why didn't you get them to verify it?

J. WILL ROBERTS.

VOTE FOR CHAS. B. MACRAE FOR SOLICITOR Tomorrow

ATTENTION, VOTERS

(Political Advertising)
A vote for Vance is a vote for Judge Hendricks. The Judge is sponsoring him.
A vote for Vance is an insult to Avery County, taking the right to nominate the Senator from that county.

A vote for Vance is a step in forming a 30th Senatorial district Ring—destroying the plan of rotating senators—making ring politics easier for the professional politicians.

Think, consider these facts and vote for

ROY HARMON

HENDRICKS REPLIES TO DENIALS OF PLEMMONS ABOUT HIS RECORD AND GIVES THE NAMES OF SENATORS AND CITIZENS OF HIGH STANDING WHO WILL CORROBORATE WHAT HENDRICKS SAYS

Ira Plemmons say in his article in The Times, that I am undertaking "to tell the folk" how corrupt he is. I have not undertaken to do that; I have only been telling about his public record, and if his public record makes him corrupt, he will have to make the most of it.

Plemmons' neighbors and close acquaintances know about his private character, whether it is good, corrupt, bad or indifferent, and I have in no wise undertaken to go into that. As to whether the people of Madison County believe me or Ira Plemmons is up to the people. He says what I say about Judge Johnson and Senator Person in connection with himself is untrue. I re-iterate that every word I stated is true, and Plemmons knows it is true. Senator Johnson and Senator Person did use stronger terms

than I quoted. The Post Office address of Judge T. L. Johnson is Lumberton, North Carolina, and the Post Office address of Senator W. M. Person is Lewisburg, North Carolina, and if these gentlemen are disposed to say anything about this matter, they will corroborate every word I have stated. Senator Robert G. Johnson of Bur-gaw, North Carolina, knows about these facts, or the most of them, and while I have not seen him, spoken to him, or heard from him since the adjournment of the Legislature, I know that he will corroborate what I say, for I believe him to be a high-class, honorable gentleman. Senator John F. Reynolds, a Republican, of Wentworth, North Carolina, a man of the highest integrity and honor, knows what I have stated to be true. Albert Teague, who resides on

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DRAWS \$1800 PER YEAR— Other Men Doing Work

"I have audited the books of the County up to two years ago, or three", says Dr. Finley. Taxpayers, think of it! The Doctor doing the work and Nick getting the pay.

Who found that there was a shortage in 1925 of \$16,000?—Mr. White. Who said not so, \$2070.21 instead?—Albert H. Blake, Asheville, N. C. Who found a shortage of \$38,000 in 1927?—Nick. Who said, not so—a deficit in 1927 of \$51,780.87 instead?—Albert H. Blake, the certified auditor. Voters, think of it! No wonder our taxes are high and getting higher—"By their fruits ye shall know them."

THINK BEFORE YOU VOTE, THINK OF HIS ROAD DEALS, TOO.

SAM J. PEEK—For Auditor.

WHY MADISON COUNTY SHOULD VOTE FOR ROY HARMON FOR STATE SENATOR

For many years it has been customary for the counties of the 30th Senatorial District—Madison, Avery, Mitchell and Yancey—to allow the office of Senator to rotate, each county taking its turn in the nomination of the Republican candidate for Senator. At this time it was Avery County's turn. On April 4th at Newland, N. C., a group of delegates from Madison led by Judge Hendricks and a group from Mitchell led by John McBoe broke this agreement by naming David Vance over the protest of the delegates from Yancey and Avery, these counties holding that Avery should be allowed to nominate the candidate in accordance with long established and fair custom. If the convention had followed the gentleman's agreement, Roy A. Harmon would have been Avery's choice by 15 delegates to one. Judge Hendricks has admitted that the nomination was irregular and unfair although Judge Hendricks placed Mr. Vance in nomination. I appeal to both the voters and the delegates of Madison County to correct this error and vote for me for State Senator from the 30th district.

I assure you, if nominated and elected, that all bills of interest to Madison will have a fair and impartial hearing.

ROY A. HARMON

(Political Advertising)

Vote For DAVID T. VANCE

REPUBLICAN

FOR SENATOR, THIRTIETH DISTRICT

MR. VANCE WAS UNANIMOUSLY ENDORSED FOR STATE SENATOR BY MADISON COUNTY REPUBLICAN CONVENTION, APRIL 2, 1930.

He was nominated by the Republican Senatorial Convention held at Newland, Avery County.

State Board of Elections rules that he must be voted for in the Primary, June 7th, to make his nomination regular.

Mr. Vance is a man of high standing, manufacturer and other interests; is a Republican; was a member of the Legislature, Avery County, 1929.

Vote for Vance
VANCE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE.

(Political Advertising)
Yes, Ira, we know you had the idea of reducing taxes in your mind when you worked so hard to get two extra Commissioners for Madison County when you were in Raleigh.

J. WILL GRABS AT A STRAW AS HE GOES DOWN IN DEFEAT HE TELLS LIES ON HIS OPPONENT TO TRY TO INFLUENCE THE PUBLIC

(Political Advertising)
The people of Madison County are being told many falsehoods by my opponent and his sponsors. People, I am sorry that there is a public official in our county who is so corrupt in soul and body that he will not tell the truth and try to besmirch the character of his opponent in order to win a few votes. I know that I have not lived a perfect life. Neither has my opponent. But for the last 12 years I have tried to live a clean Christian life. I am willing to lay my character on the table beside that of J. Will Roberts and let the public be the judge of which is best. I have always met my obligations; I have always tried to treat everybody right in all respects; I have not cheated, wronged, or defrauded anybody out of anything. Ask those people who live around me that have known me from a boy. Please do not believe these political lies that are being told about me and I will assure you that I will make you a clean Christian officer that will treat you fair and right.

I am not going to tell the people anything bad about J. Will, for I had rather lose votes than to take any hand in this kind of controversy. It is not gentlemanly. I prefer not to do it. In all statements I make I am only defending myself.

I do not know what else he is going to tell in this issue but whatever it might be I ask the people not to believe it. He perhaps will have many more falsehoods to tell in this issue because he may think I will not have time to answer it before the Primary. Let your better Judgment be your guide.

Here is what James Wallin has to say about the warrants that J. Will is trying to deceive you with:

TO THE VOTERS:—
I, James Wallin, do hereby certify that I took out the papers that J. WILL Roberts is showing around and that I had no intention of convicting Jeter P. Ramsey on the warrants for there was absolutely no evidence against him. He is not guilty of the charges. These papers have been lying in Roy Gudger's office for over TWO YEARS. Jeter P. Ramsey is a man of good character and I have known him all my life as a law abiding citizen. He is well qualified to hold the office of register of deeds and will make a safe Register.

JAMES WALLIN.

Any member of the Board of Education will tell you that all the transactions I have had with the Board of Education were fair and right. See last Tuesday's News-Record.