

Mr. Freeman Asks Mr. Herschel If He (Mr. Herschel) Is Going To Again Furnish Free School Books Like He Promised In 1932?

FREEMAN HOLDS A 1932 MADISON COUNTY TIMES IN WHICH MR. HERSCHEL ADVERTISED HIS PRE-ELECTION BROKEN PROMISES TO THE VOTERS, OVER HIS OWN SIGNATURE.

FREEMAN ALSO HAS A COPY OF MR. HERSCHEL'S LAWS IN 1933. THESE LAWS HAVE AND WILL FORCE EVERY DELINQUENT TAX PAYER'S FARM IN MADISON COUNTY TO BE SOLD FOR TAXES, in order that SHERIFF GUY can serve the papers AND DRAW ALL THE FEES IN ADDITION to the sum of \$607.65, the Sheriff has been drawing monthly in salary, expense, and mileage, besides Mr. Herschel's other officers and henchmen, who will benefit largely from the necessary \$18,000.00 cost and interest that goes with the Herschel FORCED LAND SALES FOR TAXES.

THERE IS POOR OLD JETER, whom Herschel tried to Legislate a salary of \$2400.00 annually, or two hundred dollars per month. That looked too much like ROTTEN POLITICS. The Committee put THE "HERSCHEL-JETER BILL TO SLEEP". But Herschel ought to be able to get it by this time and in addition MAKE JETER COUNTY MANAGER at a salary of \$5000.00 annually to even up with Jeter.

MR. HERSCHEL, I HAVE BEFORE ME YOUR BROKEN 1932 CAMPAIGN PLEDGES:

FIRST: Where are the FREE PUBLIC SCHOOL BOOKS you promised in 1932?

SECOND: Why was it that you neglected to carry out your promise to wipe the laws off the Statute Books (that reduced taxes from \$2.20 on the hundred dollars to \$1.55)?

THIRD: Why did you approve the law under which a Tax Collector and Auditor are elected, after promising to repeal them? Was your time all consumed in passing Legislation to fatten the Sheriff and your other henchmen and destroying the homes of widows and orphans?

FOURTH: You said you favored reducing officers' salaries. WHY DID YOU PROVIDE \$607.65 monthly and all the fees for Sheriff "GUY"?

FIFTH: Why did you try to RAISE JETER'S SALARY TO \$2400.00 ANNUALLY? What, if anything, had JETER DONE FOR YOU, or what, if anything, DID YOU EXPECT HIM TO DO? ROTTEN POLITICS—THAT'S ALL.

SIXTH: You climbed high and said you favored tax reduction by State Wide Legislation. Why was it that you didn't attempt to introduce a State Wide Measure?

YOU WERE A BIG LEGISLATOR while making all these promises in 1932, weren't you, Mr. Herschel? Were you deliberately fooling the folks to get votes, or was it bad judgment on your part? Doesn't look much like bad judgment as you were a wheelhorse Legislator when it came to passing Legislation, that is now allowing 30c only per day to pay for the beans that are fed to the poor old folks at the County Home and allows the Sheriff, YOUR GUY, 60c a day on which to feed the criminals and in addition pay for turnkeys, etc. But your "GUY" is one of the "BIG BOYS" like Charlie Dawes, who had 80 Million Dollars handed to him for his Banking Institution.

When a Legislator reduces taxes in Madison County, it has been customary for you and your henchmen to jump on and brand him as a traitor, a rascal and a scoundrel, but when you passed your ROTTEN POLITICAL Legislation for the "BIG BOYS" they say, vote it straight. It is natural for your officers that you fattened to stick. THEY OUGHT TO STICK FOR YOU.

DON'T SAY ROTTEN LEGISLATION ANY MORE, MR. HERSCHEL. "YOURS WAS THE

LIMIT."

Your Commissioners only gave Sheriff Burnett 40c per day on which to feed prisoners, but he was a Democrat—that accounts for it.

SEVENTH: I note that you promised the voters to call a great mass meeting before you proceeded to the 1933 General Assembly in order to find out the wishes of the taxpayers. I am not sure whether you called any or not. If you did, Mr. Guy and Mr. Jeter and the other officers whom you legislated for must have been your audience.

EIGHTH: I note you talked about a Representative taking advantage of the taxpayers, (and reducing their taxes). In this connection I want to quote one of your sentences as follows: "It is my honest conviction that a man who betrays the confidence of his fellow men who select him to represent them in any law-making body is as vile a traitor as any man who betrays his Country or his Flag." That is mighty fine talk, Mr. Sprinkle, but what of your vile and VICIOUS RECORD, ALL IN BEHALF OF JETER AND GUY and the Tax Collectors? What of your broken promises and your rotten politics? In 1932 you were telling the taxpayers "that their burdens had already reached the unendurable", when IN FACT THE TAX RATE UNDER DEMOCRATIC LEGISLATION WAS FAR BELOW WHAT IT HAD EVER BEEN DURING YOUR LIFE OR MINE EITHER, and yet you were poking jokes at the delinquent taxpayers about doing something for them to stop their homes from being placed on the block and being sold for taxes, but you approved closing out homes, so your henchmen could get the spoils.

Mr. Herschel, did you have it in your head, when you wrote those hot promises in 1932, in order to catch votes, that you were going to Raleigh and vote for Legislation to immediately put every delinquent taxpayer's home on the block for sale, and at that time did you intend to pass Legislation to give the Sheriff mileage, expense, and salary in the sum of \$607.65, and in addition thereto, Mr. Sprinkle, did you intend for the Sheriff to serve the final summons on the delinquent taxpayers and draw all the fees for said service, in order that the homes of delinquent taxpayers might change hands? In other words, into the hands of your fat officers, simply on their paying the tax and cost? That is what you did. **YOU CANNOT DENY IT.** Your laws are in the acts of the last General Assembly, and the suits have been started and will be to the tune of about three thousand, and your henchmen will profit from the calamities of the delinquent taxpayers in the sum of about \$18,000.00.

After your broken promises and after your laws to **MAKE THE POOR AND DISTRESSED POORER AND THE BIG BOYS RICHER,** I just want to ask you if **YOUR OPINION AS TO A TRAITOR HAS UNDERGONE A CHANGE SINCE YOUR LAWS WERE ENACTED?** I refer particularly to your remarks which I quoted above. **IF YOUR OPINION IS UNCHANGED ABOUT A TRAITOR YOU OUGHT TO WITHDRAW FROM THE RACE.**

I call upon you and every taxpayer in Madison County to read your campaign pledges of 1932, and then read your laws and **SEE IF YOU FULFILLED ONE PROMISE THAT YOU MADE.** On the other hand, you turned out to be a **FRIEND OF THE OFFICERS AND A VILE AND VICIOUS ENEMY OF THE DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS.** Your signed article in 1932 and your laws in 1933, absolutely prove my contentions.

What promises are you making the taxpayers this year? Are you going to give them free school books again? Are you going to reduce taxes and property again by State Wide Legislation? After you did NOT even ATTEMPT TO INTRODUCE A STATE WIDE BILL. The fact of the matter is, **YOU ARE NOW DENYING RESPONSIBILITY OF STATE WIDE MEASURES AND FOR PUBLIC LOCAL MEASURES.** Bro. Sprinkle, you surely have got your promises to the POOR UNFORTUNATE TAXPAYERS and YOUR LEGISLATION FOR THE OFFICERS MIXED UP. In 1932 you spoke of such as traitorism!

Our County is largely Republican and of course you expected the boys to believe what you told them and made your campaign largely on the laws that had stopped bonds and reduced taxes in Madison County and evidently THEY BELIEVED YOU, EVEN THO THEIR TAXES HAD BEEN REDUCED. They voted for you and you certainly did give the delinquent taxpayers a pain, for the benefit of GUY, JETER, AND OTHER OFFICERS.

Now, Mr. Herschel, I want to further look into your Legislative acts and promises and your last week's article in the News-Record, IN WHICH YOU PLEAD GUILTY. In last week's article you hid behind STATE WIDE LEGISLATION AND DENIED ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL THE FARMS OF THE DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS OF MADISON COUNTY BEING FINALLY ADVERTISED FOR TAXES UNDER YOUR LAWS. Two years ago you were telling the people that you were going to give them relief by State Wide Legislation. In the 1933 Legislature you were like Peter when they Crucified Christ—**YOU STOOD AFAR OFF FROM THE TAXPAYERS AND WARMED YOUR HANDS BY THE FIRES OF SHERIFF GUY AND JETER AND OTHERS, AND NEVER KNEW THE TAXPAYERS!** You didn't even call the taxpayers to Raleigh, but MR. GUY WAS WITH YOU and your ARRAY OF ATTORNEYS. Two weeks ago I ask you if the County paid your Attorneys? If not, who did pay them? Think of your promises two years ago. Think of the condition you have placed the taxpayers in, including widows, orphans, under your oppressive Legislation for Mr. Guy, to serve the last notice on delinquent taxpayers, to take from them the title to their homes, and at the same time draw \$607.65 monthly and all the fees and mileage. You as a Republican and on the ticket, in 1932, **YOUR PROMISES WORKED WELL.** If the taxpayers of Madison County want to vote for a man just because he is a Republican to destroy them like you did and elect you again, IT IS NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO FOR THEM. Who of the delinquent taxpayers thought, from Mr. Herschel's promises, to enact State Wide Legislation in 1933, that he would come back home and deny responsibility for ALL STATE WIDE LEGISLATION WHATSOEVER? Everyone knows Mr. Herschel's laws in the 1933 Legislature were against the taxpayers and plainly in favor of the officers AND HIS HENCHMEN. Mr. Herschel, you know what was said about a rich man, a camel and the eye of a needle, and you know what the rich man requested after he reached his final destination. Now you are pleading and begging the taxpayers you oppressed, **TO DIP THE TIPS OF THEIR FINGERS IN WATER AND COOL YOUR BROW WITH ONE MORE VOTE,** so you can go back to

Raleigh and IN YOUR OWN LANGUAGE TRAITOR THE VOTES ONCE MORE.

It looks like you have got the Sheriff's salary high enough, but there is Jeter to be taken care of, and others of your henchmen that want more County Tax money.

Then there are the notes in the banks for money borrowed on uncollected taxes and the money collected and spent and of course the BIG BOYS expect you TO AGAIN VALIDATE THE ILLEGAL ACTS OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND EMPOWER THEM AGAIN TO ISSUE ANOTHER NINETY THOUSAND DOLLARS WORTH OF BONDS, WITH WHICH TO PAY OFF THOSE NOTES AND OFFICERS, and current expenses. You and your Commissioners are smart. They got by the State Law and the County Law to stop bonds, but the Banks are innocent purchasers of those illegal notes and the taxes have been collected since, and it will be necessary for you to recite in the preamble of your Bill that the County Commissioners have been zealous and very saving in borrowing money on uncollected taxes and pray the Legislature to VALIDATE THEIR ILLEGAL ACTS AGAIN.

Mr. Sprinkle, you and your crowd need the Sinking Fund so you can dip into them again just like the records show that your crowd have done to pay the officers.

Mr. Herschel, everybody knows that you and your officers and BIG BOYS are mad as a bulldog because the Sinking Funds are safe and in the County Treasury and protected by Government bonds and cannot be spent to pay off the officers, hired help, etc. Tax Payers, look the fellows over that are chopping the bits and waving the red flag. Vote for Mr. Herschel in the Republican ticket and see if you with your taxes have not helped in past years TO FATTEN THEM. Mr. Herschel, from the array of Legal advisers you had in Raleigh, and from the mixed multitude of henchmen you had on hand, I am inclined to ask you if you were NOT TRYING TO PLAY AS A DEMOCRAT? In 1932 it appeared that Mr. Sprinkle was going to examine personally every taxpayer in the County and prescribe for him, but it looks like from his Legislation that he only examined the Sheriff, Register of Deeds and the officers and prescribed for them, and he also prescribed for the delinquent taxpayers, and about three thousand of them are feeling the effects of the Sprinkle Legislation under the guise of being a Republican and GOING TO ADMINISTER TO THE NEEDS OF THE TAXPAYERS.

Mr. Herschel, you asked me about the tax collector. That is exactly what I thought you would do! HE IS YOUR TAX COLLECTOR. You are the last man that served in the General Assembly. You said you were going to repeal the law under which he was elected, and abolish him with State Wide Legislation, but it appears that it took all your time to take care of Sheriff Guy and Jeter and the other officers, and take away from the farmers their homes by your corrupt Legislation; then come back home and RUN AGAIN and ASK THEM TO VOTE FOR YOU, SO THAT YOU CAN GO DOWN AND JOY YOURSELF.

There it is again—your asking me about taking away the liberties of the County Commissioners. YOU DID IT. YOU WERE THE LAST MAN IN THE LEGISLATURE, AND I LOOK FOR YOU TO DENY THAT BEFORE THIS BUSINESS IS OVER WITH, because you made all kinds of fair promises in 1932, and broke them. Now you are DENYING ALL RESPONSIBILITY WHATSOEVER. Mr. Herschel, from your promises and from your Legislation it appears to me that you are a BAD ACTOR IN A SMALL COUNTY, but you didn't make your promises stick in 1932. In 1933 you passed Legislation to fatten the officers and take farms away from hundreds of those good Republicans who believed you and voted for you.

Mr. Herschel, you said you were in DEEP SYMPATHY with the taxpayers. I believe you made a DETERMINED EFFORT a few years ago TO VOTE A BIG BOND ISSUE ON MADISON COUNTY, to be paid by the taxpayers. DIDN'T YOU?

Mr. Herschel, you mustn't get sore about the promises you made in 1932, and the corrupt Legislation you passed in 1933. YOU DID IT. It is just a matter of showing the facts up to you, so you can think them over and MAKE MORE PROMISES and DENY WHAT YOU REALLY DID, and try to scandalize democratic laws passed in 1931 THAT DID REDUCE TAXES. When Democratic laws gave the lowest tax rate IN THE HISTORY OF THE COUNTY, you fought the harder to get in the ASSEMBLY and put out to your vicious henchmen mileage, expense, and big salaries. THE BEST THING you could put out now IS TO TELL THAT GUY, JETER AND OTHERS OF THE BIG BOYS HAD KIDNAPPED you and would not let you carry out your promises. And in making additional promises won't you please tell the voters that you want to take the Sinking Fund out of the bonded Treasurers, where they are protected, with Government bonds deposited? Won't you tell the voters that you want to take THE MUZZLE OFF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS so that they can again RAID THE SINKING FUND and take another eleven thousand dollars with which TO PAY THE SALARIES AND OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES? You favor that right along, don't you?

I note that you ask me about how I favor Madison County being represented in the General Assembly. It appears that if you are there AND GET DOWN ON YOUR KNEES TO ASK THE LORD TO HELP YOU RAISE FUNDS FOR THE OFFICERS, that you don't want anybody from Madison County TO BE PRESENT. That sounds fishy to me and here are my sentiments: If I am elected I am extending you an invitation to visit the General Assembly and bring all your friends and my friends and your enemies and mine, and all the women and children and STAY THERE ALL THE TIME THE SESSION LASTS, as you will be welcome, each and every one of you, in my house, IF I AM A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE. If I attempt to pass any such Legislation as you passed FOR THE BIG BOYS, I WANT YOU TO LYNCH ME AND BURY ME FACE DOWNWARD, QUICK.

"You ask me how I am going to manage tax foreclosure laws." If you had asked me that when you were in the Legislature and had acted upon my advice, most of the farms in Madison County would not today be advertised FOR SALE FOR THE TAXES. HERE IS THE WAY TO DO IT. Stay execution FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS OR FOR AS LONG AS THE GOVERNMENT HAS TO FEED AND CLOTHE MILLIONS OF PERSONS WHO ARE ABSOLUTELY UNABLE TO PAY THEIR TAXES. It is no use in taking the farms away from the farmers and letting the County hold them and do without the taxes and there is no use in letting the County, UNDER YOUR LAW, sell these delinquent taxpayers' farms and

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