

CITIZEN
AT SOMERSET

To The Voters Of Pulaski County:

Many of my friends who are voters and affiliated with the Republican, Democratic and Independent parties have requested me to become a candidate for the office of County Attorney for Pulaski county. I consented and was nominated by the Democratic party at its convention and later in the primary as its chosen candidate for said office. I hesitated upon accepting the nomination and making the campaign as I realized it would necessitate quite a sacrifice in business on my part. However, my first duty is to my home county and its people. Therefore, I offer my services to you and am ready to abide by your decision.

For the information of those with whom I am not acquainted, will state that I was born in Pulaski county thirty-five years ago, my father, Ben V Smith, likewise being a native of this county. I received my education in the Somerset public schools and in Washington & Lee University, which latter institution I attended five years, having completed my academic education and received my law degree from the university in 1914. I practiced law one year in Oklahoma City and returned home in 1915 and formed a law partnership with my father under the firm name of Ben V Smith & Son, and have since been practicing here. I have been admitted to practice in the State courts of Virginia, Oklahoma and Kentucky and in all the Federal Courts.

I later married Miss Niola Colyer, a daughter of Chas. G. Colyer, also a native of this county, and have one child. I am a member of the First Christian Church of Somerset, have served on the Church Board as a Deacon for four years and during the same time have been President of the Men's Bible Class of the Church, which is one of the largest classes for men in the state. During the years 1922-1923 I was Secretary of the Pulaski County Sunday School Association and am Commissioner of the Boy Scouts. I have served as President of the Washington & Lee Alumni of the state and as Vice-President of the National Alumni Association. I am a member of the Masonic, Knights of Pythias and Elks Lodges, The American Bar Association, The Commercial Law League, The Kentucky Bar Association, and Pulaski County Bar Association, being former Secretary of our County Association. I am also a member of the Somerset Board of Commerce and am a director in the Somerset Building & Loan Association.

My political opponent is Senator Geo. W. Shadoan, the Republican nominee. He is one of our oldest and most respected citizens, having served as County Attorney a number of terms before, has been active in politics for fifty years and therefore has a wide acquaintance. His past record is known to all and I have no criticism to offer, as I do not believe in a fault finding campaign.

We are today confronted with many problems. The debts of the county and interest on the outstanding bonds must be paid, the pike connecting with McCreary County must be completed, the old pike and roads must be improved, and others constructed. To do this, the utmost economy must be maintained, yet a system can be devised by which it is possible. This responsibility largely rests upon your County Attorney who will have a great deal of work to do and I being a young man and more active than my opponent should be in a better position to serve you. We are living in a progressive age and we must progress.

I promise if elected to faithfully and honestly serve and discharge the duties of the office to the best of my ability, and your support will be greatly appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

BEN D. SMITH.

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