

Governor McLean in His Inaugural Speech Stresses Economy in Government

SAYS OUTSTANDING NEED OF STATE IS RURAL EDUCATION; ECONOMY TALK PROVES VERY INTERESTING TO THE LARGE BODY OF TAXPAYERS; SPEECH INDICATIVE OF HIS ABILITY.

Below we give some of the high spots of the inaugural address of Angus Wilton McLean, who was inaugurated the 53d Governor of North Carolina Wednesday, January 14.

The speech is indicative of the ability and methods of the new Governor, being clear, concise, and to the point. Should he carry out the policies that he has outlined in this message, he will be the man that North Carolina sorely needs at this time, and the absolute confidence of North Carolinians from the sea to the mountains rests in him that he will fulfill the promises that he makes.

Some extracts from his speech follow:

Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, and Members of the General Assembly, I can say in all sincerity that I feel a very unaffected sense of personal responsibility when I contemplate the solemn duties and obligations I am about to assume.

The splendid majority the citizens of North Carolina gave me and the other candidates of the Democratic Party in the late election bore unmistakable testimony to the confidence in which our great party is still held by the people of North Carolina. While it is cause for deep personal gratification, I assure you, that the people should give such generous expression of their confidence and approval, I know that I speak for myself, and I believe I speak for my colleagues, when I say that we do not view this overwhelming manifestation of the popular will as a mere personal tribute, but rather as a triumph of the principles that that great party of which we are the chosen representatives.

We come, therefore, in a spirit not of exultation but of unreserved dedication, as we are about to assume the official positions to which the people of North Carolina have called us.

As far as I am personally concerned, I promise that I shall be influenced by no other motive than the ardent desire to serve the people of North Carolina, and I entreat all those who believe that our State should go forward steadily and at the same time safely, to give me unstintingly of their aid and active cooperation.

It is manifestly impossible to discuss here and now every measure of public concern which should receive the consideration of the General Assembly. I shall therefore leave for future discussion a number of matters which should command your earnest attention, but custom requires and the necessities of the situation demand that I should submit for your consideration my views in respect to some of the more important and pressing problems which confront the State at the present time.

Education I favor progress in public education, because it is the foundation stone of our civilization. The classic utterance of a great North Carolinian: "A democracy can not be built on the backs of ignorant men" sounded an everlasting truth.

We have long taken to heart this great lesson, so that today our system of public education is the delight of our citizenship and the glorious hope of our future progress. We should carry on this program, because it means advancement, development, and democracy.

In the rate of progress made in public education in the past 25 years North Carolina has outstripped every State in the country, yet we are forced to admit that education is still the most pressing need of our Commonwealth.

The fundamental factor in our system of education is the public-school system, because every process of educational development must begin at the bottom. Therefore, we need to stress more and more the work of our elementary and high schools.

Agricultural Improvement and Rural Betterment Closely associated with any successful scheme of rural education must come plans for agricultural improvement and rural betterment generally. I believe it would be possible and desirable to make the high schools in the rural sections community centers from which the agricultural extension work and agricultural education gen-



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MEETING OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

LOCAL SMOKE EATERS HAVE ENJOYABLE TIME AT PETE FOWDEN'S OFFICE

Thursday night, January 15, a very enthusiastic meeting of the fire department was held in the office of one of its members, Mr. Pete Fowden. After practice from the fire station to the farthest hydrant in the city and finding that water could be put on any house within 150 miles in 5 minutes, there is no wonder that the chief of all chiefs, K. B. Crawford, felt proud, came from the station to Pete's office strutting like a "peacock in all her glory."

Everything was lively and merry until all at once the terrible "boo-hoo" that was heard terrified them all. Upon investigation it was found that Assistant Chief Henry Harrison was crying because we had no fires now. The chief, in sympathy with the assistant, said that any man in town could soak a bag of feathers in gasoline for three weeks and the fire department would put them out before a single feather was singed. To this Theodore Roberson said "Amen." Then C. D. Carstarphen, Jr., allowed that we could do it; after which there was a short prayer for fire by Pete Bennett. The meeting adjourned with the hope that the town would soon be able to see what K. B. Crawford's "Blind tiger" fire fighters could do.

Crally can be made to reach more completely not only the children who attend these schools but the adult farmer and farmers' wives as well. The two great agencies for rural betterment are the church and the school. Working cooperatively in the communities they produce an inviolable duo.

Economy in Government Considered from an economic standpoint North Carolina is today in the relative position of a great business enterprise which has made very large outlays in the expansion of its plant facilities, including an extensive system of transportation, for the purpose of contributing more fully to the general well being of the people of the State.

There seems to have been in the past a general impression that sound business principles and methods can not and indeed should not be applied to the conduct of government. I deny that there is any real basis for such an impression. On the contrary, there is no reason whatever why we should not apply the same principles and practices to the operation of government that have produced efficiency in the conduct of private business affairs. There are many conspicuous examples which support this contention.

The ultimate goal for which we

COOP MEETING IN ROBERSONVILLE

MEMBERS HAVE BARBECUE AND OYSTER ROAST; MR. WORKS TALKS

A big meeting of tobacco growers was held at the Farmers Warehouse, Robersonville, Tuesday night, where a barbecue and oyster roast was enjoyed by a large number of the Martin County members of the Tobacco Growers Association.

After a very pleasant social entertainment Mr. Works, a prominent official of the association and a very clear and concise orator, as well as a successful business man, explained the credit banks' system of financing the farmers for another crop. A large number of farmers were financed by these credit banks last year, but their ways and means are understood by a comparatively few.

Mr. Works explained the system in detail, and he assured the Martin County growers that there would be several banks in our county to assist the farmers in procuring their loans. He said these loans would have to be protected by crop liens and securities that are considered good by any bank, but those farmers who can furnish these indorsements or securities will be able to get plenty of money to meet legitimate needs, such as fertilizer and things required to make crops.

The banks will be in a position to make larger loans than they did in 1924, and the rate of interest has been lowered from 7 to 6-1/2 per cent. Mr. Works advised the farmers who were struck with the misfortune of a small crop last year and really need assistance this season to consult this bank at once.

WILLIAMS - GRIFFIN

At the home of Elder Sylvester Hassel on Wednesday evening at 6:30 o'clock, Miss Laura Griffin and Mr. James Williams were quietly married. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Robert Griffin, and the groom a son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Williams. Both families are residents of Martin County.

HARRISON BROS. & CO. BEGIN JANUARY SALE

Harrison Brothers & Co. began their midwinter sale today and will continue throughout January. Many people have been waiting for them to begin this sale. They know that real bargains are to be had on anything in ready to wear for men, woman, or child. The store where you can get anything you want, for farm, home, or family, is beginning a sale that will mean much to the people of Martin County. Reductions range from 25 to 50 per cent in everything in the ready-to-wear department.

ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

5 PER CENT DIVIDEND DECLARED BY ROANOKE WAREHOUSE CO.

The stockholders of the Roanoke Tobacco Warehouse Co. held their annual meeting at the courthouse Wednesday. There were 292 shares of stock represented out of a total of 1,100.

The total income of the company for the year was \$2,050, and the expense charge of \$1,400, leaving a net profit of \$650.

A 5 per cent dividend was declared on the capital stock of \$2,000. Officers and directors for the coming year were elected as follows:

President, Henry D. Griffin; Vice president, S. Clark Griffin; Secretary and treasurer, Ed Griffin. Directors: T. B. Shobe, R. P. Lergett, J. D. Wynd, L. H. Taylor, R. L. Perry, F. C. Pender, A. C. Manning, A. E. Taylor, J. S. J. Manning, W. F. Wynn, W. H. Harrington, R. T. Griffin, J. C. Gurkin, Calvin A. Taylor, Robertson, W. H. Gresham, John A. Manning, S. P. Harrison, J. S. Griffin, Percy D. Taylor, Bowen, Edmund Harris, J. H. Wynn, J. T. Barnhill, Mrs. A. P. W. Griffin, J. T. McElhiney.

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REGULAR SESSION OF RECORDERS COURT

NAME NUMBER OF CASES IN COURT; MARRIAGE IN JAIL FOLLOWS

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Local Chapter of Parents-Teachers' Association Is Organized Here Last Night

Town Team to Play Nashville

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NAME ROLL OF ASSOCIATION

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After a special song "Invocation" the meeting was opened by the prayer by Rev. R. L. Shirley.

Mrs. L. C. Bennett gave a solo "Spring will come in time."

Professor S. C. Mann made a talk on the purpose of the meeting.

Miss Eva Ford was elected temporary secretary.

Miss Catherine Albertson, field secretary of the State association, was introduced and made a very fine talk. The center of the talk of her talk was the general failure of parents, teachers, and children to properly know each other and to work in harmony.

It is a well known fact that the like or dislike of the father and mother of the teacher is carried almost wholly by what they get from the child. If the child likes the teacher, the parents also like the teacher; and if the child dislikes the teacher, the parents also dislike the teacher.

The parent-teacher association will bring a closer contact of teachers and parents and may show both that they are getting a correct view of the true facts.

When all the people face in the right direction and all pull together they can move a much heavier load than when they scatter their forces; some pulling in one direction and some in another.

Many parents regard school as a kind of clearing house to get the children out of the way for a few years and seemingly forget that they are being started on the great highway of life, and the greatest task is the choosing of the road they will travel.

A motion was made by Mr. B. S. Conroy that a parent-teacher association be organized, the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

The next work was the reading and adoption of a constitution, which is the same as is usually used in such associations. It is scarcely more than a working chart which gives the people something to do.

The organization was then gone into, and the following were elected to carry out the annual meeting in March:

President, Mrs. A. R. Dunne; Vice president, B. S. Conroy; Secretary, Miss Eva Ford; Treasurer, Mrs. W. H. Harrell.

A call for charter members was made, and 51 names were enrolled.

The executive officers will appoint all committees and report at the first regular meeting of the association.

The time and place for the next meeting was fixed at the school auditorium Thursday night, January 23, at 7:30. The meeting then adjourned.

High School Team Leaves on First Trip

The following boys on the high school basketball team, William Cool, Charles Peel, Eli Barnhill, Lon Harsell, John Booker, George Harris, and Jessup Harrison, accompanied by Coach Hicks, left this morning for Bertford, where they will play tonight. They will also play Edenton while they are on this trip.

Special Meeting of Masons Tonight

There will be a special communication of Skewarkee Lodge, No. 90, F. & A. M., tonight, promptly at 7:30. Work in the Master Mason's degree. All Master Masons in good standing are cordially invited to attend. C. D. CARSTARPHEN, Jr., Secretary.

When a stranger from afar— Comes along, Tell him who and what you are— Make it strong; Needn't flatter, never bluff; Tell the truth, for that's enough; Join the boosters—they're the stuff— Sing your song!