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Training School Shows Marvelous Growth

A. T. S. Faculty Has Interesting Meeting \$425,000 Has Been Received for Building Purposes During Four Years.—President Gives Outline for Future of Institution.

A very interesting meeting of the faculty of the Appalachian Training School was held on Saturday afternoon the 17th. President Dougherty presented a blue print of the grounds of the school which was made by Dr. E. S. Draper of Charlotte. This map plans the campus for a million dollar plant. It shows all the present buildings and these that are to be built to meet the needs of the school and provides for walks, drives and ornamental trees and shrubbery for the campus.

Mr. Dougherty put on the black-board \$425,000, stating that the school had received this amount for building purposes during the past four years. This amount has been spent as follows: Water system, \$20,000; Power plant \$65,000; central dining room \$50,000; Dormitory \$60,000; Demonstration school \$65,000; Administration Building \$115,000. Of these the first three and the last are now being used, though some little work is still to be done on them.

Mr. Dougherty said that the campus would likely receive attention as the next thing. Then in a most foreseeing and impressive talk gave his ideal for the future of the school. He would have a grammar school of seven grades, the equal of any in the country; the teachers to be the best to be found; a four year high school that meets all standards, a two year Normal College, with faculty, buildings and equipment as good as can be found in this country. (Prof. Dougherty did say, smiling, that we must work out a two year college before we could think much about a four year college.) One thing, he impressed the fact that there should be an endowment fund of \$100,000 to loan to poor but deserving students. Prof. Dougherty expressed his high ideals for the institution and the faculty is standing behind him in the furtherance of his plans. If these ideals shall be reached in the development of the school it will be indeed a fine college for the training of the young people of our beloved state.

Woman Executive of the "Big State"

"Ma" Ferguson Calmly Takes Oath as Governor of Texas—Second in United States—Retiring Governor Leaves Rose, Symbolic of Purity.

Austin, Texas, Jan. 20.—Without the slightest show of emotion, Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson, of Temple, Texas, was sworn today as the first woman governor in Texas and the second in the United States.

A crowd that occupied every available inch of space in the house of representatives and was for a time so large that it caused Speaker Lee Satterwhite to delay the ceremonies and consider holding them upon the capitol grounds, witnessed the ceremonies. An overflow crowd of several thousand filled the wide corridors of the capitol building.

Mrs. Ferguson was given the oath by Chief Justice C. M. Cureton, of the Texas Supreme Court soon after Barry Miller, of Dallas, had been sworn in as lieutenant governor.

Mrs. Ferguson sat on the front row of the enlarged speaker's platform beside retiring Governor Pat M. Neff. Across the stand from her in company with Mrs. Neff, sat her husband James E. Ferguson, who, ten years and one day ago was inaugurated governor from the same platform, and three years later was impeached in the senate chamber across the hall.

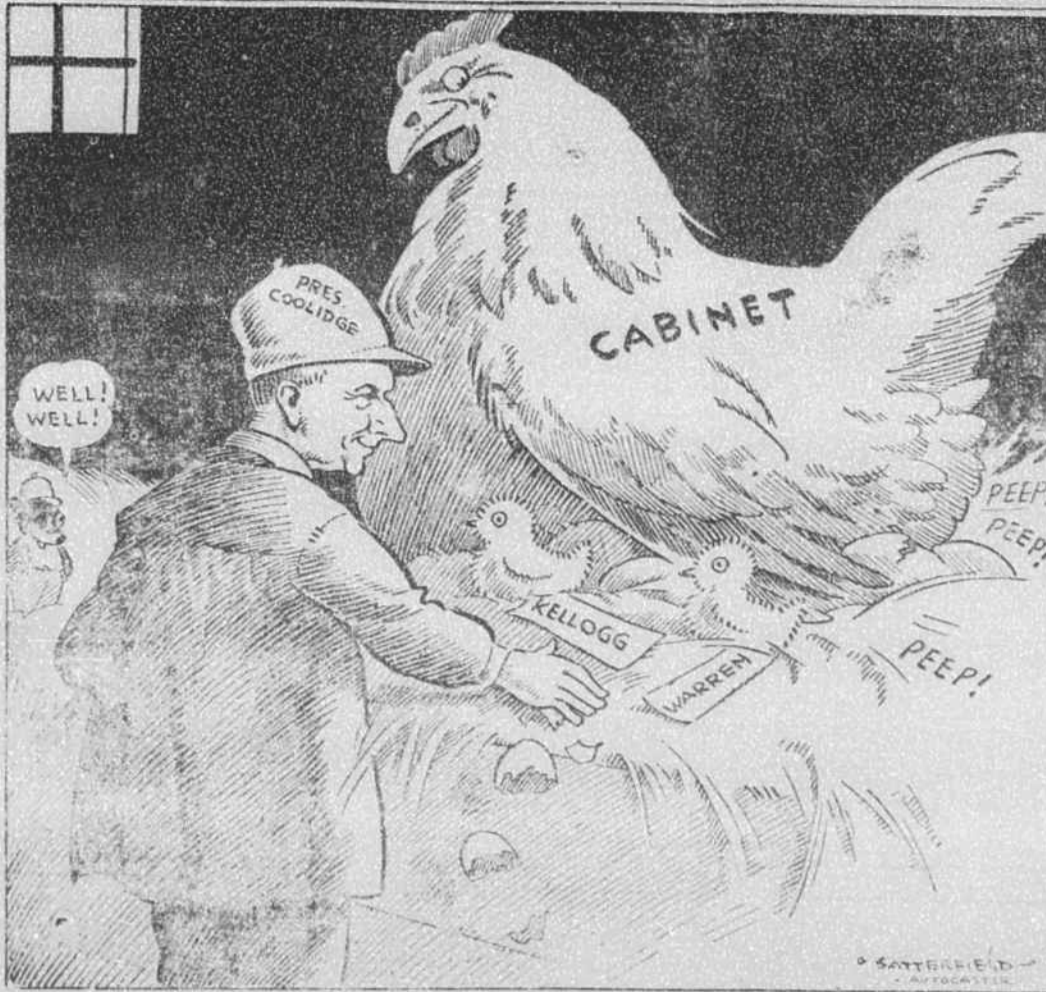
Mrs. Ferguson repeated the oath in a low voice, scarcely above a whisper, which barely was audible at the press table. She did not change her expression of composure during the oath, even when she swore that she had never sent a challenge nor participated in a duel. She looked steadily at Justice Cureton.

The woman governor read a brief speech, but did not raise her voice much louder than the conversational tone.

Retiring Governor Neff was greeted with cheers when upon closing his last utterance as governor of Texas he told Mrs. Ferguson that he had left, as an inspiration to her admin-

THE SPRING HATCHING

By SATTERFIELD



Dr. Jones Will Be Greatly Missed

Town of Boone and Many in County at Large are in Deep Sorrow at Loss of Faithful Physician—Man Far Above the Average.

To know the real worth of a man it is necessary to know something of the nature of his work and the estimation in which he is held by the people. The minister, the teacher, the doctor, the lawyer, the business man, and the laborer together with various others may be of true service and win a lasting place in the hearts of the people by faithful service.

Few professions have greater opportunity to be of real service to man than the physician. Hence the town of Boone and many people in the county are in deep sorrow at the loss of the beloved physician, who died from pneumonia in the hospital in Knoxville, Tennessee on Wednesday morning and his body was brought to Boone on Thursday afternoon. He is to be buried in the Boone cemetery on Saturday morning at 10, the funeral service to be conducted by Revs. M. B. Woosley of the Methodist church, and F. M. Huggins of the Baptist church. Dr. Jones was about 50 years of age and had lived in Boone for about 24 or 25 years, coming here from Ashe county where many of his people live. He married a daughter of the late M. B. Blackburn and she with two small children survive besides many friends and relatives to mourn their loss.

Dr. Jones was a man far above the average, of superior intellect, a kind heart, and a helpful hand for many a needy one. He will be greatly missed in the town and county, and especially by those families to whom he was accustomed to be "the Beloved Physician," and most of all by the lonely wife and the dear little ones to whom he seemed to be so devoted.

J. M. Downum.

istration, a photograph of Woodrow Wilson hanging over the desk.

Mr. Neff said he had left a white rose, as a symbol of purity, and the open Bible as a guide to her path. He presented this Bible today to the executive office of the governor, and marked for Mrs. Ferguson the 105th verse of the 100th Psalm; "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."

As she arose to her feet to take the oath Mrs. Mac Patterson Thompson formerly of the Metropolitan Opera Company sang, "Put on Your Old Gray Bonnet" and then Mrs. Ferguson smiled broadly.

Robert E. Johnson Has Been Exonerated

Case Against Gastonia Merchant is Thrown Out of Court. Grand Jury Fails to Find True Bill After Examining Children and Others.

Charges of serious moral delinquency against Robert E. Johnson prominent Gastonia merchant, made by his children December 6, were thrown out of superior court in Gastonia on the 16th, when the local grand jury failed to return a true bill against him after thoroughly examining the witnesses.

Sam Johnson a son, and Mrs. Stella Johnson Jordan of Spartanburg, S. C. had charged their father with immoral conduct over a period of several years with the latter before the left home and married Ralph Jordan of Spartanburg.

It is stated that the grand jury examined several state witnesses besides the son and daughter, including neighbors of the Johnsons and their family physician.

Johnson was out under a \$10,000 bond signed by leading bankers and merchants of this city.

The case attracted state wide attention and the court room was filled to capacity, the crowds apparently eager for Solicitor Carpenter to call the Johnson case.

THRONGS GATHER AT THE FUNERAL OF DR. JONES

Saturday morning a vast multitude of friends and admirers left farm, business house, factory, and crowded the Methodist church even into the aisles, to pay their last tribute of respect to the memory of Dr. J. W. Jones.

The impressive funeral services were conducted jointly by Reverends M. B. Woosley and F. M. Huggins, and with the enumeration of the many good qualities of the popular physician, surviving friends rejoiced in a glimpse of the silver lining of the black shadow of death.

No more beautiful floral offering has ever been placed upon the bier of one of our citizens.

Interment was in the city cemetery.

SENATE CONFIRMS MEEKINS AS JUDGE

Washington Jan. 17.—The nomination of Isaac M. Meekins for the federal district judgeship of the eastern district of North Carolina was approved by the senate today.

Judge Meekins, republican candidate for governor in the last race in North Carolina was nominated for the vacancy some ten years ago. The vacancy was made by the death of Judge Henry G. Connor, democrat.

FAITHFUL WORK OF LINEMEN RESTORES ELECTRIC POWER

Because of the heavy sleet and windstorm Monday night, the service wires of the New River Light and Power Company "went cold" soon after daybreak Tuesday.

Of course every wheel in town dependant upon juice, stopped turning, and for once all the mechanics operating electrically equipped machines, sat down to rest in good humor for with the frigid weather, heavy sleet, and high winds, it was not expected there would be any activity among the linemen for the day. However we all had a surprise coming, for Superintendent McKinley Ayers with Mr. Logan and other associates were on the job bright and early and although they were disheartened by additional breaks as soon as one place was mended for a while, they carried on until the service was restored permanently late in the afternoon.

The commercial printing end of the Democrat shop suffered from the absence of power as did other places in town, and our newspaper work is delayed, but we are all feeling good about it anyway, for none of us can control the elements and the linemen have certainly earned a vote of heartfelt thanks for their untiring work in this emergency.

WATAUGA BOY CLIMBS THE LADDER OF SUCCESS

In 1905 young F. G. Moody (Fog) then a 17 year old school boy from the A. T. S. left Watauga for the far west, with just enough money to pay his fare to Montana. Soon after his arrival there he accepted an humble position with the Northern Pacific Lines, and from that day to this his name has never been off the payrolls of that railroad. Being a young fellow of marked ability his promotion has been steady and he now is General Car foreman of the entire N. P. system, with hundreds of men under him, having headquarters at Tacoma, Wash. and is of course commanding a very handsome salary. He was sent south to inspect different railway shops, an advance step toward the expenditure of some millions by his road in new building and car equipment, and while at the Southern shops in Knoxville, decided to visit his old home on Brushy Fork.

He was in to see the Democrat force during his 48 hour stay in the county, and the force was delighted to see him. He is made of the right kind of material and has proven what a boy can do by close application to business.

After Inaugural, Assembly is Making Some Headway

Raleigh, January 20.—Angus Wilton McLean, North Carolina's new Chief Executive, was duly installed into that high office with ceremonies befitting the occasion on Wednesday the 15th. Raleigh put her best foot forward and the whole State joined in doing honor to a distinguished son who had fought his way from the plow handle to the highest honor in the gift of those now pledged to uphold his hands in the effort to keep the Old North State right in the forefront of American commonwealth.

It cannot be recorded as a brilliant inaugural day, but the weather man had been reasonably considerate in planning for the day and a great crowd saw the capital city in her best attire and will long remember the joyous occasion which marked an epoch in the political life of the State, in witnessing the final act that made a governor.

Tarheelin was here in force. The men, the women and the children came from the mountains and from the sea. The humble and the wealthy came with each other making the day what every proud North Carolinian would have to be. The legislators and those who sent them here were as one in love to the land of opportunity was the spirit of the day.

It seemed that the folks from everywhere wanted to have a part in the ceremonies, for it was a great outpouring of people that thronged the streets, happy in the thought that they were helping make another Governor. It was a day fit for so great an event and it was a crowd worthy of welcoming to the capital city the man called to leadership when conservation should prevail in high places.

As the inaugural party passed from the Mansion to the City Auditorium doors and windows, side walks and balconies were vantage points from which to get a glimpse of the fifty-third person to take the oath as Governor of the commonwealth. Everywhere were flags of the state and flags of the country. Troops were in evidence on every hand and played well their part of a great drama.

The oath of office was administered to Governor McLean before an epochal assemblage of North Carolinians in the City Auditorium shortly after noon. Members of the General Assembly occupied seats of honor in front of the "ninety and nine" and heard with marked attention one of the ablest state papers that has been presented in a generation. The address held the vast assemblage in rapt attention. It appeared to be precisely the kind of talk they wanted to hear and frequent outbursts of applause greeted the striking utterances of the new governor.

General Albert L. Cox, Raleigh attorney, presided over the inaugural ceremonies at the Auditorium and presented Senator Johnson of Robeson, who announced that the oaths of office would be administered by Chief Justice Hoke to the Governor-elect, while Justice Clarkson and Stacey would officiate in inducting the others of the elective officers into their respective positions. The oaths were administered in the following order: R. A. Doughton, Commissioner of Revenue; Frank D. Grist, Commissioner of Labor and Printing; G. P. Pell, Corporation Commissioner; W. A. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture; Dennis G. Brunmit, Attorney General; A. T. Allen, Superintendent of Public Instruction; Baxter Durham, State Auditor; W. N. Everett, Secretary of State; J. Elmer Long, Lieutenant Governor; Angus Wilton McLean, Governor. State Treasurer Lacy was ill in New York City and could not be present to qualify as Treasurer for the sixth time in succession.

As Senator Johnson called each name there was a general applause as the recipients of those honors appeared to take the oath required upon entering their duties. Mr. McLean was presented by the retiring Governor as the great audience arose en masse to greet in the good old North Carolina way the man in whom they had a few weeks previous pledged their faith. It was a whole-hearted reception which the new Executive received at each turn of the way all through that eventful day and he was visibly touched with so many evidences of confidence and esteem.

Following the inaugural ceremonies a delightful luncheon was served to the new official family at the Governor's Mansion, and an eventful day came to a close with a brilliant reception in the evening in which the public participated.

The first official act of Governor McLean was the re-appointment of Adjutant General Metz, and his assistant Major Gordon Smith. His Excellency appeared at the capitol early on the morning following his induction into office and has since that time has been the busiest man in Raleigh. The General Assembly is soon to be apprised of the Governor's conception of the present needs of the state, in concrete form, and then commonwealth building will begin in earnest in accordance with the plans of a really great business executive.

So far the Legislature has been "marking time." It has enacted no legislation of a general character, but is organized and ready for business. The following public bills have been presented during the week:

Joint resolution preventing the teaching of Darwinism in the public schools, to which the printing of worth less checks, increased compensation of members of the general assembly by amendment to the Constitution, repeal of act requiring the registration of motor vehicles; to provide for a monument to the life and services of the late Chief Justice Walter Clark; amend laws relating to the trial of issues of fact; to properly present the natural resources of the state to the outside world; to enable cities and towns to license and regulate peddling; to repeal the statute with reference to medical examinations by life insurance companies, relative to excluding evidence of transactions of an interested party with deceased officer or agent of a corporation; amend chapter relative to taxing dogs, to prohibit the sale of firecrackers and toy pistols; to prohibit the issue of insurance without the consent of the insured, and to regulate the sale of infanticide insurance; for closer supervision of electrical wiring; to provide for better fire protection and supervision of state and privately owned hospitals, asylums and sanitariums; to define and regulate group life insurance; to reorganize the judicial districts of the state; to provide for the use of both front and rear license plates on motor vehicles; to provide laws governing the sale of stocks, bonds, and other securities in the state; an act relating to emergency judges; to reenact the law relating to justices and other officers summoning witnesses in cases pertaining to gambling and public drunkenness; to require operators of motor vehicles to take out liability insurance; to reduce the salaries of solicitors; to appoint committee in respect to the Stone Mountain Confederate Memorial etc.

Many of the important committees are getting in action and a continual grind is "in the making." The members have been urged by the presiding officer of each branch of the Assembly to present all local measures early in the session, so the machinery may operate smoothly later on.

The date of Governor's McLean's first message to the General Assembly is set for Wednesday of the present week. This will be the signal for a forward movement in legislative circles and the termination of a lull in the proceedings which could not well be avoided. It is never an easy matter to get things going until after the inaugural ceremonies are out of the way. Mr. McLean appears to know the direction in which he is headed and the General Assembly has a mind to go along with him. With the legislative and executive departments in complete harmony there can be little question of results that will spell big things for the state in a general way.

On Thursday the members of the General Assembly heard Gutzon Borglum, world famous sculptor, and the directing hand in the Stone Mountain confederate memorial, in a fifteen minutes talk. Mr. Borglum spoke feelingly of this wonderful enterprise and gave unstinted praise to the southern heroes whose statues are being carved in stone as a memorial to their valor at a time which tried men's souls.