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Gov. McLean Logical Man For President

Democratic State Convention Unit for Him is Prediction; Other States to Line Up For Him

(The following article is by David P. Dellinger of Cherryville, who has been connected with the State legislature for about 20 years. He has served a number of times as member of the house; was author of the original compulsory attendance schill bill in the state, and other important measures. He has devoted much time to politics for 30 years and has been considered something of a political prophet.)

Governor Angus Wilton McLean of North Carolina is the logical man for the Democratic standard bearer this year. No bigger or better fitted man suggested. The people of the state and nation should unite on him now and enter the fight in earnest and see that he is nominated at the Houston convention. The people will elect him in November. Governor McLean is the one big man of the nation who has done and accomplished great things in an easy, certain and undemonstrative manner and without crowing over it. No governor of a state has ever accomplished so much with as nearly no friction as has Governor McLean. North Carolina knew of his splendid service to the nation in the World War and elected him governor by an overwhelming majority. And as governor of the state he has displayed his wonderful ability to plan and execute his designs for the benefit of all sections and interests of the state. Through his business methods the affairs of state have been thoroughly revolutionized. Financial affairs made easy and no class of people hurt by excessive taxes and none of the state's institutions injured or its usefulness handicapped.

The greatness of our government and the unparalleled progress of the state have been proclaimed to all sections of the United States. All eyes of the nation are now upon us. The field is ripe unto the harvest. Without the sound of trumpets let us in time enter the field and bring in the harvest and before the year closes North Carolina will be the household word among states. She will be known as the home of the next president.

In the nation Governor McLean has long been known as a man of keen foresight and executive ability. He was one of the chief supporters of President Wilson and tributed in no small measure to the success of that administration. He was director and managing director of the War Finance Corporation, 1918-1922. Assistant secretary of the treasury of the United States in charge of customs and internal revenue during the Wilson administration. Chairman Democratic presidential committee for North Carolina, 1912-1916. Member Democratic national committee, 1912-1924. Member selective service advisory committee, 1917-1918. General counsel in North Carolina for alien property custodian, 1919. Member American Academy of Political and Social Science. Member and ex-president Scottish Society of America.

With the national convention meeting in the south and such a man of ability and fitness for the office and already well known nationally, the people of this state and other states should take up the campaign in earnest and see that he is nominated. With Governor McLean at the head of the ticket and a good man from the north or northwest as running mate the Democratic party can elect the ticket this fall. The south is entitled to a president. Why not? We have ever stood as a unit for the ticket and now offer a man with no superior for the place. Asserting our rights we believe other sections of the nation will join us. The time (when a search of the nation is made for the winner) the place (in Houston, Texas, in the great southland) and the man (Governor McLean of the biggest and best) are once in a generation met. The people should now "choose to make Governor Angus Wilton McLean president in 1928."

The state convention of North Carolina should send a solid delegation for McLean. Passing the word along other states will doubtless join in and coming to Houston McLean should have a strong following—and my prediction is this will happen and he will be nominated. Then the nation will be glad.

MAYOR JIMMIE WALKER TO SPEAK IN WINSTON-SALEM

Mayor Jimmie Walker of New York City, will deliver the principal address at the inter-club council luncheon, to be held at the Royal Lee Hotel, Winston-Salem, February 24th.

POLITICAL EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK

Highlights of Political Activity of Both Major Parties Summarized From Recent News Dispatches From Over the Country

Washington, Feb. 12.—Secretary Hoover today became an avowed candidate for the Republican presidential nomination and gave formal permission for his Ohio supporters to enter his name in the Ohio primary contest.

In his first campaign statement, which took the form of a letter to Thad H. Brown, chairman of the Ohio Hoover for president committee, the secretary declared himself bound to "carry forward principles of the Republican party and the great objectives of President Coolidge's policies."

He indicated his intention to refrain from personal campaigning in the pre-convention primaries, and to retain his official post at the head of the commercial department.

"I have received, through you and others, requests from very many Republicans of Ohio that I permit my name to be entered in the presidential primaries of that state," the letter to Colonel Brown said. "I do so," he added, laconically. "I shall be deeply honored by whatever support the people of Ohio may decide to give me at the Republican national convention. I shall be glad to serve the American people through the Republican party in any way that I can in finding constructive solution to the many problems which confront our country."

"My conviction that I should not strive for the nomination, and my obligations as secretary of commerce preclude me from making any personal campaign. I must rely wholly upon my friends in Ohio to conduct it and to conduct it in a fair manner and with steadfast regard for Republican success in the state and nation. It is my desire that expenditure of money shall be strictly limited and rigidly accounted for."

"If the greatest trust that can be given by our people should come to me, I should consider it my duty to carry forward the principles of the Republican party and the great objectives of President Coolidge's policies—all of which have brought to our country such a high degree of happiness, progress and security."

Linney Thinks State for Hoover
Boone special of February 12 to Greensboro News: Frank A. Linney, western North Carolina Republican leader, Saturday reiterated his belief that Herbert Hoover will carry the party's vote for president in this state, regardless of what other North Carolina Republicans have said about the matter. "I don't know that the state delegation will go to the convention instructed for Hoover," Mr. Linney said in answer to a point blank question to that effect, "but he will carry the Republican vote in this state."

When he was asked about the gossip that he may yet be a candidate for governor or for congress, Mr. Linney looked up from his task of pinning his rose bushes and replied, "I have already announced my retirement from the governor's race, and I never even thought of running for congress. I am just about as happy as a man can be now. I have no public responsibilities of any kind, I'm up here where I can enjoy life with my rose bushes, and I don't want to be bothered with politics."

Republicans to Meet at Raleigh
The Republican state executive meeting in session in Greensboro last Wednesday selected Raleigh as the meeting place for their convention and set April 11th as the date of the meeting. Raleigh won over Greensboro by a vote of 21 to 16. The choice of the convention city was only one of a number of events of the committee session, possibly the most stirring being the brisk spanking administered by Charles A. Jonas of Lincolnton to the committee members who had come to the meeting purely to talk presidential politics, national convention delegates and jobs. Mr. Jonas delivered a ringing appeal for some constructive work designed to make the party a servant of North Carolina and an agency for the good of the state.

Chairman Brownlow Jackson and Mr. Jonas introduced an organization plan for three new committees, one on finance, one on publicity and one on organization of Republican clubs. Mrs. W. E. Kinnon of Mocksville, introduced two resolutions calling for a state committee of 80 members with an equal representation of women on basis of full equality in voting and a resolution asking that the chairman of the women's section of the committee be named one of the four delegates at the state is to send to the national convention and that in the six

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Attention, High School Students

Opportunity to Win Valuable Prizes in National and International Oratorical Contest

The white high schools of Watauga county have been invited to participate in the fifth national and third international oratorical contest made possible by the co-operation of 53 newspapers in the United States. The North Carolina phase of the contest, sponsored by The News and Observer of Raleigh, contemplates the widest possible participation by the various schools in county-wide elimination contests, district contests in twelve districts which, largely, will follow the lines of congressional districts, and finally a state contest in Raleigh.

The subject for the contest is the constitution and contestants are limited to ten-minute original orations which must be confined in subject to one of the two subjects: "The development of the Constitution," or "The present significance of the Constitution."

County superintendents and principals of high schools all over the state have been asked to co-operate in making the contest a success.

Although this is the first time that North Carolina high schools have been permitted to enter the national and international contest, a signal recognition has been given the state in that the headquarters of the Southern Zone, in the national contest, has been established at Raleigh and here the state winners from North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Georgia, Florida and Alabama will meet in a zone contest to select a zone contestant for the national contest to be held in Washington.

The dates for the various contests are:

High school elimination contest, March 30.

District elimination contests, April 20.

State contest, Raleigh, April 27.

Zone contest, Raleigh, May 11.

National contest, Washington city, May 25.

International contest, Washington city, October 13.

There will be no prizes in the individual school or the county-wide contests. Each district winner will receive a year's subscription to the News and Observer.

The following prizes are offered by the News and Observer for the state finals to be held in Raleigh April 27: First, \$100; second, \$50; third, \$25. Each of the eight participants in the national finals will be given a free two weeks' tour of six European countries with a trip to the 1928 Olympic games at Amsterdam.

The national and international prizes are loving cups which will remain the property of the winners.

INCREASE IN COWS SHOWN IN STATE; HORSES DECREASE

Raleigh, Feb. 11.—Increased numbers of cows and decreased numbers of horses were reported in North Carolina in 1927 as compared with figures of 1926, Frank Parker, state-federal statistician, said last night.

Value of livestock increased nearly 20 per cent in the state last year, while valuation for the county at large was 10.2 per cent, figures revealed.

Horses on Tar Heel farms decreased from 112,000 to 105,000 last year, while the average value of each was figured between \$83 to \$87.

There were 321,000 or 18,000 more milk cows in the state than in the previous period, the price per head showing an increase from \$47 to \$62.

REVIVAL AT BLOWING ROCK IS LARGELY ATTENDED

A series of meetings opened at the Blowing Rock Baptist church Monday evening and an unusually large and receptive audience was present. Rev. J. M. Page, state board evangelist of Raleigh, will assist the pastor, Rev. P. A. Hicks, throughout the meeting, the duration of which has not been announced. The hour of the afternoon services has been changed to 2:30, while preaching in the evening remains at 7 o'clock.

LINDBERGH RETURNS HOME

St. Louis, Feb. 13.—Flying through fog and rain, Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh completed a 1,200 mile non-stop flight from Havana, Cuba, by landing safely at Lambert-St. Louis Field at 5:01 p. m. today. He was in the air 15 hours and six minutes. Since his departure from Washington December 13, for Mexico City, Col. Lindbergh has covered 9,000 miles on a circuitous route and had visited fifteen nations and dependencies in Central and South America and the West Indies.

GO TO CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY

Minister Asks People to Think Seriously About Supporting Your Church by Your Attendance at Services

By REV. I. MOSER, (Pastor Boone Methodist Church)

It is not the purpose of those who are contributing articles from week to week on the subject of church going to assume a denunciatory attitude toward those who have shown an indifferent spirit with reference to church going, but these articles, appearing from time to time, are intended to offer the nature of an appeal—an appeal for serious thought along this line—an appeal for action on the part of those who are not rigidly exact just at this point. We, who write these articles, are not scolding; we are not condemning. On the other hand we are appealing to you in the light of your own welfare, the welfare of your community, your fellowmen, and for the sake of Jesus Christ, who offered Himself a complete sacrifice that men everywhere may have such an opportunity, to think seriously, intelligently and religiously about this thing. The motive that actuates the writing of these papers is not a selfish motive. We feel that we are rendering a service to the reader, especially if the reader is just the least bit careless at this point. We feel, too, that we have a good subject, a subject which is most vital to the welfare of individuals and communities. For the sake of men and women and boys and girls we make this appeal. And for Christ's sake we make this appeal. We want the readers of these articles to understand that love is the great, the primary motive back of these appeals.

Every one knows, we presume, the importance of the church of Jesus Christ, and when I say the church of Jesus Christ I mean to say the church that has Christ as its center, in the life of a town, county, state and nation. It would be a waste of time to enter into a lengthy discussion of this matter. Ninety-nine out of every hundred non-church goers candidly confess, when they are approached on the subject, that they are not fulfilling their duty. They frankly tell you that they know they should go to church, and assign no legitimate reason for their failure to attend church. If the true reason is that Jesus Christ is absent in the heart, does it profit any man or woman to remain away from the church for that reason? Why not go to church and find Him precious to the soul? His true, but He dwells also in His Holy Temple. We go to church to worship God. It is in the church that He dwells. If men and women everywhere would stop going to church for a period of thirty days, the whole world would become intensely alarmed. Why even the man who declares in his heart there is no God, would become tremendously alarmed and agitated and would want something done at once. To the man or woman who deliberately stay away from God's house, and at the same time assigning no legitimate reason for doing so, we wish to state that their actions are not consistent with their better judgment. They would not have all mankind practise the same. They would become alarmed, if such a condition should prevail universally. Then, why will men persist in staying away from church? Why will men not go to church?

We have in our town four churches. If every man and woman and boy and girl living in this town would decide at once to make it a practice of going to church every Sunday, our churches could conveniently take care of them. As it is, the minister's heart and other hearts who are interested, and we are thankful to state that there are many who are, are made to bleed each Sunday when we are forced to look at the empty pews, pews placed in the various churches for the service of worshipping souls. To add to the seriousness of it, there is Another Whose heart is made to feel sad. Our Heavenly Father is made to feel sad because of those empty pews.

When God, who is ever loving and kind and merciful, ever ready to bestow His blessings upon human kind, thinks of the indifference of the man of the world and the apathy of the church member who goes not to His house of worship, and then when he thinks of the many blessings of which these are the recipients from His bountiful hand, we think He weeps. Yet He continues His blessings; yet He continues His love. What a debt we owe! We must meet it sometime in the future.

If every soul in Boone went to church every Sunday, God would bless this town in more ways than one. It is a rule without exception that God blesses those who honor

News of Week in and About Blowing Rock

Policeman Story Recovering From Injuries Sustained in Recent Auto Accident

Blowing Rock, Feb. 15.—Policeman I. E. Story, who was painfully injured in an automobile accident last Friday, is reported to be rapidly recovering from the cuts on the head and left arm which he suffered in the accident. Mr. Story was taken first to the Watauga hospital where his wounds were dressed temporarily, and then he went to Hickory for further treatment.

The driver of the car with which Mr. Story's car collided, said that the sun was shining in his eyes so that he could not see the road.

2nd and 3rd Grades Give Play

The second and third grades of the Blowing Rock school entertained a large audience Saturday night in the school auditorium with the play, "The Way to the Wishing Gate." Thirty pupils took part in the play. The leading parts were:

Blinder, James Stutts; Brownie, Charles Robbins; Leader of the Wood Nymphs, Lula Coffey; Leader of the Moonbeams, Grace Hartley; Leader of the Will-o'-the-Wisps, Grover Robbins; Leader of the Frogs, Carl Walters; Leaders of the Fairies, Alberta Greene and Pinkney Gragg.

The play was directed by Miss Pearl Webb and Miss Louise Icenhour. Music for the drills was played on the piano by Miss Ethel Hollenbush.

The Blowing Rock band realized several selections before the play opened.

The proceeds will probably be used to buy books for the grades that took part.

Interest in Revival

Enthusiastic meetings are reported at the revival services being conducted at the Baptist church by Rev. J. M. Page of Raleigh. Services are held twice daily, in the afternoon and night. The school pupils are being dismissed at 2:30 every day this week to give them an opportunity to attend the meeting.

JUDGE COUNCIL BEING GROOMED FOR CONGRESS

Watauga friends of Judge William B. Council will be interested in the following story, which appeared in the Charlotte Observer Sunday:

Hickory is stirred no little over the prospect of her "grand old man," Judge W. B. Council, entering the race for congress in the ninth congressional district.

The judge is advancing in years, and those who know him are bursting out with a desire to bring honor to him in his old age. It is not that they like Major Bulwinkle and Solicitor Carpenter less, but they just naturally "adore" the judge. And friends of his are telling it around that his one ambition is to go to congress, but he is withholding announcement until more definite developments.

It has been recalled that Judge Council declined to run off a second primary with Major Bulwinkle when the major was elected for his first term. He ran just about 300 votes behind Bulwinkle in a five-cornered race that year, but he said, "The Legion boys considered that they were entitled to a representative in congress, then, and, although I had offered three sons to the same cause, I decided to step down in favor of Major Bulwinkle."

It was a brave act of the judge's, and his friends are urging him to enter the second primary.

Judge Council is one of the "grand old patriots," and there is not a man in these parts more liked and admired. If he does decide to enter the political field again it will be one of the prettiest races the ninth district has seen in years because Judge Council, who was always a tower of intellect and courage, has mellowed enough in his old age to command a following wherever he appears, his supporters say.

RETURNS TO CHINA

We are asked to announce that Elder T. L. Blaylock and the missionaries associated with him have returned to their station at Tai Fu, Shantung, China. All communications to them should be sent to this address.

and reverence and love Him. We repeat that if every soul in Boone contributed his and her share to the worship of God, this town would be blessed in more ways than one. Material blessings would swamp us; spiritual blessings would thrill us; and this would be a town noted for its prosperity and for its Godliness. To every individual reading this article who has not been in the habit of going to church, to God's house, we ask you personally, will you go in the future? Yes—next Sunday?

SOU. BELL BUYS LOCAL SYSTEM

Watauga Telephone Company Absorbed by Big Corporation; Extensive Improvements To Be Made in Service

Mr. R. N. Pfaff of Asheville, representing the Southern Bell Telephone Company, was in Boone Tuesday and closed a deal with the Watauga Telephone Company, through Mr. W. Y. Farthing for the city telephone system, the Bell people to take over the wires next Tuesday. The consideration is said to have been \$5,500.

A new switchboard, lines and phones will be installed as soon as is possible and Boone will have the same high class of service as is enjoyed by the larger towns and cities over the country. However, the lines outside of the town remain the property of the local company, and just what kind of an exchange proposition will be in effect between the two concerns has not been announced.

Mr. Farthing will likely submit a proposition to the Bell company sometime soon, whereby his subscribers in the country will have free access to the wires in the city. However, a station-to-station charge will likely be made on calls from Boone.

The outgoing system has been owned and operated by local men for many years and all things considered, has served the business interests of the town admirably.

FIRE DESTROYS BUILDING IN ABSENCE OF LOCAL FIREMEN

A house occupied by Mr. Tom Jones and family, the property of Normal, and located just south of Mrs. E. S. Coffey's residence, was destroyed by fire Tuesday evening about eight o'clock. A fire alarm was turned in and raw recruits managed to get the truck on the scene after the building was practically demolished. A hose line was alid about 800 feet from Main street through the Coffey property to the scene of the conflagration. The inexperienced volunteers are not to be blamed, however, for not knowing a fire hydrant located 20 yards east of where the building stood. The regular fire department composed of a number of capable young men of the town, was disbanded a few hours before the fire on account of inability to come to an agreement with the board as to equipment, rate of spend on practice runs and because of complaints filed by citizens who were disturbed by false alarms. Therefore, when the Jones house was burning the fire truck was unmaneuverable.

The building was an old one and the loss to the Normal is slight, however, Mr. and Mrs. Jones are now destitute, all their personal effects having been lost.

PARALYSIS STROKE BRINGS DEATH TO THOMAS WASON

Thomas S. Wason of Deep Gap, died Friday at noon at a Lenoir hospital, never having rallied from a stroke of paralysis suffered twelve days previous, while he was buying corn in the Yadkin valley.

Mr. Wason was 64 years of age and was born and spent his entire life in this section of the country. Although not a learned man, he amassed a considerable fortune, as fortunes go in Watauga, his principal income having been from cattle. At the time of his death he owned about 500 acres of land on which his home stands as well as valuable property in this city. A capable business man and a hospitable neighbor he was widely and favorably known.

Funeral services were conducted from the Laurel Springs Baptist church last Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock, by Reverends L. A. Wilson, Ed Hodges and L. B. Murray, after which the body was interred in the Watson family cemetery. A choir from the Mount Vernon congregation had charge of the music at the service. Conservative estimates placed the crowd at 2,500, many friends having come from the adjoining counties of Wilkes, Ashe and Caldwell.

HICKMAN SENTENCED TO BE HANGED IN APRIL

Los Angeles, Feb. 14.—William Edward Hickman today heard the words that condemned him to be hung on April 27 for the murder and mutilation of the body of Marian Parker, 12-year-old school child. The 20-year-old kidnapper took his sentence with the same calmness that has marked his demeanor throughout the trial. The defense motion for a new trial was denied.

The case against Hickman and Wesley Hunt, 16, accused of murdering C. Iry Thom's druggist, on Christmas 1925, is to be called tomorrow.