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A. W. McLEAN ADDRESSES 2,500 HERE ON LABOR DAY

The enduring values of the people of North Carolina, the things that make for a harmonious relationship between capital and labor, and that make for a great state were eulogized in a labor day address here on Monday by A. W. McLean, Democratic candidate for Governor before an audience of some 2,500 people. Throughout the course of the address of an hour and a quarter, Mr. McLean did not make a reference to the forth-coming political campaign. He had very little to say about the material progress of the state. The slight references made to the good road system, the public school system and the eleemosynary institutions of the state were only incidental to the man thought of the address, which centered around four of what Mr. McLean called the enduring values of life.

The address was in complete harmony with the spirit of the day, which was a neighborly, good-will creating event arranged by the business and professional men of Murphy for the entertainment and benefit of the people of this trade territory, which includes an area in a radius of some fifty miles of here. One of the enduring values of the people of North Carolina that the speaker mentioned in the course of his address was the spirit of neighborliness, the oneness of the people of the state. So emphatic was his remarks on this point and the spirit of brotherly good will that permeated the entire address, that the chairman of the meeting, Col. Don Witherspoon, in his words of appreciation for the visit of Mr. McLean said that next year if one should meet Mr. McLean one would be moved to say "Good mornin, Neighbor," instead of "Good morning, Governor." Some have thought that this reference to the speaker may stick and that Mr. McLean may become known as the Neighbor Governor.

After pointing out the necessity that we should think more of spiritual values, especially on occasions like Labor Day, and showing how all wealth comes from manual labor in some form, and indicating that all labor disputes, with which North Carolina is less afflicted than most states, and which he thought could be settled by the application of the golden rule, the speaker plunged into the main body of his address, which had to do with what he termed "The Enduring Values of Life," particularly as found inherent in the people of North Carolina.

The first of these "Enduring Values" mentioned by the speaker was the homogeneity, or oneness of the people.

"It will no doubt be considered by many," he continued "that it is visionary and impossible for a large and complex industrial organization to give first consideration to the human relationships as I have indicated, but a more careful consideration, I confidently believe, will demonstrate the fact that it is possible to rely upon such a method of settlement. In any event, faithful and constant effort on the part of both sides to the dispute to bring into play the fundamental principles of right and wrong will undoubtedly approach very nearly to the goal of complete success."

"In North Carolina there has been a conflict between Capital and labor than in any other state where a large proportion of the population is employed in industrial enterprises and this condition is due in large part to the fact that our people are endowed to an unusual extent with a very genuine sense of social justice and possess to a remarkable degree the quality of inherent homogeneity. Our record will show that serious individual conflict is rare in our state. Indeed, in the majority of instances, the employer and employee are in a harmonious relationship when they meet. When the matter is taken into consideration it is a tribute to say that no state compares with it in this important particular. This observation leads to a discussion of the basis of this quality of homogeneity among our people.

"In North Carolina we are singularly blessed in that we have a citizenship that is generally united in every fundamental move for civic improvement. Our people possess the genius for co-operative action in a very marked degree. The social aims of our people, including the laboring classes, are fundamentally the same, because North Carolina was settled and has since been controlled by people whose sentiments and ideals were and are essentially the same. North Carolina occupies a unique position in another important respect. She is singularly free from racial, religious or section divisions and groups. This constitutes the very essence of what I call homogeneity. This may be attributed to the fact that our institutions, our people, our ideals, are essentially Anglo-Saxon in character. More than any other state, North Carolina can boast of a citizenry over 99 percent native Americans. Is it a wonder then that we should be almost wholly free from the tendencies towards class conflict, destructive radicalism, and unsound political views that have found lodgment in other parts of the country? There is hardly a student of public affairs, sociologist or other well informed person today who does not, if North Carolina is mentioned, have something very complimentary to say of the State's fine old Anglo-Saxon character and traditions. We believe in public education of the masses; in firm fidelity to the public weal; in the protection not only of property rights, but more especially the rights of humanity; and that is the duty of the State to give its first consideration to the production of a healthier, happier and more prosperous citizenry."

The speaker next mentioned native ability, neighborliness, patriotic love of state and devotion to the cause of education as among other enduring qualities of our people. In conclusion he stressed the fact that the foundation stone of all virtues which he had enumerated is the religious character of our people, saying in this connection: "The religious character of our people is, after all, the most satisfying evidence that they possess the enduring qualities necessary to the building of a great commonwealth."

Quoting the distinguished historian Myers to the effect that "No nation has yet existed long without religion as a basis," the speaker observed: "If historians point out the necessity for religious interest as a basis for sound commonwealth building, we have just cause for our confidence in North Carolina, because there are manifest signs that religion is one of the chief concerns of our people. Our churches and religious organizations are as progressive and prosperous as our business and financial institutions. They show most conclusively that the element of piety and religious bent is not lacking in our people; they bear an eloquent testimony to the fact that we venerate the faith of our fathers and that we have sacred respect for religion and morality. The religious instinct is so deeply ingrained in our citizenry, there is so little of divergent religious beliefs among us and such confidence in basic religious principles that sudden changes and waves of faddism cannot have much appreciable or lasting effect upon our faith in fundamentals. A noted business man and writer on the occasion of a recent visit to North Carolina said that the thing that impressed him most was not the remarkable evidence of material prosperity he found everywhere, though that was amazing, but the deep religious devotion of the people of all classes. I should count this deep religious faith and worship respect for the higher spiritual values as the most enduring characteristic of our people today and the most hopeful basis for confidence in the future."

The speaker made a good impression on his hearers. Following the address many were the words of praise for him and the things he mentioned.

There were some three thousand people here for the celebration of Labor Day at Cherokee, Graham and Clay Counties, North Carolina, and from some

of the North Georgia counties, which trade here. Preceding the speech, which was under the shed adjoining the fair building on Cherokee Park, was a baseball game between Asheville and Murphy and immediately following the speech barbecued beef, pork, and mutton were served on Valley River Park.

Asheville and Murphy again played ball in the afternoon and at 8 o'clock in the evening several hundred dollars worth of fire works were put off in Cherokee Park. Murphy won both games by large scores.

Good order prevailed throughout the day. It was a good-will celebration and a spirit of friendliness permeated the whole day's program.

Road Work In The County Going Forward

J. R. Cry, contractor, began work this week on a link of road in Hot-house Township leading from the Notia Township line to the Tennessee North Carolina state line. This link embraces about 8 or 9 miles and is the last section in the road from Murphy to the Tennessee state line to get under construction.

Messrs. Evans and Lance are pushing the work on the road in Notia Township. They have the section from the Murphy Township limits to Cole Gaps, embracing some 8 miles. The road within the Murphy Township and connecting with these two links, has already been graded. Under favorable conditions this road should be open all the way to the Tennessee state line by the first of the coming year. This should mean much to the county and the town.

Will Hold Box Supper Ranger Saturday Night

Preparations are being made this week for a box supper at Ranger Saturday night of this week, according to information received from Mrs. W. A. Evans, who is a member of the committee on arrangements. The box supper is being sponsored by the ladies of the Methodist church though the entire community and the entire section is invited and expected to take part in it. It is being given for the purpose of raising funds to apply on the salary of the pastor of the Ranger church, Rev. T. N. Noble. A large crowd is expected. Many attractive boxes have been promised by the young people of Ranger.

Impeached Governor's Wife Is Nominated

In a recent primary in Texas, Mrs. Miriam Ferguson was nominated over her opponent as candidate of the Democratic party for Governor of the state. Special significance attaches to her nomination for two reasons:

First, she will be the first woman to be elected as Governor of one of the states of the United States, assuming that she is elected and the Democratic candidates usually are in Texas; and second, she is the wife of former Governor James E. Ferguson, who was impeached about a year ago for alleged mis-conduct in office.

Mrs. Ferguson, it is said was not an ardent suffragist before the 19th amendment passed but was rather home-living, but it is predicted that she will make a good governor. She is reported to have entered the race to clear the name of her husband and self, their children and grandchildren after them. Apparently, she has done this, if her election will.

Mr. V. W. Lewis, marketing specialist of the Department of Agriculture, was in the county the first of the week organizing poultry clubs in co-operation with County Agent H. H. Ellis. Clubs were formed at Little Brasstown and Junaluska. The county agent will continue to work up interest in this work. The purpose of the clubs is to encourage local group selling and to help start poultry raising as a cash crop for this section.

DEMOCRATS NOMINATE COUNTY TICKET

Mrs. Giles Cover, of Andrews, is Choice For The House Of Representatives.

Mrs. Giles Cover, of Andrews, continued her phenomenal rise in political affairs Monday when she was made the nominee of the county Democratic convention for the lower house of the North Carolina General Assembly. Mrs. Cover first got into politics in the summer when she was sent by her county as a delegate to the State Democratic convention in Raleigh, which body made her a delegate to the national convention in New York in July. While Mrs. Cover is home-loving and has not sought any preferment at the hands of her party, yet her worth has been recognized by an ever-increasing number of friends, who continue to bestow honors upon her, thus giving due recognition to woman in her lately-acquired role of citizen, which carried with it the right of suffrage.

The convention met in the court house at 1 o'clock Monday with Chairman of the Executive Committee C. B. Hill in the chair. Besides Mrs. Cover the nominees were: For the Senate, J. T. Hayes; Sheriff, George Crawford; Register of Deeds, Haze Leatherwood; for County Commissioners, Bale Palmer, George Hendrix and Sheridan Dickey; and for Coroner, Dr. J. N. Hill.

Home-Coming At Hayesville Church

Hayesville, Sept. 3.—Last Sunday was a sort of home-coming day for the local Presbyterian Church. Morning and afternoon services were held and dinner served on the grounds. The Rev. Dr. D. P. McGeachy, of Decatur, Ga., preached at both services. Sunday school was held in the afternoon.

D. P. McGeachy Jr., son of Dr. McGeachy, has been in charge of the local church all summer, under the general direction of the pastor and session of the Murphy church. A number of Murphy people were here for the afternoon service and for the Sunday school. Dr. McGeachy went to Murphy late in the afternoon, where he was to speak at the night service in the Murphy church.

REV. T. L. SASSER PRAISED BY ATLANTA MAN

M. R. Miles, of Atlanta Audit Company, Speaks Highly of Pastor of Local Church

Observation has demonstrated the fact that back of all enterprises, projects and movements for the good of mankind, there is one or more persons who have done service worthy of commendation.

It has been noted that in the great meeting recently conducted by Dr. George W. Truett, the results of which will be dominant in the lives of many people throughout a vast section of the country round about Murphy, North Carolina, there was one man who was largely responsible for the promotion of the great meeting. This man was Reverend T. L. Sasser, Pastor, Murphy Baptist Church, beloved by his own denomination and others who know him. He put into this meeting a vast amount of effort, energy and enthusiasm. He gave much of himself unselfishly for the sake of others. He was most generous in expressions of thanks and appreciation for the co-operation of all who contributed of their time, interest and means for the success of the meeting.

Brother Sasser has sought and now seeks no credit, but wills that God have all the praise and glory but the writer and many others feel that there should be some expression of appreciation for his untiring efforts in promoting a meeting which has meant so much to many thousands of people.

Through the kindness of the editor of this paper we take this means of expressing our love and appreciation of Brother Sasser.

R. M. MILLS.
Atlanta, Ga.

Sunday School Lesson For September 7th

John 4:43-54.—Jesus Heals a Nobleman's Son.

"A prophet hath no honor in his own country." With this testimony Jesus gives one reason why he did not begin his ministry in Galilee. He had begun in Judea. There he had made a great reputation as a teacher and a miracle worker. Many of the Galileans had been in Jerusalem at the feast. Now as he returns to Galilee they are ready to receive him with a fair degree of respect. They of course did not receive him for what he really was but did look upon him as a great teacher.

There was in Capernaum of Galilee a certain nobleman whose son was sick. The same knowledge of Jesus as a miracle worker at Jerusalem which was possessed by all the Galileans had through reports come also to this nobleman. Imagine the hope aroused in him when he heard that this rabbi was coming into Galilee. No doubt he had been hoping that Jesus would come for as soon as Jesus entered the province the nobleman hurried the twenty miles from Capernaum to Cana to see him. So this man knowing Jesus only by reputation comes to him asking him to work a miracle.

This was really a very low order of faith for the people of that day expected some sort of miracle working power from all their prophets. Jesus in verse 48 rebuked this faith that looked upon him as only a worker of wonders. Then as the man who was greatly distressed and in need of help continued to ask Jesus gave him a chance to exercise his faith. The nobleman asked Jesus to go to Capernaum and heal his son. Jesus tells him that his son is healed and that he may go home. This was a far greater wonder than he had expected Jesus to be able to work and yet looking into the face of Jesus and coming into contact with his personality his faith was growing and so he believed this and went his way.

John in chapter 20 verses 30 and 31 of this gospel tells us that the purpose of these signs of Jesus was to show to men that he was the Son of God and that they believing might have life through his name. The nobleman returning home found his son healed as Jesus had said and John records for the third time that he believed this time with his whole house. Surely he must mean that the purpose of this sign was fulfilled and that the belief of this man had now grown to real saving faith.

As the faith of this man grew so all true faith with the other Christian graces will grow into more and more completeness in our hearts. The Christian life is never in a state of stagnation. It is ever growing, ever advancing unto the fullness of hope unto the end. Are you constantly seeking a closer fellowship with Jesus that your faith may increase? Do you accept all the various experiences of life as God given means for the exercise of your faith? May our constant prayer be this: "Lord, increase our faith."

New School Board Gets Organized

The members of the school board appointed by the recent special session of the general assembly assumed their duties Monday and attended the opening exercises of the school along with some of the members of the retiring board. Following the opening, the board held a meeting, at which Col. D. Witherspoon was made chairman, and Mrs. M. W. Bell, secretary and treasurer.

Rev. Clary Holding Services At Mission

Rev. and Mrs. E. G. Clary left here Tuesday for the lower end of the county where he is conducting a series of services this week. The services will be held at the Cherokee Mission School in Beaversdam Township near the Tennessee state line. This is the school that Miss Mary Brown has labored so faithfully and so sacrificially for during these many years.

Mr. McGeachy will have charge of the services at the local church next Sunday in the absence of Mr. Clary.

PUBLIC SCHOOL OPENED MONDAY SEPTEMBER 1ST

Attendance Largest In History Of Local School—Additional Teachers Added

The local public school opened Monday morning for the 1924-25 term with the largest enrollment in its history. The increase in the enrollment made it necessary to add two new teachers to the faculty for the present year and it is possible that a third may become necessary. Following the opening exercises and the taking of the enrollment the school was dismissed for the day on account of it being a legal holiday and in order that the teachers and children might attend the labor day celebration.

Simultaneously with the opening the new school board, composed of Mrs. M. W. Bell, Col. D. Witherspoon and Mr. C. M. Wofford, assumed their duties, succeeding the former board of six members. At the opening exercises, Mr. S. D. Akin spoke in behalf of the retiring board and pledged the support of himself and his associates to the incoming board, to the teachers and the children. In an impassioned address, Col. D. Witherspoon told of how his duty as a citizen, as one interested in the welfare of this community, of his and the other children of the town, compelled him to accept a place on the board of trustees, which office, he said, weighed more heavily upon him than any former office that had been entrusted to him. He pledged and asked for co-operation on the part of parents, teachers and pupils to the end that the school may be made better this year than it has ever been.

Rev. T. L. Sasser read the scriptures and Rev. E. G. Clary led the opening prayer.

Superintendent Kanoy expressed the belief that the present year could be made the best in the history of the school; pledged and asked for the co-operation of all factors related to the school and made a number of announcements with reference to the work this year.

On the second day the enrollment in the first seven grades was practically as great as the entire enrollment last year. There were 394 in the first seven grades and 73 in the high school, making a total enrollment of 467. It is more than likely that this will increase somewhat during the next two weeks and perhaps reach the 500 mark before the end of the year.

This term for the first time the high school and grammar grades occupy separate buildings. Last year it was apparent that the one building could no longer be depended upon to house the entire school and the board of trustees very wisely constructed a new building, which is housing the high school department this year. In addition to the high school department, the superintendent's office, library, laboratories, etc., will be found in this building.

There are sixteen members of the school faculty and it is imperative that one more teacher be secured, stated the superintendent, and desirable that two additional ones be employed. In one or two of the lower elementary grades there are as many as fifty and sixty pupils, under which conditions good work can not be done. Also, in many quarters sentiment is being rapidly developed looking toward the addition of a home-economics department and the employment of a teacher for this work.

The present faculty includes the following: First grade, Mrs. Herndon and Miss Albright; second, Miss Fain and Miss Triplett; third, Mrs. Bell and Miss Candler; fourth, Mrs. Brownell; fifth, Miss Wright; sixth, Miss Couch; seventh, Mr. Watts; high school department, Mrs. White, Mrs. Kinsey, Mr. Sipe, Mr. Carroll; music, Miss Johnson; superintendent, Mr. Kanoy.

Court Adjourns At Robbinsville

Court adjourned at Robbinsville Wednesday after a session of about two days and a half. It was to have been a two weeks' term of both criminal and civil cases but few cases came up for trial. Judge J. Bis Ray presided.