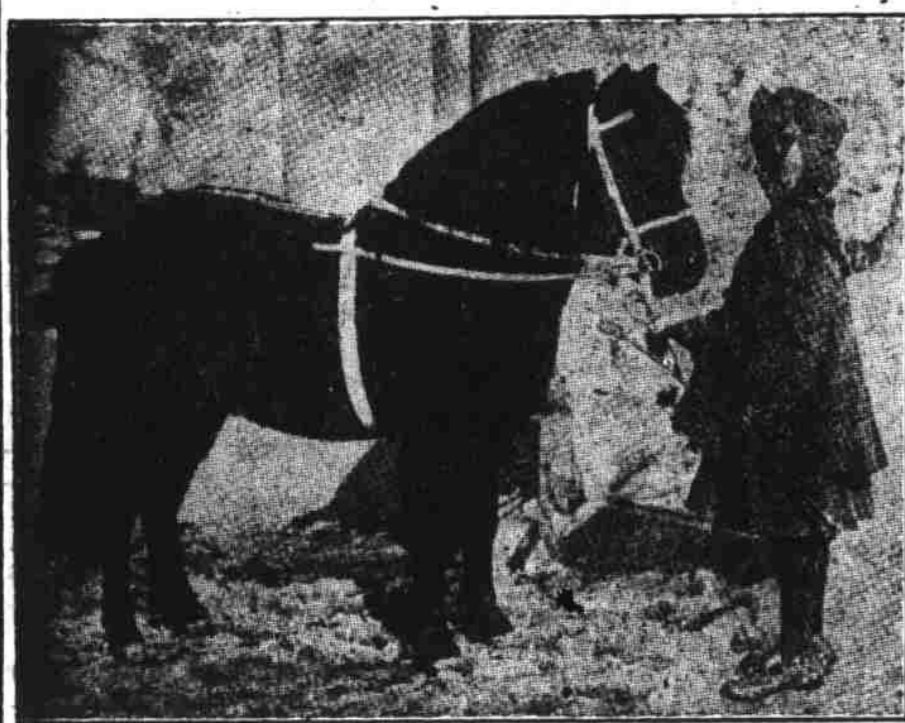


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**COMMISSION AND MANAGER PLAN OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

(Address of Maj. A. J. McKinnon of Maxton before Robeson County Farmers' Union at Lumberton, July 4th, 1914.)

I appreciate the opportunity to present this message to such a large assembly. I only wish I knew I was equal to the occasion and I am trusting to the wise Ruler of the Universe for power to at least lay a foundation for thought that will result in greatly improved government conditions.

I am not loaded with bouquets to hand out for the purpose of gaining votes, nor am I here to make personal charge against any of our executive officers. On the contrary I believe our court house officials are a high class set of men and are capable of caring for their interest and the county's interest. I shall argue that the interest of the county, under the present system, is not properly cared for and therefore the system should be changed. That the conditions might be improved under the present system is not deny, but at the same time the best results can only be obtained by a change in the system.

I shall not pose as a knocker or fault-finder, because I realize that busy, progressive people have neither time nor inclination to hear knockers who simply knock to hear the sound, and have no remedy or improvement to offer. On the contrary, I shall point out some defects as they appear to me, draw some comparisons and suggest what I consider a remedy or an improved method. I expect opposition to the plan, especially from office holders,

But I want you to consider these suggestions with calm, careful and unprejudiced deliberation (be just as calm as the mountain widower was during the earth-quake.)

If after careful consideration you decide the plan has merit, then put your shoulder to the wheel and never turn back until it has been put into active operation. If you decide it has no merit, then forget it and try to obtain needed relief through some other improved method.

**Reasons Why Our System Should Be Changed.**

One prominent fact is that our people have become restless and dissatisfied with the results obtained under the present system.

An evidence of this fact is the demand for changes, the creation of new offices, changing the laws, changing the men in office and many other changes and to my mind without marked improvements.

But the prime reason for this need of improved methods is the ever-increasing tax burdens that are imposed on our citizens without apparent increased benefits. At my request the auditor has kindly furnished me with the total tax assessment for ten year periods, beginning with 1893. I want you to carry these figures home with you. Total assessment for 1893 was \$37,802.14; 1903, \$103,229.91; and for 1913 was \$181,773.97. You will note that this is an increase in taxes of nearly six times what it was in 1893, or twenty years ago. Do you think the benefits have increased in like proportion?

These figures for 1913 do not represent the total tax from the fact that according to the auditor's figures \$18,513.56 due from banks, corporations and railroads has been remitted direct to the State Treasurer. This would make a grand total collection from the industries and inhabitants of Robeson county of \$210,287.53 or \$172,485.39 in excess of twenty years ago; and this is not all. Under our present law the fees from all officers should pass into the treasury. These fees amounted to \$26,300.05 for the year ending November 30th, 1913, or a grand total of \$236,587.58 extracted from various sources for the State and county government use, and yet under the present system there is no one whose daily duty it is to see that these large amounts of money, belonging to the tax payers, are judiciously expended.

When you weigh these facts and figures I don't think it is necessary to produce further evidence that we need a change, and if you will take an inventory of the real benefits that we have derived from these large expenditures and consider the further fact that during this twenty years we have not only spent all this money, but in addition we have a considerable unpaid outstanding or floating debt and have issued an outstanding \$75,000 bonded indebtedness—\$50,000 expended for our magnificent court house, \$25,000 for other accumulated debts.

You will doubtless conclude that we take very little financial risk of being worsted in making a change. We might find a more wasteful and extravagant system, but I doubt it and doubt it seriously. Still our people

are entitled to the best and with the lights before me, I am convinced that the plan known as the commission and manager plan is the best and most modern government known to the American people today.

**Synopsis of Commission and Manager Plan Recommended for Your Consideration.**

The commission plan of government originated in Galveston in 1901, when the city was destroyed by flood. Under this plan it has been rebuilt, under the most economic, permanent and modern methods of probably any city in the South. We haven't had the flood, but our taxes are gone without adequate return.

This success caused a number of other cities to pattern after this plan and to-day there are numbered in hundreds operating under it. Of course improvements have come but the success from the beginning has been phenomenal.

I will cite a few results obtained under commission plan. Houston, Texas, has a population of 78,000 and in the six years of commission rule Houston has wiped out all floating debt and has given to the tax-payers out of the treasury and without the issuance of a single bond, the following permanent investments:

School Buildings . . . . .	\$340,323.65
Auditorium . . . . .	\$332,276.02
Extension of mains and improvements, water department	274,932.02
Paved streets . . . . .	179,281.95
Ship channel . . . . .	98,027.40
Sewers . . . . .	85,212.18
Buildings and equipment, fire department . . . . .	66,150.45
Parks . . . . .	52,007.53
Streets and bridges . . . . .	65,714.10
Wharfs and slips . . . . .	55,109.89
Electrical department . . . . .	26,551.21
Block book system for assessor and collector . . . . .	10,000.00
Health department . . . . .	6,168.47
Police department . . . . .	4,996.03
City hall, furniture and fixtures . . . . .	1,123.67
City attorney, law library . . . . .	974.10
Asphalt plant . . . . .	3,000.00

Total improvements \$1,551,928.47

**Extraordinary Expenses.**

Storrie certificates . . . . .	\$ 73,300.00
Refund paving certificates	120,302.70
Sinking fund . . . . .	120,220.00

Making a grand total \$1,865,757.17

This amount paid out of current revenues, besides the elimination of the floating debt, amounting to over \$400,000

While these improvements have been going on the tax rate has been reduced thirty cents on the \$100.00.

This record is on page 218 by C. Rogers Woodruff in a book entitled "City Government by Commission"

Dayton, Ohio, with a population of 116,000 gets out a card headed "Business vs. Politics" and shows that under this system they have secured as good or better material for city use at a saving of from 10 to 58 per cent., or an average of about 34 per cent, compared with former administration.

Another card headed "This Is What Efficiency Accomplishes." These figures summed up show that they did for the city \$138,645.00 more improvements or service not done before with increased revenue of only \$49,426.00 a net saving of \$89,219.00 in year 1914

These statements are furnished and signed by the Citizens Committee and I take it are authentic.

After examining several plans of cities, I have concluded that the Dayton plan is possibly the most practical or nearest fitted to the needs of our county and will recommend for your consideration this plan, amended so as to suit the needs of the county under this plan.

The county legislative body would consist of five commissioners elected so that each would be nearly represent one-fifth of the county population as possible, subject to recall at all times.

This commission would select a county manager who would be competent, trained and capable and selected solely on account of his fitness and ability to manage the affairs of the county. He would be subject to recall by the commission or by the people of the county. This manner of recall would be worked out in detail and an election would be ordered on the petition of 25 per cent of the voters. This commission would have authority to see that all officers and employees were appointed on the basis of merit, and fitness alone. This would leave politics entirely out of it.

The administration of affairs would be subdivided into departments all under the jurisdiction of the county manager.

First. Department of Law. Putting all the legal matters under one head. Second. The department of Public Service. This department, I would

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