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McLEAN MAKES GREAT SPEECH AT PITTSBORO ON TUESDAY

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE F OR GOVERNOR CAME AIMOST UNHERALDED BUT HEARD BY REPRESENTATIVE BODY OF BEST CITIZENS.

SPEECH STRONG, EFFECTIVE

Makes Unanswerable Presentation of Achievements of Democratic Party.

The fiction that A. W. McLean is not a speaker was exploded here Tuesday afternoon, when the Democratic candidate for the governorship held a small but representative audience thoroughly interested long enough to review many achievements of the Democratic party in the State and to answer completely the contentions of Candidate Ike Meekins.

The appointement for McLean was made only last Saturday, too late for announcement in the Record. The consequence was that few knew of the speaking and only a small crowd was present to hear him. Undaunted, however by the small audienc, the speaker made a set speech of an hour or more and did himself and his cause great credit.

He was introduced by Mayor A. C. Ray who merely cited the fact that Mr. McLean was big enough to serve through the eight years' term of Woodrow Wilson as assistant secretary of the treasury and as a member of the War Finance Board, a period when more money was handled by those two departments than ever in a like priod and came out untainted by oil or any other form of filthy lucre.

Mr. McLean launched forth with very little preliminary. He declared that the people are inclined to be too indifferent to the ballot, which is a sacred thing as the pople in America are the sovereign and the ballot is the means of asserting that sovereignty. It is the duty of the citizen not only to cast his ballot but to do so only after having dilligently considered what is best for the country and the people. Party government is necessary in America. How reach a conclusion as to how to vote? As a tree is known by its fruits, so is a party by its record. It has been the aim of the Democratic party to bestow as great benefits as possible upon the people with the smallest possible burden to them.

The Blessings of Government.

The speaker here reviewed the achievements of the state government under the Democratic administrations. He first cited the record as to education.. When the Russell regime closed twenty four years ago, the public school funds for the year totaled a million dollars; they now total thirty millions. The school property of the state 24 years ago was worth a million. now 64 millions. One teacher schools have been replaced by the large consolidated schools--the one room building by fine brick structures. The goal is not yet reached, but the state will go foward under Democratic rule till North Carolina has as good a school system as any on the face of the earth. The rural children must have every whit as good advantages as those of the city. These things have come under the wise leadership of the Democratic party. Taxes of course must be higher when these great advantages are provided. But the poorer people pay only a small portion of the school taxes. A small property owner complained of his taxes being twice as high as in former years. Yet when shown that he was getting ten times the amount of his taxes in the cost of educating his six children and that the value of his property had trebled during the period of high taxes, he declared he should never utter another word of complaint.

He next cited the value of the great health system in the state, Epidemics of typhoid diptheria, the prevalence of hook worm and other contagious diseases have almost been eliminated. North Carolina is heralded far and wide as having the highest birth rate and the lowest death rate in the world. There are more baby cradles and fewer coffins in North Carolina than among the same number of people anywhere else. Foreign experts come to North Carolina to study its health system. The National board borrowed Dr. Rankin to teach other states how it is done. These blessings have come through the Democratic leadership.

The deaf, the blind, and the feeble-minded, the crippled children and the bad boys and the fallen girls have been provided for, and the institutions for these classes are doing untold good. Everyone who can see what is being achieved in these respects must be a better citizezn and love his state and his party better.

Instead of $118,000 in pensions for old soldiers, the state is now giving a million. Yet the funds for all these things come from only ten percent of the people. There is no state property tax but all state funds come from income inheritance, and other similar taxes to provide for the afflicted and for the old soldiers. The average man does not contribute a cent to these objects.

Similarly, the agricultural work has placed the state at the head. The State makes the best crops, and sold for the highest prices till the Republican administration smashed prices. Yet Mr. Meekins claims credit for all of these things for the Republican party. It should make a horse laugh. He told of the old negro who wished a divorce from his wife because she recommended herself too highly. Mr. Meekins is guilty of the same offense for himself and party. Four years ago farmers of the West went looney and were crying "Harding or bust". Later it could have been changed to "Harding and busted."

Of the road system he need not speak Even the rabbits in the woods know about the roads. Yet because the Democratic administration in its spirit of fair-dealing placed two or three good Republicans on the State Highway Commission they are claiming credit for the whole. They are like a man wh after his wife had killed the bear boasted to his neighbors of what he had done.

The speaker declared he entered the campaign with the intention of saying nothing hard against his opponent, but he is compelled through the behavior of his oppenent to recall the corruptions of the Holden and Russell administrations. Mr. Meekins has a nerveto go about speaking of corruption in North Carolina when the rottenness of Teapot Dome and the hospitalization fund frauds of the Republican national administration are known to all men.

His opponent harps on "machine" methods in the Democratic party. The candidates of the Democratic party were selected by the people. The Republicans do not permit the rank and file to have a say in the choice of candidates. A handful of office-holders and would-be-office-holders met in r room at Raleigh and made a slate. It went through the convention the next day like greased lightning. A Republican, asked how many were present in that room, said, very few, and that one must know the pass word to get in and that pass word was P-I-E. Asked what kind of method that was, the Republican said Marion Butler calls it the "hog combine", and the speaker tells it, as Marion Butler, the brains of the Republican party in eastern North Carolina, so calls it and he was given his informatioa by a Republican.

He told how Meekins changed his attitude toward Senator Simmons. At first he was berating the Simmons machine. Some friend put a bug in his ear. It would not do to berate Simmons since if Meekins should be appointed Federal Judge, Simmons' aid would be necessary for confirmation. Then, he began to praise Simmons. This brought Republican criticism. Then he split hairs and said there are two machines and that the big Simmons-Dawson machine is a splendid thing, but that within this there is the little Watts machine that is rotten.

Mr. Meekins offers nothing constructive and refrains from speaking of what was done by his party when last in power. His is mosquito politics. The mosquito pops his bill into the man at work and sings a bit and is gone, and that is the help he renders.

The Republicans have harped on corrupt elections and Mr. Meekins is pleading for the Australian ballot. Yet in several counties in which the Republicans have been given the Australian ballot they are angry about it. He cited the Campbell-Doughton contest. The Republican Congressional committee that heard the case, told Campbell to take his hat and go home and gave Doughton the seat. A Randolph county jury, composed largely of Republicans, acquitted a man accused of election frauds. On appeal to the Federal court, a Republican judge approved the acquittal. When governor he will see that any man guilty of election frauds, no matter how big a Democrat he may be, shall be punished. The state will not suffer such things; it has outgrown them.

He spoke of Mr. Meekin's charge as to high cost of text books and his slander of the banks of the state and showed how he had since crawfished out of his earlier statements. Meekins is a professional orator and Jefferson said that a professional orator is a dangerous animal, that he is thinking more how he shall say a thing than what he shall say. The speaker is glad that he is not an orator.

Why doesn't the Republican candidate tell about the Fall corruption, the Forbes steal and the other rascalities of the present Republican administration? But even the president has given Denby a chromo and a recommendation of character. Young Roosevelt who admitted being the messenger in the Teapot Dome transaction has been named as candidate for governor of New York. The naval officer in the deal has been promoted over others to the rank of rear-admiral. Thus it is apparent that the party has not repented and is not ashamed.

The Republicans have destroyed the morale of the nation and discrdited its honesty and morality abroad. The nations of Europe and Asia idolized Amerca during Wilson's administration and looked upon Wilson almost as a new savior of the world. Now even the Bolsheviks of Russia point fingers of scorn at us. Secretary of State Hughes considers the discussion of these frauds by the Democrats humorous, alleging that the people have forgotten. But the people have not such short memories. Even honest Republicans are disgusted when they see such things condoned by the leaders whom they have formerly honored and trusted.

The one thing for them to do is to go to the ballot box and drive this discredited party from power. The Democratic party is not engaged in partisian politics, but in commonwealth building. He himself is not in politics for office. He has never been a candidate for office before, and is now a candidate because he desires to do something for the state.

He had talked with a western North Carolina Republican who said that he would vote the state and county Democratic tickets, and he had asked him if he should vote for Coolidge if he would not appear to be excusing and condoning the fraud of the present administration. Thousands of Republicans are disgusted and will not condone such dishonest acts as have characterized the last four years of Republican rule.

The speaker closed with the quotation of Paul's injunction to the Philippians, to think upon whatsoever things are honest, pure, etc.

The address was thoroughly appreciated by the seventy five representative Democrats present.

NEXT GOVERNOR OF N. C.

HON. ANGUS WILTON McLEAN.

BIG GUNS COMING.

A. L. Brooks, Congressman Garrett of Texas and "Hot stuff" Ward to Speak.

Chatham people are to have the opportunity of hearing some of the big guns in the Democratic campaign, as indicated by the following appointments, and those in another announcement:

Hon. A. L.. Brooks of Greensboro, will speak at Pittsboro next Tuesday, Oct. 21 at 12:30 p.m.

Congessman Dan Garrett of Texas will address the voters at Siler City Friday, October 24, at 7:30 p.m.

Former Congressman H. S.. Ward, of Washington, N. C., well known as "Hot stuff" Ward, will speak at Siler City, Wednesday, October 29, at 7:30 p.m.

DEATH OF M. T. WILKIE.

Mr. Mont T. Wilkie, rural carrier on route two, died at his home at Moncure Sunday morning at 1:20 o'clock after a few days of illness but he had not been feeling well for some time, but kept up his daily duties. He had heart trouble and he realized that death was near. His obituary and appreciation will be sent next week.

DO NOT SELL your cotton to get money. Deliver it to the Cooperative Marketing Association. They will give 50 to 60 percent the day you deliver.

Senator Brandigee, noted senator of Connecticutt, committed suicide Monday night.

VOTERS, ATTENTION!

Hon. A. L. Brooks, of Greensboro, will address the voters of Chatham county, at the courthouse on Tuesday October, 21 1924, at 12 o'clock noon.

Mr. Brooks is one of the best public speakers in North Carolina.

Evey voter, be he Democrat or Republican, who desires to hear discussed intelligently and forcefully the political issues of this campaign should come to Pittsboro on the above date and hear him.

It can be truly said of him that he is an orator, scholar, debater and without an exception one of the ablest lawyers in our state.

I invite every one to hear him.

W. P. HORTON.
Chairman of Democratic Executive Committee of Chatham County.

HELPING ONE ANOTHER.

(Crowded out last week)

Merry Oaks, Oct. 8.—The Rev. Mr. Piland filled his regular appointment at the Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 3:30. His text was taken from Romans, 6:23, and he handled his subject very ably. His appointments here are at 11 A.M. on the 4th. Sunday and hereafter at 3:00 P. M. on the first Sunday of each month. All are cordially invited.

Mr and Mrs. D. M Stanley of Raleigh motored to Merry Oaks Sunday afternoon, attended the service at the Methodist church and were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Burgess.

Miss Alma Thomas of Henderson, is spending the week with her cousin, Miss Ima Burgess.

Three cheers for our new editor and our county paper. I think every one of us Chathamites should be very proud of it and give it our loyal support.. It brings the entire county together into one larger family. I especially enjoy Brickhaven and New Hill correspondence, Mr. Joe Snyder and several others.

Mrs John Holt spent Monday in Apex.

Messrs T. H. Windham and J. W. Maynard spent Monday in Raleigh. Mr. Clyde Maynard, of Lemon Springs formerly of Merry Oaks, is very ill. Her sister, Mrs. H. H. Cotton, is at her bedside.

Mr. Jake Hudson has been very sick for several weeks. The people of Merry Oaks are taking care of him and his old wife, and the good ladies of the community are gathering his cotton.

Crosses Atlantic in Three Days.

The great dirigible ZR-3 built for the United States by Germany reached its hangar in New Jersey yesterday morning, only 80 hours after it left the home base in Germany. This is the fist time an airship has ever crossed the ocean without landing somewhere on the route. The Germans built this great ship as part reparation for prewar damages. Under the terms of the agreement it cannot be used for warfare. A great German air captain guided the monster across the watery wastes.

CORINTH ITEMS.

Marriage of Mr. Jones and Miss Yearby.—Mr. Wilkie Dead.

Mrs. M. A. Arey, of Albemarle, returned to her home Saturday, after a visit with her daughter, Mrs. R. S. Parker at Buckhorn.

Mrs. —. —. Ritchie and four children, of Badin, are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Parker.

Mr. Con Harrison spent Sunday with his family at Corinth.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cross, of Raleigh, spent Sunday with relatives at Corinth.

Please note that the Corinth school does not open until Monday, October 20th. Some people have not yet got their cotton picked. That is the main reason for the postponement.

We spent an hour at the Siler City Fair Tuesday afternoon.It started off with a good attendance and some splendid exhibits and from what we lean was quite a success this time. We congratulate the Brickhaven school and community which took two Blue Ribbons on their exhibits.

A son arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Williams last week. This is a grandson of our neighbor, Mr. J. W. Williams.

Many people in this community will be interested in hearing of the marriage of J. A. Jones and Miss Gertrude Yearby at the home of her mother in Raleigh on last Saturday.. A simple but impressive service was conducted by Rev. Charles L. Greaves of the Tabernacle Baptist church, where Miss Yearby had sung in the choir for some time.. They left by 'Essex coach" for a month's trip through the mountains to Kentucky (Mr. Jones' old home). They will return by way of Washington, D. C.

Mr. Jones has about completed a beautiful new home at the Mordecai place in Raleigh, which they will occupy upon their return. Mr. Jones is Supt. of transmission lines and substations for the C. P. & L. Co.

Mrs. Jones was a valued employee of the auditing depatment of the same company. She is an accomplished, most likable and popular youg lady.

Their friends in this community all join in wishing them success and happiness through life.

Mrs. S. W. Harrington spent a part of last week with her daughter, Mrs. M. I. Ellis at Bonlee.

We are all were sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Mont Wilkie, at Moncure, on last Sunday. Another good and useful man has passed on to his rich reward beyond.

That was SOME World Series in baseball last week. Never have we seen so many local followers of the national game become so jubilant. All were rooting for Washington. Why, There may be several reasons why, but to our mind the principal reason is the gentlemanly game that the capitals have put up during the season compared to the scandal and attempted bribery that has again crept into the New York bunch. We witnessed the playograph one afternoon in Raleigh and many who have radios got the news right in their home just as it was played, so that instead of there being 30,000 people watching this game a closer estimate would have been thirty million people.

THE RED CROSS ROLL CALL.

To Be Made in Chatham November 11 to 12.

Mrs. N. M. Hill, Red Cross chairman for this community, advises the Record that Red Cross roll call this year will be held from November 11 to November 27.

The Red Cross is doing most valuable work in this country and is worthy of the support of every good citizen in Chatham county. One dollar will purchase a membership but larger contributions will receive due credit.

Let trouble arise anywhere and the Red Cross funds and agents are promptly at work. There is no telling when our time of need will arise. But there is always need of a moderate relief fund in every community and part of the funds collected during the Roll Call period remains in the community, we believe, as a local fund for such contingencies as may arise.

CARL BARBEE DIES.

__Mr. Carl R. Barbee, the seventeen-year-old son of Mr. H. B. Barbee of Williams township, died at Watts hospital, Durham Monday, after an operation for appendicitis. The burial was at Mount Pisgah Baptist church Tuesday, Rev. Mr. Mills conducting the funeral services.

THE COTTON GROWER who dumps his cotton on the market is hurting himself and his neighbor.

THREE FINE DAYS OF ENTERTAINMENT.

People of Pittsboro to Enjoy a Fine Program by Home and State Talent.

The people of this community have before them several days of free entertainment by local and State talent in a chautauqua program to be rendered under the auspices of the school authorities and the Pittsboro Woman's Club.

The arrangements for three big days are under the direction of Mrs. W. P. Horton and Supt. Thompson. A Japanese operetta by community talent is being directed by Mrs. Shannonhouse, president of the Parents-Teachers Association.

The Program.

The program of the occasion will appear in full detail next week. It suffices to say that it embraces three lectures by Rev. Isaac Wayne Hughes, of Henderson, President W. L. Poteat, of Wake Forest, and Dr. Walter J. Matherly of the University School of Commerce, choruses and operetta by home talent; music by Dr. Paul Weaver, Mr. Theodore Fitch, and Mr. Frederick Hard, all of the University; and a sermon by some prominent minister on Sunday morning, October 26.

The chautauqua promises to be a real treat and should be attended by not only the people of Pittsboro but by people from all parts of the county.

MONCURE NEWS.

A Record of Comings and Goings in The Junction Town.

__Messrs Jennings Womble, Sam and Clarence Crutchfield, Robert and James Utley, who are attending Elon College this year, spent last week-end with their parents here.

Mr. P. S. Kelly, the superintendent of the ware house for the Phoenix Utility ompany for a year or more left last Saturday for Cenfuegos Cuba, where he will still work for the same company. We regret that Mr. Kelly has left our town for he was thought so much of by all who knew him.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stedman and Miss Minnie Jones of Durham spent lastSunday afternoon with his mother, Mrs. Julia Stedman and his brother, Mr. W. W. Stedman, on Providence Farm.

Rev. J. J. Boone and little daughter, Mary and Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Womble spent a while with Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Stedman on Providence Farm last Sunday.

Capt. J. H. Wissler is at Cedar Springs, Va., for two weeks, visiting relatives and friends.

Miss Sarah E. Smith, who has been visiting in Nw York City, Raleigh and other places for some time, is at Moncure for a while.

We were sorry indeed to lose Miss Lona Bell McLean of Durham as music teacher in Moncure school for she had done so much in one month's time. Her pupils all loved her and liked to practice and did practice.

Miss Kathleen Nolan, who was 3rd and 4th grade teacher for the first month of school, will take Miss McLean's place as music teacher, and Mrs. Roy Walls will take Miss Nolan's place as 3rd and 4th grade teacher.

Miss Etta May Olinger, who has spent several months visiting at Miami, Florida spent last week with her sister, Mrs. J. E. Moore.

It was a treat to hear Rev. J. J. Boone preach at the Methodist church last Sunday morning and evening. He is an excellent preacher, for he studies and communes much with his God and his message is so Spirit-filled. He and is looking well and preaches most earnestly.

Mr. Johnson, of Sanford, was in town last Monday putting in meters for the Carolina Power & Light Co. From now on they will charge monthly by what the meter says.

DO YOU OWN A DOG?

If you do, you had better read the law on the subject.

Section 1680 of the Consolidated Statues of North Carolina reads as follows:

No person shall allow his dog over six month old to run at large in the night time unaccompanied by the owner or some member of the owner's family, or some other person by the owner's permision. Any person intentionally, knowingly, and willfully violating this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined not exceeding fifty dollars or imprisoned not exceeding thirty days, and shall also be liable in damages to any person injured or suffering loss to his property or chattels.

When you are out of trouble, keep out. It is better to keep your dog at home at night than let it prowl around over the country. Read the law again.

The firm of Perry and Garner, who have been running a grocery store on Hillsboro Street for the past several months has been dissolved, Mr. Robrt Perry buying Mr. Garner's interest in the same. Mr. Garner has moved to Sanford where he will live in the future.