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## JACKSON COUNTY MAKING RED DESERVES CREDIT CROSS CALLS

When the historian begins to write the true story of the campaign for State support of the public schools he will give Jackson county a large degree of the credit, and if the thing doesn't work out as well as we wish this part of the State believe it will Jackson county will have to bear a large share of the blame.

This county has been for the project for a long number of years. The Jackson County Journal has written and printed innumerable columns of editorials espousing the cause, and pleading the case of the children of the mountain coves and of the sand dunes. A resolution was introduced in the Democratic State Convention ten years ago, looking toward this objective. The North Carolina Press Association was pledged to the cause by a resolution introduced by a Jacksonville, a few years later.

And now, when the fight is a least partially won, and the State pledged to the policy by assuming the burden of the support of the constitutional six months, Mrs. E. L. McKee, senator from this district, native of Jackson county and resident of Sylva, is generally given the credit of having turned the tide and winning the fight. The press of the State is unanimous in giving her the lion's share of the praise.

The story is told by the Raleigh News and Observer thus:

When that master of effect and climax, A. D. MacLean, hit upon the plan of closing the case for the six months State supported school with a speech by North Carolina's first and only woman Senator, he doubtless had some idea of what he was about. But there is a serious question as to whether the astute Mr. MacLean ever suspected just how big an ace he was playing, albeit the Gentleman from Beaufort, being first a gentleman, would be the last person in the world to admit it. They are still talking about the speech of Mrs. McKee's wherever the things at the capital are subjects of conversation, and that—in these legislative days—is everywhere.

Rare in Legislatures of latter days has dramatic climax been brought to a vital State issue such as that prevailing when Mrs. McKee closed the case for the State supported schools before the joint Education Committee meeting in the Hall of the House last Thursday.

"Up my way we often settle matters at the points of guns," she told the audience that packed the hall, firing its imagination as she went on to wonder how any member of the Assembly who had given his pledge to the people back home to work for tax relief could go back and explain a negative vote on the bill then before the committee.

It was Mrs. McKee's first legislative utterance, although it was by no means her first advent in public speaking. As president of the N. C. Federation of Women's Clubs, of the Southeastern Federation, of the State U. D. C., she has had wide experience—but largely before women. The crowd she faced last week was made up almost entirely of men—men picked back in their counties as the best qualified to represent them in the battle for relief at Raleigh. And men, even picked men, are inclined to be just a bit contemptuous of women when it comes to views of finance and basic policy and the like you know.

So the stage was set, just as four years ago, it was set for another brilliant performance that will live as long as stories continue to be told about the Legislature.

The lone woman Senator stepped before a crowd already showing signs of being wearied with too much speaking, and in five minutes of spontaneous expression removed the last shadow of doubt as to the success of the bill.

Frank, sincere, no pretense at oratory. To those as close to her as the press table it was apparent that the Lady from Jackson had no idea of, or that she was, uttering a classic. When applause drowned out her words the first time, she appeared taken just a bit aback, pleaded with the audience to let her proceed lest she forget her lines.

Again when the crowd could not resist the infection of her enthusiasm, she paused to thank it for the compliment.

The Junior Study Club of Sylva has taken the responsibility of making the drive in this community for funds for the emergency fund of the American Red Cross, and is being backed and assisted by the Rotary Club.

Calvin Coolidge and Alfred E. Smith are heads of the nation wide drive for funds and have made appeals to the people for money to assist in relief of distress in the drought stricken areas of the country. President Hoover has also called upon the people for money for this purpose, and the following is a copy of telegrams sent out by John Barton Payne, chairman of the Red Cross to local chapters throughout the country:

"Greatly increased demand during last ten days has made imperative immediate campaign for Red Cross relief fund to meet emergency situation in three parts of 21 states in drought stricken area. Minimum of ten million dollars is needed to prevent untold suffering and actual starvation by thousands of families. Pollution of water supply caused by dying cattle adding to winter hardships in some sections. President Hoover in proclamation urged immediate and generous response. Confident your people will not fail to meet their share in this humanitarian need, but because of general condition desire to impress you with the necessity of the most vigorous possible campaign. Success of our efforts will be regarded as test of Red Cross by President and entire nation, and we must not fail."

There will not be sufficient time to make a canvass of the county, and people living outside of Sylva, who desire to contribute to the relief fund, can leave their contributions with or mail them to either Mrs. E. M. Hale, Mrs. Kenyon Moody or Mrs. Walter Jones. The canvass will close February 2.

### CHOOSE NAME FOR COLLEGE ANNUAL

Callowhee, N. C., Jan. 26—"Diday Ghoski" has been chosen as the name for the annual at Western Carolina Teachers College. The word is the Cherokee Indian name for teacher. As this is a teachers college, the name is very appropriate.

The Allpress All Star artists gave a concert at the auditorium at Western Carolina Teachers College Tuesday evening, January 27th. This was the fourth lyceum number of the year.

Spice and more spice was added to the basket ball game between the girls of the two literary societies last Wednesday evening at Western Carolina Teachers College when the faculty team played during the half. Mrs. Lucy Posey and Miss Maurie Simpson jumped center. Those starting in the game were Misses Maurie Simpson, Gertrude Rhode, Nannie Tilley, Mary Hope Westbrook, Mrs. Lucy Posey. The Columbian Society won with a margin of five points, the score being 16-11.

The Faculty Club at Western Carolina Teachers College will meet Friday evening January 30, at Reuben Robertson Hall. Miss Thelma Howell and Nannie Tilley will be hostesses. Miss Howell will speak on Einstein and his theory of relativity. Following the talk the club will have a social hour.

Finally in the tumult that greeted her conclusion, she talked straight from the heart in words of regret that "E. L." wasn't there to share in that compliment. "E. L." is the other half of the McKee family and was here with his wife during the opening days of the session.

And after the crowd had applauded again, the Lady of the Senate took her seat in the midst of a crowd pressing around with congratulations.

Nothing else was needed. The issue had been won. Everybody knew that all Mr. MacLean had to do was to call the question and tally the vote.



**LEO, CELEBRATED M-G-M STAR, NOW ON WORLD TOUR**  
**LEO WILL BE HERE IN PERSON**

Leo, who is known throughout the United States and foreign countries, as the lion who roars the trademark of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer pictures, will be in Sylva tomorrow, Friday morning at 10 o'clock at the Lyric Theatre, and all the children of the county are invited to come and see him, as guests of the theatre.

Leo is making a tour of the world. His personal conveyance is a huge, motorized speed truck which has been described as the most magnificent and palatial vehicle ever designed for any animal. It is twenty feet long, and occupies thirteen feet. Within the silver bars of this cage Leo's comfort and health is assured by unbreakable glass sides three feet high and canvas drops that can be lowered in inclement weather. The decorations of the whole are of red and gold to the extent that the finest circus wagon ever built would be put to shame.

Two additional motor cars complete Leo's entourage and each of these matches the magnificence of the one in which Leo rides. One of these motors contains Leo's business office where his manager who is conducting the tour makes his headquarters. It is a completely equipped office on wheels with typewriter, desks, chairs, files and all office accessories. The third unit of the caravan is that which transports the large fifty seven note calliope, the largest and finest musical instrument

of its kind ever constructed. Like your own player piano, this unusual instrument can be played either mechanically or by hand.

### JAS. COWARD SERIOUSLY ILL

Friends of James Coward will regret to learn that he is desperately ill at his home on Caney Fork. A native of this county, and one of the few remaining veterans of the Confederacy, "Uncle Jimmy" is advanced in years, and little hope is held for his recovery.

### Would Forgive Debtors



Albert H. Wiggin, great New York banker, says world business will be stabilized and depression cured if the U. S. will reduce the debts other nations owe us

### WEEK By WEEK

(By Dan Tompkins)

Another thing that you can be thankful for is that you were not a stockholder in a bank that is closed. Take the plight of Wallace Davis for instance. He is assessed nearly half a million dollars in his stock of the Central Bank and Trust Co.

Banks throughout Western North Carolina, that closed during the last months of 1930, are reopening. There is many of them are starting business again. It is a most hopeful sign.

The worm does occasionally turn. A railroad company has entered suit in a Nebraska court, against an automobile driver, seeking to collect damages on the allegation that the motorist ran into a freight train and caused damage to three box cars.

The congressmen are still arguing about paying the soldiers' adjusted compensation certificates. They should be paid and paid now; but personally, I have little hope of it being done by the present congress, as long as "Uncle Andy" is on the job over at the treasury department.

India has attained dominion status and thus the wise policy of England is expanded, holding the British Empire together and at the same time allowing the greatest measure of home rule to the one time colonial. Had the policy been adopted back in 1776, we would probably still be a part of the Empire.

Influenza, again starting in Europe has reached this country. The cities of the East, especially Boston, have been hard hit, and now 1000 cases are reported in the strike area at Danville, Va. It behooves folks to be on their guard against "flu", although the present brand is not, so far, accompanied by pneumonia complications, to the extent that was the case during the war, and just after the Armistice. Influenza always strikes when the world is already in a bad way, proving that undernourishment is the food upon which it feeds itself in order to grow to epidemic proportions.

Governor Gardner has gone to the bat for the plan of reorganizing the State Highway Commission, abolishing the districts, and allocating the fund, wherever they are needed most, to complete the State highway system and has told Col. Kirkpatrick and John Sprunt Hill to bring on their armies of opposition. Looks now as if the Governor will win and the plan as advocated by the Sylva Chamber of Commerce, the Brooking Institution report and His Excellency will win. This means much to Jackson and the other small counties with

### JUDGE HOOKER BANISHES WOMAN

Louise Parton was banished from the county, by Judge Joseph J. Hooker in Recorder's Court, Monday, after she and Voyle Clement had been convicted on a statutory charge. She was given her choice of serving a 4 months term in the county jail or leaving the county and staying away for two years. She chose the latter course. The male defendant was sentenced to serve 6 months on the roads. An unusual phase of the case, and one that added human interest to it, was the fact that the Parton girl is married and that her husband, who lives in Waynesville, was present in the court, sitting behind the solicitor and his private prosecution, aiding in the business of prosecuting his wife.

William Rathliff, Indian preacher and taxi driver, was convicted of transporting and possession of liquor and was fined \$50.00 and the costs. He left his automobile in the custody of the sheriff, as security for the fine and costs, until he can get the money to pay it, but the court ordered that the car be sold and the money applied to the payment of the amount due the county, unless Rathliff is successful in raising the sum within that time. He was convicted largely upon evidence of Lash Wilson, negro, who was himself convicted of transporting, a few weeks ago, and upon whom prayer for judgment was continued.

Turner Lewis was tried on a charge of malicious injury to personal property, and was acquitted, for having shot a sow, belonging to Paul Kitchen. Mr. Lewis put up no evidence; but he proved by the State's witness, that he said that the hog came to his place in the night, and raised a disturbance with other animals and he fired his shot gun, not knowing that the sow was there, and that he had no intention of injuring his neighbor's property. The State had a corpus delicti in that it proved a dead sow, but was unable to prove that her death was brought about through malice.

Grady Cox, Sylva negro, was convicted of the larceny of a hand bag and contents, the property of Mr. Jack Strihling, and was sent up for two months.

Mitchell Sutton was convicted of reckless driving and was fined \$25 and the costs. He appealed to the superior court.

Gleim Cunningham, charged with assault with a deadly weapon on his father, drew a conviction and six months term.

Ed Barnes plead guilty to being drunk and judgment was suspended upon payment of the costs.

Ben Harris was convicted of manufacturing and in another case of possession of liquor, and prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of the costs.

Walter Messer was placed on trial on a charge of larceny of a pistol, but the State's witness swore that the pistol in court was not his property, and the prosecution broke down after only two or three questions had been asked the first witness, and the judge said "not guilty".

Capiases were issued for Walter McCall, Roy McCall, J. B. Stansberry and Burt Sutton, all of whom had failed to appear and pay up costs, in the time that the court had given them.

Important State highways that are not completed. It also means a great deal to the State itself, for it will provide a real State Highway Commission, instead of nine separate commissions, each almost a law within itself.

A young boy at Murphy suffered a broken leg in what the papers describe as a general fight, that occurred at a basket ball game between Murphy and Marble schools. The point I wish to raise is to question the ability of principals and coaches, if any, of both schools, in matters of discipline. The only excuse that can be given for the presence of athletics in the public schools, and the employment of coaches, is to teach the youth the rules of good sportsmanship and proper discipline. There was evidently a lack of both at the Murphy game, or there would have been no free for all.

### Time For Everybody to Lend a Hand

By Albert T. Reid

