

A. W. McLean Delivers Address In Windsor

Synopsis of an Address Delivered by Mr. Angus W. McLean Before the Classes in Citizenship Windsor High School

The following is a synopsis of an address delivered by Mr. Angus W. McLean, Lumberton, N. C., before the classes in citizenship, Windsor High School on the evening of February 14, 1924, on the subject, "Training in Citizenship."

Mr. McLean began his address by discussing the progress of education, referring particularly to the wonderful forward movement in our educational program in North Carolina in the last two decades. He stated that notwithstanding the wonderful progress made in the last few years there is still need of further development and broadening of the scope of our educational system in North Carolina, particularly in our secondary public schools, because of the great call of the Twentieth Century for men and women trained for successful service in every field of human endeavor.

TRAINING IN CITIZENSHIP

Referring to the necessity of training in citizenship, he said: "but there must be other aims in our system of education than that of training the mental faculties or gaining a livelihood. There must be definite courses in the curriculum of every public school for training the pupils in the specific duties of citizenship.

The citizens of tomorrow must be healthy, law abiding, progressive and possessed of, not only the desire but the ability to fulfill successfully every civic duty. Our schools must produce a citizenship devoted to the common weal, to useful service, to patriotism, and to humanitarianism—in short, they should produce a citizenship capable of the highest standards of living and devoted to the highest ideals in government.

Respect for Law "One of the most important duties of citizenship, which should be taught not only in the home and in the form

but also in the public schools, is respect for the Constitution and Law as well as Constituted authority. We may turn back the pages of history to the earliest beginnings of civilization and we will see that no civilization anywhere has succeeded without organized government, enacting laws for the protection and the general welfare of the people; and no government has ever fallen into decay where the citizens generally fulfilled their obligations to the government and respected its laws.

"Today one of the greatest menaces to our government is an apparent unwillingness on the part of a large number of our people to obey the laws of the land. It is our prime duty to endeavor to implant in the hearts of the men and women of America, the fixed determination to obey the laws and that the man or woman who evades or encourages the violation of any law is an undesirable citizen. I thoroughly believe in the declaration that the best way to get rid of a bad law is to enforce it. It is a serious thing to enact a law and then permit it to be disregarded.

It is the right of any citizen to advocate the repeal of a law, but he has no moral or legal right to disregard it, as long as it is in force. It must be remembered that ours is a government of law and that the sovereign power resides in the people, who can speak only through the law. It follows, then, as an irresistible conclusion that when our laws are disregarded the sovereignty of the people is not only weakened but insulted.

It is a great mistake to enact a law which is unreasonable in its terms or incapable of being enforced. We have an instance of this in the law recently enacted in this State requiring automobiles to stop at railroad crossings. The purpose of the law is admirable and there is necessity for a proper law upon the subject, but the trouble with the present law is that it requires stops to be made at a large number of crossings where it is obviously unnecessary and where no good purpose is served by making such a stop. The law ought to be materially amended so as to provide that crossings deemed to be dangerous by the State Highway Commission should be designated as dangerous and stop signs erected at those crossings only, thus eliminating the necessity for stopping at perhaps half the existing crossings, and where no rule of safety requires it. After this modification is made the law ought to be strictly enforced. No law should remain a dead letter upon the statute books, because the effect is to create an attitude of indifference or disrespect for the law generally, on the part of the citizen.

Our government is not perfect, he said, and there are still defects to be eliminated and inequalities to be removed, and it is the duty of every good citizen to continually strive to bring his government nearer to the goal which our forefathers had in mind where equality, justice and righteousness in the administration of public affairs shall be the cardinal rule.

Another duty of citizenship, which should be taught in our schools, is that there should be fair and constructive criticism of the defects of government, but the appeal to the passions and prejudices of the people or any attempt to array class against class should not only be deprecated but severely condemned. If I should be asked to name the greatest enemy of good government today, I would have to say, that in my opinion, it is the political demagogue, going about over the land wilfully attempting to deceive others by appealing to their passions and prejudices, and trying to array one class against another, with the sole purpose of advancing his own selfish interest and political fortunes, caring nothing for the public good. His presence, unfortunately, is not confined to any party, but he is found in both the great political parties of today. He deserves severe punishment, but in this land of freedom of speech there is only one penalty that can be imposed upon him, and that is to destroy his influence and disappoint his ambition by force of enlightened public opinion.

Mr. McLean then discussed as another requisite of good citizenship the duty of preserving and protecting the health of the individual and the community. He said: "Intellectual and industrial competency and civic efficiency would be of little avail if there is serious impairment of the health of the citizen, and that therefore good

BANKERS TO MEET HERE FEBRUARY 22

All Banks In First District Will Be Represented

The annual meeting of the Group No. 1 Bankers Association will be held here February 22. This group includes all the counties of the first congressional district and Bertie county and each bank in the district will be represented by one or more of its officials.

There will be two business sessions, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, and the annual banquet will take place in the evening. The business sessions will be held in the Strand theatre and the banquet at the Masonic Hall.

Mr. W. H. Woolard, vice-president of the Greenville Banking and Trust company is president of the Association and will preside at the two sessions. Mr. Woolard is brother of our Mr. J. D. Woolard, Cashier of the Farmers and Merchants Bank of this place and he is also a former Martin county man and the keys to Williamston will be turned over to him as President of the Association.

Mr. W. R. Willis of the Citizens Bank of Farmville is Secretary and Treasurer of the Association and he with Mr. Woolard will arrive in Williamston on Monday, the 21. There will be a representative of the National State and City Bank of New York and several others from various banks of North Carolina besides many prominent men from our own state in attendance.

This is the first time Williamston has had the opportunity to be host to the Bankers Association as it usually entertained by larger towns but we want to accord them the genuine hospitality of our town which is of the best.

Health conditions are most essential to the progressive development of the State. The good health of the citizen is both an individual and a state asset. One of the most significant aspects of modern conservation is a high regard for the health of the community. No state in the Union has made greater progress in its public health service, nor have better results from health work been obtained anywhere than in North Carolina. One of the duties of citizenship, therefore, which should be constantly emphasized in our public schools, is the matter of the health of the individual and community sanitation because we can no longer accord the retention of efficiency which comes from ill health, brought on by neglect of environment or by failure to combat preventable diseases.

Character Training He mentioned as another requisite of training in citizenship, which should be emphasized in our public schools, the matter of character training, saying in this connection: "Education in a democracy cannot find its true objective alone in trained and healthy citizens. These requisites, as we have seen, are essential to success, but valuable as they are in themselves, if they lack the vital motivation of character in the individual citizen, they are unequal to the demand.

"Character training, therefore, through the application of modern modern and well defined methods should be made a part of every comprehensive system of education. Self-discipline, love of truth, honesty and justice, as well as social efficiency, are character traits which are capable of being developed by the competent and conscientious teacher. The highest values in life are moral, not material. What a man is—in other words, his personality and his character, count for infinitely more than the material things he may possess.

"The child is manifestly our most precious asset, but even such a valuable asset as this may be converted into a liability, not only of the family but of the State itself, if that element commonly called moral character is lacking.

SUPERIOR COURT PROCEEDINGS OF

Special Term Ends Today After Running Two Weeks

Tuesday witnessed the passing of two more cases from the civil docket of the Superior court now in special session here. The two suits were of peculiar character, one for personal injury, the other a claim to recover a balance on a note.

The cases disposed of last Tuesday are: J. A. Davenport vs. H. S. Johnson. This case was a suit to recover personal injury. The jury gave the plaintiff a judgment in the sum of \$2,250.

The second case of the day was that of E. S. Waters vs. Jno. G. Long. The claim was to recover \$78.55 balance due on a note traded to Long, and upon which Waters had a mortgage. The jury found that \$75.00 was due.

One of the most important cases in the last three days of the court is that of Peel vs. Roberson.

In this case, Peel vs. Roberson is an action to set aside a deed made to the defendant by the plaintiff with the stipulation that the defendant support and maintain plaintiffs for life.

This case brings up the old case that has caused so much misunderstanding where certain interest is meant in a conveyance and so poorly expressed that it takes a court and a jury to settle the controversy.

The evidence is only fairly started at the time of our going to press and just how it will turn is hard to say. The defendant admits failure to maintain but claims that he put sufficient improvements on the land to offset his liability. The plaintiff claims that any improvements placed on the land were to enhance his own estate and in no way to contribute to their support and that all improvements were at the plaintiff's own choice and in no way demanded by them.

OCCUPANTS HAVE NARROW ESCAPE AS CARS CLASH

Injuries Found To Be Not Serious

What appeared to be a narrow escape occurred this morning about 2:00 o'clock when two cars, one a Ford coupe occupied by a Messrs. Bell and Tankard accompanied by a young lady was speeding on Washington street and crashed into a Ford sedan driven by Willie Bullock of Everett. The coupe, which was from Washington, was turned over and badly damaged while the sedan made its way on to Everett. No one was seriously hurt but Mr. Bell suffered a flesh cut on the head and lost some blood. The young lady was badly bruised and terribly frightened but not seriously hurt.

The car occupied by Bullock left much broken glass, mostly wind shield and between the two, it is not known when a whiskey bottle made its escape and marked the spot where the collision occurred.

Dr. Rhodes was called to examine the cuts and bruises and found them to be of little importance. The Ford coupe and the whiskey bottle apparently having the worst end of the accident.

EPWORTH LEAGUE MET MONDAY

The Epworth League of the Methodist Episcopal Church met Monday evening, February 11, 1924, at the home of Mrs. John L. Robertson at 8:00 o'clock.

Prof. Leggett Visits High Schools of Co.

Professor James L. Leggett of the East Carolina Training School is visiting the county high schools this week on a tour of inspection under the direction of the State Board of Education.



VAN R. MARTIN

To the Democratic voters of the First Congressional District of North Carolina: I take the pleasure of announcing myself as a candidate for nomination in the Democratic Primary to be held on June 24, 1924, for the office of the United States Representative in Congress from the First Congressional District of North Carolina.

REGULATIONS AS TO LOCATION OF MAIL BOXES

The fourth assistant postmaster general gave a general address on the following article of the regulations in connection with the location of rural mail boxes and the location of certain mail boxes on the premises of the boxes on the rural routes, which are served from this office have received unusually bad treatment due to the extensive rural building program.

The article reads: "In order that there may be a better understanding of the regulations and the public of the regulations, the following regulations regarding the location of rural mail boxes are hereby published for the use of rural mail carriers:

The Post Office Department has jurisdiction over public mail carriers and rural mail carriers and mail boxes. It is the duty of rural mail carriers to observe the regulations and to report to the postmaster any violation of the regulations. It is the duty of the postmaster to see that the regulations are observed and to report to the post office any violation of the regulations.

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SANDY RIDGE NEWSY DOTS

Miss Fannie Robertson spent Monday night with Miss Katie Mayberry. Messrs. N. S. Riddick and Joseph Harrison were the guests of Miss Eliza Coltrin Sunday evening.

Valentine Dance Here Largely Attended

The dance, which had been so extensively advertised, brought 'em from far and near, almost overflowing the "boxie". The music was of a poor quality, could have been worse but room for improvement was greater. Many good dances were enjoyed by the participants as they danced their way into the early hours of the morning. Never before has there been such a large attendance to a dance of this description in Williamston.

MARTIN CITIZENS HAVE NARROW ESCAPE AT R. R.

Train Demolishes Rear Of Car, Occupants Not Badly Injured

The other afternoon about a quarter of seven, a train of the Norfolk Southern crossed the tracks of the Norfolk Southern near Plymouth the rear of a passenger car was struck by the body of a train which they were riding and the occupants narrowly escaped death.

Mr. Hopkins who was driving the train did not see the approaching train until after too late to stop, so he made an effort to get across and only missed clearing about eight inches. Messrs. Hopkins and Williams received minor bruises and Mr. Harrison was hurt but not seriously. The train stopped and carried them to Plymouth where they received medical attention by Doctors. Bray and McGowan.

DR. JNO. D. BIGGS TO RUN FOR CONGRESS IN JUNE

Subject to the action of the Democratic primaries to be held June 24, 1924 I hereby announce myself a candidate for Congress for the First Congressional District.

JOHN D. BIGGS.

The announcement of Dr. Biggs for a seat in Congress from the First District, puts a new angle on the political field in the district, making him fifth aspirant and it may be that there will be others yet to enter the race.

There are now two candidates from the north side of the sound and three from the south side, giving about an even distribution of population, the seven counties on the north containing about two-fifths and the seven on the south side about three-fifths of the population of this district.

Of course every candidate will have a distinct following and since politics is somewhat uncertain and in the language of W. O. Saunders of the Elizabeth City Independent we would say it is a little early to bet 2 to 1 on any particular candidate.

Martin county feels that it has a good claim for support of its candidate, because it has always been modest and never asked for anything more than its fair share of support for its candidate on the ground of true merit.

The Enterprise is particularly anxious that the campaign may be so conducted that the people may know the merits of Dr. Biggs, who is well willing to leave to the better judgment of our people with that confidence that they will give him their hearty support.

OF OAK CITY LOCAL NEWS

Mr. Ben Worsley made a business trip to Williamston Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Sitterson, of Wilson visited Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Ainsley Sunday.

MRS. LUKE LAMB AT HOME

Yesterday afternoon at the home of her mother, Mrs. J. L. Wynne, from four-thirty to six, Mrs. Luke Lamb was at home to over a hundred guests with a tea.

VASSAR'S BODY BURIED AS THAT OF ED VINCENT

Funeral Services Held For Wrong Man at Rosemary, N. C.

Funeral services were held for a man named Vassar of Danville, Va., who was buried here Friday as that of Edward Vincent, a high school boy.

Vassar was killed by an explosion on the river last November. On December 28 young Vincent and a companion were thrown into the river when their boat overturned. Vincent was drowned while trying to swim ashore. His companion, who remained on an island for a day and a night, was rescued.

Last Thursday a body was found on an island a mile below the point where young Vincent drowned. His parents, believing it to be that of their son, had funeral services held Friday at a funeral home. The services were conducted by Rev. R. H. Brown, assisted by Rev. E. N. Harrison. Interment was in Oak Grove churchyard.

Or Saturday a brother of Vassar arrived from Danville. The body was exhumed and after being identified as that of the Danville man it was taken to the Virginia city for burial.

MRS. LUKE LAMB AT HOME

Yesterday afternoon at the home of her mother, Mrs. J. L. Wynne, from four-thirty to six, Mrs. Luke Lamb was at home to over a hundred guests with a tea.

The home was prettily decorated with everything suggesting the valentine season.

Throughout the lower floor tall vases of box berries were placed against a green background and red candles burning made the background a pretty one. The dining room table was attractive with fancy paper valentines with a doll dressed as a colonial dame gracing the center.

Mrs. Myrtle Wynne, in a black lace and ribbon dress, met the guests at the door and invited them into the library where Mrs. C. B. Hassell in a black lace gown served punch.

Mrs. Cone, in a black satin and fur dress, then, showed the guests into the dining room where Mrs. Lamb received Mrs. Lamb wore a white sating and pearl creation. She was assisted in entertaining by Mrs. W. B. Watts, who wore brown cretonne wrap with ostrich tips, by Mrs. Warren Biggs, in a blue beaded resergrette and by Mrs. J. S. Rhodes, in a tan canton crepe.

Mrs. A. R. Dunning, in a black velvet evening gown, Miss Nelle Wynne, in black satin fur, received in the dining room where Misses Lucille Hassell, Melba Wynne and Susie James served a salad course and red heart music.

Mrs. Cone and Mrs. J. S. Rhodes accompanied by Mrs. W. H. Biggs sang several selections. Miss Myrtle Wynne accompanied by Mrs. W. B. Watts also rendered several solos during the afternoon.

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