

McLean Sounds Keynote Economy In Government

Education, Rural Betterment, and Taxes Also Outstanding Topics but Throughout Address Sound Business in Government Dominate Theme

(By The Associated Press)

Raleigh, Jan. 11.—Education, agricultural development and rural betterment, economy in government and taxation were the outstanding topics discussed by Governor McLean, in his inaugural address today. Denial of recommendations to the General Assembly were reserved for future messages to that body.

"I expect to discuss other subjects of public concern in later messages," said the incoming Governor. "Among the subjects which I have in mind are: The executive budget, administrative reform, the banking laws, the loan and sale of stocks and other securities, conservation and development, freight rates and water transportation, reform in judicial procedure, the regulation of commerce, the regulation of the industries, regulating the holding of primary elections and elections, the treatment of labor, increase of crime, law enforcement, and other measures which may contribute to the sensible and more effective solution of our economic and welfare problems generally."

Throughout his address, Governor McLean stressed economy in government. He brought this principle into play in dealing with every subject touched upon.

The speaker committed himself unqualifiedly to the cause of education. It was the first topic which he definitely discussed. He linked it with agricultural improvement and rural betterment, declaring: "If I should be asked to say what I found to be the outstanding needs in North Carolina, as I visualized them during my travels covering some 40 thousand miles in 58 counties in the past 12 months, I would unhesitatingly reply: Agricultural improvement and rural betterment. If I should then be asked to suggest what I considered the primary remedy for supplying this need, I would say: More education, both academic and vocational. When I refer to vocational education in this connection I mean training in scientific and practical agriculture."

Further, he made an urgent plea for continued equalization of facilities among rural children. "I hope the day will soon come," he said, "when every boy and girl in the most remote rural sections of the State will have the opportunity for at least a high school education. We must constantly strive to reach this goal."

Business in Government

During his discussion of economy in government, Governor McLean declared that sound economic principles should be applied to government as well as to private business. He urged a policy that will call for the greatest service at a minimum cost. "The ultimate goal for which we should constantly strive," he asserted, "is to see that the government is administered wisely, honestly, efficiently and economically."

The debt of the State and its subdivisions, individually and collectively, was discussed by the new Governor at some length. He declared that it is time to call a halt to take stock. The total debt of the State and all its subdivisions, he pointed out, is now more than \$300,000,000. "If taxes are to be levied," he warned, "the efficiency of government is destroyed." He continued: "Public service becomes first a handicap and then an intolerable burden. Confidence is weakened and co-operation made impossible."

The wise traveler, he declared, rests a while at the wayside inn before continuing his journey. "Let us follow this example by resting for a little while on our journey for the purpose of refreshing ourselves and starting again with a fresh impulse and renewed strength in the form of increased wealth and tax paying power. In order that we may reach the end of the journey in safety."

Governor McLean was unqualified in his praise of what the State has done in the construction of highways crippled. But he was not ready at this time to make definite recommendations as to the further financing of the State highway system. He reviewed several proposed plans and ventured the assertion that under whatever future money-raising plan the State adopts, highways will be taken into full consideration.

During the course of his inaugural address, Governor McLean declared: "I am opposed to levying any tax for state purpose upon real estate or personal property. It must be apparent to every thinking man that real estate, especially farm lands, is already bearing a heavy burden in many counties, a burden none the less heavy because incurred for local taxation and local schools."

Governor McLean declared that institutions for the unfortunate and defective must not be crippled.

He urged the Legislature to make a survey of the present system of local taxation and to enact general legislation looking toward the elimination of any inequalities

SNOWDEN HELD FOR HIGH COURT

Negro Who Shot Hunt Saturday Night in Shepard Street Cafe In Jail Awaiting Trial

Henderson Snowden, colored, who shot and killed Clarence Hunt, also colored, on Saturday night, was committed to jail, being unable to furnish bond of \$2,000 for his appearance at the March term of Superior court, following a hearing before Trial Justice Sawyer Wednesday morning. The warrant charged Snowden with first degree murder and the lower court found probable cause in the case. The defendant is represented by P. W. McMullan, Robert Lowry and M. B. Simpson. The defense did not put on any witnesses.

According to the evidence of the State Snowden shot Hunt after shoving him in a seated position on a stool in Sears' Cafe on the corner of Green and Shepard streets. Hunt, State witnesses said, came in the cafe and accused Snowden of having a gun and having planned to shoot him. Holding one hand behind his head, Snowden shot Hunt for a gun but did not find one. Snowden and Hunt both left the cafe shortly after this. Snowden returning at once and Hunt getting back within about 30 minutes. When Hunt came again to the Cafe Snowden accused him of mistreating him whereupon Hunt attacked Snowden and the two clinched. Loosing himself Snowden shoved Hunt on a stool in the Cafe. Just at this moment George Stevenson, colored, who lives on Persse street, got between the two negroes in an effort to stop the fight. Before Hunt could get on his feet again Snowden drew a pistol and reaching his hand over Stevenson's shoulder fired the shot that brought instant death to Hunt.

The attorney for the defendant failed to get any of the State witnesses to admit that they saw a knife in Hunt's hand, though they did acknowledge that after the shooting they saw a knife near the body of the dead man.

This was the first time that Percy W. McMullan has represented a client in the lower court since his law partner, Henry Lee Roy became prosecuting attorney. The partnership of McMullan and LeRoy has applied only in civil cases since the beginning of Mr. LeRoy's term of office.

Your New Governor



ANGUS WILTON MCLEAN

Angus Wilton McLean Inaugurated Governor

Comes From Lumberton Home With His Three Children, Mrs. McLean Unable to Attend Inauguration Exercises Because Being Illness from Paralysis

Raleigh, Jan. 11.—Angus Wilton McLean today became Governor of North Carolina, succeeding the Cameron Morrison administration shortly after noon when all the other State officials elected last November except State Treasurer Layce, now ill in New York, were also inaugurated.

Mr. McLean left his home in Lumberton last night with his three children, his wife being unable to come because she has been seriously ill for the last two weeks.

He joined a special train of Robeson County people outside the city today.

Lunches at the executive mansion with a public reception the night after on the occasion of the inauguration.

The Legislature met briefly before the inaugural ceremonies and

A. E. JONES HAS TERM COMMUTED

Raleigh, Jan. 11.—Governor Morrison Tuesday issued eight commutations and three pardons to convicts, including A. E. Jones of Person County. Jones is commuted from a three to five year sentence to one to two years; W. J. Sifton of Johnston County, commuted from a 17 to 29 year sentence to 12 to 24; and Will Smith of Johnston County, 17 to 29 years to 12 to 15.

ELECTROCUTED FOR MURDER OF FAMILY

Southville, N. C., Jan. 11.—Ben Fitch, 35, was electrocuted at the State prison today for murder of his wife and four other persons at Bristol, 14 months ago. He claimed innocence to the end.

ATTEMPTS AT RESCUE S-19 CREW ALL FAIL

Chatham, Mass., Jan. 11.—All attempts to rescue the crew of the United States submarine S-19, in a dangerous position on a bar south of Nantux, East Guard station failed last night. Efforts to put a line around the vessel will be resumed this morning at slack tide.

The submarine still held firm on the outer bar of Orleans harbor today. She grounded yesterday in a fox cove route from Portsmouth, New Hampshire, to New London, Connecticut. The crew remained aboard.

POWERS SIGN ON DAWES ANNUITIES

Paris, Jan. 11.—All the powers represented in the Allied Financial Conference today signed an agreement regarding the distribution of the Dawes plan annuities. Rumania and Italy signed with reservations regarding amounts they should pay.

The Reparation of American financial claims, \$1,750,000,000, was broken out, this being the only change made before the signature.

South Carolina Rejects Child Labor Amendment

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 11.—The South Carolina Senate today rejected the Federal child labor amendment to the constitution.

Last Of Tennis Cabinet Is Gone With Jusserand

And No Member of Cabinet Was More Thoroughly in Accord With Theodore Roosevelt Than Volatile Frenchman Retiring from Post as Ambassador

By ROBERT T. SMALL

Paris, Dec. 31, 1924.

Washington, Jan. 11, 1925. Jules Jean Jusserand, ambassador of France, is taking away from Washington with him many of the pleasantest memories of his full and useful life. But when you ask him what is the pleasantest of all, he will tell you the days of the Roosevelt "tennis cabinet."

M. Jusserand was what might be called the "premier" of that cabinet. He was always there at the courts whenever the strenuous President desired a game. He was always ready for a "hike" or a swim or a ride—a perfect companion for the executive champion of the croquet game.

And Jules Jusserand is the last of the "cabinet" to quit Washington. The others have been long gone. Those of the distinguished company in addition to T. R. himself have passed beyond. Most of T. R.'s cronies were in the tennis cabinet. There was Gifford Pinchot and Jimmie Garfield and Bob Bacon, Archie Butt, Lawrence O. Murray, Truman Newberry and Herbert Knott Smith. But few as he was of all of these there was an especial devotion on his part toward the French ambassador and it was warmly reciprocated by the volatile and vivacious Jusserand. It was largely due to his loyalty for Jusserand that Colonel Roosevelt wanted to fight for France when America was at last fighting beside her in the World War.

M. Jusserand says that since he announced his retirement his friends have said they supposed he was going home to rest.

"They do not know," he added, "that they are an unpalatable word to a member of the tennis cabinet. No, I do not want rest. I shall work as hard as I can."

M. Jusserand was proud of his part in the "tennis cabinet." He will be "Small and very" in the physical and energetic part of Roosevelt himself and his young and more vigorous companions, but Jusserand admits to only one defect in Roosevelt. One day President Roosevelt returned to the White House all wet and covered with mud. Behind him strode the bedraggled figure of Jimmie Sloan,

New Governor Has Long Public Service Record

In Home Town, in Home County, in State and in Nation He Has Record for Distinguished Service and Has Been Accorded Signal Honor

Lumberton, Jan. 11.—Angus Wilton McLean, who was inaugurated Governor of North Carolina today at Raleigh, was born in Robeson County, April 20, 1875.

A North Carolinian by birth and a Scotchman by ancestry, the new executive has sentiments closely akin to those of his immediate predecessor, Cameron Morrison. The two are also Presbyterians.

The new Governor is a son of Archibald Alexander and Caroline Parrell McLean. After graduation from the McMillan Military School in 1894, he entered high school, completing his course there in 1899. He then attended the University of North Carolina, where he received his degree as bachelor of law in 1902. The same year he began the active practice of law in Lumberton and was elected county attorney, which position he held until 1904.

In 1904, Mr. McLean was married to Miss Margaret French of Lumberton. From 1898 until 1914 he was president of the City of Lumberton. He then assumed the presidency of the National Bank of Lumberton. Until his gubernatorial victory he was active member of the law firm of McLean, Varner & McLean. He was also president of the Virginia and Carolina Southern Railroad Company and was prominently connected with several cotton mills in his section.

Mr. McLean was elected chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Robeson County in 1892, later being elected a member of the State Executive Committee in 1911. He was elected to the National Council of the United States in 1911, which position he held until the National convention of 1924 when, after a brief illness, he was elected Governor. He was succeeded by United States Senator F. M. Simmons.

Mr. McLean was a delegate at large to the National Democratic Convention of 1904, when he was assigned a place on the rules committee. Again, in 1912, he was a delegate, this time being assigned to a place on the committee on permanent organization. He was chairman of the Presidential Campaign Committee in 1921 and 1924.

During the World War the State's new executive was prominent in national affairs. In 1920 and 1921 he was Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. In 1918, 1919 and 1920 he was a member of the War Finance Corporation. In 1920 and 1921 he was managing director of this organization, also a member of the Railway Loan Advisory Committee of the United States Treasury. He was a member of the Selective Service Advisory Committee and General Counsel in North Carolina for the Allen Property Custodian.

Mr. McLean also founded the Robeson County chapter of the American Red Cross and was chairman of the county Liberty Loan committee.

In the meantime, Mr. McLean was elected chairman of the board of trustees of Flora McDonald College and a member of the official board of the Union Theological Seminary in Richmond.

The new Governor holds membership in the following organizations: The North Carolina Historical Society, the American Bar Association, the North Carolina Bar Association, of which he is an ex-president; the American Academy of Political and Social Science, of which he is an ex-president; the Sigma Chi Club of Wilmington; the Capital Club of Raleigh; the Chevy Chase Club of Washington; the National Press Club of Washington; and the Racquet Club of Washington.

The McLean family, a Scotch organization with headquarters in New York, invited Mr. McLean to deliver the principal address at its Burns Day dinner in 1924. He accepted this invitation and accounts of his address appeared in Scottish papers in this country and in Scotland.

Mr. McLean is an active member of the Presbyterian Church at Lumberton, with which he has been officially connected for many years. His wife is a Baptist.

The Governor and Mrs. McLean have three children: Angus Wilton, Jr., Margaret and Hector, the last named being the youngest.

EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY MORRISON'S LAST ACT

Raleigh, Jan. 11.—Governor Morrison's final act was the granting of eight commutations and three pardons. The cases were not of an ordinary nature and were cases of long sentences, involving such crimes as murder, criminal attack and prohibition violation.

Instead of hiding the office before good-bye, the outgoing Governor merely said good night.

LACY IMPROVED AND IS STARTING HOME

Raleigh, Jan. 11.—The condition of Benjamin R. Lacy, North Carolina State Treasurer, who is ill here, was reported as improved today, and his recovery is expected. He had signed all but \$500 bond of the \$15,000,000 issue and expects to start home late today accompanied by his nurse.

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS SAVINGS BANK REELECTED

At the annual stockholders' meeting of the Savings Bank & Trust Company, held on Monday night at the North Carolina State Hotel, the following directors were re-elected for the ensuing year: E. P. Aydtell, M. L. Clark, E. B. Chesson, W. P. DeWitt, J. W. Foreman, J. B. Flora, W. B. Foreman, J. T. Guaid, T. S. Hughes, W. T. Love, J. T. McCabe, L. B. P. Sawyer, W. W. Sawyer, S. W. Scott, H. D. W. Sawyer, J. H. White, T. S. White, H. J. Williams, J. Q. A. Wood, W. J. Woodley.

The following officers were re-elected: E. P. Aydtell, vice president; E. F. McCabe, vice president; J. H. Kramer, vice president and cashier; W. H. Jennings, assistant cashier; W. W. Woodley, Jr., assistant cashier.

This bank reports one of its most successful years and increased its dividend rate from 12 per cent to 14 per cent this year. Its resources are nearing the \$90 million mark.

FUNERAL MISS SAWYER

The funeral of Miss Nancy Sawyer, who died at her home, 309 Ehrfighams street, Sunday night of a heart attack, was conducted at the home Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Dr. S. H. Templeman, assisted by Dr. S. H. D. Wilson. Music was rendered by the quartet of the First Baptist Church choir and the pallbearers were G. R. Little, J. B. Leigh, W. G. Gaither, C. C. Parker, C. P. Harris, M. Leigh, W. T. Love, S. P. G. Sawyer, G. G. Scott and Dr. S. W. Templeman. Interment was made at Hollywood Cemetery.

Among those attending the funeral from out of the city were Louis Ziegler and children, Elsie Elizabeth and Ella Ziegler, and Heywood Ziegler of Edenton.

Miss Sawyer was the sister of Clerk of the Court Ernest Sawyer and the late Heywood Sawyer, alumnus of the University of North Carolina and widely known lawyer of this city.

SEE SAW IS BLUE ON MUSCLE SHOALS

Washington, Jan. 11. The Underwood Muscle Shoals bill providing for private lease of Muscle Shoals was substituted for the Norris Government operation plan in the Senate today by a vote of 46 to 22.

Yesterday the Jones commutation plan was adopted and then replaced by the Norris plan.

MOTOR TRUCKS SUPERSEDE SLEIGHS AND SLEDGEBELLS

Philadelphia, Jan. 11.—(Special)—Although snow has covered this section of Pennsylvania for 16 days, there have been practically no sleighs or sledgebells. Even in the country districts the trucks and automobiles have worn through the snow leaving few spots for a sleigh runner to slide.

EXPRESS AGENT ANNOUNCES POULTRY EMBARGO REMOVED

Paul Wainwright, agent of the American Express Company of this city, today announced that the State of Virginia has now lifted the embargo on live poultry to permit the transportation into that state of shipments of live chickens, turkeys, geese and other poultry, including birds, from the States of North Carolina and Tennessee, resulting in a letter to him from William Lumberton, superintendent of the Southern division of the American Railway Express Company. The embargo referred to has worked considerable hardship on a large number of poultry raisers in this section of the State who will now be able to send poultry to Norfolk and be of interest to them.

COTTON MARKET

New York, Jan. 11.—Cotton closed quiet, but firm, at 24.15, a decline of 15 cents from previous closing bid, 24.30, 23.64, 23.55, 24.00, 24.13, July 24.35, October 24.35.

New York, Jan. 11.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: January, 23.78, March 24.09, May 24.75, July 24.48, October 24.01.

THE CITY AT LUMBERTON

Edenton, Jan. 11.—A telegram from Senator J. H. McCullan at Raleigh states that Walter Murphree had presented the invitation to attend the Chowan River bridge barbecue at Edenton next Tuesday. Acceptance of Edenton's invitation on the part of Messrs. Daughton and Bowie had already been indicated.