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McLean Insists On Educational Work Not Being Curtailed

The Governor Discusses the State's Needs Based Upon Observations He Has Already Made; Made no Recommendations as to How Future Road Building is to be Financed.

Raleigh, Jan. 21.—"Whatever curtailment there must be in the general activities of the state on account of lack of revenue, education, and particularly the public schools, must not be neglected. With this declaration, Governor Angus Wilton McLean, appearing before the general assembly today, at noon for his first message with recommendations, launched into a discussion of the state's needs, based upon observations which he has already made. He will appear before the law-making body at a later date to discuss the state's financial affairs and, in this connection, its future fiscal policy.

The governor did not discuss bond issues today. "A newly elected governor," he explained, in his introductory remarks, "is at a disadvantage in that he is plunged into the midst of a legislative session without having had opportunity to inform himself thoroughly as to conditions and to determine many details relating to governmental matters."

Governor McLean made no recommendations as to how future road building in North Carolina shall be financed, but committed himself to the continuation of highway construction until the entire system is completed. "I shall within a very short time," he said, "give this phase of the situation the most careful consideration and make such recommendations as in my judgment will be for the best interest of the state."

Beginning with the public schools, the governor's message dealt with the present state system of financing, law enforcement, reform in judicial procedure, freight rates and the development of water transportation, highway, treatment of the afflicted, the pardoning power, the "blue sky" law, conservation and development of the state's natural resources, industrial development, development of the coastal plain, the treatment of labor, workmen's compensation, the treatment of prisoners, the state's prison, traffic regulation on the public highways and the fish and oyster industry.

Definitely, Governor McLean recommended gradually increasing the equalization fund for the support of public schools, continued expansion of the health work of the state, the establishment of an agricultural experiment in the sand hill section for the benefit of agriculture and horticulture, the creation of an executive budget system, action looking toward the reduction of crime, a standing judicial conference, the appointment of a commissioner of pardons, converting the North Carolina Geological and Economic Survey into an agency to advertise the state's resources and the enactment of an adequate workmen's compensation law.

"We must provide for the administration of the various departments, institutions and other agencies of government in such a way that they will serve the purpose for which they were created," said Governor McLean, adding, "but without losing sight of the necessity for economic administration."

"The deficit which has arisen on account of the failure in the past to provide sufficient revenue to meet expenses must be provided for," he continued, "and, at the same time, adequate steps must be taken to prevent any possible recurrence of a deficit in the future. The cardinal principle of our fiscal policy should be made that our budget must be balanced for each operating period. This fundamental principle should never be violated, because its violation is certain to rise up and plague us on every future occasion, and, moreover, if such violation is persisted in, it will sooner or later create chaos in the financial affairs of our state."

The new governor declared further: "With the beginning of this session of the general assembly I believe our state is entering upon a less speculative period, because necessarily less money must be spent upon expansion and permanent improvements. This is not surprising, he went on, for the reason that the need is not so acute, and, besides, our capacity to borrow money, secured by long term bonds, should not be used as the certain means of financing."

Governor McLean declared that the state should have a just pride in its educational progress. "If the present progress is maintained," he said, "in this connection, it will be only a few



New Mat Champ Wayne H. Mann, of Nebraska, 6 ft., 7 in. tall and weighing 268 pounds, is the new wrestling champion of the world. He picked up the former champ, "Strangler" Lewis, and tossed him from the ring. Lewis was injured so seriously he could not resume.

years until every county will have a unified system and our rural schools, cooperating with the departments of research and extension, will become the centers of educational progress and community betterment. This is the safest basis on which to build an enduring public school system and one in which the people will have a genuine pride. Therefore, the state, in administering its public school funds, should seek to keep alive this enthusiasm and to distribute the burden of public school support so that the desired goal may be obtained without placing an excessive hardship on any county. This can be done by gradually increasing the equalizing fund distributed by the state to the less wealthy counties, to enable them to support their public schools."

The executive went from a discussion of the public school system to a plea for continued efforts in agriculture. "The most important of any one problem over another, it is agriculture," he declared. "I expect to cooperate actively with the department of agriculture and with the State College of Agriculture and Engineering in devising special means, during the next four years to promote the agricultural industry in our state."

Urging the establishment of an executive budget commission, Governor McLean said: "The commission, through the governor, as its executive head, should perform some or all of the following functions: (a) awaken a spirit of economy and efficiency in the public service; (b) scrutinize and subject to the test of necessity and public welfare all items of proposed expenditures; (c) eliminate waste and extravagance, if any exists; (d) prevent duplication of effort and outlay by the various agencies; (e) constantly supervise all fiscal operations of the state in respect to both revenues and expenditures; (f) formulate and recommend plans for better coordination, or organization and administration, of the various institutions; (g) prepare and submit, for action by the general assembly, a budget of estimated receipts and expenditures for the state as a whole, after receiving, examining and passing upon the reports and estimates of the various departments and institutions, to the end that current operating expenses shall, at no time, exceed current income, applicable thereto."

Discussing judicial reforms, Governor McLean recommended a standing judicial conference, to be composed of the judges of the supreme and superior courts, the attorney general and at least one member of the bar from each judicial district, these to meet at least twice a year, and otherwise if necessary, with the chief justice presiding, to exchange views and recommend reforms.

PARENT-TEACHER MEETING

The local Parent-Teacher association met in regular session Friday afternoon last with the president, Mrs. R. A. Fields, presiding. Miss Perkins, class of the primary grades won the attendance prize for the largest number of parents present. Announcement was made of the fourth number of the Lyceum series at the auditorium Wednesday night, January 23. Mrs. T. C. Farnage made a splendid and helpful talk along the lines of library extension giving the requirements and necessity of a standard library. She urged that the library be properly equipped and the children persuaded to read good books in order that they might have beautiful thoughts and high ideals. Mrs. J. O. Pollard was elected chairman of the library extension at this time.

Reports of standing committees were postponed until next meeting as the inclement weather prevented the usual good attendance.

MIDYETTE RULES STATE CRIMINAL COURT

Commissioner's Appointee Recognized Officer for January Criminal Court.

Kinston, Jan. 19.—Heber Worthington, one of the outstanding figures in Lenoir county's sheriff tangle, was late today chosen by Judge Garland Midyette as court officer for the January term of criminal court to be held here.

The selection, however, Judge Midyette declared, was not to be construed as a settling of the question as to the legal sheriff, whose duties are being executed by both Worthington, selected by the county board of commissioners, and Arden W. Taylor, elected in November, but denied the place because of alleged shortage in tax collections which he refuses to pay, claiming the figures specified were inaccurate.

Taylor submitted to the edict of Judge Midyette through counsel, the court proceeding this afternoon.

The judge, in referring to the question, said that the controversy was one for the courts to settle.

PETITIONS BEING SIGNED

The People of Wilson County Are Bigger For Good Roads; The Bad Weather is Showing Conclusively the Great Necessity for All Kinds of Operations.

Wilson, Jan. 22.—The petitions being circulated to ask the county commissioners to order an election on the issuance of \$1,250,000 in bonds to have these classifications cost \$1,941,311.

ROTARY REGULATIONS

At the regular meeting of the Farmville Rotary Club, Tuesday night, January 20, the following resolutions relative to the tribute paid by Dr. E. C. Brooks to Pitt county, were passed:

Whereas, we note, with a due sense of pride, the very splendid full page article in Sunday morning's News and Observer by Dr. E. C. Brooks on the local government of Pitt county, in which, among other things, it was stated that the Pitt county government and official affairs were the most efficient of all the county governments in North Carolina; and, whereas, a fine tribute was paid to each of the county officers for the excellent condition of their respective offices, and especial mention was made of the skill and business ability of the board of county commissioners, among whom, at that time was our beloved president, John W. Holmes;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Rotary Club of the Town of Farmville as follows:

1st. That we commend the chairman and board of county commissioners of Pitt county for the excellent diligence in the administration of the county affairs. That we express our pride in their efficiency and skill which has put our county on a good business basis and which has attracted statewide attention.

2d. That this commendation extend to all the commissioners who had a part in effecting this transformation in the county affairs.

3d. That we congratulate each and every county officer for the splendid condition of their respective offices.

4th. That we express our gratitude to Dr. Brooks for his outstanding research which revealed the facts and for his thoughtful and inspiring publication. That we are confident that he is doing his best to render a splendid service to Pitt county, in accordance with the motto of the Rotary Club: "Service Above Self."

STATE PRINTING DEPARTMENT HAS TO PAY FOR OVERPRINTING SHOW GREAT ECONOMY

Department Had to Pay for Overprinting Show Great Economy.

Raleigh, Jan. 21.—Printing cost the state of North Carolina \$317,167.59 during the 18th month period, December 1, 1923, to January 1, 1924, about one-quarter million dollars a year, according to the last report of the biennial report of M. L. Shipman, which was completed just before he retired from office as commissioner of labor and printing last Wednesday. Through buying the paper on which the state printing is done and by its system of cancelling the bills of the printing concern by which the printing is done, the report declares, a saving to the state of more than ten thousand dollars is effected annually.

Figures given in the report show that the printing cost for the department during the last 18 months has been most expensive, \$46,705.48 being expended. The superintendent of public instruction spent \$27,779.10 for printing while the legislative department spent \$34,629.88.

The figures also show that the State College of Agriculture and Engineering spent \$1,638.88 during the 18 month period, while the University of North Carolina spent \$748.

Department had to pay for their printing and other expenses much less lavish in their expenditures for printing than those departments whose printing bills were paid out of the state's general fund. Departments who took their bills paid out of their own funds.

ASKS FOR INFORMATION

Senate Passes Resolution Requesting Copy of Agreement With Full Information as to Negotiations.

Washington, Jan. 21.—Secretary Hughes was called upon today by the senate for a copy of the Paris reparations agreement concerning the circumstances surrounding the negotiations as may be necessary to a full understanding of its terms.

The resolution of inquiry introduced by Senator Johnson, republican of California, one of the irreconcilables, was adopted without discussion.

When advised of the senate's action Mr. Hughes declined to discuss it in other quarters, however, it was suggested that the language of the request was so sweeping it might be interpreted to include those which the department would not care to open. It gained such headway it was stated that the department may take full advantage of the clause "if not incompatible with the public interest."

MRS. LAVINIA WILLIAMS

Monday night at the home of her son, George H. Williams, Mrs. Lavinia Williams, aged 82 years, well known and beloved matron, having been afflicted for several years with rheumatism and paralysis of the right arm and leg, died at 11 o'clock on Wednesday, January 22, at the home of her son, George H. Williams, at 2:30 in the evening by the side of her husband.

WOMAN NOW IS TEXAS GOV.

Mrs. Miriam Amanda Ferguson Now Chief Executive of Largest State in the Union.

Austin, Texas, Jan. 20.—Inauguration of Mrs. Miriam Amanda Ferguson as Texas' first woman governor was set for noon today in the spacious hall of the house of representatives, where ten years ago her husband, James E. Ferguson, was sworn into the same office and where nearly three years later he was impeached and removed from office. Ceremonies as elaborate as the event was unique were planned. The entire city was bedecked with Texas and American flags and the largest crowds ever to attend an inaugural was on hand, many coming from other states. There was no opportunity for most of them to see Mrs. Ferguson take the oath of office but they hoped to see and meet her at the inaugural ball and reception tonight.

The induction program itself was brief and simple. It called for a short prayer, administering of the oath of office by Chief Justice C. Curston using a Bible that dated back to the induction of the first Governor of Texas, and then the inaugural address of the new governor. A three-inch gun was mounted at the capital entrance to sound salutes in honor of the new governor and the retiring chief executive, Pat M. Neff.

To Mrs. Ferguson, her inauguration represented the final stepping stone of her long endeavor to clear the family name from the stigma of her husband's impeachment. She never believed the charges of misappropriation of public funds which were the basis for the impeachment and during his trial and the days of despair which followed his removal from office she steadfastly stood by him and encouraged him in his unswerving efforts at a political comeback.

During the ceremony, Mrs. Ferguson made a short speech in which she said she would make the name of her husband a name not to be remembered in the future. She then read a list of names of those who had supported her husband during his impeachment trial.

SNOW HILL WATCHES WILLIAMS WILL SUIT

Snow Hill, Jan. 21.—There is very great interest for Snow Hill people in the suit which has recently been brought by relatives of the late J. P. Williams, pioneer Georgia farm operator, filed in the superior court of Fulton county, Ga., a niece of Mrs. and Mr. Williams, Mrs. J. H. Edwards, is a resident of Snow Hill.

Mr. Williams died in 1913 leaving a six million dollar estate to his wife with the agreement, it is alleged, that it was to be divided equally between his children and heirs.

Mrs. Williams died in March, 1923, leaving a will which gave the estate to the executor to be converted by him into a trust fund for the maintenance and support of her children. A portion of the estate was to be used for the maintenance and support of her children.

The chapter expressed its regrets to Mrs. O. L. Fox of her decision to make Edgewoodville her future home, but was glad to hear that she will not take her name from the roll at present and hopes to attend some of the meetings.

A delicious sweet course consisting of fruit gelatine with whipped cream, angel food cake, jellies, and salad outs was served by the ladies.

The chapter adjourned to meet next with Mrs. John T. Thomas.

We wish to express to those who were so kind and thoughtful to us during the illness and death of our beloved mother, our sincere thanks and our appreciation for every act of kindness and consideration shown to us. MRS. C. S. WILLIAMS, MRS. J. H. EDWARDS, MRS. J. P. WILLIAMS, MRS. J. H. EDWARDS, MRS. J. P. WILLIAMS, MRS. J. H. EDWARDS.

Statement of Auditor Shows State's Deficit More Than Six Million

Deficit of \$4,606,055.50 for Year Ending June 30, 1924 Added to Former Deficit Brings Total to \$6,269,680.50

Raleigh, Jan. 21.—The general assembly of North Carolina which had as its chief business today the first message of Governor Angus Wilton McLean dealing with general legislative policies today had placed before it without any preliminary warnings the report of State Auditor Baxter Durham, which showed a net overdraft in general funds of the state of \$4,606,055.50 as of June 30, 1924. The report of Auditor Durham was transmitted to the senate this morning by Governor McLean and was immediately made public.

In the house, little business was transacted, only a half dozen items considered being considered. However, during the brief session presiding at the governor's address, the house passed a resolution which would substitute a session Friday morning and substitute a session Friday night, the reason being the general assembly's desire to attend the dedication of Manning Hall at the University of North Carolina, Friday morning. The measure was sent to the senate by special messengers, but it was not considered before recess. To hear the governor's address.

After receiving the auditor's report the senate decided it was necessary to hold another session this afternoon immediately following the recess and this will be the first afternoon session since the opening of the legislature. Mr. Durham's report showed there was a deficit in the state treasury and the state was late in holding the amount of overprint lists as of June 30, 1924. The general fund cash on hand for the year ending June 30, 1924, was \$1,941,311.

WEDNESDAY EVENING JANUARY 22 SCHOOL AUDITORIUM. HERE IS A DIFFERENT PROGRAM

Mr. Theodore Knox is a "protean characteristic and impersonator of marked ability and originality," always making his characters so plain that the audience never fails to see them with keen enjoyment. Many of these characters are people whom you have seen somewhere along life's road. There are some that are serious and others that bring hearty laughs. Mr. Knox himself is recognized by such artists as Elsie Ray of

the drama, and in his cycle of songs used by Cliff Curd never fails to meet with a hearty response from those who admire the great artist. Mrs. Knox uses a Victrola for accompaniment for the songs, "Lo, flies the Gentle Lark," "The Echo Song," and others. It will be difficult to distinguish her voice from that of Cliff Curd herself. Mrs. Knox is also delightful in child impersonations. An hour or two of refined entertainment is assured from these artists.

The Piedmont Bureau has pleasure in presenting them here as a Piedmont De Luxe Attraction and commends them to the public. Wednesday evening at the school auditorium.

MRS. SMITH HOSTESS TO U. S. C.

The Rebecca Winbourne Chapter of the U. S. C. met at the home of Mrs. W. Leslie Smith, Thursday afternoon at 8 o'clock with seventeen members present.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. E. O. Turnage, after which the chaplain, Mrs. E. B. Slaughter, read the scripture lesson and offered an impressive and appropriate prayer. The roll was called by the secretary and the treasurer made her report.

To suit the convenience of some of the members the date of meeting was changed from the third Thursday to the first Friday of each month. The secretary was instructed to place on order for one volume of "The Centennial of the Confederacy" for the use of the program committee, composed of Mrs. G. A. Rowe and Miss Perkins.

January being the birth month of General Robert E. Lee, the program was devoted to sketches of his life. The first paper was read by Mrs. G. M. Hedges, "A Sketch of the Life of Robert E. Lee," by Hill.

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