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EUGENE ANDERSON
FORSYTH, GEORGIA
Aug. 30, 1957.

MR. W. S. McKibben, Pres.,

Social Circle, Ga.

Dear Mr. McKibben:

I thank you very much for your invitation for me to be next year's guest at the Holiness Camp Meeting at Indian Springs. Also for the privilege of carrying you back sixty-seven years to the scenes under the tent that then stood as a promise for the great religious work ahead.

I have great esteem for the ministers who have done so much for the cause, and I promise to resist any temptation I might feel to use too much of their time.

Though I have been a member of Mulberry Street Methodist church in Macon for more than fifty years, I have never felt that I have done enough good to be forgiven for having to say that the only whipping that I ever got at school was for stealing plums with 75 other students when a storm blew away the fence and exposed the orchard to the hungry eyes of the young students.

I have just completed a manuscript for the life work of the Rebel Millionaire, Robert Jenks Taylor of Macon, hence the kind of stationery I am using.

I shall be glad to have any suggestions before the next holiness meeting.

Yours with esteem,
E. EUGENE ANDERSON. A.

The Author:

Born at Hayneville, Houston County, Ga., Nov. 23, 1866. First Child of Christopher (Kit) Anderson and Laura Tooke. Apprenticed to the Hawkinsville Dispatch at 14 years old.

Three years later became publisher of a paper in Cartersville, Ga., the home of the famous evangelist, Sam Jones.

Two years later joined printers' union in Macon, became its president. Studied law at Mercer University night school and taught practical arts there in daytime.

Became official stenographic reporter of City Court of Macon and assistant reporter in the other courts of the Macon Circuit. Became secretary of the Macon Chamber of Commerce and secretary of the first Georgia State Chamber of Commerce. Became half owner of the Porter and Anderson Business College. After three years sold interest to Porter and went to New York with younger brother, W. T. Anderson, to work on papers and study in Berlitz School of Languages.

After a year, accepted Editor A. A. Allen's offer of city editorship of Macon Telegraph and returned to Macon. Was offered fine salary to lecture one hour a day to the Porter Business College, but instead I accepted an opportunity to buy the Georgia-Alabama Business College, which had been successfully launched at Macon by Wyatt and Martin of Mississippi.

After several years the Southern Newspaper Publishers' Association offered to furnish equipment and give daily publicity and furnish one student per year from each paper, paying the tuition.

The National Newspaper Association meeting in New York City duplicated the offer of the Southern Publishers; and the Job Printers at meetings held in Nashville and in Atlanta entered into similar agreements with the school.

The printers unions in Macon and Atlanta agreed to certify students who stood satisfactory examinations after taking the course.

A thousand new operating printers were furnished from these sources, and the shortage of printers was ended.

The U. S. government bought scholarships for the war veterans who in large numbers attended business college and printing school; and the government finally agreed to send to the school all such students in the Southeastern States.

The enrollment book showed upward of 25,000 students in the business college and the typesetting schools.

Adopted as cousin by thousands of church gatherings and various reunions while a roving reporter for the Macon Telegraph.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that Mr. Eugene Anderson is a very fine gentleman known by me all my life. He is an editorial columnist for the Macon Telegraph in Macon, Georgia. He has done business with our bank for many years and we feel

that he is absolutely honest and trustworthy. We feel that he will not make any contract that he can not fulfill.

This information given without liability to ourselves.

R. O. PERSONS, SR.

President, Farmers Bank, Forsyth, Ga., July 10, 1957

EUGENE ANDERSON AT 89

There is no more beloved man in Georgia than Eugene Anderson. He knows more people, more people know him.

As he reaches his 89th birthday on the 23rd of this month, we take off our hats to one of the most kind and gracious characters that we have ever known.

For years we have chronicled his birthdays, each time with increasing amazement. He keeps his vigorous mind, his clear thinking and his ability to relate the happenings in Middle Georgia, particularly those that relate to farming, cattle, seed, feed, and the hundred and one things that go to make Georgia and her people great.

And Mr. Anderson is particularly happy in writing about industry and what it is doing to transform Georgia to a state

of manufacturing enterprises... And he knows as does no other man the potentials that are on every hand.

In his "Round the Circle" in the Macon Telegraph, we read his story daily... It is by far the most colorful, well written feature in this great newspaper, and they have many. The thing that makes "Around the Circle" is Eugene Anderson's reminiscences of days that are gone, its history of the colorful past, its unforgettable characters and his ability to tell their stories. And he writes of the present, too, with the same enthusiasm as a man half his age.

Eugene Anderson is a great person. We salute him on his 89th birthday.

—Cochran Journal, Nov. 20, 1955

SALUTING EUGENE ANDERSON

Eugene Anderson, The Macon Telegraph's "Around the Circle" man, celebrated his 85th birthday on November 23, by indulging himself with a banana split.

Mr. Anderson is the eldest of the three Hawkinsville boys, the late W. T. Anderson and P. T. Anderson, Sr., who went to Macon and began their newspaper careers. That was many, many years ago. Eugene was the first to embark in the hazardous and arduous business, bringing later W. T. and then P. T. All three started as "galley boys" or "printers' devils," and all three progressed as they grew until they owned the Macon Telegraph and later the Macon News.

Eugene Anderson is probably the most widely known man in Georgia, with the exception of some politicians and office holders. His column "Around the Circle" is perhaps

the most popular feature of that estimable newspaper. He never writes a dull column, having learned long ago that the best writing is done in easy-to-understand and simple, every day words. And, he is a master of words and knows when and how to use them... He appeals to the wise by his wisdom and to the less erudite by his simplicity... His sentences carry weight because they convey conviction. His kinship with the soil and his knowledge of agriculture and of cattle and his love for his fellow-man are the key to his widespread popularity and for the personal esteem in which he is held.

We hope that Eugene Anderson reaches the century mark. The world needs him and his kind now as never before.

(From Cochran Journal, Dec. 13, 1951)

EUGENE ANDERSON, 80 YEARS YOUNG

Eugene Anderson, the "Circle Man," celebrated his 80th birthday last week. Known and loved by more people than any other individual in Central Georgia, Eugene Anderson must have looked back over the years on last Saturday with joy in his heart.

Oldest of the three brothers, W. T. Anderson and Peyton, Eugene was the first to come to Macon from the old homestead at Hawkinsville. He was the first to begin work on The Telegraph, bringing Mr. W. T. here soon after; a year later P. T. arrived, and he too, began work on the newspaper.

Eugene Anderson acted as counsellor and teacher to his two brothers and through him they received a liberal and

thorough education without ever attending college. To Mr. Eugene the two brothers owed much of the success which crowned their efforts as publishers of the Macon newspapers.

This newspaper, and the thousands who know Eugene Anderson, pause in the frantic rush that seems to envelop all of us who work, to pay tribute to him, not only for his great contribution to the life of his times but to a gentle and understanding heart that numbers his friends by his acquaintances.

Happy birthday to you, Eugene Anderson.

(Editorial, Macon News, Friday, November 29, 1946)