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Inaugural Finds Five New Faces in Cabinet

Three Changes Came from Teapot Dome—Resignation of Hughes and Wallace's Death the Others.

Washington, March 4.—In the usual slow, careful and deliberate way that the nation has come to know Calvin Coolidge, during the last 15 months, changes have been made until now when he takes oath of office by his own election, the President has a cabinet, one half of which is new from that which came to him from the Harding administration. Five of the cabinet members are new as the new administration gets under way. The new members of the President's official family are Kellogg, Warren, Wilbur, Jardine and Work. In reality there have been six new faces, but Harlan Fiske Stone, passed on from the Attorney Generalship to the Supreme court bench to be replaced by Warren of Michigan.

Changes in the cabinet have been unhurried and each new selection has been forced by circumstances. New heads for the Department of State, Navy and Interior were forced by the Teapot Dome exposures and public sentiment. The change in Agriculture was caused by the death of Secretary Wallace. The resignation of Charles Evans Hughes, as Secretary of State, brought about the selection of Frank B. Kellogg for the post.

Even the change within the White House, the resignation of Private Secretary to the President, Bascom Slomp, was forced, and the position went to Roy S. Sanders of Indiana.

The arrival of Frank B. Kellogg from London last week, where he had served as American ambassador to England for one year, completed the actual presence of the Cabinet group in Washington. Each and every one has conferred at great length with the President and all are set and ready to assume their duties immediately following the inauguration today.

The opposition to the appointment of Warren of Michigan as Attorney General gave way in the last hours of the closing congress when the President refused to consider another selection.

Summed up, the middle west and west seems to lead in cabinet posts. Wilbur, Navy; and Hoover, Interior, are from California; Kellogg, State, is from Minnesota; Jardine, Agriculture, is from Kansas; Work, Interior, is from Colorado; Warren, Attorney General, is from Michigan; while Indiana, with New, post office; Davis, Labor; and Sanders, Secretary to the President, leads in representation.

Weeks, War, from Massachusetts and Mellon, Treasurer from Pennsylvania, are the only two eastern men in the cabinet.

At least it cannot be said that President Coolidge kept his eyes to the East in the remodeling of his cabinet.

VALLE CRUCIS

Rev. and Mrs. Burke have returned after an extended trip to Yanceyville and other points.

Miss Virginia Bouldin has returned from a visit of a few weeks to Baltimore.

Mrs. Clara Mast who has been visiting her daughter Mrs. Carson Sherwood in Bristol is now visiting her son Mr. W. W. Mast.

Miss Boyd Caudill and Miss Wheeler of the Mission School spent Monday in Johnson City.

Misses Sue and Alice Taylor spent the week end at home.

Charming in every detail was the reception given by Mrs. T. H. Taylor on last Wednesday night, honoring her son Mr. Thomas Taylor, and his bride, nee Miss Emma Mast. The hall and living room were artistically decorated with jonquils and evergreen sprays. The guests were received in the living room and ushered into the dining room, which was attractive in decorations of sprays, smilax, ferns and roses. An elegant buffet supper was served by Misses Alice Taylor, Anne Moretz, and Ruth Moore, of Lenoir, to about forty assembled guests.

On Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. Finley Mast delightfully entertained Mr. and Mrs. Taylor and a number of other invited guests.

SHE DOES

"Before I'd paint up and smirk at the good looking men in our office, I'd rather stay home forever," says the old fashioned flapper. Now read the heading again.

McLean Acts to Defeat Clark Road Measure

Measure Seeking to Localize Highway Work Put on the Shelf. Day Saved for Present Road Builders.

Raleigh, March 3.—Governor McLean's powerful influences with the 1925 general assembly was again emphasized in the senate this morning when the bill to increase the membership of the state highway commission was returned to the senate committee on roads upon motion of Senator Oscar Clark of Bladen, one of the introducers of the bill.

The agreement which brought the motion from the Bladen member was reached at a conference prior to the morning's senate session between Governor McLean and twenty-four senators who were avowed supporters of the proposal to give each highway district three commissioners. Mr. McLean told the senators that enactment of the bill would embarrass him and he requested they abandon their fight.

Had the bill reached a vote in the senate it would undoubtedly have passed. The sponsors were claiming easy sailing in the house. Once back in committee, however, the measure would be allowed to rest with the consent of its introducers.

Friends of the highway commission feel that Governor McLean's action probably saved the present organization from being "scrapped." Enactment of the measure certainly would have brought the resignation of Chairman Frank Page, and several of the district commissioners. It would have legalized highway construction beyond a doubt, although the supporters claimed that it would "democratize the commission" and thereby add greater popular support to road building.

The support of many prominent in public life was claimed for the measure by its sponsors. One senator made the assertion that O. Max Gardner, Democratic State Chairman, John C. Dawson and United States Senator Simmons had given their approval of the bill.

ASSOCIATIONAL RALLIES

Associational Rallies will be held for the Three Forks Association at Cove Creek Thursday March 12, and for the Stony Fork Association at Mt. Vernon church Friday March 13. At each place the meeting will begin at 10 a. m. and continue to 3 p. m. Dinner will be served on the ground at both places by the local churches. Among the speakers at these meetings will be Rev. and Mrs. K. D. Stuckel and Revs. W. L. Griggs, and J. L. Shinn. There will be other local speakers.

All pastors, deacons, directors Sunday School, W. M. U., E. Y. P. U. workers and leaders are invited to attend. Every church in the respective associations are asked to send at least four delegates.

The announcement that the rally for the Three Forks Association was to be held in Boone was a mistake. It is to be at Cove Creek instead.

Let pastors and Superintendents take it up with their churches next Sunday and appoint four of their number to attend. We are expecting great meetings at Cove Creek and Mt. Vernon. We invite all to attend.

F. M. HUGGINS

SMALLING-TRIVETT

Of local interest is the announcement following, which has recently been made:

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Trivett announce the marriage of their daughter Reta Mae to

Mr. Wilbur C. Smalling on Saturday February twenty-first nineteen hundred and twenty-five Piney Flats, Tennessee

AIN'T IT THE TRUTH?

Mrs. Friendly: "And do you want your little son to follow in his father's footsteps?"

Mrs. Truthful: "Heavens no. If he does he will fetch up every day at some bootlegger's door."

LAZY LARRY AGAIN

Zeke: "Say Larry, I'd like to take you in with me on the promotion of this land."

Larry: "Nope, thanks. Two thirds of promotion is motion and it's not for me."

OUR WEEKLY RESUME OF LEGISLATIVE EVENTS

(By M. L. Shipman.)

Raleigh, March 2.—Recommending changes in departments which would drastically re-organize affairs at the capitol, striking fear deep in the hearts of state employees and in general sounding a note of determined opposition to waste in government and employment of more than the actual number of workers needed to keep the state's affairs operating, Governor McLean appeared before the General Assembly on Friday. This was easily the outstanding event of a week crowded with matters of legislative significance.

During the week the measure creating an executive budget system was passed; the state-wide Australian ballot system was defeated by parliamentary tactics led by Tobie Connor of Wilson and seconded by Everett of Durham and Turlington of Havelock who made the motion; to table the revenue bill was submitted and given approval of the House carrying twelve millions in revenue; the salaries of all state employees were published as required by the resolution of Senator Humphrey; a bill to create a pardon board to take over the function of clemency from the governor was introduced, a measure was favorably reported to increase the size of the state highway commission; the measure to investigate freight rates and water transportation went over till this week; the measure to abolish the statewide primary was set as a special order for Tuesday night; the bill was passed to construct a \$600,000 toll bridge over the Chowan river and a bill was passed to allow New Hanover county to build a \$1,250,000 bridge to connect Wilmington with the State highway from Wilmington to Asheville, via Charlotte; resolution expressing confidence in W. N. Everett, Secretary of state.

It was a busy week for the legislators, featured by two sessions in each house every day and capped with the speech of Governor McLean. In brief the governor recommended that the revenue collecting agencies of the state, the Insurance Department, and the Secretary of State's department, and authorities supervising bus lines be shorn of the powers and that all revenue be collected by the department of revenue. This will transfer the auto license department to the Revenue department. He further recommended the creation of a salary commission to investigate the work being done by each employee of the State, to fix the salary of each employee commensurate with the work accomplished and to recommend where employees might be dropped. The merging of the revenue collecting agencies the Governor argues also would result in decreasing duplication of work with the result and dropping of many employees at a great saving. He further argued for a system of turning over all monies collected daily to the treasurer and to have the treasurer as the only officer of the state with a bank account. This, he said would make available to the Treasurer all funds of the state and would prevent short term financing to a large extent, the interest being saved.

The Australian ballot bill went to defeat 56 to 55 in the house when it was tabled. Connor of Wilson stood out in the forefront of those willing to deny a man's right to vote secretly when he made the motion to reconsider the vote by which the bill was tabled, and brought about the motion by Everett of Durham, to table the Connor motion, seconded by Connor and the clincher was put to the bill preventing its further consideration this session. The bill had been brought up when an unfavorable report was refused, and a minority report accepted.

The Revenue bill carrying tax schedules estimated to raise twelve millions was considered and approved by the House. It is now in the Senate. The appropriation bill provides for spending fourteen millions yearly so either the revenue must be raised or the appropriations cut. Publication of all state salaries paid aroused a great deal of comment and was referred to by Governor McLean in his message. It showed a number of highly paid persons, in

OF LOCAL INTEREST

By Senator Brown—An act to change the name of the Appalachian Training School and to outline its organization powers and duties.

Some cases the salaries being far above the average paid for similar work in private business. The pardon board bill was introduced on request of Governor McLean and probably he approved. The Executive will be relieved of clemency duties. The bill to increase the size of the highway commission from 9 to 27 was objected to by Frank Page, chairman of the commission, but was favorably reported. It is a special order for Tuesday morning and Mr. Page has stated that he will probably not continue in office if it passes.

It is his belief that the back-door politicians from back home, want to get in on the "politicking" of the roads and he says this will ruin the organization. Sentiment here appears to be strongly with the chairman and the measure probably will be lost.

The general assembly expressed confidence in the personal and official integrity of Secretary of State W. N. Everett by the passage of a joint resolution during the evening sessions of the two branches Friday. The Secretary has been subjected to criticism on account of the number of automobiles reported as having been purchased by his department and because of what is considered by some as an excessive salary paid the manager of the automobile bureau. The resolution, introduced in the Senate by Senator Harris and Mendenhall, passed that body without a dissenting vote and was sent to the house by a special messenger. Similar action was taken by the house and the resolution was ordered enrolled for ratification. It follows: "Whereas there have been certain attacks directly made and others by insinuation and innuendo, affecting the official conduct of the Hon. W. N. Everett, Secretary of State; Now therefore, be it resolved by the Senate, the house of Representatives concurring that this general assembly expresses its full confidence in the high integrity, character and official conduct of the said W. N. Everett, Secretary of State in the performance of all his official duties.

In a special message on Friday, communicated by messenger, Governor McLean requested the General Assembly to enact proper legislation to provide for the appointment of a commission of twelve persons, who would serve without pay, to make an extensive study of the State school system. The Governor called attention to the fact that during the past six years investments for educational purposes have been unusually heavy and the cost should be kept within the ability of the taxpayer to pay. The commission would study costs, needs and administration of the State schools, the message points out, with a view to eliminating "overlapping efforts and expense. A bill in accord with the governor's recommendation is in the making.

The House committee on agriculture put itself on record Friday afternoon in favor of letting the rules of the co-operative selling associations stand. The meeting was by all odds the largest experienced by any legislative committee at this session of the general assembly. The Braswell bill sought to permit members of cooperative selling associations to withdraw by filing notice, but the committee "sat upon" the proposal by a vote of 23 to 11 and a big crowd of farmers went home disappointed. No accounting, some of them were saying, for the action of a legislative committee, anyhow.

With only one week remaining of the sixty day limitation, during which it may complete its work, the general assembly is expected to continue the recent practice of holding day and night sessions. The working members are care worn, weary and homesick. Those who spend their time in a happy-go-lucky sort of way and follow the leaders at voting time are not taking very seriously the constant daily grind of legislative matters. Sixty days will have expired on Saturday night of the present week but the middle of the week following

Boone Will Get the Hosiery Mills

150 Dozen Pairs of Hose Will be Turned Out Daily in Plant to be Started Early Next Month.

Mr. C. S. Grove owner of a knitting plant at Hickory, was in Boone again last week, and plans were perfected for moving the equipment to Boone, Messrs Grove, W. H. Gragg and W. M. Cook owning the stock which was supplemented by an additional amount, donated by the citizens of the town at large to defray the expenses of moving machinery, installing it, etc. The officers are: W. H. Gragg, President; C. S. Grove, Vice-Pres; and W. M. Cook, Sec-Treas.

Mr. Grove has been in the hosiery business for the past 30 years and is confident that Boone is an ideal location for a plant of this kind.

There will be 32 machines with a capacity of 150 dozen pairs of fine gauge mens hosiery, made in both silk and cotton, per day. This industry will give employment to at least 32 girls or women, when the plant is going at capacity, and those wishing employment should write Mr. Cook at once, as it is the intention of the company to begin operations early in next month. The requirements are good moral character and willingness to work.

The company has rented the second floor of the S. C. Eggers store building and have optioned the entire property with a view to buying it. If this trade is closed, a dyeing and finishing plant will be put in.

THE PRESIDENT FIND PLEASURE IN OFFICE

Washington, March 2.—President Coolidge, more than any President since Taft, appears to be really enjoying his job.

Contradicting the popular impression that running the government is a "killing" work, Mr. Coolidge, on the eve of his inauguration is eight pounds heavier than when he took office at the time of President Harding's death and has scrupulously applied a mixture of pleasure and work to the end that his burdens are being tossed off with dispatch and with no apparent ill effects upon himself.

The fact is that the President likes his job and hence takes daily measures to prevent its exacting routine from becoming irksome. He permits neither his work nor his recreation to interfere with the other.

No better indication of this is to be found than his decision to establish a summer White House, first at the home of his father at Plymouth, Vt. and second at the summer home of his friend, Frank H. Stearns at Swampscott, Massachusetts. Several weeks will be spent at these two places this summer, according to the present plans.

Unlike the late President Wilson who established himself in the summer of 1916 in a cold and isolated retreat at Long Branch, N. J., which Mr. Wilson grew to thoroughly dislike before his vacation was over Mr. Coolidge is going to make his summer home "with the folks"—his parents and his friends. There he can do just what he wishes, when he wishes and with whom he wishes, apart from the motley crowds of curious.

THE LOST BATTALION

May I urge every member of the American Legion and all ex-service men in Watauga County to see this great production. To see it will renew our memories of the great war and bring about closer ties of comradeship. Through the courtesy of the management of the Pastime Theater half the proceeds will go to the benefit of the local post of the American Legion. Again let me urge every ex-service man to be present and to advertise the picture among your friends.

S. F. HORTON, Commander

may find the solons still on the job. The State wide primary measure will come up this week but if precedent is followed, the politicians will choke it off. The North Carolina League of Women Voters is against the Neal report bill and this organization may have better luck in the fight to retain the primary than they did with the Falls Australian Ballot Bill in the House last week.

The big financial measures are yet to be enacted. These out of the way will be a signal for the exodus of members which will not be easily checked. The going is likely to begin on next Monday.

Meeting Bd. Education is Largely Attended

School Committeemen of County Meet With Board in Interest of the School Consolidation Plan.

A meeting of the Board of Education and the school committeemen of the county had been widely advertised for Monday. Notwithstanding the cold snowy day that it was, the court house was packed with representative citizen from every community in the county. Every man was anxious to know what this "County Wide Consolidation" scheme means to him and his school, and rightly so.

Two representatives of the State Board of Education, Professors Howard and Edmisten, were present. Prof. Howard spoke with reference to the benefits of larger type of schools, after first making it clear that the state has absolutely nothing to do with consolidation, except in an advisory capacity. Prof. Edmisten presented the plan of consolidation as proposed for the entire county and discussed the same at length.

The plan as presented provides for ten consolidated schools, of from seven to twelve teachers each, leaving about a dozen, mostly one-teacher schools, as they are now.

This plan if adopted, could be worked out only on roads and other things made possible. In fact I am told by the county superintendent, much of it would doubtless never be fully carried out.

As the law is now the Board of Education cannot make any change in any district, neither can they legally erect a school building until some county-wide plan is adopted. After one is adopted then the Board can make such changes as may be deemed wise after hearing the citizens who would be affected by such a change.

The question of added costs in the building and in transporting the children is the part that is creating anxiety among our people.

The County Superintendent tells us that he is sure the Board of Education is not going to do any rash or foolish act in this connection.

The question of the adoption of the plan will be taken up again the first Monday in April.

McLEAN PLANS TO NAME THE ROAD BOARD

Raleigh, March 3.—Governor McLean stated tonight he expected to make appointments to the state highway commission before the end of the week. The terms of Chairman Page and four of the members will expire on April 1. The executive also said he would probably appoint the members of the state board of agriculture and the state prison board during the week so the senate might act on them before adjournment of the legislature next Saturday.

BARN BURNED

Losses estimated at from \$2,000 to \$3,000 were entailed Wednesday night near Shell Mills, when a barn belonging to Mr. Lem Wright was burned, among other things destroying three horses, one cow, two new trucks, wagon, feed, etc. The origin of the fire which was discovered at 2 o'clock in the morning is unknown.

MR. L. L. COFFEY DEAD

Mr. L. L. Coffey, an aged citizen of Shulls Mills died after a lingering illness on the 11th of February and was buried on the 12. Deceased was the father of Commissioner O. L. Coffey, was well known throughout this section, and highly esteemed. He was 92 years old.

A CORRECTION

Last week a statement was made in this paper to the effect that the Associational Conference was to be held in Boone Thursday March 12, when it should have been Cove Creek.

Tom Tarheel says that it does look like folks are going to tempt the boll weevil too far this year by planting too much cotton and not enough food and feed crops.

BLONDE BESS OPINES

"He who hesitates gets black and blue imprints of an automobile bumper on his—shins."