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ROBESON MADE

FINE RECORD

County Oversubscribed Its Minimum
Allotment in Third Liberty Loan by
\$136,100—Four Billions or More
Subscribed in the Nation.

Tabulations last night at Washington of returns from the third Liberty loan campaign which closed Saturday night showed \$3,316,628,250, but the treasury believes the actual total, which may run to \$4,000,000,000 will not be definitely known until May 13, four days after individual banks are required to report to Federal Reserve banks.

Analysis of reports showed that probably 17,000,000 persons bought bonds in this campaign, seven million more than in the second loan and 12,500,000 more than in the first.

Robeson county made a fine record. The amount apportioned to this county as a minimum was \$298,400. Subscriptions at the close of the campaign Saturday night make the handsome total of \$434,500, an oversubscription of \$136,100.

Exceedingly gratifying is the large increase in the number and amounts of subscriptions received from the rural districts. The total number of subscribers in the county is approximately 2,200, while the total in the second loan was only about 800.

A statement from Mr. A. W. McLean, chairman of the county Liberty loan committee, and the list of those who have subscribed since the last report, must be held over for the next issue of The Robesonian. The list is too large to put in type for today's paper.

Women of Robeson Subscribe \$76,450.
Mrs. L. T. Townsend, chairman of the women's county Liberty loan committee, reports that the women of Robeson subscribed for bonds in the sum of \$76,450, which is an exceedingly fine record.

Mr. L. H. Caldwell and his employees bought and sold \$21,150 worth of bonds. His clerks alone took \$15,750. Mr. Caldwell offered two War Savings stamps to the lady and man clerk in his store selling the most bonds. Miss Mattie Ammons won the stamps offered the ladies, selling \$4,600 of bonds, and Mr. B. G. Floyd won the stamps offered to the men, selling \$3,300 worth.

SUMMARY OF WAR NEWS.

A dispatch this morning stated that the British had made considerable gains between the Somme and Amiens rivers, the Germans not offering much resistance.

There is increased tension on the Italian front where the Allied forces have been holding positions since last November after the great Italian retreat from Isonzo, and it is expected that the long-threatened blow at this front may be launched within a few days. A critical economic and political situation, however, is officially conceded to be developing in Austria-Hungary. The crisis in Vienna is marked by dismissal of the Austrian parliament by the Emperor's order and the declaration that forcible measures would be taken to make a resumption of its sessions impossible.

Emperor Charles of Austria, accompanied by his chief of staff and high German and Austrian officials, is reported on his way to the Italian front, and the great movement of troops in Tyrol and Trentino would seem to indicate that vast bodies of men are being taken from other fronts to be hurled at the Italian positions.

FOR MILITARY DUTY.

Registrants Called to Report in Lumberton May 10th.

The following registrants of Robeson district No. 1 have been called by the local board to report in Lumberton May 10 for military duty: Joseph Dawson, Lumberton; John L. McWhite, Lumberton, R. 4; Andrew Hunt, Fairmont; Pink Chavis, Fairmont; Golden Oxendine, McDonald; Harvey Oxendine, Fairmont; James P. Newman, Winston-Salem; Richard E. Townsend, McDonalds; George Locklear, Lumberton; Alvah Brown Floyd, Fairmont; George Allen, Lumberton, R. 3; James A. Hunt, Raynham.

Philadelphus Commencement This Week.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Philadelphus, May 4.—Commencement began Sunday, May 5. The baccalaureate sermon will be preached by Rev. J. J. Murray of St. Pauls. The declaration and recitation contests will be Tuesday evening. The grammar grade exercises will be given Wednesday evening. On Thursday afternoon there will be exercises by the seventh grade. Thursday evening the senior play "The Twig of Thorns," will be given, and on Friday morning there will be the graduation exercises, an address by Mr. A. W. McLean, and awarding of prizes.

Memorial Day May 10—Dinner For Veterans.

The usual Memorial Day service will be held in the court house here Friday of this week, May 10. Effort is being made to secure a speaker for the occasion and the Robeson chapter U. D. C. will serve dinner to the Confederate veterans.

McLEAN GIVEN OVATION.

Welcomed Home By His Townsmen
—Appointment on War Finance
Board Confirmed By Senate—Honor
Came Entirely Unsought.

The appointment by President Wilson of Hon. A. W. McLean of Lumberton as one of the four directors of the gigantic United States War Finance corporation was confirmed Saturday by the Senate without opposition and Mr. McLean left for Washington last night, having been advised by a telegram from Senator Simmons late Saturday that Secretary McAdoo wanted to organize the War Finance board today. Only one other member of the board, Mr. W. P. G. Harding, was confirmed Saturday, confirmation of the other two members, one from New York and the other from Chicago, being held up pending investigation of their business connections, according to a Washington dispatch.

When Mr. McLean arrived home Saturday morning over the Virginia & Carolina Southern at 9:30 o'clock from New York, where he had been ever since it was announced in Washington that President Wilson had appointed him one of the directors of the War Finance corporation, he found a large crowd of his townsmen at the station to welcome him and to give some expression of their appreciation of the high honor that had come to him and through him to the town.

This spontaneous demonstration of pride and good will was so unexpected to Mr. McLean, and so palpably sincere, that it is small wonder that he was visibly touched by it.

Mayor Jas. D. Proctor, Messrs. S. McIntyre, A. E. White, L. R. Varner, K. M. Barnes, H. E. Stacy and J. A. Sharpe boarded the train at the "Y" above town and when they descended upon Mr. McLean you could have knocked him down with a feather. He looked the least like a man who expected a public demonstration you ever saw. He did not seem conscious that anything to warrant any such doings had happened. He looked like he was not guilty. And when it was broken to him that a crowd was waiting for him at the station and expecting a speech, he looked like he wanted to run away.

When the train backed up to the union station Mr. McLean was escorted to the rear platform. The crowd greeted his appearance with a hearty cheer and Mayor Proctor immediately launched upon the neatest little speech you ever heard. So entirely apropos was it that the crowd wanted to hug the mayor, too.

"Lumberton," he said, "has been on the map of Robeson county and North Carolina for 141 years (to a day almost, yesterday being the municipal birthday), but it remained for our distinguished citizen to put it on the map of the United States. Every body knows, now, where Lumberton is." He spoke of the pride with which his fellowtownsmen had watched Mr. McLean's career. "The newspapers," he said, "one paper said it was the greatest honor that had come to North Carolina since Josephus Daniels had been appointed Secretary of the Navy. It is more than that," the mayor declared, "it is the greatest honor that has ever come to the State. There are a dozen Cabinet members, but only four directors of the War Finance board."

Mr. McLean assured the crowd that this welcome was an unexpected and an appreciated honor. "Lumberton," he said, "and I had not dreamed of such a thing. I would rather have the confidence and good will of the citizens of my town," he declared, "than to have the plaudits of the nation."

The nomination, he warned, had not been confirmed, and the demonstration might be premature, but the crowd plainly looked its confidence. He said the papers had been complimentary, and the only thing like a criticism he had seen was in the New York Sun, which had complained that the big men in the big cities had been overlooked and they picked a man from a little unknown town in North Carolina. But you can't expect much from The Sun.

The work of this board is so extensive and important, said Mr. McLean, that it filled him with misgivings. It made him shudder to think of its tremendous industry essential to finance every railroad. There are half a dozen corporations of this character in the country at war, but in no other country has such power been given. He said he told Secretary McAdoo that if it were not for the fact that it would give him opportunity to render some service in the war he would decline, for he would not give up his home in Lumberton for any office.

When Mr. McLean reached his office he found a perfect deluge of telegrams and letters from prominent men in many different States congratulating him on this important office. It is well known to Mr. McLean's intimate friends that he never sought this position or any other. It has been known only to a few of his friends that he has been offered other Government positions of high honor and large responsibility, but has declined them. He only accepted this position, which was entirely unsought, because it will enable him to be of service in the war. It is not a permanent position. As explained elsewhere in this issue, the War Finance board will wind up its business and cease to exist within 6 months after

MEMBER OF U. S. WAR FINANCE CORPORATION



Hon. A. W. McLean of Lumberton is a man of many activities and large interests. He is a large farmer, senior member of one of the best-known law firms in the State, president of the National Bank of Lumberton, president of the Virginia & Carolina Southern railroad, financial agent and director of 3 cotton mills. Democratic national committeeman for North Carolina, and he has just been appointed a member of the United States War Finance corporation, the biggest thing of the kind ever created. Mr. McLean's appointment is a signal honor, as there are only four members of the board, selected from the entire country. That he will ably fill the place no one who knows him doubts. He was born and raised and has lived all his life in Robeson county. He is still in early middle age.

RED SPRINGS NEWS.

Recitals at College—May Day Exercises Tomorrow—Memorial Services May 10.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Red Springs, May 5.—Miss Christa-bell Moorehouse of Lumberton will give an organ recital in the college auditorium Friday afternoon, May 10th, at 4:30.

Mrs. J. J. Goodwin of Lumberton is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Pearsall.

Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Parker will leave Tuesday for Durham to attend the marriage on Wednesday of their son Mr. L. B. Parker to Miss Elizabeth Browning of West Durham.

On Monday night, May 6th at 8:15, Miss Beatrice Hall will give her graduation recital in piano. She will be assisted by Miss Ruth Vardell, violin.

Tuesday afternoon, May 7th, at 5:30, the May Day exercises will be held on the college campus. The May Queen will be Miss Gladys Toon, the maid of honor, Miss Hannah Townsend. The Y. W. C. A. will sell refreshments. At 8:15 in the auditorium there will be moving pictures. On May 10th memorial services will be held in the Presbyterian church, after which the members of the U. D. C. will go to the cemetery and decorate the graves of the Confederate dead.

Recorder's Court.

Cleve Ivey was before Recorder E. M. Britt Saturday on three charges—assault upon Jacob Stone with deadly weapon, using profane language on the public highway, and trespass. He was found guilty of the two first-named offenses and judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost. Jacob Stone was found guilty of assault upon Ivey and judgment was suspended upon payment of cost. Stone was charged with using profane language on the public highway, but was not found guilty of that charge.

Lloyd Hunt, Indian, was found guilty of trespass and assault upon J. W. Bullock with a hammer. Prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of cost and the defendant was required to give bond in the sum of \$100 for his good behavior.

Jim Locklear, Indian, was found guilty of selling "intoxicants" and prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of the cost. He was required to give bond in the sum of \$200 and report to the recorder the first Monday of each month for a year and show that he has not dealt in spirituous liquors.

Mildred Gurley, 12 years old, was accidentally shot and killed at Goldsboro Friday by an 8-year-old son of Jesse Tyndal. The boy pointed a rifle, supposed to be unloaded, at the girl.

the end of the war.

In a news item from Washington in yesterday's Charlotte Observer it was stated that Mr. McLean might be made chairman of the board, that he is considered worthy of this additional honor. That would mean really vice chairman, for Secretary McAdoo is named chairman in the act creating the board, but the vice chairman will virtually have to perform the duties of chairman as Mr. McAdoo's manifold responsibilities make it impossible to give attention to the details of the work of this board.

Mr. McLean does not contemplate giving up his residence in Lumberton or severing his connection with his law firm and business concerns.

ST. PAULS NEWS PACKAGE.

Proud of the Boys at the Front—
Commencement—A Variety of
News Items.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

St. Pauls, May 3.—School is nearing its "finis," so vacation will soon be here, together with all its pleasures. Baccalaureate sermon Sunday a. m., the 5th.

Mrs. Maggie McEachern is spending a few weeks in town, and glad we are to have her. She is so good and kind, she makes friends wherever she goes.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Berlin arrived Tuesday evening. They have recently returned from an extended wedding tour.

Miss Mary McLean returned last evening from the presbytery at Aberdeen. She went as a delegate from the ladies' missionary society here. We hope she can tell us something interesting.

Sorry to report Miss Addie Caudell sick with German measles. Lots of the little folks around have whooping cough, and my how they whoop! First one and then the other taking these detested German measles. We have escaped so far.

Mr. Hally McK. Johnson came home a week ago from Raleigh, where he had been working for Y. M. C. A. Spent a week at home, and left Wednesday a. m. for Raleigh, where he intended arranging his things to join Uncle Sam's brigade. He hopes to join the navy. Lots of our brave boys are enlisting and while it pains us to see them go, yet we are proud to think they are taking their stand "where duty calls." Success to them and May God bless them one and all! The ladies of the Red Cross have a prayer meeting at Red Cross room for the brave lads. These ladies are busily knitting these days.

Mr. A. R. McEachern has gone north on a business trip. He hoped to visit two of his boys while away. Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay spent Saturday night and Sunday at Mr. Lindsay's home. His mother has been very ill.

Everybody seems to like our new physician, Dr. Rosser, who has located here.

Misses Blanche and Ethel Harris entertained at their home on Monday evening, in honor of the 1917 and 1918 graduating class of the high school here. 'Twas a very pleasant occasion.

Miss Valerie Howard entertained recently in honor of Mr. Eugene Howard, who was home on a furlough. Mr. Edd McDonald was also home recently on a few days' furlough. These short visits are always pleasant to the dear folks back home. They always "fly away" too quickly, it seems, but "time waits for no man."

Several from here took in the Devereux plays at F. M. C. the 29th. These plays are always looked forward to with great pleasure.

"The Kaiser" at Lumberton movie theatre was also seen by lots of folks from our little town. We asked one little fellow who attended if he felt like "getting his gun," and he remarked, he "surely did."

Presbytery convened at Lumberton other week and lots of "our folks" were right there and report a very enjoyable time.

We regret very much to learn that the Presbyterian pastor here, Rev. J. J. Murray, is thinking of going to the war. If not as chaplain, will go as private. He, too, it seems, feels it his duty to do his part in the great struggle for peace "over there."

Several from St. Pauls went to Fayetteville to hear Bryan's speech. They say it was "some speech," and well worth hearing.

Miss Mary McNeill is visiting her mother, Mrs. Evans.

Mr. Reuben Brisson is very ill at this writing.

A telegram today informs us that Mr. Shaw McEachern is expected home on furlough.

Miss Mary Janet McNeill is up at Wagram this week visiting relatives.

The commencement exercises at Elizabeth Chapel commence tonight. Misses Josephine Evans and Dinah Belle Floyd are the teachers.

HONOR FLAG RAISED.

Honor Flag of Third Liberty Loan
Floats From Flagstaff of New
Town Hall.

When the fire alarm sounded at 5 p. m. Thursday and the fire truck lifted its siren and rushed its noisy way to the new town hall, Elm and Second streets, it was not on account of a fire but to call people together to celebrate the fact that Lumberton had subscribed its allotment to the third Liberty loan to help put out a world-conflagration and sound the death knell of autocracy, that twin enemy, with slavery, of mankind.

Mr. Junius J. Goodwin, secretary to the county Liberty loan committee, of which Hon. A. W. McLean is chairman, mounted the truck and introduced to the crowd Mr. H. E. Stacy, who presented to the town on behalf of the committee a beautiful honor flag of the third Liberty loan. At the appropriate time the flag was raised to the flagstaff above the new town hall, where it gracefully floats to the breeze. Mayor Jas. D. Proctor accepted the flag on behalf of the town and wound up by offering Liberty

BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—This is tax-listing month.
—Proctorville school will close May 10th with a concert at night.

—Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Rowland Dees, yesterday morning, a boy.

—Mr. A. C. McLeod of Buie was a Lumberton visitor Saturday. Mr. McLeod says around 3,000 soldiers pass Buie each day going north.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Andy West and Lizzie Wiggins; Make Prevatt and Lillie Greene; Frank M. Harper and Beulah King.

—Dr. A. H. Kerr returned Friday from Camp Sevier, where he visited his brother, who is in training and who expects to go to France at an early date.

—Mr. and Mrs. Jno. C. Fuller returned Friday from Greensboro, where they spent some time. They made the return trip in a new Allen automobile.

—The board of county commissioners, the county board of education and the road commissioners are holding their regular monthly meetings here today.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Caldwell left Friday for Baltimore, Md., where they will spend some time. Mr. Caldwell is taking a rest on account of the condition of his health.

—Eddie 3 1/2 years old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Stephens of Evergreen, Columbus county, died in the Thompson hospital here Friday afternoon following an operation for appendicitis.

—The Woman's club will meet Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the directors' room at the National Bank of Lumberton. Officers are to be elected and a full attendance is desired.

—Mr. Redmond of Greenville, S. C., is spending a few days here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Redmond. Mr. Redmond was recently discharged from the army on account of physical disability.

—Mr. Joe Neal Regan, of R. 1 from Lumberton was a Lumberton visitor Saturday. Mr. Regan recently lost a fine milk cow as a result of the cow eating some nitrate of soda. He valued the cow at \$125.

—Gertrude, 6-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Huggins of the Marietta section, had her right arm broken when she fell at school some time ago. She was brought to the Thompson hospital and was able to return home Saturday.

—Miss Maggie Meeks returned this morning to her home at Fayetteville after spending the week-end here visiting at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Chas. L. Greaves. She came over to attend the dedication services of the First Baptist church.

—An election is being held today to confirm the nominations made in the town primary last Tuesday. The primary managers forgot about the election and failed to open the polls till after 9 a. m. The polls are supposed to open at sunrise.

—Mr. John T. Biggs has equipped a room on the second floor of his store for a ladies' rest room. The room has been equipped with chairs and tables and a toilet. Ladies coming to town from the country can spread dinner on a table in the room.

—Mr. L. W. Redick and son, Master George, of Darlington county, S. C., spent part of last week here and at other points in Robeson visiting relatives. Mr. Redick says the rains have not been so heavy down his way as they have in Robeson.

—The French class which Rev. H. A. Grantham will teach will meet this evening at 8:30 in the law offices of Messrs. McLean, Varner & McLean. All who hope to serve at the front in any capacity will be welcome. All are asked to bring pencil and notebook or paper.

—John N. Bowen of R. 1 from Raynham and Rosa Lee Rogers of R. 1 from Rowland, Indiana, were married in the office of Register of Deeds M. W. Floyd here Saturday at 1 p. m. Justice F. Grover Britt officiated. Only a few people witnessed the marriage. Both bride and groom are school teachers.

—The following Lumberton business houses began closing at 6 o'clock p. m. May 1: McAllister Hardware Co., White & Gough, A. J. Holmes, L. H. Caldwell, Lumberton Bargain House, Oden & Powell, J. A. Branch, Stephens & Barnes, The Wishart Co., Robeson Grocery Co., Blaker Brothers. Some of the business men wanted to close at 6, while others wanted to remain open till 7.

—Mr. B. B. Suggs of Kinston passed through town Saturday evening en route home from Dillon and Marion counties, South Carolina, where he bought enough tobacco plants to set 50 acres. Mr. Suggs intends to plant about 200 acres. He says as a result of the plant shortage in his section of the State not more than 65 or 75 per cent of a normal tobacco crop will be planted this year.

bonds to the crowd.
When folks found that it was not a fire that called them to the street many of them were shy about approaching to see what the excitement was. But while the flag-raising was a quiet affair, except in its announcement, and did not draw the crowd that the importance of the event warranted, the flag, itself will be an ever-present reminder that Lumberton is no slacker town and that it is in this war with its dollars as well as with a goodly number of its brave sons.