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A. W. McLean Made Negro Suspect Assistant Secretary U. S. Treasury Arrested Here

Lumberton Man, Director of War Finance Corporation, Appointed to Another High Office by President—Will Remain in Washington Until March 4.

The following is taken from a Washington special of Dec. 4 to the Greensboro Daily News:

Angus Wilton McLean, of Lumberton, Democratic national committee man from North Carolina and director of the War Finance Corporation, was appointed today by the President as assistant Secretary of the Treasury. The appointment surprised Washington as Mr. McLean was not mentioned for the place.

Mr. McLean took the oath this afternoon and immediately entered on his new duties. He succeeded Jouett Shouse, of Kansas who resigned about two months ago to resume the practice of law. Mr. Shouse was a member of the House from Kansas when appointed.

It is understood that the appointment of Mr. McLean was made upon the recommendation of Secretary Houston, with whom the North Carolina man has been associated while acting as director of the War Finance Corporation. Mr. McLean will continue to act in the latter capacity, it is said, as the duties will not conflict and the finance corporation has practically been inoperative during the past year.

Though the Senate Republicans have put a virtual embargo on all Wilson appointments for the remainder of his term it is likely that Mr. McLean will be confirmed. His tenure of office, naturally will be for only three months and while the Senate is expected to hold up all Wilson appointments that might extend beyond the present administration the belief of Mr. McLean's friends here is that the Senate may make an exception in his case.

In effect the McLean appointment is a recess appointment and he may continue to serve, anyway, unless the Senate should take action which actually rejected the appointment. If the appointment had been held off until Monday next the President would have been unable to make a recess appointment and the North Carolina appointee would have to await confirmation before taking the oath of office. As it is he is in office and likely to stay there until March 4. At that time, of course the treasury head will change and the several assistant secretaries are scheduled to retire unless a Republican administration should ask one or more of them to remain.

As to the successor to Mr. Shouse, Mr. McLean will have charge in the administration of Treasury Department affairs of the bureau of internal revenue, the customs bureau and the bureau of war risk insurance. These branches will be under his immediate supervision.

Assistant Secretary McLean is a man of recognized business ability and considerable wealth. Since coming to Washington several years ago he has been actively identified with the inner workings of the Treasury Department and when the now Senator Glass retired as the treasury head it was reported that Mr. McLean was in the for additional work of some sort. Mr. McLean has been rather anxious to return to his private interests in North Carolina, but today's appointment means that he will remain in Washington until the end of the Wilson administration.

Robeson Fair Association Earned 33.12 Per Cent This Year.

The earnings of the Robeson Fair association this year totaled more than 33-1/2 per cent on the capital stock issued. A cash dividend of 4 per cent was paid and the balance will be applied to improvements. A meeting of the directors of the Fair association was held Friday evening. This is a fine showing for the first year of the fair. The association was incorporated with paid capital of \$10,000.

T. A. McNeill, Jr., Appointed Receiver for Farmers' Savings Bank.

Mr. T. A. McNeill, Jr., has been appointed receiver for the Farmers' Savings Bank. The appointment was made Thursday night by Judge J. Lloyd Horton. It is not thought the stockholders or depositors will lose anything, according to Mr. McNeill.

Depositors Will Not Lose.

Mr. Jno. Mitchell, State bank examiner, spent Friday and Saturday here checking the books of the Farmers' Savings Bank. The books showed the bank to be solvent, according to Mr. Mitchell, and the depositors will sustain no loss as a result of the bank being closed.

Rev. Theodore Partrick, Jr., pastor of Trinity Episcopal church, left this afternoon for Clinton, Sampson county, where he will spend a few days visiting relatives.

Mrs. J. M. Russell of Atlanta, Ga., arrived Friday and will spend some time here visiting at the home of her father, ex-Judge T. A. McNeill, Elm street.

Negro Answering Description of Man Wanted on Charge of Attempted Assault on White Girl at Rockingham Held Here for Officers From That Town—Assault Was Attempted Last Night.

A negro answering the description of one wanted at Rockingham on the charge of attempting to criminally assault a young white girl was arrested by Chief of Police D. M. Barker and Policeman Ed J. Glover here this morning. The negro gave his name as Wesley Faison and said his home was at Dudley, Ga. He came here on the east-bound Seaboard train last night about 10 o'clock. The authorities at Rockingham have been notified of the arrest.

A Rockingham dispatch states that the attempted assault was made early last night. The young woman was at home with three small children. Hearing a noise on the outside of the house they went out and around the house to investigate. They failed to discover anything and went back into the house. The young lady stopped to turn out a light in the kitchen. Just as she turned off the light a negro grabbed her and threw her to the floor. She screamed and called one of the children by name and her assailant became frightened and ran.

Superior Court.

A two weeks' term of Superior court for the trial of civil cases convened this morning at 10 o'clock with Judge J. Lloyd Horton of New Bern presiding. The following out-of-town attorneys are attending court today:

Messrs. G. B. Patterson, H. W. McKinnon, J. E. Carpenter, Maxton; V. H. Taylor, Fairmont, Jno. S. Butler, St. Pauls.

HE SPED ON AND ON AND ON.

This Autoist Heeded Not a Signal to Stop and Raced With Rocks Flying Through the Air.

A rock whizzing between your nose and the windshield, following quickly by the crash of another rock violently launched against the side of your car just outside where you are sitting, and it night and you stepping on it and giving it all it will take—this is decidedly not a joyful experience that one would care to duplicate. That was the experience of a man traveling Lumbertonward from Philadelphia the other night, by his lonesome. Prior to the shower of rocks a man had stepped into the road and waved a signal for the autoist to stop. Instead, he gave it more gas and offered up a prayer for safety. Another man stepped out just ahead and the car, with the auto and the missiles. One rock left a dent in the side of the car, but the occupant came through with a whole skin, though slightly pinched and shrunk by the exciting experience.

Twenty-Seven Young Men Enlisted at Local Recruiting Station Last Month.

Twenty-seven young men enlisted in the army at the local recruiting station during the month of November. Of this number, 22 passed final examination. Those enlisting and passing the examination were:

Carmen McK. Barnes, Claude Norris, Raymond Barnes, Xenophone Purvis, Leon Brisson, Charlie Stone, Pentress E. Branch, James H. Pridgen, William H. Humphrey, Grady Chavis, Trover D. Hardin, Joseph H. Warwick, William C. Byrd, Willie Bryant, John Freeman, Daniel Norton, Lonza T. Stone, John B. Lee, Charley J. Coats, Tyson O. Naylor, Will Kitchin, Governor Sanderson.

Those who failed to pass the examination were: Victor Blue, Fred W. Stone, John Barnes, James O. Brown, Alex F. Penny.

Optimistic Over Cotton Milling Outlook.

A Greenville, S. C., dispatch of the 5th gives the following: That cotton mills in Greenville and this section are beginning to receive substantial orders again and that they will be able to resume full operation after Christmas, with slight reduction in wages, is the opinion of W. J. Thackston, prominent factor. He based his summary on reports he has received from manufacturers and commission merchants. Business should be readjusted in a short while, Mr. Thackston stated, saying that he feels optimistic over the outlook. Reports which he has received from mill men and commission merchants, he said, indicate that the strain is over.

Congress Meets Today.

The 66th Congress convened at noon today in Washington for its third and final session. President Wilson will deliver in person or send to Congress his annual address tomorrow. President-elect Harding arrived in Washington last night from Bedford, Va., where he made an address yesterday and was expected to go to the Senate today to answer the Senate roll call probably for the last time.

Mr. Dayton Wilkins of R. 7, Lumberton, was among the visitors in town Thursday.

THAT TWELFTH MONTH THRILL

(Window Shopping With the Kiddies)



First Steps For Farmers' Relief

Congress Will Be Asked This Week to Restore War Finance Board—Speedy Action by Congress is Predicted.

Washington Dispatch, Dec. 4. First steps toward remedial legislation for farmers at the coming session of Congress will take the form of a concurrent resolution directing restoration of the War Finance Corporation.

This was made clear today in statements by Senators Harrison, Mississippi, and Heflin, Alabama, and Representative Byrnes, of South Carolina. The necessity of action by the President would be avoided, it is contended, by making the resolution concurrent in form and it would become effective on adoption.

"We intend the first week of the coming session of Congress," declared Senator Harrison, "to pass a resolution directing the Secretary of the Treasury to revive the War Finance Corporation so that our agricultural products may be marketable."

"The South and West have votes enough in the House and Senate to pass such a measure next week," Senator Heflin said.

"The conference of the Southern Senators yesterday, and the joint meeting of the House and Senate committee on agriculture which brought together Representatives and Senators from the South and West, in my judgment, will result in speedy action by Congress in granting the necessary relief."

"Sufficient sentiment has been created during the week," Senator Harrison said, "to impress upon those in authority that it is necessary to take some immediate action to relieve the critical situation."

Indian Shooting Scrape Yesterday

John Willie Davis is in Fayetteville Hospital Dangerously Wounded and Charlie Berry is in Jail—Berry Claims Shot in Self-Defense.

John Willie Davis, Indian, was shot and dangerously wounded last night by Charlie Berry, another Indian. The shooting took place between Maxton and Elrod. Berry gave himself up this morning to Rural Policeman W. W. Smith and was placed in jail. He claims he shot in self-defense. Davis was rushed to a hospital in Fayetteville. A bullet from a pistol entered his breast, near the heart, and his recovery is doubtful, it is said.

Recorder's Court.

Von Speight was sentenced to 4 months on the roads by Recorder E. M. Britt Thursday when found guilty of manufacturing whiskey. Lundy Wilkins and Oscar Watts were found guilty of the same charge and judgement was suspended upon payment of the cost.

A. B. Carter and Luther Hammond, charged with unlawfully disposing of crops, were found guilty. Judgement was suspended upon payment of the cost, the defendants making satisfactory arrangements with the affiants.

Mr. W. A. Riddell of R. 4, St. Pauls, is a Lumberton visitor today. Mr. Riddell had a bill showing that he sold a bale of strict low middling cotton on the Fayetteville market Saturday for 13 3/4 cents the pound. He also stated that he saw three bales of strict middling sell on the Fayetteville market Saturday for 16 3/7 1-2 cents the pound.

Mr. G. W. Bass has resigned his position with the Lumberton Electric Shoe shop and accepted a position with Ashley Brothers shoe shop at Fairmont. Mr. Bass expects to move his family to Fairmont at an early date.

Mr. F. J. Nye of Orrum was a Lumberton visitor Saturday.

Red Springs News Letter

Charles Hall Post Elects Officers—Play at College This Evening—Recital in Laurinburg Dec. 19.

Red Springs, Dec. 4.—The Charles Hall post American Legion, has elected the following new officers: J. C. Snoddy, Jr., post commander; Dunk Davis, Lloyd Cooke, vice commanders; T. A. DeVane, adjutant; F. C. Jones, financial officer; L. Blue, D. McMillan, W. B. Townsend, D. Hodgins, executive committee. A drive to secure new members will shortly be put on by the post, which now numbers over forty ex-service men.

One next Monday night twenty students of the expression department of Flora Macdonald college will present "The Silver Thread," a fairy play in three acts by Constance D. Argy Mackay, with Miss Helen Sayles directing.

On Friday, Dec. 10, Dean C. G. Vardell assisted by members of the music faculty, will give a recital at the home of Mrs. J. L. Gibson, Laurinburg, under the auspices of the local alumnae association.

COTTON GINNED IN NORTH CAROLINA

Robeson Leads With 46,513. Johnston County Next with 31,938.

There were 46,513 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales, ginned in Robeson county from the crop of 1920, prior to November 14, as compared with 50,996 bales ginned to November 14, 1919. The above figures have been published in The Robesonian previously, but are given again for purposes of comparison with cotton ginned in some other counties. The number of bales ginned in North Carolina prior to Nov. 14 this year was 501,219, compared with 602,384 ginned to the same date last year. Reports for some other counties, first figures being for 1919: Anson, 21,017-24,559; Bladen, 7,273-8,897; Cleveland, 12,957-21,190; Columbus, 4,398-6,390; Cumberland, 13,917-17,091; Edgecombe, 17,115-16,174; Halifax, 16,002-17,413; Harnett, 19,289-21,418; Hoke, 13,746-13,889; Johnston, 31,938-34,354; Mecklenburg, 14,840-19,731; Sampson, 16,879-21,692; Scotland, 28,507-30,896; Union, 16,700-22,425; Wake, 13,802-14,143; Wayne, 14,766-17,966; Wilson, 17,121-13,616.

Ways of Figuring Freight Charges Puzzle Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Jeff D. Taylor, who, as mentioned in The Robesonian, recently sold his farm near Lumberton and purchased another farm near Emporia, Va., has had a practically demonstration that he will not soon forget about the intricacies of inter-State and intra-State freight charges. To move his stuff through to Emporia the railroads wanted \$153 and odd cents; to haul the stuff to Pleasant Hill, the last station in North Carolina, only ten miles from Emporia, the charge was only \$59.74, and then to haul it the other ten miles into Virginia the charge would be \$62. Mr. Taylor was plumb disgusted, naturally, and vowed he'd haul it the last ten miles himself, rather than pay more for that 10-mile haul by rail than the charge for all the way from Lumberton to Pleasant Hill. Mr. Taylor spent a few days here last week looking after shipment of his farm products. He says he does not understand the way of figuring freight charges and b'gined if he believes anybody else does.

Box Supper at White Pond.

Fairmont, Dec. 3.—There will be a box supper at White Pond Thursday night, Dec. 9th. Everybody is cordially invited.

Trinity Musical Clubs Here Tuesday Night

Song and Music Makers Will Give Concert in High School Auditorium—Boys Have Had a Successful Tour Through the State.

The Trinity College Musical clubs will give a concert in the high school auditorium here Tuesday evening of this week, beginning at 8 o'clock.

The combined clubs, composed of glee club, orchestra and mandolin club, have just completed a successful tour of Virginia and Western North Carolina, where they have been heard by large audiences. The clubs are said to be the best the college has sent out in years. In addition to the mandolin club, the orchestra is composed of 12 pieces, and there are 25 voices in the glee club.

While in Lumberton the young men will be entertained by local Trinity alumni and in homes of other Methodists of the town. Mr. David H. Fuller, a Trinity alumnus, is in charge of the preparations for the concert. Following the concert a reception will be given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. White.

The following is taken from a report in Saturday's Charlotte Observer of a concert given by these clubs at Queens college Friday night:

Charlotte music lovers who heard the Trinity College Musical clubs at Queens college last night had only one fault to find with the program. They were unanimous in saying it was too short. That is just one way of saying the concert was well received and highly enjoyed.

"There is no doubt about it, the Trinity boys put it over in grand style and the big audience filed out of the auditorium hungry for more. The orchestra was good, so was the glee club, and the mandolin boys had the crowd with them from the start."

The personnel of the clubs follows: J. E. Blades, H. A. McNeely, R. A. Parham, G. D. W. Rackley, L. M. Draper, M. H. Head, J. C. Spach, B. B. Harrison, E. A. Ivey, W. C. Merritt, R. W. Spencer, W. W. Turrentine, J. W. Ross, R. K. Farrington, G. D. Harmon, J. F. Scarborough, W. N. Vaughn, H. E. Sheets, K. B. Patterson, J. M. Gladstone, E. G. Sherrill, C. G. Wilson, H. L. Blomquist, M. W. Blades, J. G. Leyburn and Robert James.

The appended clipping regarding the clubs is taken from a recent issue of The Durham Herald:

Making its initial appearance of the season in Craven Memorial hall last night, the Trinity Glee club, orchestra and mandolin club rendered a three-in-one concert of excellence. Time after time the audience which comfortably filled the building, called the boys back for encores. Seventeen numbers were listed on the program and such was the demand of the audience that 45 were rendered.

The glee club under the direction of Mr. Howerton, excelled its last year's excellence and never failed to bring down the house, and was called back numerous times by the audience.

The boys who handled the stringed instruments as members of the mandolin club, performed in a manner that would have made a Hawaiian envious. In one number, "Puffy" Wilson, of Charlotte, accompanied the club with his talking saxophone to the great amusement of the audience.

The quartette was the same old harmony producing aggregation as of yore. Beginning their numbers with "The Fellow With the Hair Trigger Chin," they continued the performance for a half hour and the audience was still calling for more at the end of this time.

L. M. Draper's reading, "An Old Sweetheart of Mine," and Mr. Howerton's baritone solo, "Danny Deever," were features of the evening. J. G. Leyburn gave Libertaume's "A Dream of Love" as a piano solo.

Last night's concert was the first appearance of the club before a tour through Virginia and the western part of the State.

NEW HONOR FOR M'LEAN.

Appointment by President Wilson of Hon. A. W. McLean Assistant Secretary of the Treasury will cause satisfaction to Democrats all over North Carolina and throughout the country, in fact, as the Democratic National Committee is very widely known. Mr. McLean is deservedly popular with party members and as he has always been tactful and judicious in his attitude in political matters his popularity is not confined to the members of his own party. As managing director of the War Finance Corporation and in other capacities in the Treasury Department Mr. McLean has justified the confidence in his great ability which those close to him have always professed. The appointment is in all respects a fitting one and is additional proof that the President is thoroughly appreciative of the part of the country which has stuck by him from the beginning of his political career.—Raleigh News and Observer.

Mr. Ertel Carlyle, a student at the State university at Chapel Hill, arrived last night and will spend a short time here visiting home folks.

COTTON MARKET.

Middling cotton is selling on the local market today for 13 1-4 cents.

BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—License has been issued for the marriage of Foster Butler and Ethel Brown.

—Mr. R. L. Leggett, who lives on R. 3 from Lumberton, killed a hog Thursday that tipped the scales at 410 pounds dressed.

—Lands in the Back and Jacob swamp drainage districts upon which the drainage tax is not paid by January 1 will be advertised and sold.

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

—The condition of Mrs. W. L. Dougherty, who last Tuesday underwent an operation at the Thompson hospital, is reported as favorable today.

—Members of the Essie Durham circle of the Woman's Missionary society of the First Baptist church pounded Mrs. Orren Flowers last Wednesday, her 75th birthday.

—Miss Alice Casey, public health nurse, spent Saturday in Fayetteville attending a conference of public health and social welfare workers. She was accompanied by Miss Bonnie Sesoms.

—The total death rate in North Carolina during the year closing December 1 was 45 per cent. less than for the previous year, according to information received by Mr. J. L. Stephens, local undertaker.

—The Christmas bazaar of the Woman's Club will open tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock in the show rooms on Elm street of the Lumberton Motor Car Co. and will last through Thursday at 9 p. m.

—The fire company was called out Saturday at 2:30 p. m. on account of some leaves burning by the side of the river between Fourth and Fifth streets. No damage was done. It is not known how the fire originated.

—The warrants sworn out against J. H. Weant, charging him with false pretense, were signed by Messrs. N. A. Townsend and W. J. Barker, instead of N. A. Townsend and J. H. Powers, as stated in last Monday's Robesonian.

—Miss Lillian Proctor returned home Thursday after being away since July. She studied dramatic art in New York from July till September and then spent some time visiting in Brooklyn. She also visited Philadelphia and Washington and returned via Rosemary, where she visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Nas; for a few days.

—Mrs. J. P. Russell was knocked down by an Overland automobile driven by Miss Leila Edwards about 6:30 Thursday evening. The car struck Mrs. Russell as she stepped into the Elizabethtown road from the sidewalk on Walnut street, near the Russell home. Mrs. Russell was knocked several feet and suffered several bruises. No bones were broken, however, and it is not thought her injuries will prove serious.

—The following officers were elected by Lumberton No. 18, Macedonia, Friday evening: Past Commander, Jno. W. Long; commander, Rossie B. Britt; lieutenant commander, J. T. Penny; record keeper, I. L. McGill; chaplain, Dr. T. Allen; physician, Dr. J. A. Martin; sergeant, Lacy M. McKenzie; master at arms, W. L. Dawkins; first master guard, F. Grover Britt; second master guard, W. C. Kinlaw; sentinel, W. C. Cribbs; picket, F. P. Bodenheimer.

—Mr. J. R. English, manager of Efrid's department store here, is just coming through a 3-weeks battle with that dear flu-influenza, that sneaking disease which crumples a man all up and in a session of a few days sends him out most surprisingly shaky on his pins. Mr. English has not been confined at home that long, but the before-taking, rotten feeling, the "done took" and the aftermath have stretched out about that long, and he has not yet fully recovered from the effects.

Appointments of Public Health Nurse.

Miss Alice Casey, public health nurse, spent Friday at Red Springs visiting the schools and conferring with the officers of the Red Cross chapter there. Miss Casey is visiting the school at Rowland today. Tomorrow at 3:30 p. m. she will teach a class in home hygiene at the McDonald school. Wednesday at 2:30 p. m. Miss Casey will meet officials from the various Red Cross chapters in the county for a conference. The meeting will be held in the office of Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer in the court house.

Messrs. I. H. and H. C. Brisson of Tir Heel Bladen county, are among the visitors in town today.

—Mr. M. H. Warwick of R. 2, Fairmont was a Lumberton visitor Thursday.

\$100 Reward For Information Leading to Recovery of Ford Touring car Stolen Sunday night 2 miles from Lumberton on Fayetteville road.

Motor No. 4246126, practically new, 1920 model, left rear fender bruised, all new tires. J. A. Jones, Lumberton, R. 1.

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