

# THE CHATHAM RECORD

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## MR. McLEAN WILL NEVER EXPLAIN.

The Roxboro Courier published an article entitled "When The Farmers Needed A Friend" more than four months ago, in which it charged Mr. A. W. McLean with being unfaithful to the interests of the farmers of North Carolina while he was Director of the War Finance Corporation.

Mr. McLean has not yet denied any of the charges made by the Courier, for the simple reason, we presume, that the Courier's charges were predicated on the public records in Washington, and therefore could not be refuted.

Mr. Brooks, of Greensboro, has published scores of testimonials trying to explain away Mr. McLean's failure, but he has fooled no one. In fact, two letters published by Mr. Brooks prove that the Courier's charges were, and are true.

One letter, from Eugene Meyer, Jr., a director with Mr. McLean at the time the fateful resolution of May 10, 1920, suspending the making of loans to assist agricultural exports, was passed, would indicate that the suspension of activities was merely temporary, and that "in case of need the work should be resumed."

The need came, alright. No one but a fool will say there was no need. Then why didn't Mr. McLean resume? He was still in Washington, drawing full pay (\$1000.00 per month.)

When cotton dropped to 30 cents, 7 cents below the cost of production, it would seem that any business man would have seen the need.

When it dropped to 20 cents there was greater need.

When it dropped to 10 cents, (and other products had dropped in proportion) there was direst need for the resumption of the Corporation's activities.

But what has happened?

When cotton dropped to 30 cents, Mr. McLean did nothing.

When it dropped to 20 cents, Mr. McLean did nothing.

When it dropped to 10 cents, still Mr. McLean did nothing—except to keep on drawing his salary of \$1000.00 per month.

Not one loan did Mr. McLean and his board make in North Carolina from May 10, 1920, to March 1st, 1921, the period of greatest depression.

What is the explanation? Mr. McLean was either asleep on his job, or he didn't care.

Now, take the other letter. That from Senator Overman. That letter shows that there were five members of the board of directors when the resolution suspending the making of loans for agricultural exports was passed, and that two of them—Myer and Cutcheon—resigned when the other three, including Mr. McLean, passed the resolution over their heads.

Three directors constituted a majority, since the board was composed of only five members. If Mr. McLean had joined with Myer and Cutcheon and voted against the resolution, it could not have passed, and the drastic deflation would not have followed.

Has not Mr. Brooks convicted Mr. McLean before all the people? Did not the Greensboro News, an impartial newspaper, say editorially, that Mr. Brooks' reply did not "fease" the Courier's charges?

Every day it becomes more apparent to the voters why Mr. McLean has made no defense of his conduct while a Director of the War Finance Corporation, and why he never will.

## THREE FOR COMMISSIONER.

**Good Men Drafted by Citizens of Chatham County.**

William F. Bland, of Pittsboro, J. J. Hackney, of M. J. Hester, of Goldston, are three men that have been drafted by the voters of Chatham county for commissioners. After much discussion on the part of hundreds of voters, these men have consented to be the primary.

It is useless for the Chatham Record to make an attempt to introduce these gentlemen to its readers, because they are too well known. Mr. Bland is a son of Mr. Mont Bland, of Pittsboro, who was reared in Center township. He is known all over the county. Mr. Hester is equally as well known throughout the county and more especially in Gulf, Bear Creek and Matthews townships where he has transacted business with many, many people. Mr. Hackney, over in Haw River township, is known by everybody that is old enough to know anybody. He has lived in Matthews township and is widely known in Siler City and throughout that township. In fact he is well known everywhere in Chatham.

All three of the gentlemen by close application of means at hand and untold energy and industry have made a success for themselves and accumulated in the world's goods, and they are splendidly qualified for the office of county commissioner.

There is no argument to the fact that Chatham at this particular time needs a purely business administration. The county is in debt more than a million dollars and there must be some means of settling up and at the same time make the tax rate as low as possible. The farmers and tax payers in general want some relief.

We are presenting these gentlemen with the full support of The Chatham Record and we highly commend them to the voters of Chatham as three men who will make a record as commissioners of which you will be justly proud.

There are only three commissioners to be elected and, therefore, we ask you to vote for Bland, Hester and Hackney.

## JUDGES AND REGISTRARS.

**Those Who Will Conduct Primary and the Election.**

The Chatham county electoral board met in Pittsboro on Saturday, April 19th, and appointed the registrars for the primary and for the general election to be held in November.

The Chatham Record should have had these appointments last week, and we solicited Mr Fletcher C. Mann, a member of the board, and he stated that the board had not been called together because the republican member could not be located. Again on Monday a representative of the Chatham Record sought Mr. Mann and he assigned the same excuse, and we were left under the impression that the board had not held its meeting. The list appeared in a Siler City paper on Friday and Mr. Mann was again consulted and he states that the list was made up in Siler City and brought to Pittsboro without his knowledge.

This is another indication of how the political machine works. A list of registrars and judges of election is made up, passed and published without so much as the knowledge of one of the members of the board.

Just why there should have been a disposition to keep this information out of the Chatham Record is not known, but our readers can always depend on The Record to get information that is of any value. We may be delayed at times but in the long run our readers shall have it.

The list below is composed of two democrats and one republican. The registrar is a democrat and the first named of the judges is a democrat, the last named being a republican.

If you are not already registered it is your duty to see the registrar in your district and register at once. If you are registered and have moved to another precinct since registering, it will be necessary for you to get a transfer to your present voting precinct.

The registration books will be opened at the several precincts on next Saturday, May 3rd, and will be open for four successive Saturdays, May 3, May 10, May 17 and May 24. Saturday, May 31st will be challenge day, as also the day of the primary and on election day.

You may be registered or transferred on any day other than Saturday that you can get in communication with the registrar.

Following is the list of names of the registrars and judges in the several townships:

## NEWS ITEMS FROM LEE COUNTY.

**Local and Personal Notes of People Around Tramway.**

Jonesboro, Rt. 4, April 19.—Mr. Charlie Thomas, of Washington, D. C., spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. N. P. Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Coley and family spent Sunday with Mr. Arthur Kiser and family near Bonlee.

Miss Helen Bass, of Charlotte, was the guest of Mrs. Gilbert Riddle last week.

Mrs. H. D. Coggins returned home last Wednesday from Apex, where she visited her mother, Mrs. Jones.

Watson Thomas has gone to Washington, D. C., where he has accepted a position.

Messrs B. H. Jones and J. M. Flow and Jesse Wofford went to Raleigh Sunday and carried a dog head for examination for rabies. The dog had bitten a small son of Mr. Jones but it was not infected, according to the report.

Miss Corina Brantley has returned home after spending a few days with Miss Daisy Conder, of Carthage.

Alton Lemon, Barton and Coy Jones were recent visitors at Pittsboro.

DeWitt Coley was a recent visitor near Bonlee.

The farmers of this section have been real busy getting their land ready for planting. Some few have planted corn.

A large crowd from this community attended the county commencement at Sanford Friday in spite of threatening rain. Tramway had the honor of winning three prizes, two firsts and one second.

The Evangelistic Club of Sanford, held a meeting at Graces Chapel Sunday afternoon, which was conducted by Mr. O. P. Makepeace, assisted by Messrs Fitts, Kennedy, Hanner and Brantley. Many were present and enjoyed the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bullock and little daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Calhoun, of Rocky Mount, were the week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. McDaniel.

Miss Alice McDuffie spent Easter with Miss Pauline Boyd at Bear Creek.

Miss Mattie Oats, of Hamlet, is visiting relatives and friends in this section.

Miss Nellie McDuffie, of Oxford, is spending a few days with her father, and mother, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. McDuffie.

Miss Lizzie Underwood, who has held a position in Virginia, has returned home.

Mr. B. C. McDuffie, of Durham, spent the week end with home folks.

## MR. McLEAN DOES NOT ANSWER

**More than Four Weeks Since Letter Was Written.**

It has been exactly 29 days since the editor of The Record wrote Mr. McLean, asking him whether or not he was using passes on the Atlantic Coast line railway and on The Southern railway, or any others, and he has failed to reply.

Is it right for a candidate for governor to accept favors from the railroads? If Mr. McLean is riding on passes on any railroad, it necessarily places him under obligations to those corporations.

It does seem if it were not true that Mr. McLean is using passes, that he would deny it, doesn't it?

The letter was mailed in one of our printed envelopes, with return address and inasmuch as it has not been returned to The Record, we feel absolutely sure that he received it.

So that our readers will know exactly our intent in the matter, we are publishing again the letter that we wrote to Mr. McLean, as follows:

Pittsboro, N. C., April 2, 1924.

Hon. A. W. McLean, Lumberton, N. C.

Dear Mr. McLean:— It has come to my attention that you use a pass on both the Atlantic Coast Line railway and on the Southern railway, and it is also intimated that perhaps you have passes over other railroads. Please advise me if this is correct and the names of the roads over which you have free transportation.

If you are not using passes over any railroad and have used them previous to this date please advise me when you relinquished them. I shall thank you for a prompt reply.

Yours very truly,  
COLIN G. SHAW.

**PASS SEVENTH GRADE EXAM.**

W. P. Dark, Siler City Five, Dead—Bear Creek Locals.

Bear Creek, Rt. 2, April 28.—Mrs. T. P. Beaver is visiting her son, J. V. Beaver, of Greensboro.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Hilliard, of Durham, were week end visitors on 2. S. F. Foster, of Madison, spent Saturday and Sunday with his mother, Mrs. S. W. Foster.

Miss Vallie Murray is spending some time with her aunt, Mrs. I. P. Coggins.

E. J. Woody, who holds a position in Siler City, spent the week end with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Broughton and four children, of Burlington, were visitors in the home of E. J. Melver and C. J. Rives during the week end.

The following were Sunday afternoon visitors at T. B. Beal's: Mrs. W. I. Williamson and son, Wilbur, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Williamson and Mrs. John Clark and daughter, all of Sanford.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fesmire and family, of Bonlee, and Mrs. W. B. Finison, of Rocky Mount, and Mrs. E. J. Melver and grand daughter, Nellie Brooks, of Rt. 2, were Sunday visitors in the home of C. J. Rives.

Mrs. F. C. Straughan and son, Eugene, are on the sick list. We hope for their immediate recovery.

Rev. C. H. Matthews, of Durham, preached two able sermons at Bear Creek Chapel last Sunday. In the afternoon the house was packed and nearly as many were on the outside. It was by far the largest concourse of people ever seen by the correspondent in Bear Creek. They came from far and near. Some from Sanford, Siler City, Liberty and elsewhere. Brother Matthews spoke in the afternoon on "Deliverance." Text Daniel 3:17: "Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us." He took up various characters in Bible, showing how God delivers those who trust Him.

At night he preached to a full house, using a text: Luke 5:1-8 and Psalms 139:23-24.

Clyde L. Burke, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Burke, was the only one of Sandy Branch school to pass the 7th grade examination. Misses Alma Lee Snipes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Snipes, and Ina Phillips, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Phillips, passed a similar examination at the Meronies school. Our hearty congratulations are extended to them.

Mr. W. P. Dark died today. He lived on Siler City route 5.

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## A SURPRISE BIRTHDAY DINNER. VICTOR R. JOHNSON MANAGER.

Large Gathering at Home of Mrs. G. N. Smith, Pittsboro 3.

There was a large crowd at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Smith on Pittsboro, Rt. 3, last Sunday to attend a birthday dinner, given in honor of the 56th anniversary of Mrs. Smith.

The affair had been carefully planned by members of the family and Mrs. Smith was not aware of the preparations to honor her until early Sunday morning.

The dinner was served at one o'clock and there were eighty-two present, among them many from a distance.

All the children were there and everyone greatly enjoyed the social intercourse with relatives and friends. The children are DeWitt Smith, Rt. 3, Pittsboro, and his family; Mrs. C. F. Gamble and family, of Siler City; Mrs. George Blair and children, Rt. 3, Pittsboro, and Mrs. Ralph Griffin and family, also of Rt. 3, Pittsboro.

Among those from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. Lucien Clark, Mrs. Vann Clark and daughter, Mabel, Mr. Clarence Johnson and Mr. Holleman, all of Apex; Mr. and Mrs. Ed. H. Jordan, of Siler City.

The dinner was superb, and the table was filled with all the good things to eat imaginable. There were cakes, pies, meats and "fixings" of every description, cooked by the deft and careful hands of the good women cooks of the community, and one could not help but satisfy hunger to the utmost satisfaction. The dinner was plentiful and there was enough left to have given many more all they could have eaten.

There were many folks from Goldston and Cummock and the surrounding community and all enjoyed a big time, leaving with the good wishes for Mrs. Smith for many happy returns of the day.

**LOCALS FROM OAKLAND.**

Pittsboro, Rt. 3, April 28.—Mrs. George Mealest, of Jacksonville, Fla., is spending sometime with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Knig.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Burns and little son, Clyde, Jr., have been on a short visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Burns.

Mr. J. N. Melver and family spent Sunday afternoon in the home of Mr. Bob Thomas.

Miss Myrtle Perry, and Mr. Jamie Perry, of Raleigh, have been on a short visit to their parents.

Miss Mabel Woody spent the week end with Miss Lena Burns.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Knight spent Sunday afternoon with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Knight.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gunter spent Sunday with Mr. John Gunter.

Mr. J. Dallas Griffin is again greeting friends in Pittsboro after an absence of several weeks, visiting his friends and relatives in Alamance.

**Has Been Appointed to Manage For Mr. Bailey in Chatham Co.**

Mr. Victor R. Johnson has been selected for manager in Chatham county for Hon. J. W. Bailey, candidate for governor.

Mr. Johnson is a lawyer of splendid ability and is recognized throughout Chatham county for his honesty and integrity. He is a clean, upright, christian gentleman, and no better choice could possibly have been made. Within the next few days Mr. Johnson will organize his forces, appoint township managers and line up for the best interests of the state by advocating Mr. Bailey as the next governor of North Carolina.

We congratulate Mr. Bailey upon his ability to secure the services of our esteemed townsman.

Mr. Bailey will be in Pittsboro on Tuesday, May 13th, to address the people at the court at one o'clock and it is hoped that as many voters as can will be present to hear him. Immediately after the speech a Chatham County Bailey Club will be organized and further plans will be formulated for the primary on June 7th. All voters, men and women, are asked to join this Club and we want to make it the largest one in the state. If you want to be a member of this Club, come prepared to enter your name. If you find that it will be impossible to be present send your name at once to Mr. Johnson or call at the Record office and we will look after it for you.

There are already more than three hundred on the list but we want to make it a thousand or more and be the champion Club of North Carolina.

**F. M. HADLEY IS ASSAULTED.**

Siler City Hotel Man Attacked Sunday Morning.

Siler City, April 28.—About four o'clock Sunday morning three men entered the Hadley hotel at Siler City through the lobby, which is left open at night, and went directly to the room of F. M. Hadley, the owner and proprietor, knocked at his door and asked to be shown to a room for the remainder of the night. When Mr. Hadley in good faith opened the door one of the men drew a gun on him and demanded his money. They were told that all that he had was in the pocket of his pants lying near the door on a chair. Then the three robbers seized, and after striking their victim several times over the head with the butt of their pistols, made a quick get away.

The trousers, minus the \$10. or \$12. they contained were found during the day east of town but nothing more has been heard of the men.

Mr. Johnnie Seignor, of Myersdale, Penn., is spending sometime with his uncle, Mr. W. C. Seignor in Siler City.

## BRICKHAVEN NEWS EVENTS.

Brickhaven, April 28.—Mr. J. A. Mims and children, Howard and Claire Eve, spent Sunday in Durham with Mrs. Mims who is a patient at a hospital there. Friends are very glad to learn that Mrs. Mims is getting on very well indeed, and expects to be able to return home before so very long.

Mr. Grady Truelove of the Cherokee Brick Co., was a week end visitor with relatives at Bonsal.

Messrs J. H. Overby, N. T. Overby and R. H. Overby were called to McCullers to be at the bedside of their mother who has been very ill for several days. The Overby boys, as they are familiarly termed, are general favorites here with old and young, and we are very glad to know that Mrs. Overby is somewhat improved.

The attendance at Sunday school was very gratifying last Sunday—almost one hundred per cent. The special collection for the Near East Relief fund was good also. We have a very good school and we are proud of the interest that is being manifested, but we need a division of classes, and especially do we need a wide-awake teacher for the adult class. We have the material all right, but it is rather difficult to get those who can really do things, to serve.

Several from here motored to Raleigh Saturday and stayed over for the play, "So this is London," at the State Theater. The play is an English-American comedy, depicting the genuine American and his family in the famous English capital, and is clean and wholesome from start to finish. So many plays and pictures leave a bad taste in one's mouth, so to speak, that it is a relief and a real pleasure to attend a play that is free from all vulgarity. When one mentions the fact that so many plays and moving pictures tend to be immoral, the answer is that the people demand those things, and that the shows and concerts would not be patronized were they otherwise. Can this be true? Has society lowered its standard to this degree? We hardly think so, yet it might be well to think on these things.

## NEWS NOTES BROWN'S CHAPEL.

Pittsboro, Rt. 2, April 28.—We are glad to learn that Mr. J. A. Marshall who is at a Sanford hospital, is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Hargrove, spent the week end with Mr. J. Thomas.

Miss Verdine Thomas spent Sunday with Miss Annie Luterloh.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Thomas and children, Obra, Ollie, Josie, Verdine, attended the funeral of Mrs. W. L. Poe at Loves Creek Monday.

Mr. John Newlin, of Saxapahaw, will preach at Browns Chapel Sunday morning.

Mrs. C. I. Hargrove and Lacey Thomas spent Sunday with their father, Mr. J. J. Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Luterloh spent Sunday with Mrs. Hersey Marshall.

Miss Rosa Thomas is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. B. Way at Lexington.

**Memorial Sunday.**

There will be a memorial service held at old Rock Springs Baptist cemetery next Sunday. There will be dinner on the ground and the meeting will last all day. Everybody is invited to go and take baskets.

Mr. Johnnie Clark, of Raleigh, spent a few days here last week.

**EXERCISES ON THE TENTH.**

The Daughters of the Confederacy are planning a big day for the tenth of May and a good program is in the making for the event. So far we have been unable to get it outlined for this paper, but we will have it next week. The membership hopes to be able to have such a program as will be entertaining to all who attend and that many will be in Pittsboro for the occasion.

## MR. MARSHALL HURT IN WRECK

**Cullen Whitaker Gets Broken Wrist—Roadster Turns Over.**

On Friday Mr. J. A. Marshall of the Browns Chapel community, accompanied his neighbor Mr. Cullen Whitaker to Sanford for the purpose of assisting in the loading of some machinery on a truck. When they were about four miles south of Moncre the Ford roadster in which they were riding, blew out a tire and being on a sharp curve at the time, making fairly good speed, it turned over two times before coming to a stop.

Mr. Marshall was precipitated into the wind shield, breaking it and going on through it, while Mr. Whitaker was thrown through the rear of the car as it turned the first time, the steering wheel preventing his being thrown forward, as he was driving.

The men were badly bruised and injured, and while the car pinned Mr. Whitaker beneath it, he was hurt the least, sustaining a fractured wrist and bruises about the body.

Mr. Marshall is severely injured but not necessarily seriously unless complications set in. He has six ribs broken, four of them being torn from his back and a bad bruise in his stomach. He is 62 years old but is strong and vigorous for his age and he has many friends who are anxious for his complete recovery.

Mrs. Whitaker is at the bedside of her husband and his children have been with him almost every day at a hospital in Sanford.

Mr. Whitaker is also confined in the hospital.

**OLD SOLDIERS REUNION JUNE.**

Our good friend, Col. J. Dan Dorsett, of Siler City, calls our attention to the fact that the old soldiers will hold their annual reunion in Memphis, Tenn., on June 4th, 5th and 6th.

The old fellows are thinning down and there will be but few that will go from Chatham county this year, perhaps three or four.

Special rates will be given on all the railroads and it will not cost a great deal to send them, and the county commissioners should bear the expense of those who would like to go. We hope they will do this. It is a courtesy that the old soldiers deserve and they should have every consideration in their declining years.

**On a Short Visit Here.**

Mr. W. C. Clyde Burns, of Bennettsville, S. C., paid The Record office a short visit Monday. He returned to his home Monday afternoon. Mrs. Burns and the baby will remain during the week, visiting relatives in and near Pittsboro. Clyde is always a welcome visitor in Pittsboro.

He says that he regards The Record as being one of the best papers published anywhere and says that he could not get along without it.

## NEWS FROM ANTIOCH SECTION.

Cummock, Rt. 1, April 28.—Those who are interested in cleaning off the cemetery at Antioch church, east of Goldston, will meet there next Saturday morning at 10 o'clock for this purpose. Everybody is invited to come and help us.

Miss Mary Poe, Miss Lucy Pierce, of Pittsboro, spent Easter with relatives and friends on this route.

Mr. Clyde Johnson spent the week end in Sanford.

A good number from this neighborhood went to Bear Creek to hear Rev. Mr. Matthews preach. He is a great preacher.

**NOTES FROM GOLDSTON ONE.**

Goldston, Rt. 1, April 28.—Miss Dixie Carroll, of Greensboro, spent a few days with relatives and friends last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Foust and Mr. Bishop of Greensboro, were recent visitors at the home of E. P. Barber.

Miss Emma Bemer is visiting in the home of R. H. Oldham.

Mr. O. B. Andrews and son, Herman of Sanford, route 1, were business visitors on this route Saturday.

Mr. H. M. Barber, of Greensboro, was a recent visitor in the home of his sister, Mrs. N. R. Goin.