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The Passing Show Of 1941

LAWRENCE M'RAE FOR DIRECTOR CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT.

It gives the Reporter a distinct pleasure to endorse and recommend the appointment of Honorable Lawrence McRae of Walnut Cove, Stokes county, to the position of director of the State department of conservation and development.

We believe Mr. McRae to be eminently and peculiarly fitted for this position, while Stokes county deserves the honor.

We see no reason why this capable Stokes county gentleman should not be appointed. He was among the original supporters of Gov. Broughton here, and was a tireless worker in this section of the State for the present governor. This is said in a political sense. Beyond this is his qualifications and the county's need and merit for the position.

Below we reprint an article taken from the Winston-Salem Journal:

"Taking the stand that it is time a man from the western part of the state is again appointed director of the state department of conservation and development, friends of Lawrence McRae, Walnut Cove real estate man, have launched an active campaign in interest of his appointment to the post.

"According to John J. Taylor, of Stokes, who is working for McRae's appointment, Stokes' representatives in the General Assembly are taking a leading part in the campaign on McRae's behalf.

"William F. Marshall is Stokes' senator, and Ed Taylor is the county's representative in the legislature. Active in the campaign also is R. J. Scott, of Danbury, district solicitor and chairman of the Stokes county Democratic executive committee, Sheriff Taylor said.

"Governor Broughton has said the appointment will not be made until after adjournment of the General Assembly.

"For the past eight years, R. Bruce Etheridge, of Manteo, who was appointed by Governor Ehringhaus and re-appointed by Governor Hoey, has been director of the department.

"The board was created in 1925 when Governor McLean was in office. He appointed Major Wade H. Phillips, of Lexington, who served during the McLean administration. Governor O. Max Gardner appointed Colonel John W. Harrelson, of Cleveland county. Harrelson was succeeded by Etheridge.

"Thus, the east has furnished one director for two four-year terms, and the west has provided two directors for a four-year term each.

"Friends of McRae point out that the western part of the state contains the minerals, mines, parks and the like which come directly under supervision of the conservation board.

They cite Governor Broughton's declaration that his administration is going to concentrate on the development of mineral resources as a part of the national defense program, and point to the feldspar mine just being opened near Brown Mountain, the large deposits of phosphate rock, iron and mica in Stokes.

"McRae's friends say that his wide acquaintance with business people would aid greatly in attracting their attention to resources of the state.

"He has enjoyed a successful business life, they declare, and for several years served as secretary of the finance committee of the United States in the late Senator Furnifold's office.

WHAT PRICE PATRIOTISM ?

It may be that the German Bund would bid on Bob Reynolds stock. No doubt it is above par on the financial marts of Berlin, Rome or Tokyo.

It has but little value in America. It is scorned in North Carolina.

Many copies of the "American Vindicator" came by mail this week to citizens of Danbury and Stokes county. The "Vindicator" is Senator Reynolds' own newspaper, published monthly in Washington. Its sole theme is "immigration." It is a mouthpiece for a "crusade" to keep out of America the immigrants of Europe, the laborers, the discouraged, the hopeless populations.

Since he has been in Washington the Senator's passionate interests have not been in the farmer, the laborer, the forgotten man, cotton, tobacco or peanuts. As far as the public has seen his concern has been only "immigration." Sometimes he has attracted public notice by kissing beautiful women, or by adventures abroad to get more inspiration about immigration.

It is possibly unwitting on the Senator's part that his preachments on "immigration" should become so significantly apropos at this time. But the immigration which the American people are so apprehensive of at this time is not Bob's kind of immigration. What America is alarmed about now is that military IMMIGRATION which will be the portion of the western hemisphere if England falls and her fleet is taken over by the axis powers. Bob sees no danger in this at all—sees no danger in an influx of European and Asiatic hordes if and when the British are unable longer to hold back the rampant Huns, Dagoes and Japs, who would certainly overwhelm America if they were not checked by England. Ellis Island could not control them, as any cutthroat could land here whose passport was vised by the Fuehrer, if he would only swear himself to be an enemy to the freedom and democracy of the United States.

In that case the synthetic Senator from Buncombe county, North Carolina, whose fame has folded up in this State, might along with Wheeler, Lindbergh, Vandenburg, Taft, Nye, Clark and Browder again attain notoriety by taking a role in the new order—

Something like Laval in France.

ANYTHING WRONG WITH OUR SCHOOLS ?

Recently Dr. Mortimer Adler, author and University of Chicago faculty member, said that American schools and colleges are a "dismal failure." He also said that "not one in 10,000 high school or college graduates would be graduated if he were examined on his competence in reading, writing, arithmetic, listening and calculating."

"The New York Board of Regents recently discovered that the average high school graduate has the competence of a sixth grader in reading," he charged. "Textbooks of our schools and colleges are . . . an invention of pedagogues who know students cannot read a 'hard' book."

These are serious and alarming charges. Can they be substantiated?

Is it a fact that high school graduates cannot tell how many pounds of coffee at 14 1-2 cents a pound, a basket of chickens will bring at 16 2-3 cents a pound?

If so, a prospective job in the corner grocery store might be forfeited.

But most of the boys and girls who have major-

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH PRODUCTION?

A high industrial authority of New York, having the official data at hand, says the combined auto manufacturers of the United States are now producing 1500 automobiles and trucks every hour.

This being so, why is it that United States industry is only able to turn out 1030 planes a month.

England is begging for our help in planes, but wants no men. Says she will complete the job of stopping Hitler if America will furnish the fighting material.

Why is it, then, realizing the menace to America from Germany, our output is so ridiculously but alarmingly small?

Listen and we will tell you why:

It is because Congress, which alone has the power to pass laws that would be adequate to speed-up production, is impeded and retarded by the isolationists, appeasers, Fifth Columnists, pro-Germans and traitors—men of the type of Wheeler of Montana, Nye of North Dakota, Taft, Vandenburg, Fish, Reynolds, Lindbergh.

We do not say whom of this unpatriotic group are traitors.

We do say that all of them are potential enemies of America, who stand against everything that the President and the army and navy leaders say is necessary to the defense of this country, and whose efforts to hinder and delay and defeat American defense, may be fatal to the liberties of the people of America.

We say further that the German Bund of New York—the organization of the Nazi party in the United States—is furnished with money from Berlin to sabotage American defense preparations or to corrupt American men.

The Congress is sadly in need of more patriots like J. W. Bailey, Claud Pepper, Lon Folger, Barkley of Kentucky, Auston of Vermont, etc.

COMIN' AROUND THE MOUNTAIN

A beautiful gal is coming around the mountain, and we'll all very gladly go out to meet her when she comes.

Her name is Senorita Springtime and she is due in about 21 days.

Her car is laden with the sweet-smelling things of the woods like white hyacinths, jonquils, and daffodils, the blushing gladiola and the modest violet.

The swish of the wind stirred by her approach is of the soft south where bluebirds flash in the sunlight and mockingbirds sing from the dogwoods, and silver brooklets babble over the pebbles all day long.

ENGLAND'S POSITION BECOMES MORE SERIOUS ON SHIPPING

It appears now that the real Axis blitzkrieg will be a massive effort to destroy the shipping of the British empire before American aid—seriously delayed—can be of effective service. Congress continues to debate the lease-lend bill.

ed in basketball and who have studied botany and biology, may compensate for the lack of the three r's with more modern branches of science like physics, chemistry, geology and civics.