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## Mr. McLean's War Finance Corporation Record

Could he have defeated the resolution cutting off loans for export of farm products in 1920?

### EDITORIAL

In December, 1923, the editor of the Roxboro Courier printed as editorial a statement of the record of the War Finance Corporation, every word of which was supported by official records cited in the editorial. This record showed that in the year 1920 the War Finance Corporation had the power to make advances for export of American farm products, cotton, tobacco, etc.; and that instead of making these advances the War Finance Board suspended its activities by a resolution adopted May 10, 1920.

This resolution is as follows: "Resolved, That at the request of the Secretary of the Treasury and pending further action by this Board, the making by the Corporation of further advances for export purposes, except pursuant to existing commitments, be suspended." (See Third Annual Report of War Finance Corporation, Page 5, as signed by Hon. A. W. McLean and his associates.)

Everybody knows what happened in consequence. Senator Simmons has declared that the policy of deflation, of which the suspension of the War Finance Corporation's activities was an essential part, resulted "in the widespread ruin of the farmers."

The Supreme Court of North Carolina has declared that this resolution brought about a drop in the price of cotton of 30 cents a pound. See Tobacco Growers vs. Jones, 185 N. C. 265.

The question is as to Hon. A. W. McLean's share in the responsibility for passing this resolution. Mr. Brooks says that Mr. McLean opposed this resolution. We say that he did not. This is the issue. Let us now discuss it in light of the evidence.

The War Finance Board consisted of five members at the time: Hon. A. W. McLean, now a candidate for Governor in this State, being one of the members.

From May, 1920, until January, 1921, cotton, tobacco, etc., took a tremendous fall. We had what was known as "deflation" and there was in the language of Senator Simmons, "widespread ruin" of the farmers. While this deflation was going on and prices falling, the War Finance Corporation did nothing—loaned not a dollar for export or for any other purpose. It was the one agency of the Government that might have arrested or alleviated this process of deflation. This was what it was for after the war was over—to prevent just what it failed to prevent—the collapse of prices of farm products. It had the power to raise two billions of dollars for this purpose. But it did nothing.

This is not denied. It is a matter of history and official record.

The Courier's editorial was not answered at the time. Hon. A. L. Brooks issued a so-called "reply" consisting of numerous complimentary letters to Hon. A. W. McLean, from his political friends and associates. The Greensboro News declared that Mr. Brooks' "reply" did not "fease" the Courier's charges. Mr. Brooks' second attempt practically admits this.

On April 11, 1924—nearly four months later Mr. Brooks tries again. We are printing his second attempt to clear his candidate for Governor in this number of the Courier. We are gladly printing it. It proves our charge against Mr. McLean.

In our opinion, Mr. Brooks makes the matter worse for Mr. McLean in his second attempt. He admits:

1. That Mr. McLean was a member of the War Finance Board at the time of deflation.

2. That the War Finance Corporation was charged with the duty and the power of making advances for export of farm products.

3. That it suspended activities May 10, 1920, and notwithstanding Europe was calling for American cotton, food and tobacco, it loaned not a dollar for export the balance of the year.

4. That all through this period the War Finance Board had four hundred millions of dollars of the people's money invested in United States Bonds—instead of in cotton and tobacco and wheat and corn, on the way to Europe that was calling for it.

5. That the farmers were ruined.

6. He does not deny that Mr. McLean was all through this period heavily interested in cotton mills, of which he was director, and from which he drew large dividends. This is a fact. He does not deny that all through this period Mr. McLean was drawing a salary of \$12,000 from the U. S. government and another large salary from the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, a president of its subsidiary, the Virginia & Carolina Southern R. R. This is a fact.

What does Mr. Brooks do? He tries to put the whole wretched business of our Secretary Houston, President of the War Finance Board, on the Resolution.

But it is known and agreed that there were five members of the War Finance Board. Mr. Hodston was one.

Mr. McLean was one. No one man could control it. It required a majority—that is, three.

The question is, Did Mr. McLean oppose the resolution suspending loans of the Board?

MR. BROOKS SAYS MR. MCLEAN WAS OPPOSED TO THE RESOLUTION OF MAY 10, 1920, SUSPENDING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE BOARD. BUT MR. BROOKS' OWN ARGUMENT—READ IT—SHOWS THAT THIS COULD NOT BE TRUE! SEE SENATOR OVERMAN'S LETTER, AS PUBLISHED BY MR. BROOKS. IN THIS LETTER SENATOR OVERMAN SAYS: "Some—if not all of the directors—including Mr. McLean—opposed suspension. When the Secretary (Houston) insisted, Mr. Meyer and I think Mr. Cutcheon resigned."

It is true; Meyer and Cutcheon were against the resolution, and when it passed, resigned. They came clean.

THERE WERE FIVE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MR. MEYER AND MR. CUTCHEON WERE TWO. MR. BROOKS QUOTES SENATOR OVERMAN AS SAYING THAT THEY (Continued on page two)

### CROWDED OUT.

We have several very interesting communications which are crowded out of this issue. We will present them in our next.

All announcements will appear in next issue. Don't imagine they are out of the race, they are still running, with more to follow.

### LEWD WOMEN SENT TO JAIL.

On last Sunday two women from Danville, Va., giving their names as Sarah and Sallie Dove, were raising quite a commotion in the country near Ceppo. Sheriff Long was notified and with Mr. Sam Oliver went out to arrest them. However, they were frustrated in their plans as the parties got wind of the fact that the Sheriff was after them and made a get away, but the officers were not to be fooled and on Monday followed them to Danville where they were arrested by the chief of police of that city. They were brought here on Monday evening and given a hearing before Squire Newton yesterday morning, and bound over to court under \$250 bond, each, which they were unable to give and were sent to jail.

### SIMPLY DID MY DUTY.

Mr. Editor:

I understand that I have been criticized by a lot of people for pursuing and arresting the bad women. These women have been coming here for some time, causing a lot of trouble, and on Sunday were out at an old school house where there were several men drunk and several fights had occurred. I was called upon and felt that something must be done, hence my desire to break up this awful business. Chief Bell of Danville told me their character was awful bad, and that he had been trying to catch them for some time, and was very glad we had a case against them.

I have done nothing more than my duty. The people elected me to enforce the law and I am going to try to do that as long as I am in this office.

Respectfully,  
J. M. Long, Sheriff.

### EXECUTRIX NOTICE.

Having qualified as Executrix of the estate of J. C. Gentry, late of Person County, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 15th day of April, 1925, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment:

This April 15, 1924.  
Mrs. Susie Gentry,  
Executrix.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

I hereby announce myself a candidate for County Commissioner, subject to the Democratic primary. If you favor me with the nomination, please let me know. I shall serve you to the best of my ability.  
John L. Gentry.

## ROXBORO'S DEBATERS—SECOND BEST.

The Roxboro high school debating teams proceeded to Chapel Hill to contest for the Aycock cup in the high school debating contest, held under the auspices of the University of North Carolina on last Thursday, and although they did not succeed in bringing home the cup they got so near it that had it been a snake it would have bit them, for on returning to Roxboro the affirmative team represented by Janie Burns and Charles Woods received the following letter from Dr. Rankin, secretary of the contest:

Dear Miss Burns and Mr. Woods: We wish to congratulate you on the success of your debate at Chapel Hill. You deserve a great deal of credit for making such progress in so short a period of experience in debating and we are glad to inform you that you came out next to Wilson in the contest.

Sincerely yours,  
E. K. Rankin, Sec.

As the Wilson debaters were chosen the best upholders of the affirmative side of the question out of the one thousand high school debaters, Dr. Rankin's letter meant that Janie Burns and Charles Woods are next to the Wilson logicians, the best high school affirmative debaters in the State of North Carolina.

On arriving at the University, each team drew its opponent by lot and was directed to one of the fifteen sections where the debates were held. In each of these sections ten schools were represented by an affirmative or a negative team and the best team on each side of the question was chosen from each section to take part in another contest the next day for choice as the best team on its side of the question of all the schools represented. Although the negative team from Roxboro, which had previously defeated Oxford was eliminated in its section, Roxboro's affirmative was picked as the best affirmative.

Its section and went to the semifinals where it won second honors in the state. The negative side from Roxboro was upheld by Roxanah Yancey and Eugene Thompson. The success of the debating teams at the University following their previous victories over Oxford and Chapel Hill together with Wallace White's success in the Declamation Contest at Wake Forest College the week before where he went to the finals and won a college pin as a trophy of his ability places the Roxboro high school on the map in the state when it comes to affairs oratorical. These victories are the more prized when the fact is taken into consideration that this is the first year in a six year period of time that Roxboro has contested in oratorical or debating contests of any kind, and the participants of the high school deserve a great deal of credit for the hard work that has been necessary to win honors for the town and the school.

DEATH OF MR. E. A. PHILLIPS.  
Mr. Phillips died at his home in East Roxboro on March 6th, 1924. He was born on August 19th, 1849, making his stay on earth 75 years and 7 months. He was twice married, his first wife was a Miss Jones, and to their union was born 5 children. In 1893 he was married to Miss Mary E. Ragan, and to this union 10 children were born, 5 boys and 5 girls. May God bless his wife and children who are left to mourn their loss. He had been confined to his bed for 16 months, but wife, children and friends did everything for him that mortal hands could do, but God saw fit to take him away to live with Him—A Friend.

## MR. SCOTT WILL ADDRESS THE FARMERS.

On Tuesday April 22nd Mr. R. W. Scott of Alamance county will address the farmers on the general subject of Agriculture. The address will take place at the noon hour recess in the court house. The public is cordially invited to hear this address.

## AT AUCTION

25 residential lots—your opportunity to purchase at market value. Every lot to be sold. Don't forget the date, Saturday April 19th at 1 P. M. on the premises.  
J. T. Walker.

## DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CONVENTION.

The Democratic County Convention met here last Saturday evening and it was the most harmonious dozen you ever saw. In the absence of the County Chairman, Mr. R. P. Burns, the convention was called to order by Mr. N. Lunsford, secretary. Mr. L. M. Carlton was made permanent chairman and Mr. J. W. Noell, secretary. A motion that all Democrats in good and regular standing be recognized as delegates at the State convention was adopted. Adjourned.

Perfectly harmonious.

## DEATH OF MRS. A. A. KENT.

Mrs. A. A. Kent, who before marriage was Miss Elma Featherston, died at the home of her husband, Dr. Kent, in Lenoir, N. C., last Friday morning. The body, accompanied by Dr. Kent and his four sons, was brought here for burial on Saturday, the funeral services being held in the Edgar Long Memorial Church, of which she was for so long a consistent member. Rev. F. M. Shambarger, pastor, assisted by Rev. J. B. Hurley and Rev. B. C. Thompson, conducting the services.

Mrs. Kent was a native of Roxboro, having lived here until about three years ago when she was married, and was a most beautiful, lovable woman, being an active church worker. The floral offering was beautiful, being a simple testimony of her universal popularity with her old home friends.

## A GREAT OCCASION.

Blessings on our speakers who represented Roxboro High School at Chapel Hill last week. It was a great occasion with the host of high school speakers, their fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters and friends from the four quarters of North Carolina. We are happy over the most excellent work of our speakers. They have brought honor not only to this school and town but to the whole County. We wish every student in Person County could have heard the speeches of our people. They were wonderful. But I must not write more as a full account of the work and the occasion has already been written for The Courier.

Again I say, blessings on our speakers, their fathers and mothers.  
J. A. Beam.

## A GOOD RECORD.

We have had quite a number of reports from what the women of the County were doing towards earning "pin money" but we have seen no report which extells this one of Mrs. C. F. Adcock. During the past year she has sold \$39.68 worth of chickens, eggs \$81.00, meat \$31.25, molasses \$9.75 and for butter, beans and other vegetables she realized \$208.00, making a grand total of \$369.68. It surely pays to give a little time to chickens, eggs and vegetables.

## MEETING OF METHODIST MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

A County meeting of the Methodist Missionary Societies of Person County will be held with the church at Oak Grove Friday, April 25th.

It is expected that each organization in the County will be represented at this meeting, and we especially urge that each unorganized church send one or more representatives. See program in the next issue of The Courier.

## SUPERIOR COURT THIS WEEK.

A special term of Superior Court is in session this week, Judge Brown on the bench. This term is for the purpose of clearing the civil docket which has become congested. We will give detailed report in our next issue.

Monday morning following this special term we will have the regular term, which will be presided over by Judge Sinclair.

## MOVED TO MISSISSIPPI.

Dr. S. D. Coleman, who has been located here for the past year, has moved to Meridian, Miss., and will make that his home. Dr. Coleman is a splendid young man and we regret to see him leave our town.

## TO THE LADY VOTERS OF PERSON COUNTY.

I declare myself as a candidate to hold the next re-union, subject to your support with a good basket of rations. I promise to do my very best for you and basket. We will eat, drink and be merry on a high scale. Meet early on May 10th, 1924.  
J. H. B., Old Reb.

## REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE PEOPLES BANK AT ROXBORO IN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, MARCH 31st, 1924.

Resources	
1. Loans and Discounts	\$873,917.64
2. United States Bonds and Liberty Bonds	129,650.00
3. All other Stocks, Bonds, and Mortgages	74,350.00
4. Banking Houses, \$9,248.82; Furniture and Fixtures, \$10,259.69	19,508.51
5. Cash in vault and net amounts due from Banks, Bankers and Trust Cos.	157,594.21
6. Cash Items held over 24 hours	5,998.87
7. Checks for clearing	6,012.96
Total	\$1,267,032.19

Liabilities	
1. Capital Stock paid in	\$100,000.00
2. Surplus Fund	100,000.00
3. Undivided Profits, less current expenses and taxes paid	9,779.15
4. Unearned Discount	4,000.00
5. Dividends Unpaid, and Reserves for	7,848.00
6. Bills Payable	100,000.00
7. Deposits subject to check, Individual	417,629.26
8. Deposits Due State of N. C. or any Official thereof	74,782.17
9. Time Certificates of Deposit, Due in Less Than 30 Days	372,878.63
10. Cashier's Checks outstanding	6,436.70
11. Certified Checks	34.62
12. Savings Deposits	70,476.16
13. Accrued Interest due depositors	3,167.50
Total	\$1,267,032.19

State of North Carolina—County of Person, April 8th, 1924.  
L. E. G. Long, Vice-President, of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

E. G. Long, Vice-President.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 8th day of April, 1924.  
M. W. Satterfield, Notary Public.  
My Commission expires Apr. 7th 1926.

Correct—Attest  
W. H. Harris  
W. R. Hambrick  
Jno. C. Pass, Directors.

## FISHING PARTIES.

Last week the following party went down to Buckhorn on a fishing trip: Mess. C. H. Hunter, C. C. Critcher, J. E. Daniel, J. T. Wade and Tobie Satterfield. Mr. Hunter says the "fishing" was good, but the water was too high for good results.

Dr. W. T. Long and Mr. J. T. Wade took a little trip down below Virginia and report unusual good luck in catching white perch.

## FREE OIL—NOT TEA POT DOME.

We will open the Central Service Station, located on Main Street opposite Post Office, on Monday April 21st. To all who have their tanks filled on that day will furnish FREE a quart of oil. Come to see us—service with a smile.  
Burch & Featherston, Managers.

## RECITAL AT THE AUDITORIUM.

The pupils of Mrs. H. W. Newell will appear in a recital at the school auditorium Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock April 18th, 1924. Every one is cordially invited.

## REVIVAL SERVICES.

Revival services will begin in the Baptist church on Sunday, April 20th, conducted by Rev. Sam. J. Porter, D. D., of Durham. There will be singing by the chorus choir and all of the singers of the town have been cordially invited to join in these services. You are cordially invited to all of the services, 3:30 and 7:30 P. M.

## PLAY AT BETHEL HILL.

There will be a play, "A Cabin Courtship", at Bethel Hill High School Tuesday night April 22nd, given by the Allensville High School. Curtains to rise at 8 o'clock. Let everybody come. Admission 20 and 35 cents.

## "SPRINGTIME" A GREAT SUCCESS

120 CHARACTERS IN THE CAST

Pronounced the Best Amateur Play Presented here. Miss Hendriks A Star in Her Line.

"Springtime" had been profusely advertised as THE BEST and the people were expecting something out of the ordinary, and they were not disappointed. Of the 120 characters it would indeed be a task to pick the star, but we say unhesitatingly that each one did his or her part to the entire satisfaction of the audience.

This play was given for the benefit of the Legion boys, and they were greeted by a full house on Friday night, the second performance Saturday night was a fairly good house, and the Legion boys were delighted with the success of the play.

It is really a play of merit and the director, Miss Hendriks, brought out everything there was in it. If it should ever be the pleasure of the town to stage another one of these productions and Miss Hendriks is the director there is no auditorium large enough to accommodate the crowd.

From a financial standpoint the play was equally pleasing, the boys receiving a net balance of more than \$200.

## SAINT MARK'S CHURCH.

HOLY WEEK—A week of concentration on His Passion and agony in the Garden. Let us, in thought and spirit, follow Him through the shadows of Gethsemane and on over Calvary to the victory of Easter.

Wednesday—Litany and short talk on the creeds at 5:00 P. M.  
Thursday—Holy Communion at 7:30 A. M.

Friday—A short service of prayer and praise and an address on the words from and to the Cross, at 9:00 A. M., 12:00 noon and 3:00 P. M. We invite you to all of these services.

Easter—Morning Prayer, sermon and Holy Communion at 11:00 A. M. Come and worship with us.  
J. L. Martin, Rector.

## ELDER HERNDREN TO BE AT WARRENS GROVE.

Elder Herndren will preach at Warrens Grove on the 1st Sunday in May at 3:30 p. m. The public is cordially invited to come out to this service.

## NEW MANAGER AT A. & P. STORE.

Mr. Charlie Wade has accepted a position with the A. & P. Store and will manage same in the future. This is a wise step on the part of the A. & P., for Charlie is one of the most popular salesmen of this section, having had a long experience in the grocery business.

## "A CABIN COURSHIP" AT HELENA.

Allensville High School will present their play, "A Cabin Courship" at Helena High School auditorium next Saturday night, April 19th, at 8 o'clock. Everybody invited. Admission, 20 and 35 cents.

## NOTICE.

If any residence where the trash has been piled was overlooked I will be glad to have same hauled away if you will notify me.  
J. S. Hailey.

## NEW POSTMASTER.

Mr. A. P. Clayton has been appointed temporary post master here. Few men in the County are better known than Mr. Clayton and his appointment will meet with the approval of the community.

Mr. C. P. Allen, of the postoffice force, who has been on the sick list for the past several weeks, is able to be at his post again.

## THE RECENT CAMPAIGN IN CLEVELAND COUNTY DISCLOSED THE FACT THAT OF THE 4,600 CHILDREN TURNING IN CARDS, 1,324 ARE DRINKING WHOLE MILK, 2,043 ARE DRINKING TEA AND COFFEE DAILY AND 111 ARE TAKING MILK TO SCHOOL WITH THEIR LUNCH.