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## ALFRED M. McLEAN IS CANDIDATE FOR GRIMES' POSITION

### Harnett Man Thinks He Has Good Chance To Be Secretary of State

## ANNOUNCES INTENTION WHILE VISITING RALEIGH

### Post Committee Developments Indicate Little Interest in Off Year Primaries, But They Foreshadow Lively Campaign Two Years From Now.

In the wake of the gathering of party leaders at the meeting of the State Democratic executive committee here last Wednesday night to choose a successor to Chairman T. D. Warren, resigned, and out of all the political gossip attendant thereon, comes but one definite, full-fledged development, in the way of an aspirant to state office.

Alfred M. McLean, private secretary to United States Senator Lee S. Overman announced himself as a contender for the Democratic nomination for Secretary of State in the Democratic primary of 1924, scheduled to be held 131 weeks from next Saturday. Rumors of Mr. McLean's candidacy have been current for several months, but not until the gathering of the clans here did he definitely commit himself.

### No Primary for 1922.

Of the primary campaign that will begin to put forth signs of life within about three months, there was but little discussion. Only one state officer is up for election during the present off year, and the next biggest thing in the way of an official to be named is a Congressman, ten of them. The general opinion is that there will be no necessity for a state-wide primary, unless opposition develops against Mr. Lee.

Other than the candidacy of Mr. McLean for Secretary of State, there were no definite announcements. The crop of gubernatorial possibilities was discussed from all of the varied angles that the situation presents, and some mention made of running Representative W. W. Neal for Lieutenant Governor. Many of his friends have urged him to enter the race, but the genial McDowell sock-maker is not enthused over the proposal.

### McLean Confident

Mr. McLean feels that his candidacy will develop a formidable strength in the West, and that he will have an even break through the middle section of the State. He is well known, having served in the forces of the Collector of Revenue for six or seven years as an income tax deputy, and later as supervisor of field agents. He has extended his circle of friends in Washington.

### More Congressmen

Possibility of an additional Congressmen from the State intrigues the interest of a number of available candidates for the place. Thus far Congress has been in no hurry to reappoint the members of the lower house on the basis of the 1920 census. On the present division, North Carolina gets an additional member of Congress, whether the membership of the House is increased or not. If the membership is increased, North Carolina gets two additional districts.

### Provisional redistricting of the State to become effective when Congress attends to the matter of reapportionment was considered tentatively by party leaders during the special session, but adjournment was in order before anything was done in that direction. Some action is expected by Congress before it is too late for candidates to get into the running for the June primary. This arrangement would necessitate a State-wide primary.—News and Observer.

## Miss Florence Holliday Entertains Senior Class

The Senior Class of the Dunn High School was delightfully entertained Saturday night by Miss Florence Holliday in honor of Miss Mary Jones, of Grimesland. Little Miss Doris Coltrane added to the enjoyment of the entertainment by reciting several pieces.

Ice cream, cake, mints and other refreshments were served while the young people watched the old year pass out and welcomed the new.

## REGINALD R. RESTER EXCELLENT SETTING HEN

### Women Folk Advised to Emulate Example of Mrs. Rester in Reforming Loafers

Once upon a time in a town not far from Dunn there resided a bevy of members of the ancient and honorable order of the United Sons of Rest. They had for their meeting place the board seats provided by the village merchant who was as averse to labor as they. This meeting place was dubbed by the hard-worked wives of the resters "the buzzard's roost," and it resembled nothing so much as that. For years the good brothers gathered there. They whittled down two telephons posts, cut up two sets of uprights used to support the wooden awning and compelled the town council to abandon the street lamp at that point after they had whittled down the sixth lamp post.

The resters lived happily. They worked so hard at resting that some found it necessary to have daughter bring dinner on her way to her work at the store where she was earning money to pay household expenses while father and brother worked at resting. One day, however, one of the good fellows fell by the wayside. Hard resting resulted in a stroke of paralysis. He had to give up his position at the buzzard roost and was moved home where he lay all the time unable to move.

One day the good wife of the paralytic rester decided that she would make him useful for the first time in his life. Out in the poultry yard the hens had been doing their duty as laid down by Mr. Roosevelt. Eggs were here in plenty. Mrs. Rester gathered an oven hundred of the nicest eggs, carried them to the bedroom and packed them securely under and around Reginald R. Rester, the paralytic. At the expiration of the period of incubation, Reginald found himself the mother of 92 biddies. And he was an excellent master after he learned to cluck.

As soon as the local newspaper published the fact of Reginald's maternity, his fellow resters began to assign their jobs on buzzard roost. Finally every one found a job and whenever one showed signs of weakness, and a sign of being an old days, his wife, mother or sister had only to threaten to "set" him.

This story was suggested to the Dispatch by Rev. Elbert N. Johnson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, who intends to start a campaign against some of Dunn's resters. If his efforts prove of no avail, he will advise the women folk to prepare "setting" for each rester.

## SANFORD WOMAN ROBBED OF \$1,200

### Placed Currency Inside Stocking After Counting It In House

Sanford, Jan. 1.—Mrs. Joe M. Thomas, age 47, living about a mile east of Sanford, was knocked unconscious and robbed of \$1,200 last night about 7:30. Her husband while coming to town with news of the crime and to secure medical aid a few minutes after the robbery was fired upon, presumably by the robber, the bullet passing close to his head.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas were expecting to begin work on their new home in Sanford Monday morning and they had been going over the plans estimating the cost, while the wife had spread the money out on the table and counted it, afterwards placing it in the sack and putting it inside her stocking, trying it to her leg. She then went out to the chicken house, as was her custom each night before retiring, to see if the chickens were safe.

She had visited one house and had started for another a short distance away when some one whom she did not see struck her in the breast, knocking her down. She screamed and knew nothing more until she came to herself in the house. She did not know if the robber was white or black, and did not know if he struck her with a stick, but was of the opinion that he used his fist.

Mr. Thomas was sitting in the house reading when he heard his wife scream, and rushed to her aid. He found her on the ground trying to crawl but unable to make a noise, and he picked her up and carried her inside the house. Her stocking was torn and the money gone.

Dr. Scott was summoned and found that Mrs. Thomas was not seriously injured but exceedingly nervous from the fright of her trying experience. Sheriff Landon Roscoe was on the scene within a few minutes. Blood hounds from Sanford arrived about 12 o'clock. But so far the robber has not been apprehended.

## Little Boy's Letter Reaches Santa Claus

Ed. Smith, Jr., of Dunn, will be interested to know that his letter addressed to Santa Claus, Santa Clausville, N. C., was forwarded to the old gentleman at Fayetteville and reached him through the courtesy of the Fayetteville Observer. Ed's letter was as follows:

Dear Santa: Please bring me a little gun and hatchet and hammer and saw. Bring Florence a doll baby that goes to sleep, for she is a sweet little girl and I am a sweet old boy. ED. SMITH, Jr.

## St. Stephens Church At Duke Destroyed By Fire

St. Stephen's Episcopal church at Duke was destroyed by fire Sunday night. A defective flue is believed to have been responsible. The loss is estimated at \$5,000, with \$3,000 insurance.

## SIMPLIFY FORMS TO MAKE RETURNS ON INCOME TAXES

### Thirty-Five Freight Cars Will Be Needed To Send Out New Forms

## NUMBER OF ITEMS GREATLY REDUCED

### Fifteen To Twenty Million Will Be Printed By Uncle Sam For Use Of Income Tax Producers; Ready For Distribution Around January 15.

Washington, Jan. 1.—Drafting of the new 1921 income tax return form for incomes of \$5,000 or less has been completed by the tax simplification board of which J. H. Beal, of Pittsburgh, is chairman, it was said tonight at the treasury.

The new forms, are regarded as much more simple and less confusing than those in use last year, have gone to the printers and probably will be ready for distribution about January 15.

Copies of the new forms are being printed and it is estimated that 25 freight cars will be required to send them to internal revenue collectors throughout the country.

Efforts to simplify form 1040—which is the form used by the average tax payer has resulted in reducing the number of pages from six to four and in eliminating the block system of return utilized in 1920, which was said to be confusing to the great majority of tax-payers who had income from only one or two sources. The internal revenue bureau estimates 70 per cent of the persons using the \$5,000 form have income from only salaries and wages and possibly interest and have few deductions to make from that income.

The new form will require taxpayers to list on the first page the amounts of income received from a number of sources and then from the total of these amounts to deduct the amounts to which they are legally entitled, the balance being the taxable net income.

The second page will require certain information from persons receiving income from specified sources, such as a business carried on by the tax-payer and the third and fourth pages are devoted to instructions.

By reducing the form to four pages the board has eliminated the duplicate, or "work-sheet" of the 1920 form but, it was explained if tax payers wish to keep as copy of their returns sufficient forms will be available for duplicates to be obtained.

## Troy Godwin And Family Leave Dunn For Aurora

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Godwin and their little daughter, Emma Hooker Godwin, will leave Dunn tomorrow for their new home on the plantation of Mrs. Godwin's father near Aurora. Mr. Godwin will manage the plantation.

Mr. Godwin is a native of Dunn and was until the first of the year a conductor on the Durham and Southern Railway. He had been employed by the railroad for more than fifteen years and was one of its most valued employees. He will be succeeded as conductor by Charles C. Upchurch. Dunn regrets very much to lose this excellent family and the best wishes of the entire community go with them to their new home.

Dunn negroes made a very creditable showing in their first celebration of the anniversary of Emancipation Day last Sunday. The exercises were held in Metropolitan theatre where a record crowd gathered to hear the address by Dr. J. D. Diggs and music furnished mostly by the music department. The exercises

## FIRST NATIONAL BANK DECLARES A BIG DIVIDEND

### Eight Per Cent On \$50,000 Mailed To Stockholders As New Year Present

## FIRST BANK DIVIDEND IN EIGHTEEN MONTHS

### Improved Conditions Of Year Last Quarter Permits Payment—Cashier Gratified By Fine Showing Made During 1921 And Hopes For Better In 1922.

A New Year present of \$4,000 representing an eight per cent dividend on stock of the First National Bank, December 31. Checks for the dividend were mailed out Saturday night.

This is the first dividend declared by a local banking institution since July, 1920, and marks, it is believed, the community's real return to normal conditions. In sending out the dividend checks Herbert B. Taylor, cashier, wrote the following letter to each stockholder:

"It is our pleasure to enclose here with our check for \$\_\_\_\_, this check representing an eight per cent dividend on your stock with us.

"The improved conditions of this closing year have been very gratifying to us and we are sure that the return to the paying of our dividends will also be of gratification to you.

"A good word from you as one of our stockholders will go a long way towards helping us make the coming year even a larger success than the past.

"Hoping for your prosperous and happy new year and with best regards, we beg to remain,

## URGES TEAMWORK BETWEEN PEOPLE

### Townspeople Urged To Get Prosperity To Get Prosperity

Pittsburgh, Jan. 1.—Townspeople and farmers must put themselves in an attitude of making concessions or as an alternative, co-operative stores established by combinations of farmers will ultimately drive local merchants out of the business, John M. Gillette of the University of North Dakota told the members of the American Sociological Society at its annual meeting here.

"That organization of farmers has intensified the strife between city and country is generally recognized by students of the subject," continued Mr. Gillette. "Too often the blame is attached exclusively to the farmers as if they have no rights of self-protection. It is not always perceived that the business elements of cities have been organized as a profit-getting class for a long time and that the tendency is for all these elements to present a united front when ameliorative agricultural legislation is proposed or when farmers attempt co-operative enterprises.

"If the farmers are right in their contention that they received an unduly small proportion of the proceeds from their produce, then they have a right to organize both economically and politically to protect their interests. But he it remembered that their co-operative efforts evoke about as much hostility as do their political attempts.

"There are many directions for farmers and townsmen to take in their teamwork together. Good roads are mutually desirable. Both sides have a common interest in promoting local industries. They make nearby markets for certain kinds of farm produce and serve as the basis of diversified farming.

Since it is chiefly over matters of trade that country and town are arrayed against each other, the question arises as to how they can compose their differences. The local merchant insists that farmers and other consumers should patronize home industries and grow quite bitter over buying from small order houses. The farmer, in turn, insists that local prices of the things he buys are too high and for things he sells too low.

"If both sides will be sensible and fair, there is a basis of compromise; but townsmen and farmers must put themselves in the attitude of making concessions. The farmers should not be expected to sacrifice all of their gains from buying from small order houses, for example; nor should they expect small merchants to meet the prices of such huge and efficient establishments. The merchant should be willing to cut prices and farmers to pay a margin for local convenience.

## Catfish Lumber Company Is Moving Back To Town

After an eighteen-months sojourn on the banks of Black River, the Catfish Lumber Company, John W. Hodges proprietor, is moving back to its old quarters in the building behind the Purdie-Hooks Company. Mr. Hodges stated yesterday that he would be ready to resume operations on the old site within a week. He will specialize in furniture repairing and the grinding of pure oar meal.

## Primrose Returns From East With Much Game

R. O. Primrose returned yesterday from a hunting trip through a portion of Tidewater North Carolina. He brought with him a large number of geese, ducks and other game, which he reported plentiful through the lower eastern country. Mr. Primrose makes an annual hunting trip through the same country and always brings back a full bag.

## 1922 HOLDS MUCH FOR LIVEST TOWN BENEATH THE SUN

### Local Building Projects Already Assured Approximate Quarter Million

## TWO SCHOOL BUILDINGS; MAMMOTH WAREHOUSES

### Two State Highways and Many Individual Operations Will Swell Total Close To \$400,000 in Next Few Months—Hotel Among Probabilities.

What does 1922 hold for Dunn? Here are a few of the things already assured:

A new public school building for white children. Enlargement and modernization of the present white school building. A new public school building for colored pupils on the ten-acre tract northeast of town purchased for the Harnett County Industrial School.

Under construction by the General Utility Company upon its property between Harnett and Vance Streets and Railroad and Fayetteville Avenues.

A potato storage warehouse to be constructed by R. O. Townsend on property recently acquired by him from the Dunn Development Company at the corner of Railroad Avenue and Cleveland Street.

More and better electric power to be given by the Carolina Power and Light Company within the next three months—as soon as its transmission lines can be extended here from Benson.

### Two State Highways

A State highway east and west, connecting with Clinton and Lillington.

A State highway north and south, connecting with Smithfield and Fayetteville.

The school buildings, the electric project and the warehouses alone will cause the expenditure of approximately \$250,000. The cost of the highways is not known. Added to this big sum there are numerous private building projects which will swell the total to close to \$400,000. And the year is yet young.

Besides these projects, which are already assured, an effort will be made to build that hotel which Dunn has so badly needed for years. Promoters of the hotel project are glad now that their effort to build in the flush period of 1919-20 was not successful. At that time the cost of such a building as they desired to construct would have been close to \$150,000. Now an even better building can be put up for half the money. However—it may be possible that the \$150,000 was easier of attainment at that time than \$75,000 would be now. That remains to be seen.

Another project engaging the attention of those who love to see the town grow in beauty and comfort as well as in physical ways is that through which the town is eventually to be donated property for building a public park at the western edge of town. This project will cost very little, comparatively speaking, and will prove a real asset to the community. There are many who hope that Mr. Townsend's offer will be accepted this year.

The public playground movement will be given a material impetus this year, as will every other plan for civic improvement and betterment. Really it looks as if the best town under the sun is in for a really good year.

Miss Mary A. Jones, of Grimesland, is here to visit Miss Florence Holliday.

## HOPEFUL OUTLOOK FOR THE AMERICAN FARMER

### No. "Even Times" This Year, But There Is Promise Of Better Times

Washington, Jan. 1.—The farmer can enter the new year "in a spirit of hopefulness and good cheer," Secretary of Agriculture Wallace stated today in a New Year's message to farmers.

"I see nothing which indicates boom times for the farmers in the near future," he continued "but there does seem to be promise of better times both for the farmer and for those whose business is largely dependent upon him."

While unwilling to make "any hard and fast prophecies," the secretary said that there are signs which indicate "that the coming year should be a better one for the farmer and for those who deal with him than was 1921."

Among the hopeful signs enumerated by the secretary were the improvement in credit conditions through regular channels and by special agencies created to meet the farmer's needs, bringing a lowering of interest rates; reductions already made in freight rates on farm products; reduction in the cost of 1921 of producing farm crops; and a probable increase in the price of grain following what seems likely to be a decrease in acreage planted to such crops.

The paralyzing effect of the sudden drop in prices last year is wearing off, the secretary declared, "and farmers will enter the new year more hopefully believing that the worst is over."

Farmers are coming to see more clearly that the task of putting farming on a sound business basis is really up to them, and that through organization they can reduce marketing costs, the state continued. "In this they will have increasing help from the department of agriculture and the various state agricultural colleges which now see better than before that they must give the farmer the same sort of help in the marketing of his crops that they have been giving him in the production."

Even those farmers who had money laid by—and there are a large number of such—have been restricting their buying to what they had to have. Now with the growing belief that prices have hit bottom, buyers will be resumed and should increase in volume and manufacturers and retailers who make or sell things that farmers need or want should have better business this coming year.

## COTTON STEADY AND MAKES GAINS

### Greatly Improved Accounts From The Mill Centers

New Orleans, La., Jan. 1.—While the cotton market had a distinct holiday tone during the whole of last week it was very steady nevertheless and stood gains the whole week through, being supported Monday by greatly improved accounts from mill centers both in this country and in England. At its highest it was 5¢ to 70 points over the close of the preceding week with March up to 18.25.

On the close prices were at net gain of 50 to 65 points with March at 18.25. In the spot department middling gained 25 points in the net results, closing at 17.75 which price compared with 18.50 at the closing price this week last year.

American cotton goods market and mill points told of more business doing and toward the end of the week Manchester commenced to send over decidedly favorable reports saying that manufacturers were beginning to book a great deal of business with India, some of the orders extending for several months ahead. At the middle of the week considerable bullish excitement was created by the cable report that a large British concern had sold 25,000 bales of cloth to India.

Predictions were heard that by the end of the first quarter of 1922 Lancashire cotton mills would be found running full time and such predictions received all the more consideration because of the cablegrams from London in the effect that many wanted and woller mills in England were working overtime.

Toward the end of the week some mill points in Georgia wired in, telling of good sales of cloth and claiming that some instances of mills were supplied with orders enough to keep them running to full capacity for the next six months. The Dallas wire that cotton houses there were getting inquiries for 25 to 30 per cent quantities of spot and a good deal of interest was attached to a telegram from Galveston, at the end of the

## 200,000 JEWISH ORPHANS MUST BE GIVEN HELP NOW

### Relief Committee Asks For \$140,000,000 For Relief Work

## WARBURG ISSUES AN APPEAL FOR NEW YEAR

### Millions Shiver In Wretched hovels While They Starve—Governor Davis of Virginia Issues Proclamation Commending Campaign For Funds To People

The following New Year's message to American Jews was issued by Felix M. Warburg of New York on behalf of the American Jewish Relief Committee:

"In this season of hopes renewed American Jews are faced by the duty of extending aid to their stricken brethren overseas, in lands where the normal securities and opportunities of existence are in disclusion. In these countries hundreds of thousands of Jewish people are destitute and starving. We have felt only a ripple where they have been swamped by a tidal wave. We have felt the touch of temporary economic depression; they have seen a whole industrial fabric rent to tatters. We live in warm houses. They shiver in unheated rooms or huddle together in caves or trenches for warmth. Our children are healthy and happy; theirs are crippled, wan, misshapen, owing in their drawn faces and wasted bodies the effects of starvation. In the wake of industrial chaos is come poverty, disease, starvation and death.

Want \$14,000,000 For Work. Over there are upwards of 200,000 Jewish orphans who must be cared for or they die. There are 400,000 Jewish refugees, driven from their homes by starvation or murderous raids, who must be repatriated and at an opportunity to reestablish their lives. The American Jewish Relief Committee has asked for a minimum of \$14,000,000 for the year 1922.

When the books are closed for the last time and the final balance sheet made up, wouldn't it be better to edit a few lines saved than a few more dollars in the profits account? You wish your friends a Happy New Year. Will you help make it a happy New Year for the friendless?"

Two state governors following the lead of President Harding, Herbert Hoover, the Secretary of Commerce, and other National Leaders, have given their unreserved approval to the American Jewish Relief Committee's appeal for \$14,000,000 to aid destitute Jews of Eastern Europe.

Governor Westmoreland Davis of Virginia has issued a proclamation in the seal of the commonwealth wherein he "most heartily commends to the people of Virginia this great work for humanity and urges that they contribute liberally to this deserving cause." Governor Davis in his proclamation points out that "there are countless refugees huddled in camps or starving or freezing on roads or in fields; maimed men and women, helpless orphans and widows. These only help can come from relatives and friends in America. The Jewish people have done nobly for their own, but the burden has now come too great for them to bear alone."

Governor Ben S. Bond of Rhode Island in his message approving the appeal said in part: "This is a work of humanity and mercy that should receive a prompt and ready response, regardless of need or nationality, and I sincerely hope that the work of your committee will be a splendid success and that it will help to carry comfort and cheer to regions of Europe which are daily faced with the prospect of widespread starvation."

"I can conceive of no finer way in which the American public can show their gratitude for safe deliverance from the horrors following the World War than by giving in generous measure to the relief fund of your organization."

work saying that a steamer at that port was loading 15,000 bales for Hamburg. Mill takings were considered disappointing, being only 374,000 bales for the week the smallest takings in many weeks, but most traders held that they were wholly due to the holiday. The failure of an important New York and Chicago brokerage house on the closing session of the week caused an erratic market for a while.