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## ANOTHER CALL ISSUED

Local Board Has Ordered Additional 75 Men to Appear Here Saturday for Physical Examination.

The County Exemption Board has issued another call for seventy-five additional registered men to appear for physical examination on Saturday, September 15. The following is a list of those called, with their serial numbers and addresses:

- 808 Harrie Johnson, Marion.
- 780 Marion Maxwell Morris, Old Fort.
- 1183 Benjamin G. Carr, Marion.
- 267 Oscar Graydon Lonon, Pitts.
- 567 Clarence Grayson Connor, Old Fort.
- 1218 William C. Bailey, Marion.
- 421 Thaddeus Conley, Sevier.
- 940 Clinton B. Landis, Marion.
- 1232 William R. Suttle, Marion.
- 1254 Edward Sisk, Marion.
- 169 Sam R. Burlison, Garden City.
- 436 Sam Conley, Sevier.
- 396 Charlie King, Sevier.
- 989 William Logan Poteat, Marion.
- 1107 China Cleveland Wall, Marion.
- 862 James Verble, Marion.
- 257 James Molger Ward, Vein Mountain.
- 1109 Ben F. Willard, Marion, Route 2.
- 155 Avery Ernest Grindstaff, Garden City.
- 284 George Washington Brown, Pitts.
- 133 Robert Arrowood, Nealsville.
- 807 George Jackson, Marion.
- 867 Jeter McMahan, Marion.
- 930 Robert E. Laidlaw, Marion.
- 185 John Gibson Dennie, Linville Falls.
- 265 Roland Owens, Vein Mtn.
- 285 Luceus Richard Swofford, Mt. Mitchell.
- 1119 Winburn L. Wells, Marion.
- 1051 Will Galespie, Marion.
- 560 Carl Smith, Old Fort.
- 303 Cleet Lafayette Ledbetter, Dome.
- 563 Harry Edgar Coffey, Old Fort.
- 211 Robert Richmond Gilbert, Old Fort.
- 1163 James J. Carver, Marion.
- 146 Walter Albert Roland, Garden City.
- 843 Frank Forney, Marion.
- 1050 Lewis Swan, Marion.
- 1008 George W. Hall, Marion.
- 229 Daniel L. Davis, Old Fort.
- 410 Ed. Ollis, Sevier.
- 299 Joseph Craton Lancaster, Fairview.
- 1075 Jay Jacob Fritz, Marion.
- 1189 Brisco Clinton Brown, Marion.
- 750 Jack Liner, Old Fort.
- 58 Thomas Upton, Dysartville.
- 150 Edward Snipes, Garden City.
- 19 William Garrison Biggerstaff, Dysartville.
- 400 Ed. Mace, Mt. Mitchell.
- 4 Atlee Witherow, Marion.
- 115 Frank Cannon, Nealsville.
- 832 James Corpening, Marion.
- 1180 J. Y. Corpening, Marion.
- 206 Willard Lewis, Old Fort.
- 228 John Staton, Old Fort.
- 136 Roy Minish, Garden City.
- 872 Wyatt McCoy McNairy, Marion.
- 430 Corney Washburn, Wood-

lawn.

- 328 Samuel Albert Pack, Fairview, Route 2.
- 965 Thomas A. Poteet, Marion.
- 96 Hal Lawing, Nealville.
- 896 Roy Clifton Murr, Marion.
- 1098 Earl Elliott, Marion.
- 624 John Dinkins, Old Fort.
- 570 George Walter Mashburn, Old Fort.
- 544 John Wallace, Old Fort.
- 1021 Joseph Pinkney Rumpfolt, Marion.
- 747 Grover Cleveland Odum, Old Fort.
- 1269 Jesse Small, Roleger, Ala.
- 1258 Lee Sheban, Marion.
- 929 Willie Zora Owens, Marion.
- 1194 Leonard B. Bailey, Marion.
- 138 Francis McCormick, Wood-lawn.
- 1199 William Jay Ballew, Marion.
- 91 John Sam Mangum, Dysartville.
- 838 Alfred Jhon Ephraim Carson, Marion.
- 635 Earl Eller, Old Fort.

## McDowell Hospital Patients.

The McDowell Hospital is fulfilling its mission nobly. The institution has successfully cared for a large number of patients since its opening less than five months ago. It is proving a great blessing to the people of this section. Several experienced nurses are assisting Miss Hoyle and everything is running smoothly. Some serious operations have been performed by Dr. Griffith of Asheville and Dr. G. S. Kirby of this place.

Dr. M. F. Morphew, who has been under treatment at the hospital for the past three weeks, was discharged last week much improved and he will leave this week for West Virginia to visit his daughter. Mrs. J. E. Decker, who underwent a serious operation two weeks ago, and Mrs. T. R. Hall, of Bridgewater, Miss Eva Keeter and Master Guyon Whitten, who were operated on for appendicitis, have returned to their homes and all are recovering rapidly. Mrs. Pennington has also returned to her home after an operation recently. Master Paul Renolds, who was operated on Saturday; Mrs. J. C. Cannon of Glenwood, John Huskins of Sevier, Pender Walker of Dysartville, and R. L. Greenlee, who are under treatment in the hospital, are reported to be getting along nicely.

## Whiskey Making is Now Illegal.

Washington, Sept. 8.—Tonight at 11 o'clock whiskey manufacture ceases in the United States under the provisions of the food control law and the millions of bushels of grain heretofore used in making that form of drink will be diverted to food. Importation of liquors also will be prevented.

Just how much grain will be added to the food supplies is not determined, but experts say about 100,000,000 bushels are used by the distillers, of which about 40,000,000 bushels are used in whisky.

Customs officials throughout the country after tonight will seize all spirituous liquors reaching the United States. Officers of the internal revenue bureau throughout the country will see that distillers make no more whiskey. Distillers are preparing to manufacture commercial alcohol, starches, yeasts, etc.

## OLD FORT SCHOOL OPENS

Exercises Held in Auditorium With Large Attendance—Other School News.

The Old Fort Graded School opened on Monday, September 3, with appropriate exercises. The auditorium was filled to its full capacity with students and patrons. The newly elected superintendent, Mr. M. S. Giles, addressed the audience on school matters, asking for the help and co-operation of the people of the community in the operation of the school. A number of patrons responded, pledging the support requested by the superintendent. It was undoubtedly as good, if not the best opening in the history of the school.

An high school appropriation has been given the school by the State and County. Tuition will, therefore, be free to students from any part of the county entering the high school department. State Inspector of High Schools, Prof. N. W. Walker, visited the school on Wednesday. He expressed himself as being greatly pleased with the school and its outlook for the future.

The faculty is composed of experienced teachers, graduates of standard colleges and normal schools. The teachers are as follows: M. S. Giles, superintendent and instructor in high school; Miss Lillian Draughan and Miss Annie Stacy, high school; Miss Maggie Byrd, 6th and 7th grades; Miss Helen Alford, 5th grade; Miss Eunice Lunsford, 4th grade; Mrs. Chas. Stepp, 2nd and 3rd grades; and Miss Mary Burgin, 1st grade. Music teacher to be added.

The Belfont school is progressing that has been made for several years nicely. The average attendance is the best for several years past and it is still increasing. The well is now completed, and a movement is on foot to put in new patent seats, which are much needed. A literary society has been organized and both the boys and girls are greatly interested in society work. The people of Belfont are taking much interest in the school this year and they are looking forward to the most successful term in the history of the school.

The attendance and enrollment at Glenwood is the highest in the history of the school. An extra teacher became necessary. The school is now calling for extra room and new patent desks for 40 pupils have been purchased and will be installed at once. The people of Glenwood are taking great interest in the school. The teachers, Misses Logan, Goforth, Pyatt and McCurry are doing everything possible to make the school a great success. They deserve great praise for the efficient work they are doing.

The school at Greenlee is making great headway with Mr. J. W. Pless, Jr. as principal, and Miss Della Williams and Miss Iris Ruth as assistants. The enrollment and attendance are the best in the history of the school. The school will be the best this year in its history. An ice cream supper was given last Friday night for the benefit of the school. A neat sum was realized which will be used for

school needs.

The school at Garden City is making great progress. The enrollment and attendance for the present year have already passed the high water mark of any prior year. The students and patrons are taking great interest in the school and are greatly pleased with the work being done by the teachers, Misses Jessie Johnson, principal, Elizabeth Biddix and Georgia Conley, assistants.

Hankins school is setting the example to other communities in McDowell County by arranging for a community day and fair. The teacher of this school, Miss Blanche Houck, has made a reputation for herself in other sections of McDowell in this line of work. The Hankins folks are taking great interest in this school. They expect a great time during the fair. Exact date will be announced later.

## New Highway Begun in McDowell County.

Asheville Times, 10th.

Wythe M. Peyton, state highway engineer in charge of construction work on the Hickory Nut Gap road, with headquarters at Bat Cave, was an interesting visitor at the board of trade rooms this morning.

Mr. Peyton had just returned from North Cove, McDowell county, where he states the North Cove township has just sold \$50,000 in road bonds to build a road about 20 miles in length, paralleling the C. C. & O. railway from Marion township line to a point near Spruce Pine, connecting with the road which leads via Elizabethton, the county seat of Carter county, Tenn., to Johnson City. This, Mr. Peyton states, will give the nearest outlet to Johnson City and Bristol, and also provide a more direct route and a better road to Linville Falls.

Five thousand dollars has been appropriated from the federal aid fund for this 30-mile stretch of road in North Cove township. Mr. Peyton stated further that the active survey on this route would begin this week, and the construction of the road would begin in 30 days and would be rushed to completion. It is a heavy piece of work and will require some time, but when completed, he says, will be one of the best roads throughout the mountains, as everybody is already acquainted with the scenery along the C. C. & O. From Marion to the township line is ten miles, and a fair road at the present time.

Mr. Peyton stated that good work is being done by the force of state convicts on the Hickory Nut Gap road, under the active charge of R. W. McGachy, assistant engineer. Arrangements have been made for a steam drill which will be put to work within the next few days. The road from the Rutherford county line to Bat Cave is now complete and in excellent condition. He stated that he believed the road would be completed and ready for automobile traffic on or before January 1.

The fall term of McDowell Superior court will convene here next Monday with Judge Gorland S. Ferguson presiding. The court appears on last page of this paper.

## ARMY OF 3,000,000 IN 1918

Secretary Baker Thinks Nation Will Have 2,000,000 Under Army by January, 1918.

Washington, Sept. 8.—An army of 2,000,000 men at the beginning of 1918, and an army of 3,000,000 before the close of next year is the program of the war department. Achievement of these plans will give the United States during 1918 an army larger than the combined Union and Confederate fighting forces during the Civil war at their maximum strength.

Announcement that the United States will have an army of 2,000,000 by January 30, 1918, is made on the authority of Secretary Baker himself. In making this statement before a house committee Secretary Baker added that these figures were exclusive of the number to be called out under the second levy of the draft.

The second draft levy of 500,000 to be called to the colors as soon as the first 687,000 now in process of mobilization, complete their training would raise this fighting force to 2,500,000 it is considered practically certain that this total will have been called to the colors before July 1, 1918.

The third draft levy of 500,000 which will be called out as soon as it can be accommodated, if the war continues, will give the nation an army of 3,000,000. Announcement by Secretary Baker that the war department expects to have an army of 2,000,000 within five months without resorting to the second draft was the first official announcement of the army's immediate expansion plans. Here is the way the force will be divided, according to the best approximation army staff officers can give: National army, 687,000 men; national guard, 470,000; regular army, 450,000; auxiliary troops, 170,000 men; hospital corps, 140,000 men; quartermaster corps, 60,000 men.

In addition, there are the 25,000 officers graduated at the first officers training camps and the 20,000 student officers now in training at the second camps.

To attain these totals without recourse to the second draft vigorous recruiting will be needed. The regular army already has far surpassed its old war strength of 300,000 and should make its total by voluntary enlistment. Some additional drafted men may be needed to bring the national guards to full strength of 16 divisions with reserve battalions.

The auxiliary troops of 170,000 men include the engineer regiments now being organized, and the aviation army which will be placed in the field. Already more than a dozen new engineer regiments have been formed by voluntary enlistment. A dozen more will be raised.

Plans to hasten the departure for France of men now in training were divulged by announcement that the war department has started construction of two large concentration camps at Newport News, Va., and in New Jersey. "These camps," an official announcement by the war department says, "are designed as concentration camps and it is proposed to assemble and equip here from time to time, troops that are awaiting orders. From these camps the troops may move to whatever locality is selected as the port of departure."

Each camp will have from 800 to 1,000 buildings and will accommodate 20,000 men, an army division.