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## SCHOOL APPORTIONMENT

### Board of Education Makes Largest Appropriation in History of the County.

The County Board of Education was in regular session last Monday in the office of the County Superintendent of Schools. A number of matters was up for the consideration of the Board, one of which was the re-establishment of the district at Thompson's Chapel and the construction of a school building in that section. The County Superintendent was instructed to investigate the matter and make recommendations to the Board at the next regular meeting. There was also a petition on file from the colored people of South Marion, asking for the establishment of a district and a building in that section of town. No definite action was taken by the Board but the County Superintendent was instructed to look into the matter fully and report to the County Board at a subsequent meeting.

After the disposition of all matters the Board went into the appropriation of school fund to the various districts in the county. After discussing the increased cost of living and the inadequate salaries of teachers the Board decided to increase the appropriation for teachers' salaries. In order to increase the fund for the payment of salaries the Board found it would be necessary for every official charged with the duty of handling the school fund to practice the closest economy in the expenditure of the school fund. After setting aside very conservative amounts for administration and incidental purposes, the appropriation to schools was found to be the highest ever made in McDowell County for school purposes.

The following shows the amount apportioned from the County and State funds to each school. Special taxes are not included in these figures:

Marion Township—District No. 2, \$280.00; No. 3, \$420.00; No. 5, \$420.00; No. 7, \$140.00; No. 8, \$420.00; No. 8½, \$560.00; No. 9, \$140.00; No. 10, \$280.00; No. 11, \$140.00; No. 12, \$140.00.

Old Fort Township—District No. 1, \$420.00; No. 2, \$140.00; No. 4, \$140.00; No. 6, \$140.00; No. 7, \$140.00.

Crooked Creek Township—District No. 1, \$140.00; No. 2, \$280.00; No. 3, \$140.00; No. 4, \$140.00; No. 5, \$140.00.

Broad River Township—District No. 1, \$280.00; No. 2, \$140.00; No. 3, \$140.00; No. 4, \$140.00; No. 5, \$140.00.

Montford Cove Township—District No. 1, \$140.00; No. 2, \$280.00; No. 3, \$140.00; No. 4, \$140.00.

Bracketts Township—District No. 1, \$140.00; No. 2, \$140.00.

Glenwood Township—District No. 1, \$420.00.

Dysartsville Township—District No. 1, \$420.00; No. 2, \$140.00; No. 3, \$140.00; No. 4, \$140.00; No. 5, \$140.00; No. 6, \$140.00.

Higgins Township—District No. 1, \$280.00.

Nebo Township—District No. 1, \$840.00; No. 3, \$140.00; No. 4, \$140.00.

North Cove Township—District No. 1, \$140.00; No. 3, \$140.00; No. 4, \$140.00; No. 5, \$280.00; No. 6, \$280.00; No. 7, \$280.00; No. 8, \$140.00.

## Selective Draft Law is Upheld by Supreme Court.

Washington, Jan. 7.—Every contention raised against the selective draft act was swept aside by the Supreme court today in a unanimous opinion delivered by Chief Justice White, upholding the law as constitutional. Authority to enact the statute and to send forces to fight the enemy wherever he may be found, the court held, lies in the clauses of the constitution giving congress the power to declare war and support armies.

"As the mind cannot conceive an army without the men to compose it," said the chief justice, "on the face of the constitution the objection that it does not give power to provide for such men would seem to be too frivolous for further notice."

The opinion then proceeded to take up and definitely dispose of each of the many questions raised by counsel for the convicted persons whose appeals brought the law before the court.

## Congressman Weaver Will Distribute Seeds.

Washington, Jan. 5.—Representative Zeb Weaver is to distribute in the Tenth North Carolina district 23,000 packages of vegetable seeds and 3,000 packages of flower seeds. To supply this mammoth wholesale distribution will be these varieties sent North Carolina farmers.

Sixty-four pound packages of Kansas alfalfa; seventy two pound packages of cowpeas; eighty, four pound packages of sweet sorghum, ninety, two pound Virginia soy beans. One hundred and fifty, one pound packages of sudan grass.

These seeds will be for demonstration purposes. Representative Weaver will introduce a new strain of cotton in Rutherford, McDowell and Polk counties with these liberal stipulations as advanced by the United States department of agriculture. Nine hundred quart packages will be distributed of the improved type of cotton seed with the provision that any farmer who makes a detailed report of his success with this type to the department, he will get a half bushel of free seed for the next year's crop.

## Congress to Adjourn by June 15.

Unless the senate plays politics and loafs on the job, Congress will adjourn between June 1 and July 1, according to Majority Leader Claude Kitchin. Mr. Kitchin thinks the house will be ready to adjourn not later than June 15, and if the senate will get to work there will be no reason for Congress remaining in session all summer as it did last year. Both branches of Congress are disposed to appropriate whatever money is asked of it to continue the war and to pass any additional legislation which the President thinks desirable for the speedy termination of the world conflict.

The management of the Grand Theatre announce that they have secured for Friday, January 18th, one of the most talked of pictures being shown on the screen today. This is the great six reel photoplay, "Redemption," in which Evelyn Nesbitt-Thaw and her son, Russell Thaw, are the stars.

## NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

### Brief Mention of Some of the Happenings in McDowell County—Items About Home People.

#### DYSARTVILLE

Dysartsville, Jan. 7.—E. E. Roper made a business trip to Marion last Friday.

Miss Mathews of Rock Hill, S. C., spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Taylor.

Neal Duval, of Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C., spent a few days with homefolks here during the week.

Miss Cora Mill returned Saturday after spending the holidays with her parents near Old Fort.

Key Landis has returned to school at Nebo.

James C. Goforth and W. N. Laughridge spent a few days with relatives in Marion last week.

Bratch Laughridge of Spencer visited his parents here during the holidays.

Misses Mamie and Lona Goforth have returned to their work of teaching after spending the holidays with homefolks.

#### NEBO

Nebo, Jan. 8.—After quite a long absence, here we come again.

On account of the bad weather the school here was suspended for a few days, but will resume work Thursday, Jan. 10.

Miss Belle Drake, who underwent an operation for appendicitis at Steedley hospital, Spartanburg, S. C., is back home now and we are glad to say she is getting along nicely.

J. C. Goforth spent last Sunday night here with his sister, Mrs. G. D. Taylor. Joseph Wilson of Ashford spent the week-end with relatives here.

Miss Maggie Taylor was shopping in Marion Monday.

Rev. T. A. Drake attended the funeral of his father near Hendersonville last week.

### Food in Allied Countries Scarce.

Washington, Jan. 7.—The food situation in the allied countries of Europe is graver than it has been at any time since the beginning of the war, and is giving American government officials deep concern. Official reports picture extreme food shortages in England, France and Italy.

The fact that conditions in Germany and Austria are far worse offers the only ground for optimism in viewing the situation.

In England and France the situation is described as critical in a cablegram to the food administration Sunday from Lord Rhondda, the British food controller, which concluded with these words:

"I view the situation with grave anxiety."

Saturday a cablegram from the French government said that the wheat crop has been requisitioned and that the bread ration would be cut to allow only seven ounces of bread daily to all persons except the very poor and those doing hard manual labor. In Italy conditions are not as good perhaps as in either England or France.

Compulsory rationing will be started in England immediately with meats the first commodity to be put under control. Distribution of butter and margarine will be taken in hand next and other foods will be added as they become scarcer. All of the principal food-stuffs will be rationed by April.

### After the Disloyal.

A government agent is investigating alleged cases of disloyalty in Catawba. W. S. Stroup, member of the board of commissioners, is under investigation.

## Income Tax Officer Will Be Here January 21.

An official from the office of A. D. Watts, of Statesville, collector of internal revenue for the western district of North Carolina, will be in Marion from January 21 to January 30, inclusive, to assist the people of Marion and section in making out their income tax returns. R. B. Boger, of Morganton, the officer assigned to this county, will be at the following places on dates as follows:

Old Fort, January 18th and 19th. Marion, January 21st to 30th, inclusive; February 18th to 23rd, inclusive.

"It will be well for every unmarried person whose net income for 1917 is \$1,000 or over, and every married person living with wife or husband whose net income for 1917 is \$2,000 or over, to call on the income tax man and learn whether or not they have any tax to pay," Collector Watts says in a statement today. "The person subject to tax who doesn't make return in the time prescribed is going to regret it. The government will get after all income tax slackers."

"A multitude of business and professional men, traders and farmers, who did not have to pay heretofore, will have to pay this year. The safe thing to do is for every person who had a total income of \$1,000 or \$2,000, as the case may be, and who is not sure about what deductions the law allows him, to play it safe by calling on the income tax man."

In all nineteen deputies assigned to the 19 districts in Collector Watts' territory are now on the job, instructing the people as to their liability for income tax and the method of mailing the returns. Deputy Collector Byron Conley of this place has been assigned work in Henderson, Madison and Transylvania counties.

### Taking Off Passenger Trains.

To free locomotives and crews for the more important freight transportation, 20 per cent. of through passenger trains on the Eastern railroad were discontinued Sunday by approval of Director General McAdoo. The running schedule of others will be reduced to lower speed to facilitate the movement of freight trains.

This policy will be gradually extended to affect train service throughout the country. Fast trains between New York and Chicago and St. Louis, and between Chicago and Southern and Western points, probably will be the next to be affected. Individual railroads will take the initiative in suggesting curtailments, but these will be approved by the director general in most cases.

So far indications have not been announced on the Southern railway, but our turn will come.

### Webb's Nomination Confirmed.

The senate judiciary committee, of which Senator Overman is chairman, has reported favorably to the senate the nomination of Chas. A. Webb, of Asheville, to be United States marshal for the western district for another four years and of William T. Dortch, of Goldsboro, to be marshal in the eastern district for four years.

## STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

### Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Congressman Zebulon Weaver has appointed Grover Kiser of Forest City as a page in the House of Representatives. Young Kiser is the son of Jonas Kiser.

Major Gen. John F. Morrison has been authorized to decide between the claims of Charlotte and Fayetteville for the location of the ordnance department camp.

About 460 Germans, rounded up in the Philippines and brought from there to San Francisco, will be added to the colony at the internment camp at Hot Springs.

An examination of the medical records of the causes of rejection of men from Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C., shows that 16.5 men of each 1,000 from North Carolina were rejected on account of feeble-mindedness.

The survey of nursing resources in North Carolina, ordered some time ago by the General Medical Board of the Council of National Defence as a part of a nation-wide survey, shows North Carolina has 839 registered and 119 non-registered nurses.

Great quantities of liquor, most of it brought into the State in trunks and suit cases, were seized at many points in the State during the holidays. The biggest haul was made at Lexington, last week, where 468 quarts were found concealed at three different places.

Rev. Dr. Chas. W. Byrd, a prominent and popular Methodist minister, pastor of Central church, Asheville, died suddenly Thursday, from a stroke of apoplexy. Dr. Byrd was 58 years old and is survived by his wife and a son, William Byrd.

W. J. Kincaid of Griffin, Ga., a native of Burke county, contributes the statue of a Confederate soldier to be placed on the uncompleted Confederate monument at Morganton. The statue will be that of a private and will be nine feet tall.

Jerome J. Kolaske, who claims to be of Polish descent and is supposed to be a German spy, is in jail at Raleigh to answer a charge of entering the Raleigh Iron Works a local munition plant, to obtain information that might be used against the American government. Witnesses testified that Kolaske had had much pro-German talk.

### Control Binder Twine for Farmers.

Washington, Jan. 7.—The food administration has arranged to control during 1918 the supply of binder twine, so important to farmers, particularly those of the granger states. Reasonable prices, though somewhat higher, will be assured.

This control will be effected through voluntary agreements the binder twine makers have made with the food administration, which will centralize the buying and eliminate competition.

Money in circulation in the United States January 1 amounted to \$5,120,424,000, or \$48.76 per capita, as compared with \$5,085,370,000 one month ago. In the last year money in circulation has increased \$680,000,000.