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REPORT OF LOCAL BOARD

Shows That Board Has Called 212 Men Since December 15—Standing of New Draft.

The county exemption board has completed and sent to the governor of the state the report showing what the board has accomplished in sending off men and the balance on hand, with the status of each class.

The report showed that the board still has 61 men in class one from the old draft, a portion of whom are men who have been moved forward from deferred classes since the conference of the legal advisory board. In addition, three are held in the remedial class, two white and one colored; twenty-five have been placed in limited service, 22 white and 3 colored; and one placed with the emergency fleet corporation. There were shown to be 29 delinquents, 11 white and 18 colored.

Since December 15, the report showed, 212 men have been inducted into service, 174 of whom were white and 38 colored. Inductions prior to December 15 were 81, all white except one.

In the new, or 1918 draft, the report showed sixty-seven have qualified for general service, 52 of whom are white and 15 colored; four white men have been placed in the limited service group, and one white man and two colored men are in the remedial class. In the new draft there are three delinquents, all colored, and there are five men who have not been examined.

The local board will send thirty-five men to Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga., today. The list of the men in this call was published two weeks ago.

U. S. Has Interned 5,000 Enemy Aliens.

According to the latest records of the war department about 5,000 Germans are interned in this country. This includes 1,310 prisoners of war at Fort McPherson, Ga., most of whom were seamen on German ships; 839 alien enemies at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.; 432 alien enemies at Fort Douglas, Utah; and between 2,000 and 2,500 prisoners taken from German merchantmen at Hot Springs, N. C., at present under the department of labor. The last named are soon to be moved to Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.

Five hundred Germans interned in this country are said to have been sent to army camps to aid in cultivating gardens. One hundred were scheduled for Camp Devens, 100 for Camp Grant, 100 for Camp Sevier, 100 for Camp Wadsworth and 100 for Camp Sherman.

It is also reported that 216 American civilians, including sailors, are interned in Germany. The number of American prisoners located in German camps was only 133 when the above information was sent out though the number is now doubtless greater.

The navy department announces that three men are known to be dead, forty-seven are missing and twelve are unaccounted for as the result of the sinking of the United States cruiser San Diego last Friday off the Long Island coast. The men unaccounted for are believed to have been on leave.

Successful Teachers' Institute.

The Teachers' Institute which came to a successful conclusion on last Friday was one of the best ever conducted in McDowell county. Mr. D. F. Giles and Miss Susie Fulghum, members of the State Board of Examiners and Institute Conductors, held the institute. There were in attendance about sixty-five of the teachers of McDowell county. Those not in attendance upon the institute at Marion are in attendance upon some accredited summer school.

The institute was brimful of interest from the first to the last day. In every successful institute there are three things of value to the teacher—information or knowledge of the subject matter, the benefits to be derived in having the teachers united in a body, and inspiration. Not only were the work and methods of the highest order, but the teachers were inspired with a spirit of patriotism and a desire to make the schools of McDowell County the best in its history. Every teacher present entered into the work of the institute in a wholehearted manner, with the purpose of securing the greatest possible benefit, thus better equipping herself for the work of her chosen profession. The institute has been pronounced by those who have attended previous institutes to be the best ever conducted in McDowell County. On Friday morning the teachers, in appreciation of the excellent work done by Mr. Giles and Miss Fulghum, unanimously adopted the following resolutions:

"Whereas, we the teachers of McDowell County, believe that the State of North Carolina owes to her children the best which she can offer, and realizing that there never has been a period in history when education has been of such vital importance, and knowing that we may serve our country in the capacity of teachers at home as well as those who serve overseas, we have been voluntarily chosen, as citizens of the State, to assist her in this all important task of educating her children, and we feel that it is our solemn duty to do all in our power to prepare ourselves for this work.

"Whereas, it has been the profit and pleasure of this group of teachers to be under the instruction and guidance of Miss Fulghum and guidance of Miss Fulghum and Mr. Giles for the past two weeks, and, whereas we wish to express our appreciation for their splendid efforts to help and inspire us to higher ideals, therefore let it be

"Resolved, that we, the teachers of McDowell County surely owe a very great debt of gratitude to Miss Fulghum and Mr. Giles for giving us these past two weeks so brim full of help and inspiration and we wish to express to them our hearty appreciation of the efforts which they have put forth in our behalf. We feel that because of their interest in us, one and all, shall return to our schools in the fall with a larger vision and a firmer determination to make good in our work and to become a source of inspiration in the communities in which it will be our pleasure to serve.

"MARJORIE PRATT, Ch'm.
"MRS. W. M. WILSON, Sec'y."

German Losses 1,000,000.

Paris, July 23.—According to a review of the military newspaper owned by Premier Clemenceau, the German losses since March 21 are approaching 1,000,000 men.

In the United States army and navy training camps, the Y. M. C. A. gives over 6,000 free entertainments monthly.

ALLIES PUSH FORWARD

Despite the Increasing Resistance of Huns, the Allies Continue Gains.

The entente allied troops on the Soissons-Rheims salient continue to gain ground, both on the western side of the battle front and on the south on the Marne and toward Rheims, notwithstanding the increasing resistance of the Germans and the bad weather that is prevailing on the southern of the line. While the latest gains recorded are not great, on the whole, as those of the previous days, they nevertheless have added positions of strategic value to the allied line for the further prosecution of the efforts to clear the line of the enemy. In the fighting more prisoners, guns and war stores have fallen into the hands of the American, French and British troops.

MANY PRISONERS TAKEN.

Paris, July 23.—French, American and British troops made considerable advance during the day on the Aisne-Marne front, according to the war office announcement tonight. In addition to occupying several villages they captured 1,800 prisoners.

Huns Driven Over Marne.

London, July 20.—"No Germans remain south of the Marne, except prisoners and dead."

This message is sent by the Reuter correspondent at French headquarters and is timed Saturday evening.

HUNS RETREAT.

Paris, July 20.—"The Germans violently attacked on their right flank, and south of the Marne," says the war announcement tonight, "have been compelled to retreat and re-cross the river."

"The French hold the entire southern bank of the Marne. More than 20,000 prisoners and more than 400 guns have been captured."

For Misses Finley and Laughridge

The following from the Burnsville Eagle will be of interest to friends here:

"On last Tuesday evening, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Byrd entertained a number of young people in honor of their house guests, Misses Mayo Laughridge and Ruth Finley of Marion.

"Many pleasing games were enjoyed throughout the evening. The color scheme, yellow and white, was beautifully carried out on the cards used in the progressive conversation contest.

"Following the contest, the guests were ushered into the dining room where delicious refreshments were served. The punch bowl, which formed the centerpiece for the dining table, was artistically banked with daisies.

"Out of town guests present were: Misses Marguerite, Lena and Mildred Hensley, Sarah, Bill and Ethel Proffitt, Paralee Rector, Mayo Laughridge, Ruth Finley, and Messrs. Arthur Hensley, Bill Parsons, and Pender and Frank Wilson.

"As the guests departed they voted Mr. and Mrs. Byrd a most charming host and hostess."

Buy War Savings Stamps. They will help you on your record of saving.

Summer Schools to Open Monday.

At the July meeting of the County Board of Education it was decided to permit such schools as desired to operate their school during the summer months, to open on Monday, July 29th. A number of schools have taken advantage of this arrangement of the board and expect to open for work on next Monday. The following list shows the schools that expect to open, and assignment of teachers:

Chapel Hill—Misses Harbison, Stroudtown—Miss Maggie Bird and Tom's Creek—Miss Mattie Hunter, Buck Creek—Miss Mand Elliott, Siloam—Misses Ruth Greenlee and Geneva Allison, Curtis Creek—Miss Frances Hicks, Grapfiteville—Misses Jessie Conley and Laura Hicks, Catawba—Miss Annie Bradley, Oakdale—Miss Cora E. Miller, Bald Mountain—Robert L. Clements, New Hope—Miss Flora Stepp, Belfont—Miss Maggie Taylor and Piney Ridge—Miss Maggie Bradley, Jackson Creek—Miss Corrie Ledbetter, Mount Mitchell—Miss Mary Greene, Woodlawn—Misses Lottie Wilson and Clara Bird, Sugar Hill—Mrs. W. M. Wilson and Miss Bertha Morris, Curfew—Miss Lula Hicks, Morgan's—Miss Mae Jordan, Vein Mountain—Miss Lona Goforth, Macedonia—Miss Mamie Johnson, Cowan's—Miss Evelyn Gettys, Tate's—Miss Ruth Yelton.

Firemen's Relief Fund.

The 1918 firemen's relief fund, accumulated for the various cities and towns of the State that maintain fire departments through the payment by insurance companies of one-half of one per cent. on insurance premiums received from insurance in the respective municipalities, has been paid over to the State insurance department and distributed by Commissioner Young. The total amount is \$12,547.97. Marion gets \$463.63.

The fund is used for the relief of firemen sick or injured by accident, the care for their dependents and for relief of needy firemen who have had as much as ten years service. It develops that in quite a number of the towns there has accumulated considerable unused funds from the monies received in past annual distributions and Commissioner Young is urging the proper authorities to invest these funds in war savings and liberty bonds.

J. H. Tate and Rev. G. A. Martin left Tuesday for Yancey and Mitchell counties, where they go to organize the merchants of these counties and secure their co-operation in the sale of war savings and thrift stamps. Mr. Tate and Nathan Lazarus, chairman of the two leading divisions of the state, have been appointed directors for eleven counties, and it is in the interest of this work that Mr. Tate has gone to Yancey and Mitchell counties.

T. J. Perkins, while picking huckleberries on Bald Mountain, near Hankins, last Thursday captured a snake which measured 61 inches. Mr. Perkins, to make good his story, brought the snake to town with him for exhibition and it attracted considerable attention. Some said it was a Bull snake while others believed it to be a Hoop snake. Anyway, it was a "whopper" and with this capture and 18 gallons of huckleberries Mr. Perkins was well pleased with his day's work.

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

B. S. Franklin, county commissioner of Wake, said to be "high in church and politics," is under indictment for living in immoral relations with two women—sisters.

Fayetteville has been definitely selected as the site for a new training camp. Approximately 15,000 men are to be kept at the Fayetteville camp, which will be either a heavy artillery or small arms instruction school.

A new hotel building will be erected at the Methodist Assembly grounds, near Waynesville, to replace the Junaluska Inn, which was burned recently. There was \$75,000 insurance on the inn, which cost \$100,000.

The sentence of Frank Keever, convicted of manslaughter in Catawba Superior court, was reduced from five to four years. Case appealed and bond fixed at \$4,000. Keever sold wood alcohol and a couple of Conover youth's who drank the stuff died from the effects.

Provost Marshal General Crowder reports to Secretary of War Baker that there are 490 alien registrants in North Carolina, and 320 allied aliens in the Tar Heel State. The neutral aliens number 44, while there is a total of 22 enemy aliens in North Carolina. There are 104 persons in the State allied with enemy aliens.

"Vitalizing the Study of Agriculture" is the title of a valuable little pamphlet which has just been issued from the State College, West Raleigh. The author is Prof. C. B. Williams, Dean of Agriculture, and his purpose is to give helpful suggestions to teachers in our elementary schools who are conducting classes in agriculture. Teachers and any others who desire copies can get them by writing to the Registrar's Office at West Raleigh.

Big Timber Boundary Sold.

Asheville, July 22.—Fifty thousand acres of timber located in Transylvania and Jackson counties, North Carolina, Raeburn county, Georgia, and Oconee county, South Carolina, were purchased today by Jonathan Starr, of New York, and his associates. The timber will be used by the emergency fleet corporation and the federal railway administration in the building of ships and repairing of railways. More than 300 men will be employed in the operation of 20 to 30 mills and work is to be begun about August 1. The timber will be shipped from Brevard and Toyaway.

Lenoir Boy in Casualty List.

Friday morning's papers carried the name of Charles Edgar Dysart of Lenoir as "missing in action". He is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Dysart of Lenoir, formerly of Marion. Young Dysart enlisted at Marion in the aviation division and was later transferred to the infantry. He is 27 years old. He has two brothers in service, First Lieutenant J. O. Dysart and Private L. A. Dysart.