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SCHOOLS WELL ATTENDED

**Additional Teachers Required—
Glenwood and Nebo Schools
Open on September 2.**

From the schools now in operation comes the news of increased interest among the people for better schools. In several instances additional teachers are being required to meet the demands. Oakdale school, in Old Fort township, which has operated heretofore with only one teacher, having only a small enrollment, has increased its daily average attendance to more than sixty pupils, thus requiring an extra teacher. The people of this district are asking for an election to vote special taxes for the purpose of giving their children adequate educational advantages.

Pinnacle school, in Dysartsville township, voted special taxes in May. The building is now being enlarged so as to make room for an additional teacher necessary to take care of the school interests in that community.

Glenwood State High school will open on Monday, Sept. 2, with Miss Nannie Leach of Cary, N. C., as principal. Miss Leach is a graduate of Greensboro College for women. She has taught very successfully for a number of years and comes to McDowell county with strong recommendations.

The Glenwood district carried an additional tax for schools and a bond issue for building purposes last spring. The bonds have been sold to a local party and the erection of a new building will begin as soon as practicable.

Nebo High School will open on Sept. 2, with Mr. F. A. Penland as principal. Mr. Penland has been engaged in school work for a number of years. He comes to Nebo with a strong record behind him. He has made a canvass of the county for students and states that the prospects are bright for the largest attendance in the history of the school. The Nebo folks have also voted more taxes for schools and a large bond issue for a modern building. As yet the bonds have not been disposed of, but the county board of education hopes to be able to effect a sale in the near future, and to be able to start the erection of the new building as soon as the money has been realized for the bonds.

Two new state high schools have been added to McDowell county during the past year. This gives the county four state high schools, which is the maximum number any county may have. The appropriation from the state high school fund to McDowell county will be almost doubled this year owing to the increase in the number of high schools.

The schools of the county have been fortunate to secure competent and experienced teachers. There were not sufficient teachers in the county to fill all the schools, so it became necessary to secure a number elsewhere. Owing to the increase in the appropriation by the county board of education for teachers' salaries very little trouble has been experienced in securing suitable teachers for any and all schools.

R. W. Tate, of Greenlee, was a business visitor here Tuesday.

Marion Gets Singing Convention.

President John C. Burnett announces that the next McDowell County Singing convention will be held at the court house in Marion on Sunday, September 29, this place having been agreed upon as the most suitable point for the convention. Mr. Burnett says it is planned to make this the best of all conventions and all choirs in McDowell and adjoining counties are invited to attend and take part in the singing. A large attendance is expected, as choirs from all parts of the county will be in attendance.

"All who can," Mr. Burnett adds, "are requested to bring a basket of dinner, as the people of Marion will not be expected to furnish dinner when they did not ask for the convention. Let everybody come and take part in this convention."

July Sales Largest.

July was a record-breaking month in the sale of War Savings Stamps for the whole country, and particularly for North Carolina. Her sale of stamps for the month of July, which was over \$4,000,000, was more than double that of any previous month. This gives her a per capita sale of \$1.65 for July.

The State has sold to date nearly \$12,000,000 of stamps, which is about a fourth of her allotment. It is believed that with the great educational campaign that is now in progress and with the promise of unusually good crops, that North Carolina will by January 1, 1919, sell her full quota of War Savings stamps.

Sugar Allotment Is Unchanged.

Raleigh, Aug. 19.—The sugar allotment for September will be the same as it was for August—two pounds per person per month. Retailers of the state will receive the same allotment of certificates as they have for this month, the sugar division of the food administration being already engaged in the large and tedious task of issuing the September certificates, all of which, it is expected, will be mailed out by September 1.

The entire allotment of sugar for North Carolina for all purposes for September is 5,518,000.

P. A. Reid & Co. Buy Peerless.

P. A. Reid & Company have purchased The Peerless store, which means the consolidation of two large stores under one management. The old stand will be used as a ladies' store, it is announced, while the new addition will contain high grade merchandise for men and boys exclusively. Inside arch ways will connect the two stores which will give Marion one of the largest department stores in Western North Carolina. As soon as the Peerless stock can be arranged a big clearance sale will be announced by P. A. Reid & Co. The date of sale will be given in The Progress next week.

J. L. Morgan, chairman of the Republican executive committee of McDowell county, has issued a call for a convention to be held at the court house in Marion next Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the legislature and the various other county offices.

MANGIN'S MEN HIT HUNS

**French Push Forward on Front of
Fifteen Miles Capturing
2,800 Germans.**

London, Aug. 20.—The French tenth army, commanded by General Mangin, today captured 2,800 Germans between 7 o'clock this morning and 3 o'clock, according to the latest reports reaching London from the battle front.

General Mangin's forces advanced today three miles at the greatest depth of the front. The French troops captured the town of Oute, two and a half miles northwest of Blerancourt.

FRENCH ADVANCE.

Paris, Aug. 20.—The French forces fighting east of the Oise on a front of about 15 1/2 miles have advanced to an average depth of about two and one-half miles and captured numerous villages, according to French official communication issued this evening. More than 8,000 prisoners have been taken.

Germans Given No Rest by Allies.

Gradually the famous Lys salient in the region west of Armentieres is giving way under the pressure of the British. Again Field Marshal Haig's forces have compelled the enemy to seek ground to the eastward where he will be more secure from the shells of the big guns that for several weeks have been firing criss-cross over the entire salient, working havoc among the defenders of the insecure line.

Likewise the Germans are being given no rest by the Franco-British forces north and south of the Somme, and the French and Americans along the Vesle and Americans in Lorraine, also are harassing them by artillery fire and local attacks. Nowhere has the enemy had the better of any encounter.

Over a front of four miles between Bailleu and Vieux Requin on the Lys sector, the British have forced back the Germans to a depth ranging from 1,000 to 2,000 yards, taking in the maneuver the village of Outtersteen and 400 prisoners.

While, as a whole, the German line between the Somme and the Oise rivers are still holding, notwithstanding the terrific pounding it is receiving from the allied guns, the British have drawn nearer the road leading from Chaumes to Roye between Chilly and Farnart, placing Roye in greater jeopardy by attack from the north. At the same time to the south of Roye, over the four-mile front between Beuvraignes and Canny-Surmatz, a violent artillery duel is raging between the French and Germans. It is in this region that the French are endeavoring—and in their initial efforts they have met with considerable success—to carry forward their two-fold purpose of outflanking both Roye and Lassigny by a drive eastward.

Along the Vesle river front, where the Americans and French are holding the line against the Germans, there has been considerable reciprocal artillery shelling.

AMERICAN TROOPS REACH VLADIVOSTOK FROM MANILA

Vladivostok.—The transport carrying the first contingent of American troops arrived here after an uneventful voyage of seven and a half days from Manila. The men were in excellent spirits and crowded the rails and rigging, cheering and being cheered by the men of the allied warships in the harbor.

CONFERENCE ON WAR PRISONERS PUT OFF

Paris.—At the request of the German government, the Franco-American conference regarding war prisoners has been postponed, according to a Geneva dispatch, published in the Echo de Paris.

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Enemy Evacuates Forward Positions—Artillery Activity.

With the British Army in France.—General interest in the situation along the Picardy battle front has shifted to the northward, where it is confirmed that the Germans are evacuating some of their forward positions. Beaumont-Hamel, Serre, Bucquoy and Puisseux-au-Mont have been abandoned. British patrols crossed the Ancre at Authuille and Aveluy, north of Albert, and went some distance before they were fired upon.

Albert is still held strongly by the Germans. British patrols, on entering the town, were fired on from the Albert cathedral.

It will be remembered that the German retirement in February, 1917, to the Hindenburg line was immediately preceded by slight local retirements such as have been made north of Albert. The mystery now is whether some such plan is being carried out by the enemy.

Along the new Somme battlefront quiet still continues except for rather increased artillery activity at several points.

PLANS SET IN MOTION TO REGISTER 13,000,000 MEN

Washington.—Provost Marshal General Crowder announced that plans already have been made for registering the 13,000,000 additional men which he estimates will be brought under the selective service law when Congress enacts the pending bill extending the age limits to include men between 18 and 45 years. From this number approximately 2,000,000 qualified for full military service are expected to be secured.

So urgent is the need for additional manpower, General Crowder said, that the draft machinery is being put into shape for the great task ahead without waiting for final action by Congress. Men of the new draft will be needed by October 1 and in order to get them, registration day will have to be held not later than September 15 and if possible September 5 will be fixed as the day.

When the 13,000 men are enrolled nearly \$25,000,000 will have been registered since the United States entered the war. There were some 10,000,000 enrolled on the first registration day, June 5, 1917, another 600,000 last June 5, and several hundred thousand more are expected to be enrolled August 25.

2,000,000 IS FIGURE SET AS PROBABLE IN CLASS 1

On the basis of actual figures from insurance companies, census computations and the experience of this office in the previous registration, it has been estimated that the required number of men for class one may be had only by including within the draft age limits men between 32 and 45 and between 18 and 20. That is to say, approximately 13,000,000 men must be added to the list of registrants in order that, with all exemptions allowed at least 2,000,000 men will remain in class one.

DATE OF REGISTRATION EARLY IN SEPTEMBER

Assurance having been given that the legislation will receive immediate consideration upon the assembling of the house and of the senate, this office, in its preliminary instructions set out to draft executives in the various states, has proceeded on the assumption that the new registration might be held early in September.

EXPEDITIONARY FORCE HAS REACHED PUPERESHKAIA

London.—The allied Archangel expeditionary force has reached Pupereshkaia, 100 miles south of Archangel, on the railroad toward Volgoda. Bolshevik forces, on retiring, are declared to have committed every form of atrocity upon the civilian population. Allied forces have been landed along the shore of Onaga bay, 10 miles southwest of Archangel, for the purpose of intercepting bolshevik forces retiring from Archangel.

The total acreage in cultivated crops this year is 3.7 per cent greater than it was last year.

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Col. William Jennings Bryan will deliver a lecture at Morganton on September 10, it is announced.

Robert W. Franklin, aged 24 years, was drowned in a small stream while in bathing Thursday evening near Conover. Franklin's home was about eight miles from Glen Alpine. He leaves a wife and several children.

Lightning struck the barn of A. C. Hewitt in Hickory Thursday afternoon burning it to the ground and caused some loss in feedstuffs. The loss is estimated at \$2,900. Another bolt hit Mr. Hewitt's house but the damage to the building was slight. A tree in the yard was splintered by another bolt.

Charles O. Holler, aged 46 years, was killed and seven of his children, ranging in age from two to 18 years, were injured Sunday afternoon when the car in which they were riding was struck by a freight train at Grover, Cleveland county. Two of the children are seriously injured and their recovery doubtful. The others sustained only bruises.

There have been 11 deaths from typhoid fever among the German civilians and sailors interned at Hot Springs, N. C., and 150 cases of the disease. There were reports that some of the Germans had drunk unfiltered river water in the hope that illness would prevent the government from transferring them to Fort Oglethorpe, but this was denied by camp officials. Shallow wells are blamed for the infection.

At Asheville Sunday afternoon rain assumed the proportion of a cloudburst. Streets became rivers for the time being, says the Citizen; 500 telephones were put out of commission; trees were washed out bodily; one house fell; one stable was washed away; brooks became raging torrents in less time than it takes to tell it, and the streets of the city were littered with debris as a result of the storm.

Nebo News.

Nebo, Aug. 20.—Mr. and Mrs. Marshall McLean and family of Gibsonville visited the latter's sister, Mrs. M. C. Sigmon, during the week.

Born to Rev. and Mrs. T. A. Drake on August 17, a daughter.

Ben Stacy, of Newport News, Va., is spending a while here with his mother, Mrs. J. K. Stacy.

Misses Essie Hemphill and Tracy Sigmon were shopping in Marion Saturday.

Miss Maggie Simmons of Gaffney, S. C., spent last week at the home of her uncle, Geo. D. Taylor.

J. M. Tyler and little daughter of Marion spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. R. O. Wilson.

R. V. Wilson made a business trip to Burnsville last week.

Miss Faye Padgett of Pitts and Miss Lottie Wilson of Woodlawn spent the week-end with homefolks here.

Rev. Thomas Wilson and little son, Herbert, of Iowa, are spending a while with relatives here.

Miss Pearl Padgett of Winston-Salem is at home for a while.

John Erwin, colored, has arrived safely overseas, according to news received by his father, John A. Erwin.