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EDUCATION BOARD MEETS

County Board Makes Large Appropriation to Schools; Nebo and Glenwood Bonds Sold.

The County Board of Education met on Monday and made appropriations to the various schools of the county. Having adopted a policy of rigid economy, and owing to the increased cost of living thereby necessitating a raise in teachers' salaries, it was found that the Board was in position to make the largest appropriation ever made for school purposes in McDowell County. The appropriations to the different districts are shown below.

Bonds were offered for sale on the high school districts of Nebo and Glenwood. Both these issues were awarded to a reputable company of Toledo, Ohio. Fair bids were accepted for these bonds, and the Board hopes to have the money on hand within a short time, in order that construction of the new buildings for these districts may be started as soon as possible. The present equipment in both Nebo and Glenwood schools is entirely inadequate to take care of the school interest. The new buildings will be modern in every respect and sufficient in capacity to take care of the schools for some time.

The apportionments as shown below are from the county funds; the State Equalizing Fund will be apportioned in addition to the county appropriations. As yet no definite information has been received by the County Board of Education as to what the term provided by the Equalizing Fund will amount to. It is expected it will be between five and seven days.

The amounts apportioned to the different districts are as follows:

Marion township, District No. 2, \$160.00; No. 3, \$320.00; No. 4, \$160.00; No. 5, \$320.00; No. 7, \$160.00; No. 8, \$480.00; No. 8 1/2, \$640.00; No. 9, \$320.00; No. 10, \$160.00; No. 11, \$160.00; No. 12, \$160.00.

Old Fort township, District No. 1, \$320.00; No. 2, \$160.00; No. 4, \$160.00; No. 5, \$160.00; No. 5 1/2, \$160.00; No. 6, \$160.00; No. 7, \$160.00.

Broad River township, District No. 1, \$160.00; No. 2, \$160.00; No. 3, \$160.00; No. 4, \$160.00; No. 5, \$160.00.

Crooked Creek township, District No. 1, \$160.00; No. 2, \$160.00; No. 3, \$160.00; No. 4, \$160.00; No. 5, \$160.00.

North Cove township, District No. 1, \$160.00; No. 2, \$160.00; No. 3, \$160.00; No. 4, \$160.00; No. 5, \$160.00; No. 6, \$160.00; No. 6 1/2, \$320.00; No. 7, \$320.00; No. 8, \$150.00.

Montfords Cove township, District No. 1, \$160.00; No. 2, \$320.00; No. 3, \$160.00; No. 4, \$160.00.

Bracketts township, District No. 1, \$160.00; No. 2, \$160.00.

Nebo township, District No. 1, \$960.00; No. 2, \$160.00; No. 3, \$160.00; No. 4, \$160.00.

Dysartsville township, District No. 1, \$480.00; No. 2, \$160.00; No. 3, \$160.00; No. 4, \$160.00; No. 5, \$160.00; No. 6, \$160.00.

Higgins township, District No. 1, \$320.00.

Glenwood township, District No. 1, \$640.00.

COLORED SCHOOLS.

Marion township, District No. 1, \$390.

00; No. 2, \$180.00; No. 3, \$130.00; No. 4, \$130.00.

Old Fort township, District No. 1, \$260.00; No. 2, \$260.00.

Nebo township, District No. 1, \$130.00.

Bracketts township, District No. 1, \$120.00.

Dysartsville township, District No. 1, \$130.00; No. 2, \$130.00.

North Cove township, District No. 1, \$130.00; No. 2, \$130.00.

Jury Gives Mumpower \$25,000 As Damages.

Asheville, Jan. 4.—A jury in Superior court here this afternoon awarded J. W. Mumpower, of Burnsville, \$25,000 damages for personal injury from the Black Mountain railway company. A. Mac English, a codefendant, was exonerated. The company appealed to the Supreme court under \$26,000 bond. The case was tried at a special term of court which lasted for a week.

Mumpower, while employed as an engineer by the railway company, was injured when a runaway freight car struck his locomotive. It was alleged that English set the car in motion on a sidetrack in order to make room for his wagons to drive in to unload lumber on the siding. It was further alleged that the brakes on the car were defective and that the derailer, which was supposed to prevent just such an accident, was defective and that in spite of all efforts by English and his men the car ran down the mountain and collided with the approaching engine driven by Mumpower.

North Carolina Credit Unions Grow

West Raleigh, Jan. 6.—Making his report on the condition of the sixteen credit unions now operating in the State, Dr. Wm. R. Camp, Superintendent of these rural organizations for the Agricultural Extension Service, shows that they have justified the confidence put in them by the Secretary of Agriculture when he stated recently that they formed the best rural credit organization system operating in the United States.

Dr. Camp shows in his report that the membership has grown from 285 in October 1916, to 514 in October 1917; while on Nov. 30 of 1918 the membership had increased to 653. The number of depositors is now four times what it was then, with a greatly increased buying of shares, and an increase in the total amount of deposits. The money now paid in on shares amounts to \$7,512.77, which is an increase from a little over \$2000 in 1916. The total deposits have increased from a about \$2000 in 1916 to over \$11000 in Nov. 1918. Loans and borrowers have also greatly increased.

The most rapid strides have been made in the shape of total resources. All of the unions only had \$7,471.42 in total resources in 1916. This item now amounts to \$24,818.69.

While the financial progress has been good, probably the unions have rendered their greatest service in furthering the co-operative buying of farm supplies by cash payments so as to take advantage of discounts offered. Many communities in which these credit organizations have been established have been able to buy seed, fertilizers, and all farm supplies at a reduced cost to the individual saving of the farmers interested.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

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

MARION ROUTE NO. 2.

Marion, Rt. 2, Jan. 6.—Miss Effie Cannon has returned to Crooked Creek where she is teaching school.

Miss Grace Lane left Saturday for Hot Springs where she will attend school.

J. M. Summer, of the U. S. Naval Air Station, at Pensacola, Fla., spent last week with his sister, Mrs. F. W. Lane.

The many friends of Will Craws are glad to have him back from camp.

SUGAR HILL HONOR ROLL.

Following is the honor roll for Sugar Hill school:

First grade: Jessie Bright, Gaston Simmons and Inez Hemphill.

Second grade: John Morris.

Third grade: Ed. Bright.

Fourth grade: Nelle Simmons and Arnold Bright.

Fifth grade: Charline Hemphill, Pansy Morris, Willie Morris and Claud Camp.

Outstanding War Savings Pledges Redeemable in 1919 Stamps.

Winston-Salem, Jan. 6.—Governor George J. Seay of the Federal Reserve Bank, Richmond, Va., under whose jurisdiction the War Savings campaign of 1919 is to be conducted, has just wired State Director Fries that 1918 War Savings pledges outstanding on January first, 1919, may be redeemed by the purchase of 1919 stamps must be affixed to 1918 certificates only.

Reports from the several counties of North Carolina show there are about twelve million dollars in War Savings pledges outstanding and unredeemed on January 1, 1919. This large amount of unredeemed pledges is due, first, to the drop in the prices of cotton and peanuts in the east which caused many of the farmers to withhold their crops from the market and, second, to the shortage of supply of stamps on the last day of the year. Many pledgers waited until the last day to redeem their pledges and then found that there were no stamps to be had at the postoffice or other agency. In view of these facts the Government is going to give pledgers an opportunity to keep their word of honor to the Government by redeeming their 1918 pledges in 1919 stamps and the Government expects all outstanding 1918 pledges to be redeemed as early in 1919 as possible.

The financial needs of the Government are almost as great as they were during the war. During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1919, eighteen billion dollars will be needed. During the past six months the Government has spent ten and a half billion dollars, and is now spending two billion dollars a month. Secretary Glass has recently stated that the war is not over so far as the Treasury department is concerned and that it will not be over until the United States shall have honorably discharged every commitment it made on entering and during the war.

Attention Knights of Pythias!

Second degree work tonight. Every member urged to be present and promptly on time at 7:30. Installation of newly elected officers.

The graded school re-opened on Monday with a good attendance.

Thirtieth Division is on List for an Early Return Home.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Three combat divisions, the 30th, 37th, and 91st, have been designated by General Pershing for early return home from France, General March announced today.

The 30th included national guard troops from Tennessee, North Carolina and South Carolina; the 37th, Ohio and West Virginia guardsmen, and the 91st Pacific coast troops.

These three entire divisions and the second corps headquarters which operated with the British army in Flanders under Major General George W. Re d, have been added to the priority list and will be returned home as shipping becomes available. The three divisions and the headquarters comprise about 83,000 men.

Units abroad assigned to early convoy, in addition to those already embarked now total 292,000. Troops in the United States and abroad designated for demobilization, General March said, total 1,379,000.

Demobilization of the army at home has now reached the last class, the combat divisions. Orders for the breaking up of these units already have been sent out, and the task will proceed gradually, under week to week designations of the number to be let out.

The progress of demobilization is being maintained, officials say, an incomplete total giving 630,369 men and 40,491 officers discharged up to January 3.

Special Tax Beyond Limit Unconstitutional.

The State Supreme Court has declared unconstitutional the act of the 1913 Legislature empowering county commissioners of any county to levy a special tax above the constitutional limitation not in excess of five cents on the one hundred dollars worth of property to provide for any deficiency in necessary expenses and revenue of the county.

The action of the court was in the case of Southern Railroad vs. Cherokee county, in which the Southern railroad secured judgment in the lower court for the recovery of taxes paid under protest of illegality when in 1915 the Cherokee commissioners levied and collected a tax of two and two-thirds cents in excess of the 66 2/3 cents on property of the value of \$100 "for the purpose of taking up a note in bank made by the predecessor board and other current expenses under Chapter 33, Section 9, Laws of 1913." The court held that this act was not for a special purpose in the meaning of the constitution and therefore void.

Section 9 of the act provides "that the commissioners of any county in North Carolina be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to levy a special tax in excess of the constitutional limitation not exceeding five cents on the one hundred dollars worth of all property listed for taxation in their respective counties to provide for any deficiency in necessary expenses and revenue of said respective counties, which may be caused by the provisions of this act."

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

United States Attorney J. O. Carr for the Eastern district has resigned and will return to private law practice at Wilmington. It is reported that Thomas D. Warren of New Berne will be recommended to succeed him.

Judge Robert H. Sykes of Durham will serve as State legislative reference librarian while the 1919 General Assembly is in session. This was agreed upon at a recent meeting of the State Historical commission. He will complete the unexpired term of the late W. S. Wilson.

Fireman Lawrence N. Cruseman was killed, Engineer Walter Green and brakeman W. A. McDowell were injured Tuesday morning when a freight train ran away down the steep road on Saluda mountain, racing into the safety switch near Melrose and overturning. All are Asheville men.

The latest report on the banking conditions in North Carolina shows that the total resources of the State banks have reached in round numbers \$179,000,000, a gain of more than \$23,000,000 in a year. The national banks have nearly \$100,000,000. One of the striking things about the showing is the increase in savings deposits during a year of notable investments in Government securities.

The Greensboro Daily News, carrying its financial news this week says in a special from Raleigh that the North Carolina crops this year (which is 1918, of course) amount to \$700,000,000, and that three crops, cotton, corn, and tobacco, have produced more than \$100,000,000 each. This is much the richest agricultural crop of the State's history, and places North Carolina well up among the big States of the South.

Camp Bragg to Be Made Field Artillery Range.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Assistant Secretary of War Benedict Crowell, following up recommendations yesterday by Secretary Baker for purchase of Camp Bragg at Fayetteville, today told the house military affairs committee that this camp will be a field artillery range.

It developed that the size, 135,000 acres, is more than the combined size of 14 national army cantonments, which total 131,000 acres and to buy the land will cost \$1,500,000 and construct buildings and ranges will cost \$17,000,000. The committee did not indicate what recommendation it would make although Secretary Crowell said the department already has the necessary power and authorized appropriations. Plans are to care for 16,000 men, two brigades of field artillery, one aerial squadron and one balloon squadron.

Weather Report.

Thomas McGuire, Sergeant U. S. Army, reports the temperature and rainfall at Marion station for the week as follows:

Maximum	60 degrees
Minimum	4 degrees
Rain	2.37 inches
Sunshine per cent	.57
Snow	1.50 inches