

DRAFT BOARDS CULLING LISTS

Washington, May 19—Selective service boards began culling their lists of childless men 26 through 29 years old today to meet the service manpower pinch resulting from a congressional ban on teen-age inductions.

Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, the selective service director, told the boards to call up for pre-induction physical examinations men in the late twenty bracket who "may qualify for military service under existing physical and occupational standards."

He directed that men who have been discharged from the armed forces and any with "manifest" physical disabilities be exempted from the call. The others may be classified 1A unless they can obtain occupational deferment.

President Truman excused men in the 26 to 29 age bracket from the draft last Aug. 14, but issued a new order making them eligible again after congress excluded the 18 and 19-year-olds in a stop-gap bill ex-

tending service to July 1. The war department estimates there are only about 15,000 eligibles in the older age bracket.

On Capitol Hill Chairman Elbert Thomas, Utah, of the senate military committee, planned to try for unanimous senate approval of a committee bill providing a one-year draft extension with 18 and 19-year olds eligible, increases in pay for enlisted men and discharge of fathers or men with 18 months or more service on request.

If Thomas could obtain passage by unanimous consent, conferences could be opened immediately to reconcile the senate bill with one passed in the house. The house version directed a moratorium in inductions from May 15 to October 15, exempted teen-agers and extended the act nine months.

The International City Managers Assn. reported that over 600 public works projects will be started by 369 small cities this year.

Consumer "rationing" of fats and oils is expected to continue throughout next year through the medium of manufacturers' quotas.

Bailey Speeds Yadkin Valley Flood Control

Washington, May 18—Senator J. W. Bailey, of North Carolina, took two steps today to speed congressional consideration of the seven-million-dollar Yadkin River valley flood control project in his state.

He sent a letter to Governor R. Gregg Cherry, asking formal approval of the army engineers' recent proposal for four reservoirs to impound flood waters in the North Wilkesboro area; and he wrote Lt. Gen. R. A. Wheeler, chief of army engineers, requesting early review of the project so that it might be included in an omnibus bill pending in the house.

Immediately after the house acts the bill will come before the senate commerce committee, of which Bailey is chairman. A resolution authorizing the survey for the Yadkin work was passed by the committee 14 months ago, after Senator Bailey had withdrawn a previous proposal for flood control and power developments on the river. The Atlanta division engineer forwarded the new recommendation here in April. It must have the approval of the governor and the board of engineers.

Intended for flood control only, it has an estimated first cost of \$7,194,000, with \$25,000 annually for operation and maintenance. Brig. Gen. James B. Newman, Jr., the Atlanta division engineer, issued the report recommending the four dams—one on the Yadkin, six miles above North Wilkesboro, a second on the Yadkin nine miles further upstream, and two on Reddies River, 1.6 and 12.8 miles above its mouth. The reservoirs would impound up to six inches of flood waters.

Blue Ridge Parkway Funds To Be Boosted, Doughton Is Assured

Washington, May 18—Blue Ridge Parkway development funds for 1947, pared by 50 per cent in the house, will be increased by senate-house conferees to an amount closer to budget bureau recommendations. Representative Robert L. Doughton, of the ninth congressional district, was assured yesterday.

Pioneer advocate of the 480-mile scenic parkway, Mr. Doughton had contemplated urging the house yesterday to restore the parkway development funds slashed from the interior department supply bill by the appropriations committee. However, a survey indicated Republican members almost solidly against amendments to increase spending, with several Democrats also in favor of accepting the committee recommendations without change. The committee cut appropriations for parkways, including Blue Ridge, from a \$15 million budget estimate to \$7,500,000. Of this, \$5 million was obligated under contract authorizations—\$2,996,000 for Blue Ridge Trace. Blue Ridge is slated to get projects and \$2,004,000 for Natchez \$1,250,000 of the remaining \$2,500,000, and \$100,000 would go to the new foothills parkway in Western North Carolina. Doubling this \$2,500,000 would boost the final total to \$10,000,000, two-thirds of the budget recommendation. This is expected to be the ultimate decision.

Senator Clyde R. Hoey already has pledged himself to seek a larger appropriation in the senate, where hearings on the interior bill are progressing.

SENATOR HOEY TO SEEK MORE WORK ON PARKWAY

Washington—The army will keep Thursday with congressional and government officials, Senator Hoey pleaded renewed effort to secure funds for continuing construction on the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Pending in the house is the interior department appropriation bill normally providing funds for parkway development. Although the 1947 budget estimate provided a total of \$15,000,000 for postwar developments on the Blue Ridge, Natchez Trace, George Washington Memorial and Foothills parkways, the house appropriations committee cut the figure in two. Outstanding obligations already amount to \$5,000,000, leaving only \$2,500,000 for unobligated developments—indicating a small share, if any, for the Blue Ridge project.

Economists are forecasting an increase of two cents per loaf for wheat bread, the increase probably to come within the month.

BAILEY SPIKES RUMORS THAT HE WILL QUIT

Senator Josiah W. Bailey does not have the slightest intention of resigning his seat in the senate, his secretary, Kidd Brewer, declared in Washington last week.

Spiking rumors that Bailey, chairman of the senate commerce committee, plans to resign because of his recent illness, Brewer declared the Tar Heel senator wished that his intentions be "clearly stated."

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Ministers Attracted To Appalachian College

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DEEP GAP HOME CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. LUTHER

The Deep Gap Home Demonstration Club met May 13, with Mrs. Ray Luther.


Meeting opened with repeating of the club collect. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

After the short business period, Mrs. Hamby gave a helpful demonstration on ways to cook uncommon vegetables. She also urged everyone to grow and serve more vegetables.

The vegetables which were cooked were served, which everyone enjoyed. The club then adjourned to meet with Mrs. A. A. Greene on June 5.

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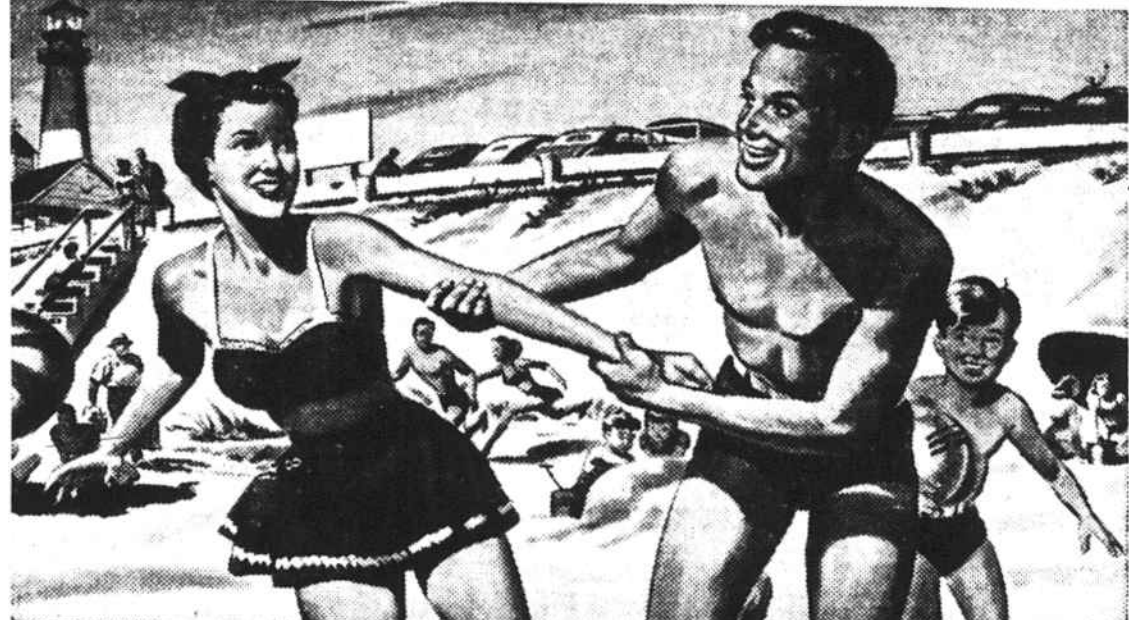
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