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Cherokee Victory Day Celebration

Selective Service Office Explains High Rejections

Local Physicians Should Not Be Criticized For Army Rejections

The current high rate of rejections of selectees at the induction station is disturbing to the public mind. This is understandable since the public is so vitally interested in every phase of Selective Service. There is a satisfactory explanation for it and the public is entitled to that explanation.

Prior to January 1, 1942, complete physical examinations were given the selectees by local board examining physicians. After a few months of experience, these physicians were passing men who very closely met the Army's requirements. Rejections at the induction station at that time were almost entirely of men with borderline conditions, men who had contracted diseases between the time of their local examinations and the time of their delivery for induction, and men rejected as a result of the chest X-rays which were never a part of the local examinations.

Under the regulations now in force, the local examining physicians do not make a comprehensive examination. In fact, they make only a casual, "screening" examination and are guided by a list of defects, one part of which sets forth non-remediable physical conditions which manifestly disqualify the selectee for all military service, and the second part of which sets forth those non-remediable physical conditions which manifestly disqualify for general military service, but qualify for limited service. The local examining physician has no alternative but to follow this list specifically. With these limitations, the examining physician can reject little more than the obviously unfit.

Another reason for the large number of rejections is that local boards no longer have the authority to disqualify registrants who are below the minimum literacy standards for military service. Prior to January 1, 1942, they had such authority and did not send to the induction station registrants who were below such standards. Regulations now provide that all such men, otherwise qualified for military service, must be sent to the induction station for final check and rejection by the Army.

It can readily be appreciated by those who understand the regulations in force that a higher percentage of the men forwarded for induction may be expected to be rejected for the reasons above given and local boards and examining physicians should not be criticized for a condition over which they have no control. They have no choice but to send the men to the induction station even if they have reason to believe that a large number will be rejected on account of their physical condition or lack of educational qualifications.

Holiday Closing Of Rationing Office

The sugar and gas rationing office in the basement of the Murphy library building, will remain closed next Saturday, July 4.

Bill Williams Saves Boy While Father Drowns In Cane Creek

Stanley Clayton, 44, of Marble, drowned at 11 o'clock Tuesday afternoon in Cane Creek near Hiwassee Lake and the Kinsey school on the Copperhill highway. Mr. Clayton's eight-year-old adopted son, Harold Clayton, had stepped beyond his depth and in attempting to rescue him, the father, who could not swim, went over his head. Bill Williams, who was along, saved the boy. Mr. Clayton failed to respond during the two hours that Dr. B. W. Whitfield worked over him with an oxygen tank.

Funeral services for Mr. Clayton will be held at Rogers Chapel. The date of the funeral will be announced later. The Townson Funeral home will have charge of the services.

Mr. Clayton is survived by his widow; his adopted son, Harold; a brother, Cody Clayton, of Route 2, Murphy; and two sisters, Mrs. Fany Dockery, of Miami, Fla., and Mrs. May Ellenburgh, of Chattanooga, Tenn.

Pleasant Hill Will Entertain W. Liberty S. S. Associational

The West Liberty Associational Sunday School Conference will meet at the Pleasant Hill Baptist church next Sunday afternoon at two o'clock. A large delegation of officers, pastors, teachers and Sunday school workers are urged to be present.

Rev. W. K. Shirer will lead the devotional. A roll call of the Sunday schools in the Associational will be made. Special music will be furnished by Pleasant Hill church. Rev. Edgar Willis will speak on the subject of "Daily Vacation Bible Schools". Rev. Cloyd Piper will discuss "The Lord's Acre Work", after which the meeting will be dismissed.

Murphy Cannery Will Pay 3 1-2 Cents A Pound More For Blackberries

The cannery at Murphy will buy some blackberries at an advanced price over recent years. The price will be 3 1/2c per pound, or around 21c per gallon. These will be limited to some extent due to the tin shortage.

Anyone wishing to deliver blackberries should get in touch with the manager at the cannery.

It looks like there will be a good crop of blackberries, and pickers should make good money gathering the berries.

Petrie Hospital Patients For Week

The list of patients at Petrie hospital on Wednesday of this week included Mrs. J. L. Sellers, of Route 1, Hayesville; Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Clemmer and baby girl, of Hayesville; Mrs. Edward Chastain and baby girl, of Route 3, Blairsville, Ga.; Miss Ollie Kerby, of Young Harris, Ga.; Mrs. Earl Sala and baby boy, of TVA village, Murphy; Miss Pauline Beaver and Oscar Kephart, of Murphy; Mrs. Harriet Mashburn, of Oak Park, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Chastain, of Culberson; Mrs. Fred White and baby girl, of Unaka; and Mrs. Clara Bell Conley and Lawrence Winfrey, of Andrews.

Program of Events Cherokee County Victory Day Celebration Saturday, July 4

★ 10:00 A. M.: Street parade starts from high school building. Route up Valley River street to city square.

★ 10:30 A. M.: Honors at Tomb of Unknown Soldier at the square, in charge of American Legion Posts of Andrews and Murphy.

★ 11:00 A. M.: Patriotic address by Rev. Baker, pastor of Andrews Baptist church.

★ 12:00 N.: Motor Boat Races.

★ 1:30 P. M.: Swimming races and diving contest between Boy Scouts and 4-H Clubs.

★ 2:00 P. M.: Boy Scouts First Aid demonstration.

★ 2:30 P. M.: Horse Shoe Pitching contest.

★ 3:00 P. M.: Greased Pig and Greased Pole contests.

★ 4:00 P. M.: Baseball Game between Murphy Smoky Mountain League team, winners of first half honors, and Isabella, Tenn.

★ 5:30 P. M.: Casting Tournament

★ 7:00 P. M.: Bowling Tournament, Lions Club of Murphy and Copperhill, Tenn., team.

★ 8 P. M.: Square Dance contest.

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★ 1:30 P. M. Cherokee Singing Convention at court house.

Drivers In Three Auto Wrecks Face Trial; 34 Stitches Taken

After several weeks of comparative quiet, three auto wrecks were reported recently. Last Saturday night about 11 p.m. a Chevrolet sedan driven by Lester Hamby, of Patrick, and a Pontiac car driven by Pless Hedrick, of Ranger, collided at the Walker school house at Ranger. Grant Eller, of Patrick, who was riding in the Chevrolet, suffered severe head cuts. He was taken to Petrie hospital, where 34 stitches were required to close the wound. Hamby was bound over to the next term of Superior Court by Justice of the Peace D. M. Reese, at a hearing Tuesday morning, on charges of driving while drunk and reckless driving. It was claimed that Hamby cut in on the wrong side of the road. Both cars were completely demolished.

Last Saturday night about eight o'clock a Plymouth coach driven by Fred Welch, of Marble, and a Chevrolet driven by Newt Ledford, of Murphy, crashed about 50 yards outside the East Murphy city limits. Ledford was driving out of a side road and failed to stop for the approaching car.

All four occupants in the Plymouth car went to the Petrie hospital for treatment for cuts and bruises. Two of the four people in the Chevrolet machine were also treated.

Tuesday morning Leon Mitchell, of Canton, Ga., employed by the North Georgia Transfer Co., lost control of his truck as he was driving down Scott Laney hill. His truck

Cherokee Registration Approximates 364 men Between 18-20 Years

Tuesday's registration of young men between the ages of 18 and 20 totaled 364 in Cherokee county. Wayne Walker, county draft board director, said today. He reported 276 men registered at the Murphy board headquarters and 94 from Andrews. At the present time there are nearly 450 service men from Cherokee county on duty throughout the world. The Murphy draft board office will be closed on Saturday, July 4.

Mr. Walker said that a number of young men have not yet registered. He urged that these men come into the draft board office as soon as possible and sign up.

Capt. Fred Swann, Legion official volunteered to conduct last Tuesday's registration at Andrews.

U. S. Employment Office Can Use Carpenters, Welders, Steam Fitters

C. I. Calhoun, supervisor of the Murphy branch of the United States Employment Office in the court house, said yesterday that he has had urgent requests for 1,200 carpenters at the rate of 300 per day, also 25 plumbers and 25 steam fitters as well as a number of welders are needed right away for defense projects in this state.

Bargains Offered At Man Shop Fire Sale Opening Tomorrow

Customers will throng the Man Shop to snap up the many attractive bargains offered at the fire sale starting Thursday morning of this week at nine o'clock. Ever since the recent fire, J. W. Davidson, owner and manager, has been assembling stock undamaged except for smoke. Patrons are afforded tremendous savings, Mr. Davidson announces. "The sale opening tomorrow is really an opportunity to clothe your family", he pointed out.

Practically all men's wearing apparel will be represented on the shelves. This will include the latest autumn fashions in clothes received just before the fire. There is considerable merchandise, such as consignments of rubber goods, coats, boots and caps, which could not be replaced for love or money now, due to the government's war needs.

Mr. Davidson has been operating the Man Shop for a number of years. The store has a high class patronage which is not only county wide, but draws from nearby sections of Tennessee and Georgia.

James Clayton Buys Stock of Gas Station Operated By Posey

James Clayton has purchased the stock of the Texaco filling station located on Valley River Avenue and took charge Tuesday. John Posey, Jr., who has operated the station, is now employed by the TVA.

ran wild into a ditch and turned over after striking a rock. The driver got off with slight bruises, but the truck was completely demolished. Mitchell will be tried for reckless driving. Patrolman Smith, who handled the case, said.

Annual Tri-County Farmers Federation Picnic On July 11

Committees From Eight Cherokee Centers To Join In Arrangements

The Cherokee, Clay and Graham counties picnic of the Farmers Federation will be held Saturday, July 11, at the Ogden high school in Clay county, this year.

The picnics, as usual, will be open to everybody living within the county or within the trading area of the Federation Store located in the county. Every family is invited and urged to bring a well filled picnic lunch basket and be prepared to spend the day. A special invitation is extended to any musicians in this county to take part on the program in the morning.

The meeting will get under way at 10 o'clock in the morning, with music by the Farmers Federation string band. The string band and any other musicians who wish to take part in the program will play as the crowd gathers and after this some brief talks will be made. Speakers will be announced later.

Choirs, quartets, and other singers will sing competitively and song books will be given to the winning choir and prizes will be given to the winning quartets.

This year the Farmers Federation picnics will be especially devoted to the war programs for farmers. Every part of the picnic possible will be used to explain and encourage the farmers' part in our great national war effort, James G. McClure, president of the Farmers Federation, said. War bonds will be stressed and a special committee will be appointed to get pledges for war bonds.

Committees from the three counties follow:

Cherokee county: Marble: Mrs. E. G. White Spencer, Route 2, Murphy; Mrs. J. H. Ellis and Alonzo Shields, of Murphy; Lone Wood, of Suit; and Lawrence Anderson, of Marble.

Valley Town: John Tatum, E. A. Wood and Mrs. Donald Wilson, of Andrews; and John Palmer, Nee Abernathy and Claude Day, of Marble.

Notla: Bill Hatchett, R. S. Burnett, B. L. Fox and Homer Hughes, of Route 2, Murphy.

Beaverdam: U. S. G. Phillips, George Crawford and Rev. A. G. Morrow, of Unaka.

Hot House: Ralph Shields, W. E. Rice and Tom Johnson, of Culberson.

Shoals Creek: Dr. Young, of Postell; and Burt McNabb and Jimmie Wood, of Suit.

Peach Tree: H. L. Robinson, Lawson Lunsford, George Hendrix, Principal Clarence Hendrix and Henry Sudderth, of Route 1, Murphy.

Murphy: Thad Stiles, A. Q. Ketter, county farm agent; Miss Allene Richardson and E. C. Wright, of Murphy.

Clay County: G. G. Fathering, of Hayesville, county farm agent; James Zimmerman, of Brasstown; E. L. Crawford and Bill Clayton, of Andrews; W. W. Cochran, of Nantahala; and M. L. Matterson, Cline McClure, Wayne Brooks, Mark Weaver, C. L. Smith and W. C. Smart, of Hayesville.