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## BALL OF MEN OVER 26 IS POSTPONED

Washington,-Selective Service last night stayed the induction, effective Friday, of all 1-A registrants 26 and older and ordered a review of their classifications with a view to deferring the bulk of them as long as military developments permit.

Draft Director Lewis B. Hershey, outlining the new regulations at a special press conference, said that manpower needs of the armed forces can be met through Dec. 1 from the pool of men under 26 and those reaching the draft age each month.

But he warned that men in the upper age brackets who "persist in not participating in essential work" will be called in the interim.

He would not estimate how many of the 1,650,000 men 26 and over who were classified 1-A as of April I would be inducted but draft  $official_{B}$  indicated the number will be relatively small.

Repeatedly, he emphasized that the draft picture depends on "the fortunes of war" and is subject to adjustment as needs of the armed forces change. Western front invasion casualties probably will be the determining factor in fixing manpower demands.

The new regulations make no change in the draft status of men



in the 12.25 are prosp. But they relabilish new and liberatized poli-cies to be followed by local bourds in granting occupational defer-ments not to exceed an months for men 26 and over, with more emient treatment for men over 30. The new yardstick provides:

1. 2-B or 2-A deferments for all registrants 26 through 29 who can qualify as "necessary" men in war production or an essential civilian activity-defined / by the regulations as "in support of the national health, safety or interest" of the nation.

2. The same type of deferment for any registrant over 30 who is merely engaged in such activities. Local boards will use the War Manpower Commission's list of essential civilian and war production activities as a guide in determining classifications but they may add to it as they see fit under the new policy.

Hershey's directive ordered a re-ing", he replied. "One of the prices of getting view of the classification of all men over 26 who now are "available for service"-those who have been placed in 1-A but have not yet been inducted. This includes those who have passed physical examinations and those who have been ordered up for induction but have not yet taken their oath in the army, navy, marine corps or coast ducted from essential activities be-

guard. The regulations were drafted at a three-day meeting of Hershey and the 48 State draft directors. Hershey urged at his press conference that employers appeal the could do more when there is more case of any registrant over 26 who to be done"

has been classified 1-A even though the normal appeal period, 10 days after the date of classifi- termining essential activities to cation has passed, if they consider their work essential.

He pointed out that the Selective Service Act provides that an appeal can be filed if 'new facts' are involved and added:

"The existence of this memorandum is certainly an entry of new facts".

The regulations also provide for reclassification of registrants of dum further provided that local any age rejected as unfit for mili- boards "should be more liberal in tary service or accepted, but not inducted, for limited service-providing they are working to take jobs in essential industries. They will be placed in 2-A or 2-B if they are merely engaged in such ac-

tivities and need not qualify as 'necessary" men

Hershey did not reveal the fate of men in this category who stay in non-essential activities, but 1-A-L or limited service registrants would be liable to induction and Hershey has suggested that 4-F's be drafted into army work battalions unless they get war

The new recolutions effective with publication in the Fadows Register are designed for 1 Release are public of rase under 25-the "vigorous and physically-fit young men" that the armed forces demand. 2 Provide for deferment of

greater numbers of older men to May 1st, came as a distinct shock angage in war production or escontial civilian production. 8. Make available for such aitivities men of any draft age who are physically disqualified for

service or acceptable only for limited duty. , Hershey was asked why men ov er 26 are being drafted when the army has made it clear that it con-

siders them too old. "We are forced to face the facts resided with him at the old Horthat, first, there eventually will not be enough men under 26 to fill all calls, and second, that the war effort cannot be entirely indifferent to the fact that men over 26 and over 30, are not participat-

manyower is the necessity for taking men who persist in not participating in essential work". He predicted that local board determination of what constitutes essentiality will "vary widely from

area to area". "In some cases men will be incause they are not necessary to them or because they are not now deemed to be exerting their best efforts", he said. "No man should count on his being deferred if he

His memorandum to local boards said they are "warranted" in deadd any not contained in the WMC's official list. Additions, it said, might include on a local basis "those which are related to utilities, food, clothing, fuel, housing,

health, safety and other services or endeavors required for the preservation and effectiveness of the life of a nation at war". Original copies of the mamoran-

making this determination" 83 manpower diminishes. This phraseology, however, was eliminated by an official correction.

## **Roaring River Home**

Several members were present.



The sudden death of Mr. Charlie Horton, who died Monday, to the community. He had been sick only a short time. The fun-

eral was conducted at the home Wednesday and interment took place in the old Horton cometery amid a throng of sorrowing triends and relatives. He was

about 75 years of age and besides his wife and one daughter, Miss Beulah Horion, he is survived by one brother, L. L. Horton, who

ton homestead, and one sister, Mrs. Ell Byrd. of Ronds. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. David Horton and belonged to a family who has long made their home in the Yadkin Valley. Charley was of an unassuming, cheerful disposition and his friendly smile will be greatly missed by all

who knew him. stration on sewing in sleeves to fit well. Several women brought in sleeves to be sewed in during the demonstration.

The next meeting will be hold at the home of Mrs. J. P. Pardue May 16th at 2:00 p.m. All members were urged to attend and each one present has promised to bring in as many new members as possible.

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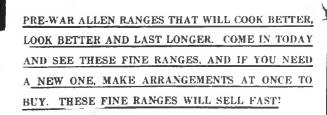
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