

# INDUCTION 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 1 would be inducted but draft officials 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 22-25 age group. But they establish new and liberalized policies to be followed by local boards in granting occupational deferments—not to exceed six months—for men 26 and over, with more lenient 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 deferments 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 review 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 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 case of any registrant over 26 who has been classified 1-A even though the normal appeal period, 10 days after the date of classification 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 any age rejected as unfit for military 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 activities 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 jobs.

## Ferguson Rows The Past Week

The sudden death of Mr. Charles Horton, who died Monday May 1st, came as a distinct shock to the community. He had been sick only a short time. The funeral was conducted at the home Wednesday and interment took place in the old Horton cemetery amid a throng of sorrowing friends and relatives. He was about 75 years of age and besides his wife and one daughter, Miss Beniah Horton, he is survived by one brother, L. L. Horton, who resided with him at the old Horton homestead, and one sister, Mrs. Eli Byrd, of Ronda. 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. Charles was of an unassuming, cheerful disposition and his friendly smile will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

The next meeting will be held 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.

He predicted that local board determination of what constitutes essentiality will "vary widely from area to area."

"In some cases men will be inducted from essential activities because 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 could do more when there is more to be done"

Original copies of the memorandum further provided that local boards "should be more liberal in making this determination" as manpower diminishes. This phraseology, however, was eliminated by an official correction.

His memorandum to local boards said they are "warranted" in determining essential activities to add 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."

The Roaring River Home Demonstration club met in the school lunchroom for the April meeting. Several members were present.

Mrs. Annie Greene made an interesting talk on "Finishes For An Attractive and Durable Garment", then gave an interesting demon-

## Tentative Date For Press Meeting Set

Morganton, May 7.—The tentative committee of the North Carolina Press association has set July 14-16 as the date for the summer meeting.

The date was tentatively agreed upon at a meeting of the association's executive committee here yesterday, but the site of the conference was not decided.

John B. Harris, of Albemarle, is president and Miss Beatrice Cobb, of Morganton, secretary of the association.

Two other groups—the Mid-Western Press association, composed of representatives of weekly papers, and the Western North Carolina Press association, also of

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weeklies—held meetings. The Mid-Western group named Mrs. Ed M. Anderson, of West Jefferson, president, and O. G. Bennett, of Mt. Airy, vice president, and G. H. McNamee, of Winston, secretary. Approximately 80 representatives of out-of-town newspapers attended the session. Press members were entertained at Morganton by Miss Beatrice Cobb, of News-Herald.

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Advertisement for Roaring River Home Club Holds Meeting, featuring a photo of the club members.

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Large advertisement for the movie 'It Happened Tomorrow' starring Dick Powell, Linda Darnell, and Jack Oakie.

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