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17,000,000 MEN HOLD THE TICKETS

THE SECRETARY OF WAR WILL DRAW FIRST NUMBER IN A NATION-WIDE LOT- TERY.

Washington. — At noon on October 29, Secretary of War Stimson will draw the first number in a nation-wide lottery in which 17,000,000 young men hold tickets—800,000 of them good for a year's service in the army.

Plans for the lottery were completed late yesterday at a conference of Dr. Clarence Dykstra, director of selective service, and President Roosevelt. At first Dykstra said that the President would draw the first number, but later it was announced that Mr. Roosevelt desired this honor to go to Stimson.

Roosevelt to Speak

The President will attend the historic ceremony, to be held in the interdepartmental auditorium, and will make an address, to last about 10 minutes.

Within three weeks after Stimson lifts the first blue number capsule from a big goldfish bowl, the initial contingent of 30,000 drafters will be on their way to training camps.

Men will be called to training—800,000 by next June 15—in the order in which their numbers are drawn from the bowl, unless they volunteer without waiting to be called or unless they are deferred from service.

On July 20, 1917, Secretary of War Newton D. Baker dipped his hand into the same bowl, pulled out a capsule with a black-coated, nontransparent slip of paper inside, and announced, "I have drawn the first number." It was 258.

Subsequently early numbers were drawn by Senate and House military and naval committee leaders. After the preliminaries, a group of college boys continued the drawing until 10,500 numbers were listed in a little more than 16 hours.

Others to Draw

After Secretary Stimson draws the first 1940 number at the interdepartmental auditorium, subsequent capsules will be picked out by other high-ranking government officials before the drawing settles down to its tedious routine.

Although 4,000,000 more men are involved in the 1940 draft than in the World War lottery, the 1940 drawing is expected to take less than did that of 1917.

Dykstra estimated it could be done in 12 hours.

Laying Groundwork

The 6,500 local selective service boards throughout the country are now laying the groundwork for the lottery, shuffling the 17,000,000 registration cards signed in last Wednesday's enrollment of men 21 to 36 inclusive, and assigning serial numbers to the cards.

Members in the lottery bowl will be called to a number

high enough to cover the largest number of registrants in any one local board area, with extra numbers to cover late registrations.

So far, national headquarters has not heard of a local board with more than 7,500 registrants. If any board's registration finally exceeds that number, state governors may be instructed to create additional boards to handle the extra numbers.

How System Works

To illustrate how the system will work: If the first number drawn is 2,051, every registrant in the country holding that serial number on his draft board card will be the first in his area to be called to service, unless deferred. If a board in some sparsely-settled area does not have a number that high, it will ignore the first number drawn, and list the second or some subsequent number as its first order number. Serial numbers are soon to be posted outside the headquarters of local boards and will be available for inspection.

The bowl used for the 1917 lottery will be brought to Washington from Philadelphia on Thursday. Mayor Robert Lamberton of Philadelphia told national selective service headquarters by telephone today that he would provide a police escort and an official automobile to convey the bowl. Some dignitary will accompany the relic, which has been on exhibition in Independence Hall.

Lieut. Colonel Charles R. Morris, inactive officer of Elizabeth, N. J., who devised the mechanics of the three draft drawings during the World War, will come to Washington to blindfold Secretary Stimson for the drawing of the first number. Colonel Morris blindfolded Secretary Baker for the first drawing in 1917.

He will bring with him the same blindfold, made from linen taken from the upholstery of a chair which stood in Independence Hall at the time of the signing of the Constitution. He also will bring a ladle made from an original rafter of Independence Hall and used in 1917 to stir the draft lottery capsules. These relics, owned by Morris, will be used again.

The convoy bringing the bowl will leave Philadelphia at 10 a. m., and drive directly to national selective service headquarters here.

Priddy-Bumgarner

The marriage of Miss Jean Priddy to Guy O. Bumgarner was solemnized on Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock at Cheraw, S. C. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. W. Ratliff.

The bride wore a navy carded suit with white satin blouse and navy accessories.

Mrs. Bumgarner is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noah D. Priddy.

Mr. Bumgarner is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Bumgarner of Mocksville.

The young couple will make their home in Mocksville.

(An Editorial.)

SUGGESTED REHABILITATION OF STATE BOARD OF CHARITIES AND PUBLIC WELFARE.

Danbury, N. C., Oct. 24, 1940.

Miss Carrie McLean,
Member State Board of Charities and Public
Welfare,
Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Miss McLean:

The State Board of Charities, of which you and I are members, is an agency patterned for human betterment in all its exalted phases, and a substantial reflection of the spiritual blessings which have descended to the world from the "Sermon On the Mount."

As I have understood it, this Board is supposed to be non-political in its activities.

But you, as I noticed from your signed statement published in the newspapers, have purposely lent yourself and your influence by virtue of your position to the activities and the promotion of a political campaign in North Carolina intended to prevent the re-election of the people's choice for President of the United States.

I quote from your publicized utterance:

"I am for Willkie for President. I am for him because I believe his character, courage and ability preeminently fit him for the job for which he was nominated by the people."

The labors, its principles, its service, the meaning of the North Carolina Board of Charities and Public Welfare are wholly—as you must know—in consonance with the ideals, the grand inspiration and the noble humanitarian impulses of our President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Inspired by his gestures, so many of the principles of the Social Security laws have become a guide for our State Board, being wholly in accord with his transcendent efforts to relieve human needs and distress. And so we wonder how you find yourself in harmony with the democratic and sacred motives of the agency to which you belong, and to which you were appointed by our Democratic Governor of North Carolina.

As Candidate Willkie's views and purposes regarding the mission to which our Board is dedicated are quite as much in doubt as many other of his nebulous policies so clothed in opaqueness, misstatement and profanity, I wonder if you would not save the State Board and the Democratic Governor of North Carolina embarrassment by gracefully retiring from a program to which you must be unsympathetic if not hostile.

And through a fear that I might be classed as ungallant or unchivalric, I will offer you company in your resignation by sending in mine also, as I am a partisan too, but at right angles from your viewpoint. What do you say?

With assurances of my highest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

N. E. PEPPER.

Lawsonville News

Lawsonville.—Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Davis of Greensboro spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. John H. Lawson.

Mrs. R. A. Robertson and son, Charles and Mrs. C. M. Mabe visited Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Neal at Waverly Sunday.

Mr. E. E. Smith visited Mrs. Sam Lawson Sunday.

Rev. Ernest Stevens of High Point preached at Snow Hill Church and Minnie's Chapel Sunday, a large crowd attending both services.

Mrs. Bay Nelson visited her

mother, Mrs. Tom Ashley, at North View Sunday.

The Lawsonville Club members who attended the Achievement Day at Danbury Oct. 23, were: Mrs. E. G. Lawson, Mrs. B. O. Sheppard and Mrs. P. H. Robertson, which they enjoyed very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Handy visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sheppard the week-end.

Curtis Stevens and Charles Robertson spent second Sunday with Louise Meplees of Southern Pines and Elaine Crouse of Aberdeen. They also visited a friend at Fort Bragg.

Barkley Assails Willkie's 'Rash' Campaign Statements

New York.—Senator Alben W. Barkley (D), Ky., asserted yesterday that Wendell Willkie's campaign was made up of "rash and unfounded statements which he has had to retract."

The Senate majority leader, who attended the regular press conference of Democratic National Chairman Edward J. Flynn, said that from Willkie's campaign utterances the conclusion could be drawn that "either he (Willkie) is insincere or else he has the most volatile brain of any man who ever aspired to the high office of president."

"Willkie has said that he would take the heavy hand of government off business," said Barkley, "but he hasn't said how."

"He has never indicated the laws he would repeal which to his mind are a heavy hand on business."

Barkley said that it "would require more intestinal fortitude than he (Willkie) possesses to withstand the pressure of opponents of new deal acts who are supporting him."

"In the midst of the clutter Willkie is hoping the people will forget most, if not all, of Roosevelt's accomplishments in social betterment," he said.

The senator asserted that Willkie has given general approval but has criticized details of the new deal's program.

Barkley said his reports showed "the situation in very good shape throughout the country for the President."

Asked if he had any reports on a swing toward Willkie, Barkley replied that "I wouldn't say a four weeks campaign would not gain votes, but any gain is not substantial enough to affect the results."

"It is hard to put your fingers on the gains claimed for Willkie, except for the noise," Barkley said.

Draft Boards Hold Meeting At Greensboro

Greensboro.—Members and appeal agents of 19 draft boards in eight counties were present 95 strong in Guilford courthouse Monday for a day-long conference with Captain R. Jonas, Jr., from the office of the state director of selective service, to iron out all difficulties in the way of speedy and effective service by the boards in getting to work and in preparing the serially numbered lists of registrants.

Some of the 19 boards brought their clerks along, but others have secure headquarters.

The Greensboro meeting, one yet to name their clerks and to of 11 such gatherings planned for the state this week, brought full attendance from five Guilford boards, four Forsyth boards, two Rockingham, two Alamance, two Randolph and two Davidson boards, one each from Caswell and one from Stokes.

DEATH OF TRAVIS HOLLAND

GEORGE PRIDDY ALSO
PASSES IN THE KING SEC-
TION—BRITHS—OTHERS ON
THE SICK LIST.

King, Oct. 24.—Travis Holland, aged 25, died in a Winston-Salem hospital Thursday following an attack of septic sore throat and pneumonia. "Red" as he was familiarly known, held a position with the Duke Power Company. He had a very wide acquaintance and was liked by all who knew him. Surviving are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Folland Holland; one sister and several brothers. The funeral service, which was in charge of Rev. Romie Adams of Mayodan and Rev. Paul Herman Newsum of King, was conducted at the first Baptist Church Saturday morning at 11:00 o'clock and burial followed in the church cemetery.

Work is well underway on a new home for J. Stephen Garner on the Lakeside-Florida highway, just east of town.

Funerals in this section are very busy preparing and market- ing their tobacco crop.

George Priddy, aged 77, died at his home at the old Holland Mill, three miles east of town, Tuesday following a lingering illness of several months. Several children survive. Funeral and interment was at the Hilsabeck graveyard.

Mrs. Vernon Ingram of Rural Hall underwent a tonsil removal operation in the Stone-Hilsabeck Clinic here Saturday.

Mrs. Mallard Alley of Mount Airy is spending a few days here the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cato Lawson on east Main street.

The following birth announcements are made here: to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wolff, who reside in North Side, a daughter, and to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Palmer, who reside in Five Forks, twins, a son and daughter, weighing 7 1-2 and 8 1-2 pounds respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Evan Eutner of Winston-Salem visited relatives here Friday.

Mrs. John Smith, who has been confined to her home in Pilot View by illness for some time, is able to be out again, her friends will be pleased to learn.

Pete Smith, who has been on the sick list for some time is slowly improving.

W. S. Culler III

W. S. Culler, of Patrick county, Va., has recently sustained two strokes, and is now in a serious condition. Mr. Culler is the father of Mrs. Loftis, wife of Supt. H. P. Loftis of the Stokes county home.

P. L. Hart of Lawsonville was in town today. Mr. Hart, who has recently returned to Stokes, his old home, was a resident of Winston-Salem for 20 years. He is a son of the late R. B. Hart.