

Draft Age Changes Being Considered

Washington—President Roosevelt told reporters this week that war department and congressional committees had under study the advisability of changing the draft ages later in the year.

Any change would be predicated on a showing that the present range of 21 through 35 has provided sufficient man power and adequate technicians.

The President said no decision had been reached and that senate and house committees might take up the matter in early June, so there would be plenty of time for legislation if any is deemed needed.

These observations came in reply to a question whether the minimum age would be lowered to 18. The President said both ends of the age limits might be changed, indicating that if adequate manpower in the lower age brackets could be obtained under the present system the top limit might be lowered to the lower 30's.

He left the impression that the government would prefer other changes before trying to go below 21.

He said the question of extending the present service of draftees to longer than one year had not yet been discussed.

The value of British purchases in the United States during 1940 amounted to \$1,010,845,000, a total twice that of the preceding year which amounted to \$505,404,000.

County Township Vital Statistics

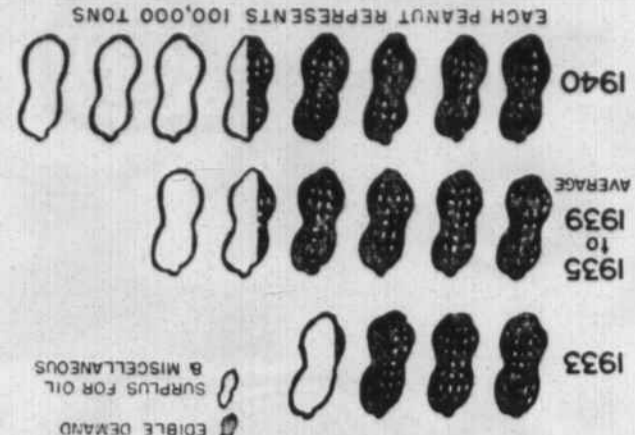
Births outnumbered deaths in Jamesville Township three to one last year, according to a review of the vital statistics for the district recently filed in the office of Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger. There were fifteen deaths and forty-five births recorded.

Six of the fifteen deaths were among the white population, the victims living to be about 51 years on an average. The nine colored persons at their deaths averaged only about 33 years of age. Two of the white persons passing on to their reward were over 70 years of age, and two were well advanced in the sixties. Only one of the colored persons dying last year in the district reached the age of 70 years, several of the others dying at infancy or at a tender age.

A varied cause was listed for the deaths, the statistics showing that not more than one person died of the same trouble except in two instances. Pneumonia claimed three lives and there were two untimely deaths. Other causes of death included bronchitis, cancer, apoplexy, angina pectoris, nephritis, myocarditis, asphyxia, carcinoma, dysentery.

Of the 45 births, 22 were white and one of them was listed as illegitimate. Four of the 23 Negro births were illegitimate. Twenty of the 23 colored birth certificates bore the name of a midwife, indicating that nearly all of the colored mothers were without the services of a doctor.

Why Peanut Referendum Is Called



One reason for the peanut marketing quota referendum, in which 35,000 North Carolina growers are eligible to vote Saturday, is illustrated by the above chart. E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer of N. C. State College, explains the chart as follows: In 1933 the edible trade took 312,740 tons of the 409,810 tons produced, leaving about 97,000 tons surplus for oil and miscellaneous. In 1940, 825,817 tons of peanuts were produced, and the edible demand was for 450,000 tons, leaving 375,817 tons for oil and miscellaneous. Marketing quotas are designed to put production more nearly in line with the demand of the cleaners and shellers, and thereby stabilize prices.

This Week In Defense

President Roosevelt, answering a press conference question, said the American public does not appreciate the extreme seriousness of the European war and its implications regarding the United States. Public understanding of the significance of the struggle is gradually increasing, the President said, but thus far has been inadequate.

Defense Production
OPM Director General Knudsen said the nation is now about 70 per cent retooled for defense and there should be "clear sailing" ahead. OPM Production Director Biggers said mass production will begin within 100 days.

Labor Wages
Labor Department announced average earnings in manufacturing industries have risen to new levels—69.2 cents per hour or \$28.56 a week—because of increased overtime payments, increased employment in defense industries, and wage increases. Average hours for each worker per week have advanced to forty, with many defense employees working 50 hours per week, the department said.

Department of Agriculture reported expansion in industrial employment, together with military conscription, had raised average farm wages to \$1.70 per day, without board—highest level since 1931. Lowest wage was reported in Georgia and South Carolina—less than \$1.00 per day. The highest—\$3.13—was reported in Rhode Island and Connecticut.

Price Stabilization
Administrator Henderson of the new Office of Price Administration

froze steel prices to prevent price rises. Mr. Henderson said steel price rises would inevitably be followed by other price increases.

OPM Director of Purchases Nelson said, in a radio speech, that with much of the nation's production diverted into defense channels, civilian buying would soon surpass the output of civilian goods and a "run-away rise in living costs" will result unless taxes are increased and the government borrows from private savings to cut down the volume of civilian spending.

New Taxes
Treasury Secretary Morgenthau estimated Federal expenditures for the next fiscal year to be \$19,000,000,000, and proposed that two-thirds be raised by taxation and one-third by borrowing. Expecting revenue from present taxes to be \$9,223,000,000, Mr. Morgenthau submitted to Congressional leaders a program for \$3,444,000,000 in new taxes. Individual and business taxes would be increased one-third and taxes would be levied on many persons previously exempt, Mr. Morgenthau said.

Army and Navy
War and Navy Departments announced a total of 1,504,759 men in active service: Navy—242,654; Marines—51,505; Army—1,210,600. The War Department announced seniors in accredited medical schools would be given an opportunity to obtain commissions as first lieutenants in the Medical Corps Reserve. The Department also announced that 2,300 enlisted men would be trained each month for reserve officers' commissions.

Air Raid Spotters
War Department announced plans to enroll between 500,000 and 600,000 civilian volunteers to cooperate with the Army in a nation-wide network to warn against air attack. Groups such as the American Legion, its women's auxiliaries, the Coast Guard, forest fire wardens, weather observers, and the CCC, will be included in the network, the Department said.

Selective Service headquarters announced that all information concerning registrants, except that which the regulations specifically define as confidential, is a matter of public record open to anyone making a legitimate inquiry. The United Service Organizations, representing national religious and welfare organizations, will attempt to tie together the services of existing organizations. Federal Security Administrator McNutt said: "Its purpose is to meet leisure-time needs of men in our armed forces and in defense industries." President Roosevelt said: "I cannot emphasize too strongly my conviction that this work is of utmost importance."

Lease-Lend Activities
Navy Secretary Knox told his press conference the Navy is giving Great Britain war materials "almost daily" from U. S. supplies on hand. He also said British warships in need of repair would be arriving in American shipyards in increasing number. U. S. Maritime Commission announced transfer to the British of four American cargo ships, first to be loaned

U. S. Coast Guard Calls Volunteers

The United States Coast Guard is now accepting applications for enlistment, from young men between the ages of 18 and 28 years. Applicants must be citizens of the United States, of good moral character and meet the physical and educational requirements.

Base pay for original enlistment is \$21 per month and usually increases to \$36 per month at the end of four months in a training school. The average boy is advanced to \$54 per month usually after the end of his first year of service. Each man on his first enlistment is given \$112.75 clothing bounty allowance for uniforms, etc. Enlistments are made for a period of three years.

Schools are maintained to teach approximately 25 different trades under the Lease-Lend Act. **Agriculture**
The Department of Agriculture urged farmers to increase egg production during the next fifteen months by about 6 per cent and announced a program for increasing tomato production for canning by 50 per cent. Both moves, the department said, are to assure ample food supplies for the U. S. and Great Britain, to meet probable demands under the Lease-Lend Act, and for distribution by the Red Cross, for school lunches, and relief.

and every man is encouraged to study some specific trade, which will give him an opportunity for broader, general and professional education. Each man is granted thirty days' leave of absence with pay each year and shore leave for a brief period not to exceed forty-eight hours. Free medical attention is provided for members of the service. This service of 150 years of tradition offers, career, adventure, education and action. For further information apply in person or by mail to the U. S. Coast Guard Recruiting Office, Room 226, Post Office Building, Norfolk, Va.

To Sell Bonds For Financing Defense

Muffing the opportunity to aid suffering humanity in war-stricken countries, Williamston citizens and others, too, are again being called on for support in the nation's all-out defense program. The problem of financing the greatest undertakings in all history is now before the people, and its solution will be effected only by men, women and children throughout the land. Several types of United States bonds are to go on sale here the first of next month. Only one type, Series E, will be offered for sale here, but the postoffice plans to appeal to the general public and urge large purchases. Bonds may be purchased for as little as \$18.75 and on up to

\$750, the bonds to bear interest at the rate of 2.9 per cent. Other types of bonds ranging up to \$10,000 may be purchased from Federal Reserve Banks or direct from the treasury. We have talked at length about others delaying defense, about what this country and that country should do. Now, it is our turn to act. Are we going to strike or hold out for higher interest rates? The full faith and credit of the United States Government is pledged for payment of both principal and interest on these United States Savings Bonds. Your money will be put to work at once in the national defense program to protect the freedom and safety of the United States.

Lard
Prices of lard during the coming year probably will be strengthened by government purchases under the recently announced program for support and stabilization of hog prices.



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