

Uncle Sam Tightens Up On Regulations For Exempting Men

Men Married On Or After September 16, 1940, Are Now Subject To Call

Uncle Sam's draft, cooling off just those who showed no marked resistance in the past, is developing into an extensive blizzard, and it'll take a lot of things supported by good intentions to keep a lot of men out of the armed forces in the future, according to instructions received by the Martin County Draft Board a few days ago.

A Selective Service policy of leniency toward men with dependents will be replaced by stricter examination of their circumstances, state headquarters said.

Simultaneously, the headquarters announced that the cases of men deferred because of their type of work would be re-examined and the regulations would be relaxed in some instances to allow certain classes of felons to enter the armed services.

No registrant, under the new rules should be put in class 3-A if he acquired a dependent on or after September 16, 1940, unless he can prove to the local board that his status was not changed in order that he might be deferred. Also, if the registrant acquired a dependent on or after December 8, 1941, he should not be deferred unless he convinces the board that he acquired the dependent under circumstances beyond his control.

Cases should be decided on their merits, headquarters said, and the registrant and his dependents be given sympathetic regard.

Felons, with the exception of those convicted of murder, rape, arson, sex offenses, kidnapping or illegal dealing in drugs, may enter the armed services if a statement of his case is sent to the secretary of war, accompanied by recommendations from two reputable citizens. The same holds true to a man dishonorably discharged from the army during peacetime.

There no longer will be deferment because the registrant's job is necessary to national defense or the public good unless the employer can convince the local board that he has made a sincere but unsuccessful effort to obtain or train a replacement.

In releasing the new rules, officials said success had met a program of re-examination of men previously found to have minor physical defects.

In announcing a stricter examination of registrants' dependency claims, draft authorities state that according to Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey, married men with one or more children probably will not be called up for military service until an Army of seven to eight million men has been created.

"We've tried all along to protect the home, and I don't see why we should stop now," Hershey said.

He made no specific mention of married men with no children. The determining factor for deferment in such cases heretofore has been the degree of the wife's dependency.

He said students who are a year or less from graduation will not be deferred more than 60 days hereafter if they meet other Army requirements.

The college man, he said, "owes not what the average man owes, but a little more. I do not believe we can justify deferring a student for no other reason than it interferes with his plans of life."

The nation's need for manpower, he pointed out, probably will require municipalities to recruit firemen, police and other vital civil employees from the ranks of men not eligible for armed service.

The United States, he said, probably cannot provide more than 10,000,000 for the armed forces, even though reductions are made in physical requirements.

Robbers Ransack Investment Office

Forcing an entrance through a back window, robbers ransacked the offices of the Eastern Bond and Mortgage Company on Washington Street here some time during the early hours of this morning. Awaiting the completion of an investigation by police, the owners, Messrs. C. H. Godwin and Julius S. Peel, stated that a preliminary check revealed two bonds, several hundred dollars worth of coupons, a small amount of cash and personal property were missing.

While the loss for the owners runs into the hundreds of dollars, the robber can realize only on the few dollars found in a dime bank and a pistol. The bonds were registered in Mr. Godwin's name and coming in on a late mail they were to have been placed in the bank this morning.

Torn from the files and drawers, papers were scattered all over the floor and on the several desks. The robber cut the screen over a back window and after pillaging the files and desks left by a back door.

Leave Farm to Join in War Effort



Sam Schou, former union leader of Mt. Upton, N. Y., is shown with his wife and their two children, Lewis, 5, and George, 8. Renting out his farm and selling his stock, the 49-year-old, one-time Minnesota football star has enlisted in the army, hoping to serve in the Philippines. His wife has applied for service with the Red Cross. The children will live with a neighbor.

A.B.C. Officers Wreck 164 Stills In Past Year

FEW TRAVELING

Tire rationing and war conditions have materially reduced tourist travel through here during the past few weeks, filling station operators and other observers declaring that the volume of traffic now is possibly even less than it was when the river fill was undergoing repairs a year ago. Traveling salesmen, in quite a few cases, have abandoned their cars and are now making their rounds by bus and train.

Civilian America Is To Sacrifice For An All-Out War Effort

War Going To Show Up In All Lines of Business in This Country

Today there probably isn't anybody in this country—farmer, villager or city man—who doesn't know we're all of us in this war. Of course, everybody knew right after Pearl Harbor that we were in for a fight. But not everyone knew what that fight was going to mean to the civilian; what he could do, what was expected of him.

Well, we know now. We know that in addition to producing as it never has before—on the farm and in mine and mill and factory and office—civilian America is going to have to sacrifice, conserve materials needed for the tanks and guns and planes and ships and uniforms and all the hundreds of things needed to create a victorious army and navy.

This war already is in the mail or order catalogues, you might say. And pretty soon it is going to show up in the clothing stores and in the five and tens and almost everywhere else. We know now that we're going to have to make the old car do and the old tires do and perhaps the old suit or dress as well. We're going to get along with less of a lot of things before we lick the Japs (who have shut us off from rubber and other vital supplies) and whip Hitler.

We know these things now, but there is something else we should realize, too. And that is that the government is going to be a lot more strict about these things.

MARCH OF DIMES DAY

Whereas, the dread disease, infantile paralysis has its many victims in our land, and whereas, since 1934 the birthday of President Roosevelt has been set aside for raising of funds to aid the needy afflicted with this malady, and whereas, we are approaching another birthday of the President when our people will be called upon to contribute again.

Now, therefore, I, J. L. Hassell, Mayor of Williamston, do hereby proclaim Saturday, January 24, 1942, as "March of Dimes Day" in Williamston and ask the people of this community to contribute as many dimes as they can in the interest of this humane cause.

J. L. Hassell, Mayor.

Illicit Business Is Hanging On By Thin Thread, Officer Says

Fifty-Three Persons Arrested In County For Alleged Liquor Law Violations

Although Martin County has had its legal liquor since July, 1935, there are those who still like the illegal or R. F. D. kind or both, according to a review of A. B. C. Officer J. H. Roebuck's report for the past twelve months. The illicit business while apparently far from being stamped out is now believed hanging on by a thin thread in this county. The future of the home industry is not at all bright, for sugar rationing threatens to gum up the works or force the use of molasses in the manufacturing business. There is some doubt if there'll be a return to the old monkey rum drunk; certainly the return will not come to pass unless conditions become more desperate than they are now.

The twelve-months report filed by Officer Roebuck shows that 134 illicit liquor stills were captured and that a total of 164 illicit liquor plants were wrecked in the county last year. Given an arbitrary value of about \$25 each, the plants represented a total investment of about \$4,000.

There was a long dry season in the county in the late summer and fall, but Officer Roebuck and what little help made available to him dampened the swamps when they poured out 61,760 gallons of beer. Figured at about 25 cents a gallon, the beer was valued as far as beverage values go at about \$15,440. In addition to the beer, the officers poured out 293 gallons of liquor which ordinarily carries a value of \$3 a gallon in semi-prosperous times.

The officers arrested 53 persons for alleged violation of the liquor laws. Of the number 48 were convicted, 27 in the federal courts. One or two cases are pending in the courts now.

Three automobiles were confiscated along with much other manufacturing equipment and materials such as sugar, meal and so on.

The officer traveled 13,076 miles handling the work and making investigations relative to the illicit business.

Commenting on the report, Officer Roebuck said that the business was advanced by small-scale operators for the most part. No large plants were found and no large-scale operators were trapped. Many of the stills were of a cheap and unusually crude type, the officer stating that possibly half the operators used old gas.

Skewarkey Lodge Installs Officers

Recently appointed, new officers were installed in a special service by the Skewarkey Masonic lodge at a regular meeting held here last Tuesday evening. Messrs. S. H. Grimes and J. C. Manning presided over the installation program.

Names of the new officers and their titles are, as follows: F. C. Stallings, Worshipful Master; K. D. Worrell, Jr., Senior Warden; H. G. Horton, Junior Warden; J. D. Woolard, Treasurer; B. D. Courtney, Secretary; J. W. Manning, Senior Deacon; E. M. Trahey, Junior Deacon; W. H. Harrison, Steward; George Harris, Jr., Steward; S. S. Brown, Tyler.

Judge R. L. Coburn Calls Dozen Cases In Recorders Court

Double Charges Are Brought In At Least Three Cases Heard by Court Monday

Calling an even dozen cases in the recorder's court in each of the last two sessions, Judge Robert L. Coburn "allows" that crime conditions while showing little or no improvement are getting no worse in Martin County. With Attorney Paul D. Robinson prosecuting the docket, the court completed its work by the noon hour. A fair-sized number of spectators were present for the session last Monday.

Proceedings: Charged with aiding and abetting in carrying a concealed weapon, Willie Taylor was adjudged not guilty. The case had been continued under prayer for judgment at a previous session of the court.

The case charging Robert C. Keys, Jr., with indecent exposure of the person was not pressed, but is subject to be reopened in the future.

Charged with assaulting another with a deadly weapon, Willie J. Dickens was adjudged guilty over his own plea of innocence and was sentenced to the roads for a term of two months. Facing a similar charge in the second case, Dickens was found guilty and sentenced to the roads for two months; the second sentence to begin at the expiration of the first.

The case charging James R. Vick with violating the motor vehicle laws, was continued for the state's witness.

Charged with larceny and receiving, Homer Johnson was sentenced to the roads for a term of three months. Facing a similar charge in a second case, Johnson pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the roads for a term of three months; the second sentence to run concurrently with the first.

The case charging G. F. Gray with violating the motor vehicle laws was continued for a state witness.

Pleading not guilty in the case charging him with non-support, Moses James was adjudged guilty and the court sentenced him to the roads for three months. The road sentence was suspended upon condition that the defendant pay \$12 a month for a period of 12 months for the use and benefit of his children, and reappear at the end of that time for further judgment. Bond was required in the sum of \$150 to guarantee the fulfillment of the judgment. The court stipulated in the judgment that the first payment was to be made on or before January 19th.

A second case, charging James with disorderly conduct and assaulting a female, was continued under prayer for judgment.

Pleading guilty in the case charging him with drunken driving, Wilmer D. Willard was sentenced to the roads for a period of six months, the court suspending sentence upon payment of a \$50 fine and costs of the court. His operator's license was revoked for one year.

Judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost in the case charging Abel Smallwood with assaulting a female. The defendant pleaded guilty in the case.

Civilian Defense Opens Office Here

The Board of Commissioners of Martin County have provided for the use of Hugh G. Horton, chairman of the Martin County Defense Council, the commissioners room in the courthouse in Williamston to conduct the operation of the Martin County Defense Council, and Miss Marjorie Fleming is clerical assistant, and is in this office each day keeping the records of the Martin County Defense Projects.

All patriotic citizens who will do so are requested to volunteer their services, and to appear at this place and register for whatever assistance they can for the protection of the lives and property of Martin County citizens during this emergency.

Similar registrations have been held in thousands of other towns and cities with much success.

AND IT'S LEGAL

Appearing before a regular meeting of the local parent-teacher association Thursday evening, Dr. Ralph McDonald was greatly impressed by a system of voting employed by the group in grade winners of the attendance awards. The grade represented by the largest number of parents is declared the winner, the rules and regulations allowing the parent to vote for each grade with a representative of his family enrolled.

The doctor was impressed when he saw Parent Landy Griffin rise time and again. "It's democratic and at the same time it is one case where it is legal to vote more than one time," McDonald commented, his thoughts, no doubt, going back to some of North Carolina's political contests.

Martin Farmers Applying for 1941 Soil Conservation Checks

Approximately 850 of the 1,650 farmers in this county have already applied for their 1941 soil conservation payments, Miss Mary Carstarphen of the farm agent's office said this morning. Other applications are being prepared and just as soon as they are made ready, the farmers will be notified by direct mail to report to the agent's office and sign the applications. The first of the applications were signed by a few farmers as far back as last November, and those who have already applied for the payments are cautioned it will not be necessary for them to sign again.

No accurate figures are available at this time, but it is estimated that at least 96 per cent of the farmers in

this county earned 95 per cent or more of the payments proposed under the 1941 soil conservation program, meaning that nearly \$150,000 will be paid to Martin County farmers during the next few weeks. No checks have been received so far, but some are expected on or about the first of next month, Miss Carstarphen said. The total payments for 1941 are understood to be considerably larger than those received by farmers in this county for the year 1941.

In addition to the approximately \$150,000 expected under the soil conservation program, farmers in this county will receive a fairly sizable amount in parity payments. No estimate on the size of these expected payments could be had, however.

Enemies From Within Threaten This Nation

Dr. Ralph McDonald In Timely Address To Parents-Teachers

Before Victory Can Be Had We Must Declare War On Threatening Enemies

Four strong enemies are threatening the security and the future of this nation, and before victory can be had we must declare war on those enemies, Dr. Ralph McDonald, noted educator and associate director of the University of North Carolina Extension Division, told the Williamston Parent-Teacher Association in a timely address here in the high school auditorium last evening.

Featuring the evening program following a solo by Mrs. James H. Smith, Dr. McDonald's address was offered in a serious vein, the sparkle and vim so evident in his former talks to audiences here being marked by their absence last night.

Pointing out that this country is already in its most crucial period, Dr. McDonald declared that neither Germany, Japan nor Italy could conquer us, but he warned in a striking way that there are other enemies against which we have not yet declared war. "If we are not victorious in a reasonable time, it will not be because of the Axis strength, but it will be because of other enemies against which we may declare war too late," he said.

The first of the enemies lurking within our land, according to the speaker, is over-confidence. "How many of you have expressed the belief, 'Oh, sure, we will win'?" he asked. "Because the Lord has given us vast resources and a rich country to exploit and because our forefathers through their sacrifices and by their toil laid strong foundations, we have become over-confident," the educator said. "But I tell you we have not been victorious. We have been defeated so far in this war, and it was not at the hands of the Japs even though in the first month they have accomplished their major objective—the control of virtually all of the Pacific," he added.

"If we drift along and do nothing we will be disappointed. We have resources but they have not been harnessed. Though we are possessed with the greatest resources ever bestowed on any nation, we can lose by over-confidence," Dr. McDonald said in using the Duke defeat at the hands of Oregon State as an example.

The second enemy threatening within our own borders is selfishness, but Mr. McDonald did not lodge the charge against any one group or groups. "Most of us have been selfish," he said, and then he cited the Dollar-a-Year men in Washington. "Some of them are little more than lobbyists; in fact, congressional investigations have proven that contracts had been gained for certain companies by some of those men. Last year the automobile industry chinked up a record production. The politicians did and are striving for

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Collects Clothing And Lands In Jail

Homer Johnson, wanderer, just about cleaned out the closets for roomers in the Cowen boarding house on East Main Street here a few days ago, and was this week sentenced by Judge R. L. Coburn in the recorder's court to the roads for six months.

Johnson, claiming he was from Baltimore but who officers learned is from Mississippi, stole two suits of clothes, an overcoat and hat from Kader Godard, a pair of shoes from Herbert Hyman, and a suit of clothes and suitcase from another roomer by the name of Perry.

Johnson was arrested a few hours after he left the rooming house by Chief W. B. Daniel on the river fill.

LONE EAGLE



The only one out of fifteen young men eligible to answer the 19th draft call in this county last week, Howard Cone is now soldering for Uncle Sam down at Camp Wheeler, Ga.

Drive For All Old Scrap Iron Going Forward In County

Farmers Are Again Urged to Check Their Needs and Place Orders Now

The all-out drive for the collection of old scrap iron and metals while far from a desired peak is gaining momentum in this county. Reports from the two licensed dealers, Messrs. Roy Ward and W. K. Parker, in Williamston, state that deliveries are increasing daily, that cooperative shipments by truck are moving to their yards daily from various parts of the county. Farmers and others who did not participate in the collection of scrap iron to furnish the Japs not so many months ago, are now collecting the

old metals and making them available for use in making bullets to go after the dastardly Japs. As far as it could be learned, no large collection of the metals has been effected in this immediate area, but in other sections the farmers are collecting the material as community undertakings. One farmer furnishes the truck and others furnish the labor and meet the operating expenses in getting the old iron to the dealers.

Numbers of blast furnaces have been closed down in Ohio by shortages in scrap iron, the technicians explaining that the old iron is needed to "sweeten" the new ore and without it they are helpless to carry on operations. Prices, ranging around 40 cents a hundred pounds, have been fixed by government or

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CAR TAX STAMPS

Automobiles, trucks and motorcycles will be as of the first of next month subject to a license tax. Having a base rate of \$5 a year, the tax will amount to \$2.09 for the period of February-June, inclusive. The motor vehicle owner after buying the stamp at any post office will be required to buy a one-cent stamp and mail a card to the collector of internal revenue.

No stamps had been received by the local post office up until yesterday, and its make-up and the way in which it will be used could not be definitely determined. It is understood that the stamp will be pasted on the car windshield.

Bicycles, baby carriages, wheelbarrows and horse-drawn vehicles are exempt.

Nation Continuing Its Plans For War On Extensive Scale

Japs Continue Their Drive Toward Singapore; Russians Still Advancing

Even while its own armies are being attacked by overwhelming odds and while other nations continue their fight against the common enemy, the United States is still talking about what it is going to do. Surely, this nation has done more than many think it has done, and there is some encouragement in the appointment of Donald Nelson to head the nation's production and in the plans for doubling the Army to 3,600,000 in 1942. At the present time, however, anxious eyes are turned to the Far Pacific where the Japs, after having already gained a major part of their objective in that area, are still fighting General Douglas MacArthur in the Philippines and the British forces in Malaya where the Jap drive toward Singapore is apparently gaining momentum.

There is little doubt but what the picked forces from the world's two largest nations are now engaging in guerrilla warfare.

While the allied forces in the Far East are feverishly begging for help, Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles yesterday in Rio de Janeiro pledged United States help to the Latin powers.

Australian soldiers are now believed in the fight, but instead of taking an offensive they apparently are on the defensive. Refugees, fleeing the fighting in upper Malaya, are pouring into Singapore where observers think the big battle of the Far Pacific will get underway shortly. There is still hope that the United States and Britain have and are sending aid and preparing to make a determined stand before Japan accomplishes a knock-out blow.

After successfully beating back the Japanese several times, General MacArthur and his men are facing a renewed and more determined attack today, but the late reports do not indicate the tide of the latest attack.

A costly blow was dealt Japan on the high seas yesterday when one of its 17,000-ton merchant ships built in 1939 was sent to the bottom by a United States submarine. One report claimed that the liner had been converted into an aircraft carrier and that it was supporting Japanese operations. There's growing concern over the submarine menace in the Atlantic. An oil tanker, Norross, was sunk about 150 miles off Long Island Wednesday, and according to another report just confirmed another tanker was torpedoed by enemy submarines prowling in sight of the Atlantic Coast yesterday. The ship was of foreign registry, but loss of life, if any, was not reported.

Information coming out of Africa is meager, but the Germans are said to be making a stand, and the mopping-up operations by the British are not yet complete. Free French forces are joining the British there and the assault on the Germans is expected to gather momentum.

Russia is still driving Hitler back from Moscow, reports describing the German retreat as being similar to that of Napoleon's. Even while Hitler is paying dearly for his campaign in Russia, U. S. Navy Secretary Frank Knox warns that the German military machine is still the greatest in the world. But it is quite evident that it can hardly better the record maintained during six weeks by the yellow Japs.

Feats of bravery are common among the Pacific defenders. General MacArthur and his men have already accomplished more than was to be expected. At Tarakan, a Dutch garrison volunteered for suicide duty. For 96 hours they held the in-

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Large Stamp And Bond Sales Here

The people of this section continue to do their part in the drive to keep America free. The Post Office and the banks report that their supply of defense bonds of all denominations were sold out several days before Christmas.

Total sales at the Post Office for November and December amounted to \$6,768.75, with most of this amount being stamps of small denominations. Heavy buyers at the Post Office are children who buy 10 cent and 25 cent stamps.

Approximately \$143.00 in savings stamps were sold from January 8th to January 9th. This is an average of \$37.75 a day, and is equal to about the average daily sales.

Incomplete reports from the banks show that total sales for November and December of 1941 amounted to \$22,250.25. No sales have been made in January because no bonds were available immediately, and those which were on hand previously were sold before Christmas.

The Post Office reports that it now has a supply of bonds of all denominations, and anyone who was unable to purchase a bond before the supply was exhausted, is urged to come by the Post Office and buy the bonds now.