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Explains Status Of Married Men Under Selective Service Act

Dependency Rather Than Marriage Itself Is Test For Deferment

In an effort to dispel some of the confusion which seems to have arisen throughout the State as a result of publication of the new Selective Service Regulations, State Headquarters of Selective Service today issued the following statement:

There seems to be widespread misunderstanding of the Selective Service Regulations regarding married men. The following provisions of the law and regulations are pertinent on that subject:

1. Section 5 (e) of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940 provides: "... No deferment from training and service shall be made in the case of any individual except upon the basis of the status of such individual, and no such deferment shall be made ... of groups of individuals

"This provision in the law itself would prevent the blanket deferment of "married men" simply because they are married. Neither Nation nor State Headquarters has ever authorized the automatic deferment of married men, regardless of the date of their marriage. On the contrary, local boards have repeatedly been cautioned that each individual case must be considered on its own merits.

2. Deferment in Class III-A must be based on dependency. Section 622.32 of Selective Service Regulations defines a dependent as follows: "A person shall be considered a registrant's dependent only when all of the following conditions are satisfied:

"(1) Such person must be the registrant's wife, divorced wife, child, parent, grandparent, brother, or sister, or must be a person under 18 years of age, or a person of any age who is physically or mentally handicapped, whose support the registrant has assumed in good faith; and

"(2) Such person must either be a United States citizen or live in the United States citizen or live in the sessions; and

"(3) Such person, at the time the registrant is classified, must depend in fact for support in a reasonable manner, in view of such person's circumstances, on income earned by the registrant by his work in business, occupation, or employment (including employment on work relief projects but excluding employment as an enrollee in the Civilian Conservation Corps and similar employment in the National Youth Administration.)

"(4) Such person must in fact regularly receive from the registrant contributions (including payments to a divorced wife) to the support of such person, and such contributions must not be merely a small part of such person's support. Even though the registrant is unable to furnish to such person money or other support for temporary periods because of the registrant's physical or economic situation, he may be considered to be regularly contributing to such person's support if such person and the community look upon the registrant as the normal source of such person's support."

3. Section 622.31 of Selective Service Regulations provides that no registrant shall be placed in Class III-A if he acquired dependency status on or after September 16, 1940 (the date of the adoption of the Selective Service Act) and before December 8, 1941, unless he presents information which convinces the local board when classifying him that such status was not voluntarily acquired at a time when his selection was imminent or for the primary purpose of providing him with a basis for deferment. No registrant shall be placed in Class III-A if he acquired dependency status on or after December 8, 1941, unless he presents information which convinces the local board when classifying him that such status was acquired under circumstances which were beyond his control.

4. It should be noted that the classification of married men will be considered under three separate rules:

(a) A registrant who married be-

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Sixth Graders Will Collect Old Paper

In answer to government calls, children in the sixth grade room of Mrs. Mildred Talley Crawford will canvass the town tomorrow afternoon for old newspapers and magazines. People of the community are urged to join in the effort to conserve materials by placing the bundles of paper on their porches, where the children can reach them without disturbing the householder. The grade will make a canvass each Wednesday afternoon, storing the paper at school until arrangements for removal are made.

Several telephone calls to the school were made last week by citizens interested in delivering paper in response to government requests. Those persons wanting to bring old paper to the school may leave it at the entrance to the grammar school building.

Tax Listing In County Shows Speed as Deadline Approaches

After getting off to a slow start, tax listing in most of the ten county townships is showing more speed, the authorities having solemnly announced that no extension for handling the work would be granted and that late-listers would be made subject to penalties provided by law. And those who refuse or otherwise fail to list their earthly belongings will be made subject to prosecution in the courts, according to instructions coming from the superior court.

Commenting on the listing work, Supervisor C. D. Carstarphen said yesterday that possibly more than half of the county citizens had listed, but that hardly half of the property had been given in for taxation. There is every indication that the list-takers will be rushed as the period for listing draws to a close on

DESERTERS

General J. Van B. Metts, State Director of Selective Service, announced today that under the provisions of Federal law, all persons who desert the military service in time of war are deemed to have voluntarily relinquished and forfeited their rights to become citizens.

Such deserters are forever incapable of holding any office of trust or profit under the United States or exercising any rights of citizens thereof.

General Metts further stated that, in view of the serious consequences of desertion in time of war, it is to be hoped that all selectees on leave from their organization will not let anything whatever interfere with their reporting back for duty on the day required.

Rationing Board In County Has Surplus Of Car-Truck Tires

Certificates of Purchase Are Issued by Three-Member Board Monday

Adjourning their regular weekly meeting here yesterday afternoon, members of the Martin County tire rationing board reported a surplus on hand of both automobile and truck tires, indicating that the needs of those included in the rationing classifications are not as great as were expected by the allotment board. In reporting the surplus, Board Chairman C. C. Martin, of Jamesville, explained that tires could be issued to any applicant who needed them. At the present time, the board has a surplus of seventeen truck and two or three automobile tires. It is quite possible that the surplus will be wiped out and the quota used up at the meeting of the board next Monday between the hours of 10 a. m. and 12 noon.

Receiving instructions not to ration tires in advance, the board will likely hold a meeting next Monday and a second one on the following Friday or Saturday.

Comparatively few applications for certificates of purchase were filed with the board for consideration this week. One of the applicants whose application was held in abeyance at a previous meeting of the rationing board is planning to carry an appeal to the county chairman of civilian defense and it is possible that the appeal will reach Raleigh.

This week the board granted certificates to four automobile owners for the purchase of seven car tires. Six of the tires wanted were of the obsolete type, meaning that while certificates are needed before they can be purchased they are not charged against the county quota. The certificates of purchase are issued to any applicant for tires of the obsolete type, but it is up to the owner to find the odd-sized tires. Certificates for obsolete type tires were issued to M. F. VanNortwick and W. B. Everett of Robersonville, and J. O. Bunting of Parmele. The only certificate of purchase for a regular tire was issued to J. R. Simpson who explained in his application that it was needed in maintaining the mail service.

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Increased Number Bicycles Is Cause For Much Concern

Two Hurt in County Yesterday in Bicycle-Truck-Car Accidents

The increased number of bicycles on the streets and highways is already causing much concern in safety circles in the State and nation. An all-out return to slow traffic would provide a place for the bicycle, but as it now is the vehicle mixture can only aggravate the traffic dangers on streets and the highways. It is possible that the exercise of supreme care will permit both types of vehicles to operate with a certain degree of safety, but judging from two accidents in this county the cyclist has got to learn that he can't successfully attack a motor vehicle and come out with cuts and broken bones.

There were two accidents in which bicycles figured in the county yesterday afternoon and possibly there were fifty other instances in which accidents were narrowly avoided. One officer stated he saw two youths clear automobile bumpers with their wheels by inches.

Blount Moore, 51-year-old colored man, was badly cut and bruised yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock when he ran his bicycle into the rear end of a long truck-trailer near Everett's. Riding west toward Everett's on his right side on Highway 64, Blount was not run over by the truck driven by Johnnie Weaver, colored man of Wilson. Weaver said he turned out for the man, that apparently before the trailer had passed him, Moore turned to his left and struck the rear part of the machine. Resembling a snow ball, Moore and the bicycle rolled over several times and skidded into a ditch about 12 steps away. The truck driver, feeling a jar, looked back just in time to see the man and wheel go into the ditch. He stopped a passing motorist, picked up Moore and brought him to the local hospital where his condition was said to be favorable today.

Two hours later, Palmer White, Jr., riding a borrowed wheel down Simmons Avenue, plowed into a car driven by Seaton Earnhardt Phelps, Jr., at the Smithwick Street intersection. Pushing the bicycle about as rapidly as he could, White applied his brakes and skidded into the car. Phelps was driving at a very moderate speed and brought the car to a stop within a few feet from the scene of the crash. White, eleven years old and who lives on the Everett's Road, a short distance this side of the county home, suffered two broken ribs, a slight concussion and bruises.

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Lions Club Will Stage Show Here

"Mystery At Midnight," a three-act comedy, will be presented here Thursday and Friday nights of this week in the high school auditorium. The show, sponsored by the Lions Club, boasts an all male cast.

Miss Michelene Penna, director, came to Williamston last Friday and began rehearsals of the play immediately. "Mystery At Midnight" is a three-act comedy. Modern girls intent on getting their man will get some valuable tips from Elvira Nosegay, an old maid who is out to get old Professor Rockhottom. Elvira is played by Bennie Weaver and the luckless professor is played by Earl Miller.

Others of importance in the cast are Lawrence Rudisill, who fancies himself another Sherlock Holmes; Sarah, the Hindu maid of wealthy Mrs. Holloway who fancies herself Sherlock's Watson, is played by J. W. Manning. Jack Fitzgerald is Mrs. Holloway.

Minor characters are H. O. Peele as Jack Murphrey, the taxi driver; Cotton Davis as the villain; Jim Critcher as the bride; G. V. Flowers as the groom; John Eagles as the flirt; Gaylord Harrison as Judge Rollins, and Roy Ward as the stranger who does strange things.

Proceeds from the play will go to the Lions aid-to-the-blind fund. Make your plans to attend now. Admission is 17 cents for children under 12 and 40 cents for adults.

GLOOMY OUTLOOK

Discussing the farm outlook in his community for the coming season, Farmer Henry Early surrounded it with a bit of gloom. Pointing out the growing shortage in farm labor, Mr. Early confessed that it looked as if "we are going to be forced to go to work ourselves, and that is enough to cast gloom over any situation."

The outlook is aggravated by the call for increased acreages in peanuts and other crops, and as Mr. Early pointed out, it is bad when you add to one end and subtract from the other when it comes to producing crops.

Funeral services are being conducted at the late home this afternoon at 2 o'clock by Elders B. S. Cowin, A. B. Ayers and Rev. W. B. Harrington. Interment will follow in the family plot, near the home.

The Sixth Week Of The War

The President established a War Production Board headed by Donald M. Nelson, former mail-order firm executive and more recently Executive Director of SPAB and Priorities Director. The President directed Mr. Nelson to "exercise general direction over the war procurement and production program," to supervise the OPM and issue production and procurement directives where necessary to all other Government agencies. The President said Mr. Nelson's decisions shall be final. Vice President Wallace and other members of the SPAB, now abolished, were made members of the War Production Board.

No definite trend on the total valuation can be had at this time, but

several townships are likely to show gains while others are expected to hold their own. The elimination of crops and provisions from the list of taxable articles is being more than offset in most cases by large poultry flock listings.

DESERTERS

more women must be trained and brought into the labor force to take the place of men going into the armed services. He asked employers not to bar aliens in war industries except in plants turning out secret weapons.

Director Odulum of the OPM Contract Distribution Division said a plan has been prepared to set aside one per cent of all available materials to assist small manufacturers in keeping their plants going until they can be converted to war use. He said the nation's entire production facilities—all of those "hidden away" in thousands of cities and towns and villages—must join in the total war effort. He asked all mayors to have every manufacturer in their cities register at the nearest OPM Contract Distribution Division field office and to "go after war contracts with every ounce of ingenuity and energy they possess."

The War Front

The Navy Department reported the sinking of five enemy vessels in Far Eastern waters—three transports and two large cargo ships. The announcement brought to 25 the total of Japanese vessels reported definitely sunk by the Navy and Marine Corps in the Pacific. The Navy also announced two allied merchant vessels were attacked by Axis submarines off Long Island. Throughout the week Gen. MacArthur reported

heavy land and air fighting in the Philippines but said American and Philippine troops were putting up effective resistance and U. S. losses were low.

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Ten Answer Call For Civilian Defense Volunteers In County

While most everyone in this country

is

already volunteering their services

in one capacity or another. Volunteer

firemen have already accepted more

or less definite assignments, but it is

quite likely that auxiliary firemen

will be called from the civilian

defense volunteer list. And then

there are those who are doing their

bit closer home to the people of this

section last Sunday afternoon when

they attacked and sank a large oil

tanker belonging to the Standard Oil Company off the North Carolina coast. A second tanker was attacked

yesterday, but it was said to have

limped into port. The latest attack

was reported off Hatteras, the Navy

withholding definite locations and

other detailed information.

It is believed that the enemy is

operating a fair-sized number along

the Atlantic Coast, and it is also believed

that the U. S. Navy is moving in fast to handle the challenge.

The large tanker, Allan Jackson,

sank Sunday afternoon reported 22