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Explains Why Large Numbers of Men Are Sent Back By Army

Eighty Out of Ninety Men Are Said To Have Been Rejected Recently

Unable to understand why so many men have been and are still being rejected by the Army, the general public will read with interest the explanation offered this week by the Selective Service. Just before the explanation was offered, it was learned that out of ninety colored men passing through here last week for the Army induction centers 80 were rejected and sent back home.

The explanation: The current high rate of rejections of selectees at the induction station is disturbing to the public mind. This is understandable since the public is so vitally interested in every phase of Selective Service. There is a satisfactory explanation for it and the public is entitled to that explanation.

Prior to January 1, 1942, complete physical examinations were given the selectees by local board examining physicians. After a few months of experience, these physicians were passing men who very closely met the Army's requirements. Rejections at the induction station at that time were almost entirely of men with borderline conditions, men who had contracted diseases between the time of their local examinations and the time of their delivery for induction, and men rejected as a result of the chest X-rays which were never a part of the local examination.

Under the regulations now in force, the local examining physicians do not make a comprehensive examination. In fact, they make only a casual, "screening" examination and are guided by a list of defects, one part of which sets forth non-remediable physical conditions which manifestly disqualify the selectee for all military service, and the second part of which sets forth those non-remediable physical conditions which manifestly disqualify for general military service, but qualify for limited service. The local examining physician has no alternative but to follow this list specifically. With these limitations, the examining physician can reject little more than the obviously unfit.

Another reason for the large number of rejections is that local boards no longer have the authority to disqualify registrants who are below

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Tire Rationing Is Completed for June By Board Yesterday

Ministers Favored with Last Allotments for New Car Tires and Tubes

The Martin County Tire Rationing Board exhausted its June quotas down to the last old recapped tire and innertube Monday and eagerly awaited the announcement of the county's July allotment, which, according to unofficial reports will be slightly larger than the one for June.

It was pointed out, however, that a larger allotment does not mean that there will be tires and tubes for everybody. On the contrary, it is likely that classifications will be examined even more closely than in the past.

In exhausting the June allotment, Board Members J. A. Everett, H. L. Roebuck and C. C. Martin favored the ministerial group, allotting two new tires to Rev. John Hardy, Episcopal minister of Williamston; two tubes to Rev. Daniel C. Boone, of Robersonville, and three tubes to Rev. Andrew Ernest Purvis, of RFD 1, Bethel. Four car tire tubes were also allotted to Farmer W. B. Cannon, of RFD 1, Hobgood.

The last recapped tires for cars to be allotted from the June quota went to the following:

Frank Leathers, RFD 1, Hobgood, tire and tube for ministerial work.

Foy Rogerson, Robersonville, two tires and two tubes for farm work. Rogerson explained to the board that two tires and tubes and a wheel were stolen off his car last Friday night. "They went right into my yard and defied a big German police dog and a ferocious bull and got the tires," the farmer explained.

J. B. Mallory, Palmyra RFD 1, a tire for farm work.

Woodrow Tyson, Oak City, four tires for maintaining farm machinery and tractors.

The only obsolete tire and tube allotted went to H. G. Norman, Robersonville, for farm work.

The following applications were rejected: William-Samuel Faulk, Williamston ice dealer, four truck tires and four tubes. It was explained in the application that deliveries were to consumers only.

John H. Roberson, RFD 3, Williamston, one trailer tire. The application, based on a farm classification, pointed out that one tire was

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Tire Rationing Board to Make Change In Its Meeting Dates

Finding that their free contributions to the defense effort are badly interrupting their farm work, Martin County tire rationing board members announced yesterday that they would be forced to change their meeting dates, that beginning this week they will meet on Thursdays instead of Monday. In making the change, the board members will not skip next Thursday, but will contribute just that much more of their free time to the rationing cause. Vehicle operators who are able to establish classifications are urged to note the change for their own convenience. The general public, interested in placing applications for surplus sugar for canning are urged to file their claims or requests on other days besides Thursday. It is asking too much of the board to file applications for sugar and crowd the room on regular meeting days. Applications for surplus sugar are receivable any week day between 8 a. m. and 5 p. m. beginning next Tuesday.

Draft Registration Is Off To A Slow Start

SPECIAL SCHOOL

Tom McMillan, special Civilian Defense instructor, will conduct a school in the county court-house Wednesday evening, July 1st, at 8:30 o'clock for air raid wardens and auxiliary firemen. All civilian defense workers in addition to the two groups mentioned are urged to attend and the general public is invited to the meeting. Defense Coordinator W. I. Skinner for Martin County announced.

The meeting will deal with timely topics in connection with the defense effort.

Man Is Critically Stabbed On Street Here On Saturday

S. L. Woolard, Army Deserter, Arrested for Attacking C. W. Moore

Clarence Wallace Moore, young county colored man, is in a Washington hospital, hanging on to life with a thread as a result of a knife attack made upon him by Samuel L. Woolard, colored, on the street near the depot here last Saturday evening about 8:30 o'clock. The attack was said to have climaxed an argument the two men had earlier in the day, police admitting that it was next to impossible to unravel the evidence and gain a true picture of what happened and how.

Stabbed in the chest and right near the heart, Moore was picked up and carried to the doctor in an unconscious condition by Officer J. H. Allsbrooks. Death was expected momentarily, but Dr. E. T. Walker gave the victim first aid and a few minutes later he started talking. Said to have been drinking, Moore was either drunk or delirious when he declared James Gilmore attacked him. Officers picked up a clew immediately from witnesses who said Woolard did the stabbing, that they saw him wiping the blood from his long-bladed swing knife. Woolard was arrested near here Sunday evening by Officers C. B. Roebuck, John Roebuck, W. E. Saunders and Constable Chas. Moore. No preliminary hearing has been scheduled in the case.

Moore, said to have been drinking and cursing on the streets earlier that evening, was carried before Mayor John L. Hassell by Constable Moore. He was released a few minutes later in the custody of his wife who was to return him here for

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Consumers Look To Home Markets

The value of local markets is fast being established as the war expands to claim the output of the large packers and producers. Retail dealers explain that the big packers have already started rationing their meat deliveries, that a large percentage of their products are going to the Army and Navy and Marines.

Rationing in this case does not mean that there will be a marked shortage of meats, but it does mean that civilian consumers will have to look to their home markets and packers for much of their food, if not all of it.

Anticipating the increased demands, Roberson's Slaughter House here has been urging farmers to increase their stock and make deliveries as rapidly as possible. Late reports from the business firm state that purchases are running ahead of those a year ago, that prices for top hogs last week-end were strong at \$13.50.

Today is the last day for retailers, including filling stations handling groceries, to file their price ceiling lists with the board. On Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week, the board will be wrapped up, literally speaking, with the gas registration and it is likely that little or any other business will be handled by the board at that time.

As it does the customer at the corner grocery or drug store. Under this ceiling are the highest prices which may be set by laundries and furniture repairmen, the most that may be charged by auto parking lots and dry cleaners, locksmiths and gunsmiths and morticians.

All these additions to the price control structure—the whole great list would fill innumerable pages—fall into the category of what are called "consumer services." They are controlled as of July 1 by a new Office of Price Administration Regulation which transfers all such services connected with commodities from the General Maximum Price Regulations and sets them up under a special system in recognition of the fact that they constitute special problems.

No More Than Three Hundred Registered In County At Noon

Slight Changes Are Announced in Classification of Registrants

The fifth draft registration in Martin County is progressing slowly according to incomplete reports received here at noon today. Up until that time no more than three hundred men between the ages of 18 and 20 years, inclusive, had registered. Only seventy men had registered at the Legion Hut in Williamston, the other registration centers in the county reporting little activity during the morning hours. It is estimated that between 600 and 650 young men are within the registration age limit in the county but the preliminary reports indicate that the total will fall below that figure.

Registrations will be in order until 9 p. m. this evening in this county. Any young man in the registration age group who fails for one reason or another to register today should report to the county draft board in Williamston immediately.

Those young men who are under 20 years of age and who are registering today will not be subject to call to military service immediately, and possibly not before some time in 1943. However, upon attaining the age of 20 years, they will be given serial and order numbers according to birthdays rather than by a national drawing. For instance, the man who was born on January 1, 1922, will be given the first order number in the fifth registration, and so on down the line until all 20-year-olds are made subject to draft call.

A few minor changes in the rules and regulations governing the classification of all registrants were officially announced this week by R. H. Goodmon, chairman of the draft board in this county. The changes, it was pointed out, will make no material difference in the practices followed by the board in this county, and in other counties where the 1-A group has been exhausted no material change is expected. The only change ordered will follow the recognition of those marriages consummated between September, 1939, and December 7, 1941. Those men who married between those dates were single in the eyes of the selective service. Under the new ruling marriage status for those men who married between those dates will be recognized, but those men who married on or after last December 7th are still single as far as the selective service act is concerned, it was definitely pointed out in the new regulations.

The new rules, generally in effect in this county all the while, call for the classification of men in 1-A in the following order: First, all single men; second, all single men with dependents; third, all married men without children; and, fourth, all married men with children. It was pointed out that the new ruling does not assure any man draft immunity, that it is possible, but hardly likely, all men will be called into the service before this war is ended.

More County Men Sign Up For Armed Service

Volunteering their services a short time ago, three more Martin County men, Dr. J. T. Llewellyn and Hubert Blount, both local men, and P. C. Blount, Jr., of Jamesville, have been instructed to report for service in July. The medicine man will enter the Army at the direction of recruiting headquarters in Richmond, the latter part of July, and Messrs. Blount and Cook will report in Baltimore on the 13th for service in the Coast Guard.

War As It Relates To Home Front Is Reviewed for Week

Price Ceiling for Nearly All Articles and Many Services

The price ceiling covers all of Main Street now. It stands above the cash register in the shoeshine shop as well as at the butcher's; it has been extended until it shields the man who wants a clock repaired or his hat blocked quite as much

as it does the customer at the corner grocery or drug store. Under this ceiling are the highest prices which may be set by laundries and furniture repairmen, the most that may be charged by auto parking lots and dry cleaners, locksmiths and gunsmiths and morticians.

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The extension to the roof which shelters us from the high cost of living is a sizable one. The number of establishments of one sort or another which are affected has been estimated at pretty close to 1,000,000 while the total amount spent by the buying public for the wide range of services covered amounts to more than \$5,000,000,000 a year.

For the most part the services controlled are services sold at retail, and hence the order is one which will be reflected—and happily—in almost every family budget.

It will, for instance, be reflected in what the average family pays for repairs to all sorts of things and repair services, with new goods be-

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Memorial Service For Jackson Youth

An impressive memorial service was held in the Jamesville Christian Church last Sunday evening at 6 o'clock for Austin Randolph Jackson, one of five Martin County youths who have sacrificed their lives in the service of their country since including Pearl Harbor.

During the musical prelude, members of the family, including the young man's mother, Mrs. Ora Jackson Burnett, were seated, followed by the several speakers, The Star Spangled Banner was played as the processional, and as the colors were advanced the congregation stood at attention. Preceded by the cross bearer, the choir entered singing, "Onward Christian Soldiers." The doxology was followed by a call to worship and invocation. The choir sang, "Sometime We'll Understand." While the pianist played, "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," and as the banner with gold star was being raised by Mrs. Grace Brewer, Herbert Gardner, Jr., read, "Austin Randolph Jackson, Born December 15, 1922. Died in the service of his country February 14, 1942, at Pearl Harbor." Ella Ange then plucked petals from white rose and placed them in a white box.

Fitting tributes were paid to the memory of the youth in brief messages by the following: Rev. J. M. Perry, Robersonville minister; E. H. Ange, Sunday school superintendent; Albert S. Peel, for the county; Eugene Taylor, family ties; Ghurman Ange, friendship, and Rev. R. A. Phillips, pastor. The choir sang special numbers including, "The Son of God Goes Forth to War" and "Lead On, O King Eternal." Mrs. C. Davernport sang a solo, and as the audience stood in silence for the dead, taps were sounded by Frank Weaver. "The Star Spangled Banner" was used as the recessional following the benediction. The colors were retired, followed in order by the speakers, cross, choir, and family.

The service was largely attended, friends and acquaintances in the community and from over the county filling the church to pay tribute to the memory of the youth whose body lies at rest at Pearl Harbor where it will remain for the duration.

BUS LINE

The first runs on the new Williamston-Roanoke Rapids bus line were made this morning. Inaugurating the new service on the last day before a government order "freezes" all bus routes, the Ricks Transfer Company, operators of Greenville, did not have sufficient time to complete a permanent schedule. The company's first bus left here this morning at 6:50 and returned at 10:50. The next outbound bus left at 1:05 p. m. and will return late this evening. It is understood the schedule is subject to change. Several passengers made the trip on the initial run.

County Tax Rate For The New Fiscal Year Tentatively Set At \$1.30 By County Board Monday

Scrap Rubber Collection Has Been Extended Until July 10

Falling far short of even conservative expectation, the drive for scrap rubber underway during the past two weeks has been extended another ten days by Presidential proclamation and is to end on the night of Friday, July 10th. Through last Saturday, only 219,000 tons had been collected in all the nation, authorities declaring that the amount will fall far short in relieving the shortage for actual war needs. Hoarding by some junk dealers has been suggested, and the campaign apparently has not gained the support from the people, as a whole.

In some sections, rubber mats have been snatched from doorways and automobiles, but in other sections

the collection task has been ignored. Rubber mats have been removed from the White House and placed in the rubber pool, the act clearly indicating the seriousness of the rubber shortage. Complete reports from the drive in this county are not yet available, but the best estimates point to a collection of between 65,000 and 75,000 pounds. The Sinclair station in Williamston, reporting more than 20,000 pounds on its pile in the main street, is understood to be leading the collection campaign in this county. No report could be had from the Standard company, but the Texaco dealers in the county are said to have accumulated between 35,000 and 45,000 pounds.

Supplemental Gas Cards Are Issued In Large Numbers

Sneaking Idea That Quite a Few July Fourth Trips Are in the Cards

Supplemental gas rationing cards are still going like hot cakes in this county, causing one to wonder just what is going to happen when the lid is clamped down when the new rationing system goes into effect on Wednesday, July 22nd. There is no cause to doubt it and no one doubts it, but more people are being hauled to doctors in Martin County than around the battlefields of the war, and more hired help is being hauled this year than ever before.

Then there is the Fourth of July holiday just a few days off, and while representatives would not say so there is a sneaking idea floating around indicating that there are quite a few holiday trips in the cards.

Supplemental cards were issued to the following during the past week:

- J. F. Flanagan, RFD 1, Hobgood, A minus four units.
- C. L. Keel, RFD 1, Robersonville, one B-2 minus two units.
- Wesley Alston Gurganus, Jamesville, A minus five units.
- Anna S. Harrison, Williamston, A minus five units.
- C. T. Flanagan, RFD 1, Hobgood, A minus five units.
- W. C. Windley, Williamston, A minus four units.
- J. C. Williams, Oak City, A minus two units.
- A. H. Hardison, RFD 1, Jamesville, A minus three units.
- R. J. Sydenstricker, Plymouth and Hamilton, one B-1.
- Evan Cherry, RFD 1, Robersonville, A minus three units.
- Wheeler Staton, RFD 1, Oak City, A minus two units.
- J. H. Biggs, RFD 2, Williamston, A minus five units.
- Wm. Lee Dickens, Whitakers, A minus four units.
- Claude Clark, RFD 1, Robersonville, A minus four units.
- Bithel Braddy, RFD 1, Bethel, A minus six units.
- R. H. Edmondson, RFD 1, Robersonville, A minus four units.
- W. G. Peele, Williamston, two B-3's and an A minus one unit.
- J. M. Jamison, Williamston, A minus six units.
- William R. Gaynor, Rocky Mount, A minus three units.
- C. C. Fleming, Jamesville, B-1 minus seven units.
- Annie Hopkins, Jamesville, A minus three units.
- H. R. Short, RFD 1, Oak City, A minus three units.
- Edgar H. Harrell, RFD 1, Oak City, A minus one unit.
- W. E. Terry, RFD 1, Robersonville, A minus two units.
- J. G. Forbes, RFD 1, Robersonville, A minus three units.
- Wm. H. Davis, RFD 1, Jamesville, A minus two units.
- Lester Bailey, RFD 2, Williamston, A minus three units.
- R. A. Haislip, RFD 1, Oak City, one B-2 minus three units.
- J. V. Andrews, RFD 2, Robersonville, A minus one unit.
- W. B. Cannon, RFD 1, Hobgood, A minus three units.

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Escapes Injury In Car Accident Last Saturday

Buddy Rogers, young county white man, escaped injury when he lost control of his car and the machine crashed into a culvert on the Washington Road near here last Saturday night about 9 o'clock. Investigating the accident, Corporal Thompson of the Highway Patrol, said that damage to the car would hardly exceed \$50. Rogers was detained on a drunk-driving charge.

EARLY EDITION

In an effort to effect delivery without delay, The Enterprise will be published a day ahead of its schedule the latter part of this week. No rural deliveries will be made on Saturday, and to get the paper into the hands of readers without delay, the publishers plan to go to press with it Thursday evening for delivery in the rural areas Friday. Public announcements and other items for publication in the last edition of the week are urged to get their copy in immediately.

According to present plans, the paper force will join the other business houses in the observance of the July Fourth holiday next Monday, meaning that no edition will be issued next Tuesday. Unable to get new machines, several of the old ones will be yanked out and reworked during the brief breathing spell.

Axis Are Offering Serious Threat To Imperials in Egypt

Fall of Suez Will Not Mean War Is Lost, But It Will Prolong War

After mopping up the British Imperial forces in Libya and capturing vast supplies of armaments including American tanks, Marshal Rommel's German forces are plunging Egypt and are offering a direct threat to Alexandria and the Suez Canal. The current outlook in that area is absolutely dark, but the fall of Suez does not mean by a jug full that Hitler has won the war. The capture will not mean much to Hitler, but the loss will mean a great deal to the British.

In an effort to stay the serious threat, American fliers and fresh New Zealand troops are swarming into the threatened zone and making ready to join the British forces in a last-ditch stand.

Withdrawing from Matruh without making the stand, the defenders are said to have taken up new, and more advantageous positions and are already attacking the funnel-shaped spearhead of Rommel's forces. The German general has a problem on his hands all right, and it is aggravated by long supply lines. His success in Egypt is not at all certain, and the British Eighth Army now

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Arrest Two Men At Liquor Still Sunday

Jodie Peaks and Elmer Swain, young county white men, were arrested at a liquor still in Williamston Township last Sunday morning when many of their fellowmen were reporting for religious worship in their respective churches.

With about 200 gallons of molasses beer on hand; Swain was firing the crude still with all his might when Officers Joe Roebuck, Bill Haislip and Roy Peel closed in on him. The plant, an old gas drum equipped with a wooden cap and pump pipe for connections, had turned out about two and one-half gallons of rum when the officers halted the operations. While they were at the plant, Peaks, carrying a gallon jug in each hand, walked into the trap and was arrested.

Peaks admitted ownership and was fined \$100 in the county court yesterday. Despite ownership confession, Swain was fined \$75. The two men were advised to pay the fines and \$49.80 court costs or go to the roads for six months.

Tentative Rate Five Cents Under Figure For Year 1941-1942

Over-All Budget Estimates Slightly Greater Than For Previous Year

Martin County's 1942-43 county-wide tax rate was tentatively fixed at \$1.30 per \$100 assessed property valuation by the board of commissioners in special session here yesterday. Budgeting from early morning until late in the afternoon, the commissioners juggled the figures back and forth, cutting off a little here and adding a little there, trying to pull down the general level by at least five cents or more. Adjudgment found little change in the over-all budget figures but a five-cent reduction in the rate was assured.

While some savings were effected in several departments, it is quite evident that the rate decrease is based on an estimated \$800,000 gain in the 1942 property listings. The outlook for revenue from other sources than general taxation is not very bright, and that along with an increase of \$7,000 in bonded indebtedness falling due this year, a slight addition for an all-time tax collector, civilian defense expenses such as office rent for the rationing board, mileage and similar items had a marked bearing on the rate reduction limitation.

It is estimated that \$246,517 will be required to finance the county operations, including all agencies and debts. Broken down into departments, the budget provides for an expenditure of \$55,015 under the general fund heading. This item has been greatly decreased, the authorities estimating that an 8-cent rate will finance the activities in that quarter as compared with an eleven and one-half cent rate for the 1941-42 fiscal year. The authorities appropriated \$36,845 for the poor fund, the action calling for a rate of 23 1/2 cents as compared with a 23-cent rate for the 1941-42 fiscal year. The appropriation for hospitalization was increased from \$3,500 to \$5,000 and there was a slight increase in salaries.

The health fund remains unchanged at \$7,790.00 and calls for a six-cent rate as compared with a rate of 6 1/2 cents.

County debt service, the main thorn in the budget, calls for an even \$56,000 and a 41-cent rate. To

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Middle Man Caught Tight In New Gas Rationing Program

Pleasure Cars and Established Classifications Hold Advantage

The new gasoline rationing program is certain to curtail consumption and save precious rubber and in many ways it is far superior to the current plan, but there are apparent inequalities that are likely to cause trouble or at least create dissatisfaction.

The perplexing system has not been explained in detail, but it is apparent that the little business man who is dependent upon travel is going to be squeezed out of the picture under the new program. Sooner or later, the experts say, millions of cars will be forced off the highways when the tires wear out, but the small operator apparently is going to stop after he has driven about 570 miles after July 22 when the new system goes into effect.

Under the new plan, the pleasure car operator received a basic "A" ration book, good for 48 units or 192 gallons of gas. That amount is to last for one year, but must be used in designated periods or on a basis of about four gallons or more a week. He may use the entire card up at once, but he gets no more. He is privileged to ride where he wants to and use his car for whatever purpose he so desires as long as it is within the law.

The business man who depends on his car for a livelihood will be issued an "A" card and in some instances he may qualify for a supplemental or "B" card. He is immediately penalized, the regulations stating that so many units will be deducted from the "A" card plus the allowance on the "B" card will allow him to travel a maximum of 570 miles a month. A traveling salesman or any other car operator who cannot connect his work directly to the war effort will have to park his car when he has driven that many

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