

"ESSENTIAL" AND "CRITICAL" DRAFT GUIDES

War Manpower Commission For Selective Service Revise And Clarify Draft Rules

The guides set up by the War Manpower Commission for Selective Service in inducting men in the 26 thru 28 age group make a nice difference between the "essential" industrial employment and that which is considered as "critical" to the war production program. Most smaller communities (excepting mining and specialized manufacturing towns) which are closely related to their agricultural areas, will find that most of the men in the affected age group fall in the category of "essential" employment when they work in such fields as the following:

AGRICULTURAL SERVICES: Commercial poultry hatcheries, seed processing, animal breeding, crop disease protection services, initial processing services of compressing, threshing, cleaning, shelling, curing and the like, irrigation services, farm repair and maintenance services, custom and grist milling and ice harvesting. No "critical" employment is listed under the WMC guide for agricultural services. The production of packaging materials for shipping and preserving essential products is also listed as an essential class of employment.

In the category of "critical" employment, as it may affect the draft status of citizens of non-industrial smaller towns, is listed such work as the repair of automobiles, buses, trucks, tractors and farm equipment. However, it is intended that in the category of repair services consideration be given only to individuals qualified to render all-round repair services on the types of equipment included in the essential list. Types of repair service other than the above are deemed "essential."

In the field of health and welfare services the critical classification is applied to physicians, surgeons, dentists, oculists, osteopaths, sanitary engineers, veterinarians engaged in farm live stock treatment, medical, dental and optical laboratories, pharmaceutical services, hospitals, nursing services, and institutional care. Into the "essential" class go mortuary services, auxiliary civilian welfare services to the armed forces, welfare services to civilians, church activities, accident and fire prevention services and structural pest control services. Only educational service considered critical is the United States Maritime Service Training Program; most others are listed as essential services.

In the forestry and lumbering fields the only critical classifications are those of timber tracts and logging camps, cutting of pulpwood, wood for tanning extract, sawmills, veneer and planing and plywood mills.

Substantially, the guide system set up by WMC, which is in accordance with the directive to Selective Service by the Director of War Mobilization and Reconversion, James F. Byrnes, reflects the intensified demands on American resources of men and materials to wage the war, and the fact that the past years of war have absorbed the more readily available resources.

War Expenditures At New High
Evidence of the demands of a vast war effort is the fact that in December, according to the Treasury Department and the War Production Board, war expenditures averaged \$813,400,000 a day—a new high for the daily outlay. The daily rate last month was 14.8 per cent higher than in November.

Consumer Front Little Changed
The consumer front remained little changed with continued tight rationing controls by way of fairer distribution of limited wartime supplies. . . . Most consumers recognize that 1945 will be a "tight" year for most commodities. . . . Retail prices on smoked porked loins and loin cuts have been cut by OPA by one to two cents a pound and retail cent-per-pound ceiling prices were established on both kosher and non-kosher cooked corned beef briskets. . . . Owing to the critical manpower situation in the Mansfield, Ohio, area, Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Co., voluntarily stopped output of electric irons in its factory there (half of an authorized 157,000 irons had been completed). . . . Every town, every business district is asked by the Government to turn off advertising signs, dim illumination and use electricity sparingly to save coal for winning the war.

Pearl Harbor Today

PEARL HARBOR, T. H.—The scene of America's first setback also has been the scene of the nation's equally significant triumph—Pearl Harbor Navy Yard, Uncle Sam's greatest ship repair center. It is the locale of incredible accomplishments in underwater salvage, reconstruction, and refitting of war craft. It is the nerve

Capt. Harold Stallcup Gets Third Cluster



Captain Harold K. Stallcup, flight commander with a heavy bomber group of the Eight Air Force in England, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Stallcup, of Whittier has been awarded a third Oak Leaf Cluster to his air medal according to a dispatch received here.

The citation accompanying the award read in part: "The courage, skill, and coolness displayed by Capt. Stallcup while participating in sus-

tained combat operations over enemy-occupied continental Europe reflects credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States.

A graduate of Swain County High School, Capt. Stallcup attended Brevard College before entering the service in February, 1943.

His wife, the former Miss Nancy Blanton, and twin sons are residing with her parents in Ellenboro, N. C. Stallcup is standing at right in group.

center of the United States Pacific Fleet. It is the home of the city of ships, the heartbeat of the mightiest nautical power in the world's history.

Because the Navy Yard workers feel a personal obligation to enlarge on the yard's many distinctions, they have registered other spectacular accomplishments too, the Navy Department reports. They take pride in the fact that for some time the Pearl Harbor Navy yard has averaged longer work weeks and more overtime than any of the 10 yards in the United States. In addition, they point out that 95 per cent of the employees invest in War Bonds, with purchases averaging \$1,000,000 a month.

Pearl Harbor has had a colorful history. It began 57 years ago when King Kalakaua granted the United States exclusive rights for its use as a coaling and repair station for American vessels. It was not until 1905,

SPEEDWELL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Morrison and family from Knoxville, Tenn., were week-end visitors of Mrs. Oscar Ashe.

Mr. Alden Wilkes from Fontana is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Wilkes.

Mr. and Mrs. Noland Adams and small son were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Pressley. Mr. Adams is employed in the ship-yard at Brunswick, Ga.

Mr. Logan Taylor and Grover Ashe, who were sent to Camp Croft for physical examination for the armed forces, have returned home. Both were accepted and will report for duty after having a 21-day period at home.

Mrs. Jim West and son, and Miss Mildred Wilkes visited their parents. Both are employed in Waynesville.

The Baptist Missionary Society met with Mrs. Bonnie Hopkins on Sunday, Jan. 28. Several members were present.

Mrs. Jim West has received a message stating that her husband, Pvt. Jim West, has been slightly wounded in action. Pvt. West, who is with an Infantry Unit in France, was formerly employed by Velt's Cafe, Sylva. His wife, the former Miss Velma Wilkes, lives at Waynesville.

David Woodard has been given a medical discharge from the U. S. Army.

Pvt. C. C. Hooper, son of Rev. and Mrs. D. C. Hooper, of Erastus has been given a medical discharge from the armed forces. Pvt. Hooper has been in the Pacific area for some time where he has seen and taken part in active combat duty.

QUALLA NEWS

Mrs. John Hyatt has been seriously ill at her home here.

Sgt. Penn Keener, who is stationed in Florida, is spending a furlough with his father, Mr. Jim Keener.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Reagan and son, Tommy, called on Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cordell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Freeman, Mrs. Alma Hamilton, and son, Robert, Jr., and Miss Ruth Freeman spent the week-end in Qualla.

Mr. Roosevelt Ward of Waynesville spent Saturday night with his father, Mr. Andrew Ward, who has been ill for the past few days.

Miss Nancy Keener, who is employed in Newport, Tenn., spent the week-end with her father, Mr. Jim Keener.

Mrs. Ottmar Rachm has been visiting relatives in Waynesville.

Mrs. Clarence Martin and Mrs. Arlie England called on Mrs. John Hyatt Saturday afternoon.

STATE COLLEGE ANSWERS TIMELY FARM QUESTIONS

QUESTION—Do we need to produce as much food as last year?

ANSWER—President Roosevelt says that "as we enter the new year, the demands for our food at home and abroad are so great that it is essential for every man and woman to do everything to help in the huge task of getting the food produced and seeing that it is conserved and shared. Many of our favorite foods are scarce. To this end, I ask the people in cities, towns and villages to assist our farmers in every possible way to reach the food goals which have been set for this year."

QUESTION—How can honey production be increased?

ANSWER—With practical management, bees in North Carolina should yield at least 3 times the average amount of honey produced at present, says Prof. Ross O. Stevens of the Zoology Department at State College. His new Extension Circular No. 274, entitled, "Practical Beekeeping," outlines the plan and gives practical suggestions for getting the job done. A free copy of the publication may be obtained by writing the Agricultural Editor, State College, Raleigh.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. James Ward of Whittier announce the birth of a daughter on January 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Mason of Sylva announce the birth of a daughter Jan. 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Frizzell announce the birth of a daughter Jan. 20th.

Mrs. Carl Jones of Wesser, operative case, is doing nicely.

Mary Jackson, colored of Bryson City, operative case, is doing nicely.

Mrs. Della Mae Mathis, operative case, is improving.

Mrs. Pearl Moody of Whittier is in for treatment and doing nicely.

Mrs. Turner Ball of Bryson City is in for treatment. She is improving.

Mrs. Don Buckner of Gay is in for treatment and is responding nicely.

4-H Club At Glenville School Elects Officers

In a recent meeting the Glenville 4-H Club elected the following officers:

President—Willis McCoy.

Vice-President—Colene Bumgarner.

Secretary-Treasurer—Willie Bess.

Holden.

Reporter—Opal Norris.

Faculty Advisers—Mrs. Elaine M. Norton and Mr. Homer Wike.

There are eighty-five members enrolled in this club. County Agent G. R. Lackey and Home Demonstration Agent Miss Johnston called the meeting.

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