

Draft Board Classifies 46 County Men

Forty-six Haywood County men were assigned draft classifications by Selective Service Board 45 last week. They were:

Class 1-A (available for induction) — James Edward Campbell, James Richard Snyder, Ancil Frady, Harley Dale Caldwell, Alden Clay Hembree, Charles Arthur Holcombe.

Class 1-C (enlisted) — Herman James Medford, Kenneth Carroll Whitaker, Thomas Lee Higgins, Charles Thomas Wells, Bobby Lee Jolley.

Class 1-C (inducted) — Clint Mull, Paul Thomas Mehaffey, William Moody, Jr.

Class 1-C (discharged) — Benjamin Kenneth Franklin.

Class 1-C (reserve) — David Eldridge McCracken, Lewis Arthur Norris, Bobby Quinton Hatherlee, William Guy Arrington, Jr., Willis Franklin Smathers, David Hugh Massie, Charles Virgil Johnson, Charles Edward McDaniel.

Class 2-A (occupational deferment) — Jesse Sam Best, Carroll Loyd Sheppard, Dock Iridell Mehaffey, Jr.

Class 2-C (agricultural deferment) — Burton Phillips.

Class 3-A (hardship) — Jim Jable Cogdill.

Class 5-A (over age) — Winfred Wiley Saunders, Billie Earnest Cope, William Dewey Franklin, Glenn Edward Garren, Ted Vernon Clark, J. R. Caldwell, Jr., Donald Albert Grooms, Thomas Leisher Robertson, Gerald Edwin Breete, James Carroll Garren, Charles Frederick Miller, Jr., Thomas Ray Miller, Luther Chastean Wyatt, Zeke Saine.

Class 4-F (rejected) — Robert Cecil Fie, James Edgar Sheehan, James Eugene Cagle, James Franklin Kirkpatrick.

The next board meeting will be held February 13, at which time eight registrants will be sent to Knoxville for induction.

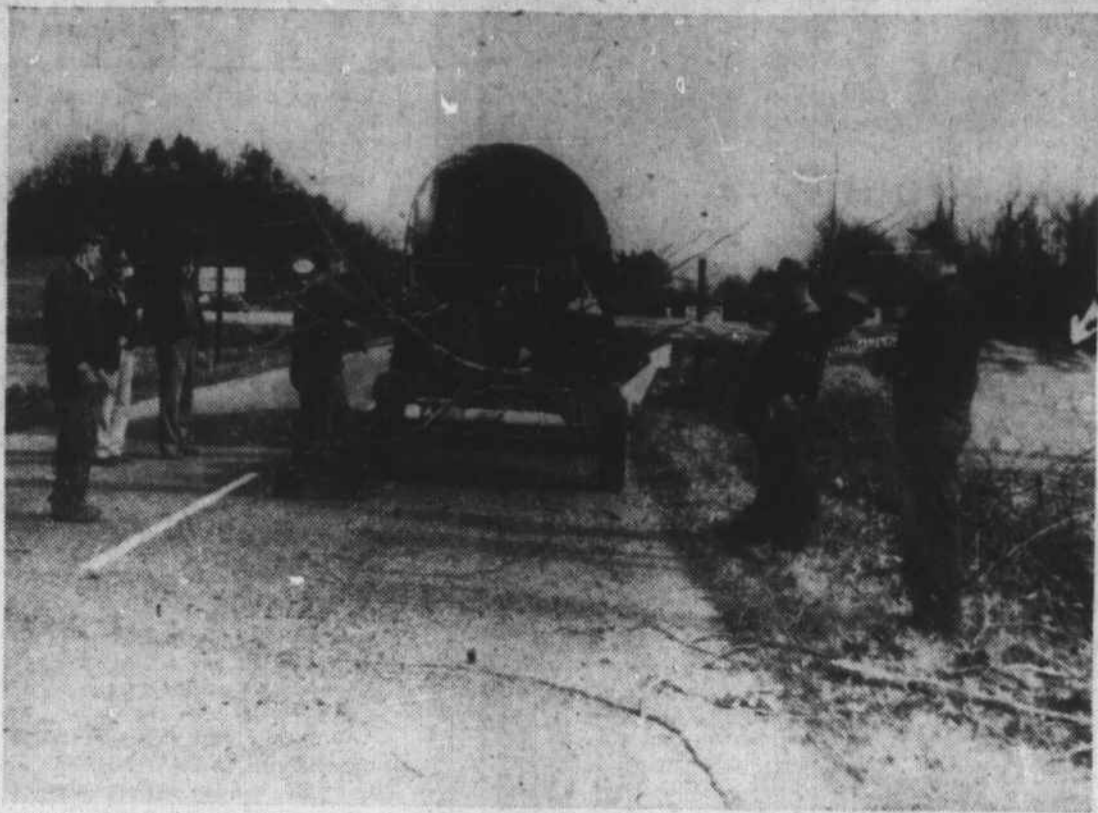
Mrs. Edmund Kent Dies In Florida

Mrs. Mary Caroline Rickards Kent, sister of Miss Kate Rickards of Canton, died in Gainesville, Fla., Wednesday at 5 p.m.

Mrs. Kent and her late husband, Edmund W. Kent, spent summers at their cottage at Balsam. Later, Mrs. Kent made her home in Asheville.

Funeral services were held in Crawford Funeral Home here Saturday at 3 p.m. The Rev. Calvin Thielman, pastor of the Waynesville Presbyterian Church officiated and burial was in Green Hill Cemetery at Waynesville.

Surviving in addition to Miss Rickards are another sister, Mrs. W. W. Hall of Miami, Fla.; and several nieces and nephews.



STATE HIGHWAY CREWS are busy in the Pisgah National Forest landscaping the rights-of-way on Highway 276 from the entrance at Brevard all the way to Wagon Road gap. This work not only beautifies both sides of the scenic route, but also eliminates fire hazards by removal of all brush and dead limbs. Note (arrows) how the brush chopper chews up the material into small chips and blows it across the fields. From left to right, the men in the picture are: Dan Snipes, A. B. Zachary, foreman, Howard Whitmire, foreman, Frank Stewart, Louis Miller, Garland Whitmire and Richard Chapman. (Cut courtesy Transylvania Times).

New Armed Forces Reserve Act Explained To Men Here

The new U. S. Armed Forces Reserve Act of 1955 was explained to a group of young men here last week at the Army Reserve Center on Depot St. by Capt. Robert C. Shaughnessy of the USAR Advisory Office at Asheville.

The new act, the captain said, was passed to enable young Americans to plan their military service with the least interference with their personal life.

Capt. Shaughnessy pointed out that the 1955 law offers men two different plans: An eight-year enlistment and a six-year enlistment—most of which, under both plans, would be spent in the U. S. Army Reserve.

The captain cited these major provisions of the eight-year enlistment.

Men here between the ages of 17 and 18½ can enlist directly in the Army Reserve unit in Waynesville and then take only six months of active duty basic training. The remainder of their seven and a half years' enlistment is spent in attending a two-hour drill in Waynesville or another town one night a week and then participating in a two-week summer training encampment once a year.

Men who are in high school when they join the Army Reserve are permitted to remain in high school until they leave by graduation or otherwise, or become 20 years of

Plans Announced For Retailers Clinic, Sessions

Archie K. Davis of Winston-Salem, new chairman of the board of Wachovia Bank & Trust Company, will be one of the featured speakers at the fifth annual Retailers' Activities Clinic to be held at the University in Chapel Hill on February 26-27.

Especially designed for officers of retail divisions of chambers of commerce and leaders of merchants associations, the conference this year is scheduled to have as special speakers Governor Luther

for National Life Insurance in cases where veterans failed to apply for it while in service or let it lapse.

"Figures of the Veterans Administration show very clearly," Scott said, "that many veterans either never applied for government life insurance while in service or have let it lapse since they left service."

Scott, who will join Sen. Russell Long in offering the measure, said it does not make any additional persons eligible for the insurance. "It merely gives veterans who are already entitled to it a limited period of time to renew it or take it out," Scott said.

Under the measure, persons who served in the armed forces between October 8, 1940, and September 2, 1945, would be given a year to apply for government insurance.

"Many veterans," Scott said, "failed to take out government insurance while in service or let it lapse. These same people now realize that they made a mistake, and I feel that they deserve an additional chance to get insurance they are entitled to have."

Scott said that there are a total of 421,000 World War II and Korean veterans in the state now. Of this number, only 135,000 have kept up their government insurance, he said.



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Scott Bill Hits At 'Gentlemen' Farming Group

Sen. W. Kerr Scott has introduced legislation aimed at "briefcase" farmers.

According to Scott, the bill would "put an end to the government paying for fancy gentlemen farming operations" by amending the Internal Revenue Code.

An identical companion bill was offered in the House by Rep. Charles B. Deane of the 8th District of North Carolina.

"Under existing law," Scott said, "it is permissible to deduct up to \$50,000 a year in farm operation losses from other income. This simply means that people with high incomes can operate farms on an expense account basis strictly as a hobby or as a means of getting around income tax laws."

Scott said "there is no way of knowing how many hobby farms have been bought and operated under this loophole in the law, but I am confident that the number is unreasonably high. In almost every community there are several farms with absentee ownership. Many of them are run strictly on the side by people who don't even pretend to be farmers."

Scott said his bill would not affect farms already in operation, "but it would make it a lot more difficult to set up expense account farms in the future."

The Scott measure would reduce the amount of allowable deductions of farm operating costs from other income from \$50,000 a year to \$5,000 a year.

Hodges and Reuel Elton of Washington, D. C., executive vice president of the American Trade Association Executives.

Charles B. McFee of Richmond, executive vice president of the Automotive Trade Association of Virginia, will speak at a special breakfast on February 27 honoring presidents of merchants associations and heads of merchants divisions of chambers of commerce.

In 1940 each 1,000 U. S. married women 20-24 years of age had borne 975 children, but in 1952 each 1,000 married women 20-24 years of age had borne 1,190 children.

Havoc in Travel



ACTRESS June Havoc is shown in New York with her pets after learning that animals are not desirable passengers on trains or planes. Rather than be parted with her menagerie during a trip to Hollywood, Miss Havoc will take them by car. (International)

No Opposition Likely For Senator George Smathers

U. S. Senator George Smathers is expected to announce for reelection about February 1. That is the statement on the front page of The Miami Daily News, of the 20th, under a four column picture of Senator Smathers and six other senators, at a dinner given in honor of the young Florida senator.

The article by Charles F. Hesser, News political writer, went on to explain that the senator and his backers appear confident of victory, although it may come after a tough campaign, reminiscent of his 1950 battle with former U. S. Senator Claude Pepper. Or it may be without opposition.

Senator Smathers spends some time each summer here with his parents, Judge and Mrs. Frank Smathers at their summer home. He spends a lot of his time while here playing golf, and relaxing.

The Miami political writer went on to explain that it is beginning to appear that Smathers may get by without a Democratic opponent.

Smathers' fall "warm-up" tour, which took him into the state's 67 counties for speeches and visitation, was capped last night with a testimonial dinner at Miami Springs Villas, attended by national, state and local party leaders.

It was a great show of strength for Smathers and his backers.

Everyone from the six visiting U. S. senators, and Democratic National Chairman Paul Butler, down to Dade County committeemen and women were enthusiastically predicting a Smathers victory.

It's Sponsor Sellout. The Young Democratic Club of Dade County, which sponsored the

regulations, participation is limited to those high school students whose teachers or directors are paid members of the North Carolina Music Educators Association or the Music Educators National Conference as of February 1.

Counties included in the Cullowhee District are: Cherokee, Graham, Clay, Swain, Transylvania, Henderson, Buncombe, Madison, Haywood, Jackson and Macon.

The registration deadline is February 10, and no entries may be accepted after that date.

affair, was so enthusiastic it oversold the dining room accommodations.

The Villas will comfortably accommodate slightly more than 600, but with the addition of an anteroom about 800 attended the dinner. Several hundred more were turned away from the door, Young Democrat officials reported.

Smathers was keeping quiet on his announcement and campaign plans, but his colleagues indicated with certainty that he will run again.

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