



DRAFT commonsense
To me the most interesting thing about the drawing of numbers of young men to whom will be given military training is that the procedure completely failed to have the effect which many politicians feared and predicted it would have. Instead of an enormous public protest, the draft demonstrated the innate commonsense of the American people, who have accepted compulsory military training as if it were a long-established regular routine.

As nearly as I can figure out, all of the outcry against the draft originated with a very small group of pacifists, perhaps more or less consciously egged on by Communists. Politicians were scared, as politicians usually are, by something that was new in their experience. There is nothing which resembles a scared rabbit quite so much as the average politician in an election year.

I've talked with a lot of the boys whose numbers came up. Without exception, they're all tickled pink at the prospect. And the wives of the ones who are married seem to be just as happy.

WOMEN courage

The ridiculous and sentimental notion that women are the less courageous sex, if not the weaker, seems to have a strong hold on the political mind. Until now, the United States has not faced a possible war situation with the opinions of women voters to consider. There weren't any women voters the last time we went to war, but womanhood's sentiments were supposed to be expressed in the popular song: "I didn't raise my boy to be a soldier."

The politicians who opposed the draft for fear of the women's vote should be reassured by now. The mothers of the first boys drafted are proud to have their sons taken. One of them, Mrs. Henry S. Bell, was in the hall in Washington when the first number, 158, was drawn from the bowl, and it was her own son's

number. She could hardly restrain her pride.
The proudest woman I know is a "Gold Star Mother" whose three sons all died in France in 1918. Don't tell me that women are against war, if and when it seems the right and only course to take. I know better.

PIONEERS grit
There stands in Washington a sculptured memorial to the pioneer women of America. One has only to look at it, and think of the courage and endurance which the women displayed who made this country what it is, to get over the idea that there's anything soft about American women. When it comes down to real grit, toughness of moral fiber and clear judgment between right and wrong I'll pick women rather than men any time.

I often think back to the tales I heard in my boyhood of men and women of my own family who had gone pioneering into the wilderness of the American West. One of my great-great-grandmothers was sixteen when she and her young husband of eighteen started for the Vandalia Territory in a covered wagon. Her granddaughter, my grandmother, told me how her grandmother had had to shoot five Indians before the redskins quit trying to burn the log cabin she and my great-great-grandfather had built with their own hands.

The women of today don't have to show their courage in the same way, but I'm satisfied they have just as much of it and are very far from being the parlor pets which sentimental songwriters depict them.

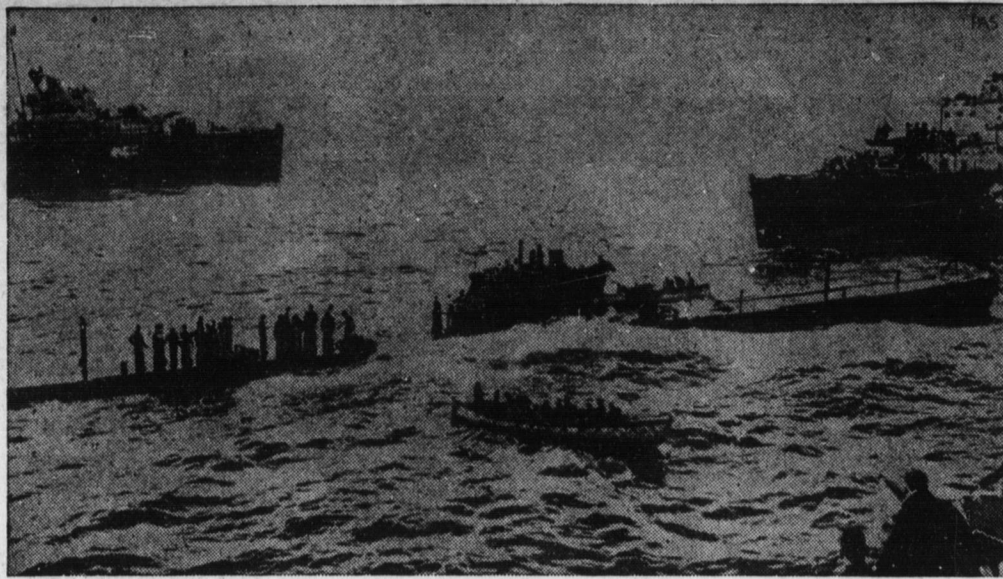
HOSSESSES important

Add to the list of women's functions in military service, the newly-created posts of hostesses and librarians in the Army training camps. There will be a senior hostess and two junior hostesses at every Army Service Club. Their job will be to supervise recreational features and social affairs, looking out for women and children visiting the camp, supervising service club cafeterias which are to be maintained for visitors, and in general to help make life happier for the boys in training.

There are going to be plenty of books and reading matter for the trainees' spare time, and recreation facilities of every kind. The life of a modern soldier is not removed from feminine influence.

Women's part in war has always been important. Florence

Italian Submarine Surrenders To British Destroyers



MEDITERRANEAN SEA . . . This Italian submarine was blown to the surface by British depth charges, and forced to surrender. The crew of the submarine line up on her deck, waiting to be taken aboard one of the surrounding British destroyers, after which the submarine was blasted to the bottom.

Nightingale paved the way for women nurses in the Crimean War between Britain and Russia. The Red Cross came into existence in our own Civil War. And who does not remember the devoted women of the Salvation Army, the "Y" and the rest of the relief organizations who risked their lives in France to bring succor and comfort to our soldiers?

REALISM attack

While I'm all for the idea of giving every young man some intensive military training, I get more and more doubtful as to whether we're going to be compelled to go to war at any time in the near future, unless our politicians do something to provoke a fight. It will be a long time before any of the aggressor nations can get around to attacking the United States.

I haven't any doubt one or more of them will try it if we don't prepare our resistance. But I'm beginning to believe that if we go ahead with a big program of defense by land, sea and air, we'll have plenty of time to defy all comers before anybody is prepared to pick a fight with us.

It's easy to get all stirred up over the outlook for war. I've shared some of the apprehensions of attack from overseas myself. But when I try to take a realistic view of our position and that of the rest of the world, I confess that I can't see how the attacking forces are going to get to us before we can stop them, from any direction. We're likely to get into war only if we go overseas ourselves to fight.

BOONVILLE

Messrs. James H. Reece, Albert Speer, and Grover Hobson made a trip to Raleigh last week to attend a meeting of officials of the FCX Corporation. They were particularly interested in the fertilizer meeting.

Miss Frances Coram and Frank Jones of Mt. Airy were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Coram and family.

Bernard Mock, Curtis Hobson, and Fred Coram, students at State College, spent the past week-end with their parents.

Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Connell and Mrs. D. H. Craver are attending the Baptist State Convention at Charlotte this week. Mr. and Mrs. Connell are also visiting their parents at Kannapolis.

Miss Sadie Fleming visited friends at Mount Airy the past week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Steelman and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Gillis Stinson of Winston-Salem were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Steelman.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Jessup visited Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Jessup at Westfield Sunday.

Miss Frances Deal has been confined to her home with a severe cold since Sunday.

The Senior Union of the Boonville B. T. U. enjoyed a social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Watt Deal Tuesday night. Several games and contests were enjoyed. After the program refreshments, prepared by Mrs. Ralph Coram and Miss Katherine Jones, were served to the following: Messrs. J. Lee Campbell, Albert Speer, Watt Deal, and Allan Jessup, and Misses Erma Hicks, Lola and Ruby Campbell, Mrs. Watt Deal and Mrs. Allan Jessup.

The Woman's Missionary Society met Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. John Speas. Several members were present, and an enjoyable program was presented.

Miss Ruby Winkler spent the past week-end at Morganton visiting her brother, Paul.

A vagabond tomato vine that sprang up in a Texas garden has produced 185 tomatoes this summer and is still going strong. So far the owner has canned 13 pints of the fruit aside from what has been used on the family table.

SOCIETY

Mrs. Harrell Is Hostess At Series of Parties

Mrs. R. B. Harrell was hostess at two lovely parties at her home on West Main street during the week. On Tuesday she was hostess at a bridge-luncheon to honor Mrs. Fred C. Page, Jr., a bride of the summer, the former Miss Barbara Weedon, of Detroit.

A Thanksgiving motif was effected in the appointments of the living room and dining room. Red candles, mountain greenery, fruits and red roses were used in an attractive arrangement. Twelve guests were invited for bridge and three additional friends, Mrs. G. T. Roth, Mrs. E. F. McNeer and Mrs. E. G. Click, were invited for luncheon. Among the luncheon guests Mrs. E. F. McNeer drew the prize and in the bridge games the high score award went to Mrs. Rich Chatham. Mrs. Page was presented a lovely gift as guest of honor.

Mrs. Harrell was hostess again on Wednesday, when she entertained at another bridge-luncheon. The decorations were identical with the previous party. The guest list included twelve friends.

Annual Sunday School Banquet is Held Tuesday

The annual banquet of the officers and teachers of the Sunday school of the First Baptist church was held in the banquet hall at Hotel Elkin Tuesday evening, with 64 present.

Decorations of the banquet hall were appropriate to the Thanksgiving season. Pumpkins were used at intervals along the table and these were interspersed with wagons made from orange rinds and drawn by turkeys. Yellow candles and chrysanthemums were also used in the decorations.

Rev. Stephen Morrisett, pastor of the church, acted as master of ceremonies. An interesting program was presented. Mrs. Stephen Morrisett gave two piano solos and a reading by Miss Glanda Norman and a vocal solo, "Trees," by Miss Beatrice Burcham followed. Rev. Herman F. Duncan, pastor of the Methodist church, was guest speaker and he made a most interesting talk on study and preparation for work in the Sunday school and church.

The banquet was sponsored by the Young Peoples Department of the church.

Miss Hayes and Mr. Hinson are Married Sunday

A lovely wedding was solemnized Sunday morning at ten o'clock at the home of the bride at State Road, when Miss Essie Jane Hayes became the bride of Fred Hinson of Elkin. Rev. Richard Day, pastor of both the bride and bridegroom, officiated. Only close friends and the families of the young couple attended the ceremony.

The vows were spoken before an improvised altar of chrysanthemums and the same flowers were used throughout the home.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Wayne Hayes, wore a two-piece dress of river blue crepe with accessories of blue and gray. Her shoulder bouquet was of bride's roses. She was attended by Miss Stacy Swift as maid of honor. Miss Swift wore an early winter suit of black and white, with a corsage of red roses.

Mrs. Hinson is the younger daughter of Mrs. Hardin William Hayes and the late Mr. Hayes. Mr. Hinson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Hinson, and is a progressive farmer.

Following the ceremony the bridal party and wedding guests were entertained at dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Hinson are making their home with the bride's mother.

Dairy Technique
Bright city boy—And does your nice little cow give milk?
Farmer's son—Well, not exactly. You gotta sorta take it away from her.

EAST BEND

Students Present Play

The fourth grade of Fall Creek graded school presented an interesting and educational "Health Wedding" in the school auditorium before all the students of the school. The program was carried out in the form of a regular church wedding with students acting the parts of various vegetables. The object of the play was to teach a fuller understanding of the part that fresh vegetables play in building good health.

Edd Hobson as Rev. A.C.D. Vitamin was the minister. Messrs. Beans and Carrots were the groomsmen, and Misses Lettuce Peas were the bridesmaids. The groom was "Mr. Good Health" played by Joyce Lee Harris, and the bride was "Miss Happiness" played by Ethel Moorefield.

Others in the cast were: Jimmie Williams, Betty Jean Smitherman, Gerald Finney, Nannie Sue Norman, Fonzo Caudle, Betty Jean Brown, Rose Adeline Matthews, Dallas Brown, Lenora Blakley, Aldine Brown, J. B. Cranfill, Judith Hutchens, Nell Ray Matthews, John T. Stewart, Nonie Moorefield, Martha Pearl Taylor, Betty Lou Norman, Sam Prim, Dwight Freeman, Melvin Davis, Kent Norman, Grady Choplin, Clarice Mae Adams, Billy Ray Brown, Annie Pearl Stewart, Nancy Hinshaw, Rose Anna Miller, Ruby Prim, Vivian Prim, Nell Stewart, Flora Coe, Vernie Mae Matthews, Ruby Fendry, Mozelle Williard, Aldine Wooten, J. W. Hobson, father of the bride, Della Ruth Jester and Laura Louise Hobson.

East Bend Seniors Hold Weiner Roast

The senior class of East Bend high school held their first social event of the senior year Friday night when all the seniors and several of the teachers gathered around a large campfire behind the school building for a weiner roast. The program committee for the year was in charge of the program, which included a number of games and contests that were staged in the gymnasium after the refreshments were enjoyed.

Those present were Miss Sarah Easterling, the senior home room teacher, Gladys Davis, Grace Blakley, Queen Smitherman, Lucille Matthews, Pauline Martin, Ruby Wall, Hazel Poindexter, Bonnie Sears, Annie Pearl Choplin, Mary Lane, Hazel Bryant, Melba Prim, Junior Davis, Travis Smitherman, Bernard Stimpson, Vernon Moser, Stark Adams, Roland Poindexter and Edward Angell.

Besides Miss Easterling, the

following teachers were present: Mr. L. H. Todd, principal; Mr. C. C. Love, and Mrs. Arlie Miles. Visitors were Laverne Prim, Imogene Bowman, Joe Smitherman, Richard Bean, C. A. Coram, Nell Horn, Ed Bean, Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Wall, and Kent Huff.

HADN'T THOUGHT OF THAT
Customer — I've worn these calfskin shoes only two months—and just look at them.

Salesman — My dear madam, you must remember the calf had already worn that skin five months, making seven months' wear. Which is very good, I think.

WAS TEMPERATE
Father: "Johnny, what is this '60' on your report card?"
Johnny: "I—I—think that's the temperature of the school room."

NO MERE PROBLEM
"What'll we do with the ark now that the big trip is over?" inquired Japheth.

"My son," replied Noah, "we've had trouble enough without starting in immediately on any ship-ping problems."

GOOD FOR MUD
"What do you think of mud as a beautifier?"
"Well, it hasn't done much for the turtle."

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