

TO GO OR NOT TO GO

'WHO'S WHO' IN THE DRAFT

If a man has passed his twenty-first birthday and has not reached his thirty-sixth, if he is a citizen of the United States or an alien who has declared his intention of becoming a citizen, he is required to register at a time and place to be proclaimed by the President. He is liable to a year's training and service in the land or naval forces of the United States.

He will receive a number and if his number is called under a lottery system to be instituted he will have to appear before a local draft board, set up in his community by the President. No member of this local draft board may be an Army or Navy officer, either active or retired.

The board may reject a claim of exemption, but the registrant can appeal the decision to appropriate boards.

If the registrant is a student who entered upon a regular college course during 1940, his induction shall, at his request, be deferred until the completion of 1940-41 academic year or until July, 1941, which ever comes sooner.

If a registrant has passed his eighteenth birthday and has not reached his thirty-sixth, he is eligible to volunteer for the same year's service and training as are given to the selectees.

If he attempts to dodge selection, or falls into other legal difficulties before he is actually inducted into the armed forces, he will be subject to trial before a civil court. Court-martials will have no jurisdiction over a man until he is actually in military service.

A selectee will receive a thorough physical examination at the beginning of his service and another at its completion, with notations made on the record of any injuries, illnesses or other physical deterioration during the period of his service, these notations for use in determining the merit of possible future claims against the government.

After honorably completing his service, a selectee will receive a certificate to that effect. If he asks, within forty days of completing his service, for his former job, his former employer is compelled to reinstate him in the same position or a position with the same seniority, pay and other benefits "unless the employer's circumstances have so changed as to make it impossible or unreasonable to do so."

Local boards will not exercise discrimination in selection because of race or color and volunteers are to be accepted without such discrimination.

Starting Oct. 1, the selectees, as well as privates in the Regular Army and sailors in the Navy, will receive \$21 a month for the first four months of their service and \$30 a month thereafter.

Service is limited to one year unless Congress determines that the national security requires its extension.

The law will continue in effect until May 15, 1945, unless amended or repealed at future sessions of Congress. (Taken from the Burke-Wadsworth Selective Service Bill).

NOTICE

Saturday is the deadline in purchase of Civic Music tickets for the 1940-41 programs. Tickets may be obtained from Miss Lawrence, Miss Turlington or Miss Hutchinson. The price to students is \$3.00.

SALEM TO PRESENT PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

New to Salem this year will be a public speaking contest beginning this November and ending next March. Each participant may speak on anything she chooses and must select her topic by October 1. The preliminaries will be conducted by class organizations in the old chapel from November 11 through November 14. The speeches are to be five minutes long and judges yet to be chosen will be members of the faculty. The basis of judgement will be construction, clarity, delivery, forcefulness, and pronunciation of words.

From the preliminaries two best speakers from each class will be elected to speak at the semi-finals held November 20 at expanded chapel. Judges, who will be outsiders, will choose four students to participate in the final contest in March. Each girl is to choose a new subject and will limit her talk to ten minutes. Outside judges will select the winner and will present her a cup given by Mr. Montgomery Cohen.

HOME EC-ERS MEET

The Home Economics Club had a meeting on Thursday evening, Sept. 26, in the Lizora Hanes Building. Honor guests were the new students in the Home Economics Department.

The speaker was Miss Elizabeth Hedgecock graduate of 1939 who is doing her internship in the Philadelphia General Hospital preparatory for Hospital Dietetics work.

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SPARE TIME A DANGER?

On Wednesday morning at expanded chapel, Dr. John R. Cunningham, the minister of the First Presbyterian Church was the guest speaker.

As had been requested Dr. Cunningham spoke on "Leisure Time." Dr. Cunningham in remembering his own college days said that it seemed the college anticipated the leisure time and the professors saw to it that the student had none of it. The speaker said that "abundantly" is the word which should be the background for leisure. Leisure is the time and opportunity we have outside our work and the real testing of our character comes in how we spend it.

We are beginning an era when we have only two hundred working days a year. The forty hour week is the maximum with 138 leisure hours. Approximately 36 hours are spent in sleeping, 10 hours going to and from work, 10 hours that cannot be classified and 48 hours of liberty to decide what we shall do. Ex-President Hoover says that the youth are confronted today with what they can do when they are not at work.

We as college students have more leisure time now than we ever will have again. The youth of our day are in dangerous moral peril. Youth is concerned with crime — when more people of college age are behind prison bars than are in colleges.

More leisure time has been de- (Continued On Page Two)

PIERRETTES ANNOUNCE PLANS FOR YEAR

For the coming year the Pierrettes of Salem College have planned a wide schedule which includes work for every member of the organization whether she is interested in acting or in any of the various back-stage "jobs."

According to Wyatt Wilkerson, president of the Pierrette Players, they will present the annual three act play sometime in November. The play has not yet been chosen but several popular ones are under consideration. The president expects to have selected the play by the end of next week and begin casting the parts. Lee Rice, who played in summer stock with Sinclair Lewis this summer and Liz Trotman who studied in Hollywood last spring will probably have the leads. Present members of the club will take the remaining female parts and as usual the male parts will be played by men here in Winston-Salem interested in dramatics. Freshmen may be allowed to tryout for small parts if they have shown sufficient interest in the meetings of the Freshman Dramatic Club.

Instead of entering the Winston-Salem Play Tournament in the spring the Players have decided to spend their time in the preparation of a play to enter at Chapel Hill. During the year each class is going to present a one-act play in a contest within the college. The Freshman Dramatic Club holds its meetings twice a week in the Old Chapel. There the will have speakers on (Continued On Page Two)

The last few weeks have found pale-faced, potential conscriptees attending their work with a sad, vacant stare on their faces. It seems the government has decided that all able-bodied men from twenty-one to thirty-six years old must present themselves, come October 16, at their local polling place and receive an identification number at the hands of the U. S. Army. Shortly thereafter, a national lottery will be conspicuously broadcast by radio, and the hearts of some 75,000 of those numbered will fall abruptly as they are chosen for one year of military service.

The thing that's been worrying your friend Johnny and mine is not whether he will go into the Army. If he is called, he will go. The thing he has been wondering is whether or not he should steal a march on Dame Fortune and relieve himself of that frantic wait by the fireside on radio lottery night by volunteering now for the Navy or Marine Corps. Most of our friends have found this unwise, since it will probably tie them up for sixteen months instead of twelve.

There is one chance for friend Johnny to miss the rap even if he is called. Clutching his subpoena, he must appear before a local Draft Board and they can decide whether or not flat feet, bad eyesight, dependents (if you really love him, maybe you had better marry him now), or such, will defer his appointment. He may be found essential to industry, but that's unlikely. If he is attending college, he may be deferred until July 1, following the end of his academic year. If he is a genuine, conscientious objector, he can tell his story to the Department of Justice and be assigned to non-combatant duty, if they believe it. But the best bet for your pal probably lies in the provision of the act which states, "No man found to be physically, mentally, morally deficient or defective will be accepted."

We'll know who goes in on the first round by the middle of November, and that will at least bring certainty, either bad or good, until draft No. 2.

VARDELL STUDIO SUFFERS HURT

Escaping steam from a defective radiator caused a great deal of damage in Dr. Vardell's studio in the Music Hall yesterday morning. Two pianos were badly warped, the finish ruined; the tops of many of the keys have fallen off. The studio had been repainted an attractive soft green this summer; now all the walls and ceiling are streaked and discolored. Many valuable pictures including a sketch of Wagner and another of Beethoven were badly stained, and varnish on all the chairs in the room was hurt. The steam filled the room when the heat was turned on and was not discovered until 8:00 A. M. when the janitor arrived to clean up. Though the studio couldn't have looked much worse if a fire hose had been trained on it, repairs will be made as soon as possible to make the room look normal again.

NOTICE

All students who have paid the required budget for the year please get College Lecture Series tickets from the dean's office.

SALEMITE'S GUEST WRITERS

By Stuart Rabb

All I know about conscription is what President Roosevelt says in the newspapers. According to these revelations, I will probably be put in the deferred class in the first draft and will not have to go, provided my wife learns how to act like a clinging vine who could not possibly support herself.

Naturally, readers of the Salemite are not interested in how the draft concerns married men. At least it is to be hoped that they are not. Not until after graduation, at any rate.

In the short run, as Dorothy Thompson would say, young ladies from Salem need not concern themselves about married men and the draft.

However, it looks to me like we are in for a long dose of this conscription business. And since Salem girls have a peerless reputation for getting married quick, some of them may be interested in what I am about to talk about, which is: How to keep your husband out of the draft.

The first thing to do is to keep him from sitting in front of any open windows. Some patriotic citizen — who has got it fixed so he won't have to go — might see him and say: "Ah, there's a big strapping boy! He ought to be in the army defending his country."

Then the patriotic citizen might write an anonymous letter to the draft board and get your husband in a uniform before you could knit him a sock. Certainly before you could do that.

The second way to help your husband stay at home is to feed him large quantities of hot sauces and

*hard liquor. Sooner or later this treatment will develop stomach ulcers, which ought to put him in Class 5, or Class 6.

Thirdly, as a wife of a young man eligible for conscription, you must be not only dependent upon your husband, but you must act like you would die if you were separated from him more than 24 hours. Be careful not to take any college courses that might enable you to earn money on your own. When you are married, insist upon an elopment so that both families will cut you off without a cent. If you have money, give it away. Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth, where draft boards may break in and steal your husband on account of it.

All these methods should be fairly effective, but they are not absolutely certain.

The best way to keep your husband out of the draft is to get him to take out \$30,000 worth of life insurance and then feed him left over fried oysters. We guarantee this will be 100 per cent. perfect.

Now that I look back over all these suggestions, it occurs to me that you may find some of them unpatriotic.

Besides, how should I know that you don't want to get your husband drafted so that you can be rid of the rotter.

Honesty is always the best policy. This is proved by the fact that so many honest men are successful in their efforts to get on relief.

The conversation quoted below was overheard by means of special dictaphones which "Pass the Peanuts" has put behind pictures and under tables in all rooms of Salem College dormitories.

By Pete Ivey

The strains of "Boogieeee . . . Rhumboogie woogieeee" came from the radio as a group of Salem College students lolled about one of the rooms of Alice Clewell building.

But the music on the radio did not disturb the serious import of the discussion.

"You may think the war doesn't mean anything to Salem College, but it does," said the girl in the striped pajamas. "Here I am finishing here next Spring. I might get engaged this year. But how could I tell whether he'll be drafted, or when he'll be drafted?"

"But he might not be drafted, and besides there's always another man coming along, one about as good as another," said the girl with one foot on a chair.

"But this drafting business keeps up for five years; and if they don't get the boy you're going with now in the first two or three drafts, they might get him later," said the girl in the striped pajamas.

"The best thing to do is get a man in the first draft, and just wait a year for him to be out," said the girl seated at a portable typewriter.

"Yes, and then it would just be my luck for a war to break out at that time, and he'd be in the first call for war service. That don't sound so good," said the girl in the striped pajamas.

"It's bad any way you look at it," said the girl in the bath robe. "I think I'd just as soon go in the army myself. Drive an ambulance or be a nurse or work in a canteen."

"I heard they're going to have (Continued On Page Four)