

Little Likelihood For Deferment Based On Agricultural Reasons

Draft Board Receives Information From Headquarters

J. L. Wiggins, chairman of the Chowan County Draft Board, late last week received from State headquarters information regarding agricultural deferments under the Selective Service System.

This information follows:
1. We are advised by representatives of principal agricultural agencies in North Carolina that there is no critical farm labor problem at this time except in dairy farming. They stated further that the reason for labor problems in dairy farming is that the long hours for seven days per week do not appeal to hired labor. Each dairy farm case should, however, be considered on the basis of its own merits as it is thought that only a few can qualify for Class II-C.

2. In view of the general farm labor situation, it appears that there will be little justification for agricultural deferments. Our advisors pointed out that in most instances where a deferment is necessary it would be more of the nature of a hardship case than it would be a need of occupational deferment. They were referring to those cases where some young member of the family was performing the hard labor which made the operation of the farm possible for the other members of the family who might be unable because of extreme youth, infirmity or age to perform the heavy work.

3. To be entitled to Class II-C classification, the registrant must meet the requirements of Parts 622.13 and 622.10 of Selective Service regulations.

622.13 Class II-C: Registrant deferred because of agricultural occupation:

(a) In Class II-C shall be placed any registrant who is employed in the production for market of a substantial quantity of those agricultural commodities which are necessary to the maintenance of the national health, safety or interest, but only when all of the conditions described in section 622.10 are found to exist.

(b) The production for market of a substantial quantity of agricultural commodities should be measured in terms of the average annual production per farm worker which is marketed from a local average farm of the type under consideration. The production of agricultural commodities for consumption by the worker

and his family, or traded for subsistence purposes, should not be considered as production for market. Production which is in excess of that required for the subsistence of the farm families on the farm under consideration should be considered as production for market.

622.10 Necessary employment defined:

(a) A registrant's employment in industry or other occupation, service in office, or activity in study, research or medical, scientific or other endeavors shall be considered to be necessary to the maintenance of the national health, safety or interest only when all of the following conditions exist:

1. The registrant is, or but for a seasonal or temporary interruption would be, engaged in such activity.
2. The registrant cannot be replaced because of a shortage of persons with his qualifications or skill in such activity.

3. The removal of the registrant would cause a material loss of effectiveness in such activity.

(b) The President may, from time to time, (1) designate special categories of occupation, employment or activity essential to the national health, safety or interest; and (2) prescribe regulations governing the deferment of individual registrants engaged in such occupations, employments or activities.

In view of the above advice, it would appear that very few registrants, if any, can meet these requirements. In those cases where a registrant claims that he is entitled to classification in Class II-C, it is suggested that the local Board require him to file an affidavit showing farm production and manpower for 1947 and 1948 crop years. He should have two neighbors add their certification thereto that to their knowledge the statements contained in the affidavit are correct. With such information the local Board will be in a position to properly evaluate the registrant's

claim. This notification was signed by Colonel Thomas H. Upton, Deputy State Director.

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officers and the manager and his staff were ready to coordinate the activities and act as a clearing house. All chairmen were urged to have conferences with the organization manager and go over past and current activities as well as the materials in the files on same.

Already E. N. Elliott reports that tentatively the following are members of his committee on agriculture, subject to their acceptance: W. W. Byrum, Joe Webb, Jr., Asa Griffin and Will Harrell. The Community Chest chairman, Herbert Hollowell, reports that activity in his field is in progress. James E. Wood reports further action is being taken relative to finding a terminal for a shipping company which expressed a desire to locate one here for the convenience of the local business firms; J. Clarence Leary, chairman of the Welcoming Committee, reports activity already with the visit of Majors Lucius and Voss of the Marine Corps; J. H. Conger, chairman of Industrial Development, reports continued activity on locating several plants and on the Veteran's Hospital; Gus Hughes and Miss Sadie Day, co-chairmen of the Merchants Committee, will call a meeting within a few days relative to the Christmas season and Santa Claus night; H. A. Campen is working on the marked tour guide plan for tourists and is considering plans for signs at the entrance of the

town. It is expected that the chairmen of the remaining committees will make reports also within a few days.

CATHOLIC SERVICES

The Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered Sunday, October 24, at 8 A. M. in Plymouth Court House court room, 2nd floor, and in St. Ann's Catholic Church, Edenton, at 11 A. M., each including sermon on "Encouragement", Holy Communion, concluding in 45 minutes, followed by Sunday School, with confessions in Plymouth 7:45 to 7:55 and in Edenton 10:30 to 10:55 A. M., stated Father F. J. McCourt, pastor, who invites everybody to all services. Week-mornings: Mass, communion and rosary in St. Ann's.

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