

NEW DRAFT CALL SENT TO COUNTY IS LARGEST YET

Men In 3d Registration To Receive Numbers St. Patrick's Day

The largest draft call that has been received in Cherokee County came this week, and the men will leave for camp early next month.

Draft Board Secretary Wayne Walker is forbidden, under the censorship, to make public the exact number called, or the exact date of their departure.

"It's really a heavy draft though," he said, "and it is probable that from now on the calls will come a lot more frequently."

Captain Walker added that the list of 1-A registrants in the county is rapidly being exhausted.

Meanwhile, word comes from Washington that those who registered recently in the third draft, will be given numbers and classifications on St. Patrick's Day, March 17. It was announced, however, that they will not be called until those in the first two registrations have been inducted into the service.

This statement was not explained by Washington, although it was said that the numbers given to those in the third registration would begin at 16,000, and would be tagged "T," standing for third.

It is believed, that the statement refers to the classifications. In other words, Class 1-A men in the third registration will not be called until all the other class 1-A have been drafted, and so on.

There has been a considerable easing of the physical requirements for acceptance, notably in reference to flat feet, eyes, and teeth. Draftees now are accepted if it is thought likely that their defects can be corrected.

At the same time, there has been a tightening up of regulations regarding the status of married men. No exemption will be granted them unless their wives and families are ENTIRELY dependent. Neither will it be permissible for a wife who has been working to quit her job, so as to make herself entirely dependent.

Little Glade Baptists Hosts To Conference

The West Liberty Associational Sunday School Conference will be held in the Little Glade Baptist Church Sunday afternoon, March 1, at 2 o'clock. The Rev. Edgar Willix will lead the devotional, after which reports will be made by Sunday School superintendents and an address will be delivered by the Rev. James Truett.

Special music will be furnished by the Little Glade Church.

45 Receive Instructor-Certificates As County Wide First Aid Class Graduates

BY HARRY CARY

Some of the guests who have been leading the softer life had aching joints, and some of the more tenderly plump ladies had black and blue spots from rolling about floor, but the 45 First Aid students who finished the Instructors Course in Murphy last week all came through with flying colors. They received Instructor's Certificates Friday night.

In parting, James Hall, instructor from National Red Cross Headquarters urged the graduates to spread the knowledge to every home in the County.

Hall received two gifts from his grateful class. One was a big layer cake. The other was a set of three bounds, and a fox. The latter were of wood, however, carved at the Campbell Folk school.

There were a lot of laughs in the

Forestry Service Due Sole Credit For New Town Dumping Ground

Credit was given where none was due in last week's Scout, when it was stated that land for a dumping ground had been given the Town by the TVA. The land came from the Forestry Service, thanks to the co-operation of Forest Ranger Schaab, in Murphy and Supervisor Melichar, in Franklin.

The land was not deeded over. Instead the town was only given a right to use it. There are iron-clad restrictions with especial reference to setting fire to the adjoining woods. There also are dumping rules, and if a single restriction is violated, the land may be taken back.

The Town had found a site offered for sale, that could have been used, but the land turned over by the Forestry Service is chosen and will save the purchase price, will reduce transportation costs, and also will cut the cost of road construction to the dump.

The Forestry Service grant was secured with a minimum of red tape, after Supervisor Melichar had been told of the urgent need by a delegation consisting of Ranger Schaab, County Health Officer Whichard, former Mayor J. B. Gray.

J. V. ALLISON, 47 DIES AS HE SEEKS PHYSICIAN'S AID

Heart Fails As Friends Assist Him To Couch In Murphy Hospital

Stricken with a "pain in his chest, Monday, as he worked in the woods for Commissioner Ed Wood, John Bunyan Allison was rushed to the Murphy General Hospital only to die less than three minutes later. Dr. Bryan Whitfield, in whose office he met death, says he believes Allison was a victim of the deadly angina pectoris. There was no autopsy.

The dead man, who was 47 years old, leaves a widow and four children. He lived near the Wood Dairy farm.

Two fellow workmen rushed the stricken man to Murphy, by automobile and helped him to Dr. Whitfield's office. He was clutching at his breast when he entered, a nurse said, and she gave him a restorative. His friends then helped him to a cot in the physician's office and then the nurse, stepping over to inquire if he felt better, found he had stopped breathing.

Adrenalin was injected, and artificial respiration was resorted to for several minutes, but in vain. Dr. Whitfield, returning hurriedly from an outside call, declared him dead.

In addition to his widow, the form—
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COUNTY HAS 250 FARMS WITHOUT SINGLE CHICKEN

277 Without Gardens; 425 Lack Cows, and 1,162 Have No Hogs

County Agent Quay Ketner says too many Cherokee farmers are coaxing trouble by falling down on home production of vegetables, milk, pork, poultry and eggs.

The last Federal census shows that a large number of farms in Cherokee are without gardens, still more are without a cow, and still more are without hogs. There also are a number of farms without a single chicken.

The 1940 figures show that the County has a total of 2,182 farms. Of these, 277 were without vegetable gardens, 425 did not keep a cow, 250 were without chickens, and 1,162 had no hogs.

"It is the patriotic duty of every farmer to raise a garden, keep at least one cow, some hogs and some chickens," Ketner said. "Farm families must be well fed themselves, before they can expect to feed the rest of the nation and our allies. It is not only a matter of patriotism, but of economy."

Taking the State as a whole, the census showed 278,276 farms, of which 31,149 were without gardens. Those farmers who did have gardens valued them at a total of \$14,775,625, or an average of \$460 per garden.

Figured on this basis, those 31,149 without gardens lost \$1,869,000.

"And that," says Ketner, "is a lot of money."

The State census showed that only 65 per cent of the farms had cows and only 69 per cent had hogs. Eighty per cent had chickens. Uncle Sam says they should be 100 per cent, all around.

S. S. Conference Called At Friendship Church

A special Sunday School conference of the West Liberty Association will be held at Friendship church next Friday evening, March 6, at 7 o'clock.

Ways and means will be discussed to make Sunday School's "better teaching agencies", the work of the past year will be reviewed and new goals set.

62 Tons of Scrap Iron Gathered By County

Cherokee County responded nobly to the recent call for scrap iron to be used in defense, according to a report submitted by County Farm Agent Ketner. Scrap gathered by resident and turned over to the Red Cross totalled 62 tons.

Soldier's Plea Brings Avalanche of Letters From Beautiful Girls

Pvt. rank Rewis, of South Carolina's 118th Infantry Regiment, is convinced that "it pays to advertise" after being deluged with letters recently while he was a patient at the Fort Jackson, S. C. Hospital.

"Down in the dumps" not only because of his illness but also because his friends on the outside neglected to write to him, Frank wrote to a "Lonely Hearts Club." Within a few days, letters and photographs of beautiful girls from all parts of the country began to pour in.

Frank's fan mail reached such proportions that he was forced to press two of his fellow-patients into service as "secretaries" and spend a sizeable part of his 30 bucks a month Army pay for stamps and envelopes.

Now it's portable electric traffic signals. They can be wheeled to busy intersections and carried away when their job is finished.

T. R. Harper Slain In Sick-Bed Before Eyes of His Family

County Gets \$4,500 For Completion Of Fair Exhibit House

An appropriation of \$4,000 has been approved in Washington for completion of the exhibit hall and animal shed at the County Fair Grounds, and work is expected to be resumed within the next ten days, or two weeks.

The work stopped many weeks ago, when both money and materials were exhausted. At that time the project had cost \$23,500. The new appropriation will swell the cost to \$27,000, and the County probably will have to spend about \$2,000 more for materials, chiefly lumber.

Work yet to be done includes laying rock, putting on a roof, and laying floors and putting in windows, doors, etc. The cost of the project, when completed, will be very close to \$30,000. It will have been built entirely by PPA labor. It was started about one year ago.

At least part of the high cost of the improvement is due to a series of delays in construction, due partly to weather. Prices began to rise, and funds were soon exhausted.

Of the original \$22,500 estimated cost, 75 per cent was supplied by the Government and the other 25 per cent or \$5,624 came from the County. The forthcoming additional purchases of material will increase the county investment to \$7,624.

Traveltalk Released Boosting This Section

"Colorful North Carolina", a travel film directed by James A. Fitzpatrick featuring the scenic beauties of the mountains of western North Carolina, is now being exhibited in theatres throughout the nation.

The film depicts the grandeur of the Great Smokies and the North Carolina Blue Ridges. There is a sequence on the Indians at the Cherokee Reservation.

SOAP

The average American uses 22 pounds of soap annually, as compared with 17 to 18 by the Briton, 10 by the Italian, 15 by the German, and 18 to 21 by the Belgian, Frenchman, and Hollander.

F. B. I. Man Sabotages Eleven Machines At Asheville Airport, as An Object Lesson

Indifference to the possibility of sabotage was brought close to home this week by a travelling salesman. This gentleman, who asked that his name not be used is a Reserve Lieutenant in Aviation, is expecting soon to be called into service. He told of a recent happening at an airport near Asheville.

"Every airport is expected to keep a strict watch on all strangers, and allow no one to go into the hangars except fliers and employes" he said.

"This day there was a chap going around in dirty overalls, and with grease on his face and hands. Everybody evidently considered him a new employe. And nobody paid any particular attention to him, until he marched into the main office.

"There he showed a gold badge, and credentials which proved him to be a member of the F. B. I.

Pryor Ballew 'Gives Up' But Refuses To Tell Reason For Crime

Forcing his way into the house by threats to "wipe out the whole d—family" unless they let him in, Pryor Ballew, middle-aged farmer of the Culberson section shot and killed Theodore R. Harper early Saturday evening as the latter pleaded for "a chance."

Harper, a 37-year old T. V. A. worker, also of the Culberson section, was shot three times, but probably was killed instantly by the first bullet, which entered his left temple. Another bullet pierced his chest, and a third entered his stomach. A fourth missed and buried itself in a pillow beside the victim's head.

After the shooting Ballew went to the home of Charlie Arp, a brother-in-law of the slain man, and got Arp to drive him to Blue Ridge, where he surrendered to the police. Meanwhile, kinsmen of his victim were hunting him, threatening lynching.

The cause of the murder is not known. That there was deep hatred is evidenced, however, by the fact that after Harper had been killed, Ballew reversed his revolver so that he held the barrel, and hammered the victim over the face with it. With every blow the top of the trigger cut a deep gash, and Ballew raked the weapon down leaving a long jagged cut. Thirteen such slashes were found at the Townson Funeral home, where the body was prepared for burial.

Ballew appeared at the Harper home shortly before seven o'clock Saturday evening, and went to the barn where Wilma, 15 year old daughter of the victim's was milking.

"Where's your Daddy?" he said.

"He's at the house?" Wilma replied. "But he's not feeling well, and he's gone to bed."

"That's all right," Ballew said. "He's a friend of mine, and I've got to see him right now."

Nina, another daughter, aged 13, saw him coming, and also saw him reach for his back pocket. Not knowing what she feared, she bolted the door.

When Ballew found the door locked, he kicked it, and called out: "open this door or I'll kick it in and wipe out the whole d—family."

Nina opened the door just a few inches and begged him to go away.
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