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Selectees Names Should Be

Until this month, The Journal-Patriot had published the name of every man called for induction under the Selective Service system.

Of course, many of those called were rejected, but the public knows that the men were called.

Now in order has come out that the names of men called for induction cannot be published, but that the names of men accepted and placed into the armed forces can be published.

There is a serious objection to this. The public naturally will think that those who are rejected are staying out of the army for some other reason, and those rejected are going to be the subject of much undue criticism.

We can see no reason for not publishing the names of men called for induction, but we can name reasons why their names should be published.

The Statesville Daily carried the following editorial comment under the title of "Personal Embarrassment":

"You noted in your paper the other day that a group of draft selectees had left for a South Carolina camp for examination preliminary to induction into the armed forces. Their names were not given for reasons best known to draft officials.

"It must be assumed that these reasons are sound and serve a good purpose, but do they outweigh the faults of a procedure that makes the names of those who enter the service available only after they are accepted?"

"Public interest is continually raising the question 'why is so-and-so not in training camps along with others of equal age and deferment qualifications?' The answer in some cases is that they have been tried and found physically wanting. But the public must find this out for itself. Those who fail to pass physical examinations are not nearly so embarrassed for that reason as they are by the arching of the public brows because they are safely at home. Yet that is the sole reason Washington officials advance for withholding their names from public publication.

"The young man who accepts the draft call and goes willingly to camp for physical examination and fails, is just as patriotic as those who go and are accepted. And they should be given equal credit. It is through no fault of their own that those who fail in the requirements for military duties, don't make the grade. It becomes more awkward and more impossible for them to explain to all and sundry that they tried and failed, when newspapers are not allowed to set forth that they had answered the call.

"The slacker or draft-dodger, whatever methods he employs to that end deserves all the condemnation the public elects to heap upon him, but pointing out those who are really guilty becomes harder under this latest ruling by the selective service officials. Local boards, of course are not responsible for it."

Realizing Their Sacrifice

Every day somebody is grumbling over some petty inconveniences caused by the war, while their kinsmen and friends fight and die that they might live and enjoy liberty.

In a recent letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Davis, of Wilkesboro, Pfc. Baxter Davis, who is stationed in the Hawaiian Islands, used part of the space on a V-mail letter to pay a tribute to Sgt. Bobby Laws, who lost his life in action against the enemy in the South Pacific during the latter part of 1942. Pfc. Davis wrote as follows: "If those people can only realize that boy gave his life for them. I can imagine

some of those smug, pseudo-patriots airing their petty grievances because of rationing of tins, sugar and coffee—when poor Bobby, just getting ready to enjoy life, was dying in some remote, Jap-infested, stinking hell hole of a jungle—after fighting so they might live. Do they realize that? All the news of strikes in the states make me very sad. I wonder if Bobby, too, wouldn't have been sad to hear of them while he was dying."

As the war continues, it is only natural to expect that other young men from Wilkes will make the supreme sacrifice for you, for all of us. To do anything less than our best on the home front would be failing to carry out our duty.

Borrowed Comment

WHO IS A FARMER? Gates County Index

Since the increased power of the farm bloc in Congress and the passing of a law deferring farmers in the draft—and rightly so—the question has arisen as to who may be considered as a farmer. To be sure, the selective service boards have set up minimum requirements as to acreage to be tended of various crops, to secure deferment as a farmer.

But 1,000 acres of land and a dozen tractors with all equipment does not make a man a farmer—overnight.

The question resolves itself into this: Who can make a contribution to farm productivity by his participation in that industry?

We contend that it takes years of training and experience to make a good farmer just as it takes the same in any other type of work. There is a great deal more to farming than renting a piece of land, plowing it up, fertilizing, planting and harvesting.

LIFE'S BETTER WAY

WALTER E. ISENHOUR,
Hiddenite, N. C.

THE FUTURE PARENTHOOD OF AMERICA

Who are to be the future parents of America? You answer: "The boys and girls of today." Your answer is correct. But what kind of parents will they make? Now this is a more serious question than you may realize. Let us think a little. Is it not a fact beyond question that a parent should be strong physically, mentally, morally and spiritually? You will admit this as a truth, won't you? To say the least, you admit that parents should be free from all venereal disease, and should not do nor poison the system with alcohol and nicotine, because it weakens their offspring. Children born to parents who are physically disabled from these things are oftentimes sickly when they come into the world, mentally weak, and sometimes deformed. Multitudes of them will not be strong.

Now when we see our young girls becoming slaves to cigarettes, many of whom drink beer and liquor too, and indulge in other things and form other habits that are bad, just what kind of mothers will they make? Then when we see our young men enslaved by cigarettes, beer, dope and liquor, many of whom are adulterous, what kind of fathers will they make? Multitudes of these boys and girls are going to be future parents.

Not only that, but when the boys and girls of today are very immoral, what effect will it make on their children? When they curse, as multitudes of them do, use profane language, take God's name in vain, read the poorest class of books and literature they can get their hands on, attend the vilest dances they can find, look upon the most adulterous and vilest pictures they can find in the movies and take special pleasure in such, in the name of common sense and reason, just what kind of parents will they make? Furthermore, this same crowd of young people have little higher aim than the heathen. All they want is to indulge their appetite, gratify their sinful and abnormal passions, spend all their money seeking worldly pleasure, with no interest in the Holy Bible, the church of the living God, the salvation of their precious souls and the souls of others. Let me ask you again, what kind of parents will they make? They are going to marry, it is true, and children will be born unto them. If this situation is not enough to startle every good man and woman on the American soil I wonder what is. It is enough to wake up every spiritually dead father and mother, preacher, teacher and church, and cause every good citizen to cry unto God for help and against the sins that are cursing us. Say a big "Amen" and get busy for God.

Abnormal Absurdities

WRIGHT NICHOLS, et al.

EXCUSES NO GOOD

We know a fellow who was trying to get out of going into the army and he told them he was too young. They told him that made no difference, that they would put him in the infantry.

And then he told the sergeant that they could take him to war but they could not make him fight. The sergeant said they would send him where the fighting is going on and let him use his own judgment.

And draft board members say that if some men fight the enemy as hard as they fought to keep out of the army the war will not last long.

And one of our town boys in the army was instructed to prepare the colonel's mount. Fifteen minutes later the colonel was ready to ride and there stood the soldier with the bridle in front of the horse's face, waiting for the horse to yawn.

COLD IN ICELAND

Returned Soldier (telling about Ice-land): "It's so cold up there that if you set a bucket of boiling water outdoors, it freezes so fast that for five minutes after it's frozen to solid ice it is still warm!"

ANY SUGAR

"You ain't got no sugar, is you?"
"I ain't said I is, is I?"
"I ain't ast you if you is, I ast you if you ain't. You ain't, is you?"

WRONG ONES

Three absent-minded professors were so absorbed in conversation that they didn't hear the train come in nor hear the conductor's "All Aboard" till the puff of the engine attracted them. Then they all rushed for the train and two scrambled on. The third looked on sheepishly.

The agent, standing nearby, offered consolation. "Too bad, Mister. But two out of three made it—that's pretty good."
"Yes," replied the professor, still looking wistfully after the train. "But those two came down to see me off."

Army To Help Small Plants

Washington.—Small manufacturing plants whose regular business has been curtailed by the war will be given an opportunity immediately to obtain army orders totaling \$200,000,000. Maj. Gen. Clifford L. Corbin, director of quartermaster corps procurement, said today.

Displays of 34 needed items will be set up next week at 12 regional offices and at district offices in industrial centers. Col. Robert W. Johnson, chairman of the Small War Plants corporation, explained at a joint press conference with Corbin.

Johnson will recommend to Corbin small factories capable of producing the assorted items, which include pianos, four-wheel trailers, rubber heels, pistol belts, ski poles, shoes, water buckets, blankets, and overshoes.

Representatives of distressed plants, trade associations, and chambers of commerce will be invited to SWPC meetings, Johnson said, adding that some need exists to find manufacturing plants for merchandise not previously produced.

India spec. over \$30,000,000 on defense projects in the last year.

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WE LIGHTEN YOUR TASK

Banks Donate Seed for County 4-H Projects

By H. C. COLVARD, Assistant
County Agent

The Northwestern Bank and the Bank of North Wilkesboro again donated seed for 4-H boys and girls' projects. Last year there were fifty-two boys growing corn in addition to the other projects such as poultry, beef and dairy calves, gardens, cows, and pigs. Our 4-H project program has doubled in size since last year. There are eighty-eight boys and girls receiving seed corn, which will be planted on one hundred acres this year.

Our 4-H club boys have won in the past local and state recognition in corn growing. At the last state fair first prizes were won on individual and county entries of single ear white corn. Seed for this corn was donated by our local banks.

For this year's project, we have purchased six bushels of certified Jarvis yellow seed corn from R. L. Alexander of Harmony. Twenty-seven boys will use this seed on thirty acres. Twelve bushels of "Wilkes White" seed will be purchased from R. D. Nichols of Purchase and planted by sixty-one boys and girls on sixty-seven acres.

Those receiving seed are as follows:

Ronda Club

Tom Pardue, Charlie Dimmette, Joe Mathis, Hassell Key, Jimmie Crater, J. P. Burchette, Russel West, Cleve Pardue, Howard Blackburn, Blake Caudill, Kenneth Jordan, Eugene Adams and Edward West.

Millers Creek Club

Luther Osborne, Rex Whittington, Claude Evans, Carl Eller, Charles Whittington, F. D. Call, Billy Bumgarner, Paul Parsons, John Eller, Wade Johnson, Harrison Faw, Bernard Shumate.

Wilkesboro Club

Ikey Johnson, Vernon Carlton, Jewel Grier, Charlotte James, Ethel Pearson, Jimmie Miller.

Benham Club

Gilbert Wagoner, Folger West, Folie Carter.

Mt. Pleasant Club

Ted Hamby, Muriel Goforth, Alfred Parsons, Junior Eller, Hoyle McNeil, Bruce Elledge, Harry Foster, J. D. Johnson, Jack Welborn, Don Ray Beshears, Charles Beshears, Doyle Blackburn, Shelmor Blackburn, R. C. Huffman, Arvil Huffman, and J. C. Nichols.

Ferguson Club

Junior Edmiston, Mulberry Club, G. L. Adams, Don Kilby, Ralph Wyatt, Guy Hayes, Kenneth Shumate.

Traphill Club

Bryce Brown, Wesley Joines, Alvin Clay Joines, Jesse Hutchison, Boyce Lyon.

Austin Club

Junior Wagoner, Aaron Speaks, Gaston Billings, Bill Crabbs.

Roaring River Club

Bill Sparks, Kenneth Miner, Russel Edwards, Clyde Carpenter, Billy Ray Cothren, Alan Scroggs.

Mountain View Club

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Champion News Items Reported

Rev. A. W. Eller filled his regular appointment at Mt. Pleasant church and delivered a most inspiring message taken from Acts 20. His text being "The Sunday Sleeper." A high light of the day was two songs rendered by a quartet composed of the following girls: Misses Bobby Jean and Betty Joe Eller, Drucilla Beal and Etta Jean Pierce.

Miss Evelyn McGee, who visited for ten days in this community, has returned to her home.

Mr. John Morgan Yates of the Stanton community and Miss Lillian Dyer of Purchase route one, were married March 30th. Rev. Glenn Huffman officiated. Their many friends wish for them a long and happy married life.

In the recent Red Cross War Fund campaign, Lewis Fork township raised the sum of \$330.80. Through the efforts of the members of Champion Home Demonstration Club about half of the \$330.80 was collected.

The individual volunteer campaign workers and the amounts

by Wood, R. G. Watkins, James Anderson.

Clingman Club

Jimmie Burchette, Billy Cello-way, Jack Pardue, R. D. Mathis, Billy Ray Mathis.

collected were as follows: Paul P. W. Dyer, \$40.00; Mrs. V. D. Harris, \$25.16; Mrs. C. M. Brown, Jr., \$10.00; Mr. J. C. McNeil, \$15.00; Mrs. V. D. Foster, \$4.00; Mrs. Verna Laws, \$4.00; Mr. Nora Barnett, \$3.50.

The largest single contribution was \$150.00 which was given by the Champion Poultry Farm which is owned and operated by Mr. T. O. Minton. A large number of citizens of the Lewis Fork community who are employed in the Wilkesboro, made their contributions through their places of employment, and these contributions were not included in the amount mentioned above.

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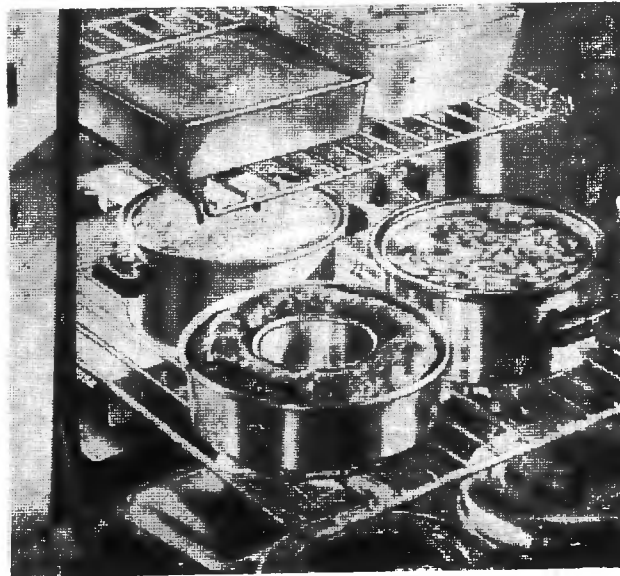
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