

### Survey Boat Harbor

New Bern.—Surveyors of the B. district engineers' office in Wilmington have begun a preliminary survey of a proposed

boat harbor to be located here in the Trent River and Lawson Creek. The engineers have given approval to the project, but congressional appropriations are needed before work can be started.

### 25,000 Regular Army 'Openings' Made Available

In the greatest peacetime expansion of its officer corps in history, the United States Army is now seeking candidates for 25,000 Regular Army commissions. It was announced today by Colonel Severne S. MacLaughlin, Commanding Officer of the North Carolina Military District, Raleigh, North Carolina. Colonel MacLaughlin further stated that Major General Edward F. Witsell, the Adjutant General, had announced a screening center at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where applications from this state will be processed.

The expansion is designed to bring the Army's regular officer strength to 50,000 as authorized by Congress in August. It is the second within twelve months, an increase of 25,000 having been authorized last December. As emphasized by General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower in his testimony before Congress last July, the authorized increase in the number of Regular Army commissions will permit the Army to offer attractive careers to the most desirable and experienced wartime officers, whose expensive training would otherwise be lost to the Army when they revert to their civilian professions.

Former officers of the Army of the United States, who have served since 7 December 1941, whether or not they previously applied during the officer-procurement program conducted earlier this year, are eligible for appointments.

As was the case in the earlier expansion, a method has been established by which any candidate can determine in advance the rank in which he will be commissioned. Rank will be based either on length of actual commissioned service since 7 December 1941 or on "constructive service," whichever is the greater, the latter representing the number of years, months and days by which the age of the applicant exceeds twenty-five (25) years. No former officer will be commissioned in a grade higher than that which he held during the war.

An officer appointed in the Regular Army under this authority, whether on active or inactive status, will be recalled to duty in the highest rank held prior to separation and will retain such temporary rank until reduced in the general reduction program for temporary ranks of other regular army officers. However, an officer may be demoted one grade if his date of

rank in temporary grade is such that it falls within the time limits for officers who have been demoted under the officer grade readjustment program. Appointment in the Regular Army will not militate against promotion to a higher temporary grade.

Commissions will be given on the following basis for all arms and services, except the Adjutant General's and the Judge Advocate General's departments, the Medical Corps, and the Dental Corps, the Veterinary Corps, the Pharmacy Corps, and the Corps of Chaplains: less than three years—second lieutenant; three or more years but less than ten—first lieutenant; ten or more years but less than seventeen—captain; seventeen or more years but less than twenty-three—major. Thus, on the basis of constructive service, a qualified candidate who was born February 14th, 1905 and commissioned on January 1, 1947 would be credited with sixteen years, ten months and fourteen days of constructive service and would be commissioned as a captain.

Similar tables have been established for the above excepted branches of the service and full information regarding them and application forms are available at all recruiting station, sub-station, or on camps, posts and stations anywhere in the United States. Applicants not on active duty or terminal leave will submit their applications direct to the Commanding General, Seventh Army, Atlanta 3, Georgia.

All new applications must be forwarded by December 31, 1946, and the supplemental applications of previous candidates by November 30th. The first of the new appointment lists will be announced about the middle of January. Application blanks are available at your Army Recruiting Station, located at the Post Office Building, Lenoir, N. C.

### South Piedmont Teachers Want A Boost In Pay

Charlotte, Nov. 18.—An insurgent group of teachers in the South Piedmont District of the North Carolina Education Association today went ahead with plans for a 40 per cent pay rise. Meanwhile, C. W. Phillips, of Greensboro, N. C., E. A. president, stood pat on his announced intention of asking the legislature for 20 per cent plus "cost of living" increase.

To sponsors of the meeting here, last Saturday who have asked for Phillips' resignation, he said action would have to come at the annual meeting of the N. C. E. A. next spring.

Phillips told the Charlotte News that district meetings in Greenville and Wilmington approved the 20 per cent plan "and we are not upset by minority reports from Charlotte, Asheville and Lenoir."

Threefold Hope  
"The only hope of getting an increase is threefold, the state-

wide appropriation on which we are now working. Loan supplies and Federal aid," Phillips declared.

The South Piedmont group has invited representatives from all districts in the state to a steering committee hearing in Charlotte tomorrow.

### Marines Seek Negroes

Negroes may now enlist in the marines either as steward specialists or for general duty, it was announced yesterday.

Openings are for men 17 to 29 inclusive, the recruiting officer said.

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