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BOARD EXPLAINS REASONS FOR MANY REJECTIONS

The current high rate of rejections of selectees at the induction station is disturbing to the public mind. This is understandable since the public is so vitally interested in every phase of selective service, the board pointed out. There is a satisfactory explanation for it and the public is entitled to that explanation.

Prior to January 1st, 1942, complete physical examinations were given the selectees by local board examining physicians. After a few months of experience, these physicians were passing men who very closely met the army's requirements. Rejections at the induction station at that time were almost entirely of men with borderline conditions, men who had contracted diseases between the time of their local examinations and the time of their delivery for induction, and men rejected as a result of the chest X-rays which were never a part of the local examination.

Under the regulations now in force, the local examining physicians do not make a comprehensive examination. In fact, they make only a casual, "screening" examination and are guided by a list of defects, one part of which sets forth non-remediable physical conditions which manifestly disqualify for general military service, but qualify for limited service. The local examining physician has no alternative but to follow this list specifically. With these limitations, the examining physician can reject little more than the obviously unfit.

Another reason for the large number of rejections is that local boards no longer have the authority to disqualify registrants who are below the minimum literacy standards for military service. Prior to January 1, 1942, they had such authority and did not send to the induction registrants who were below such standards. Regulations now provide that all such men, otherwise qualified for military service, must be sent to the induction station for final check and rejection by the army.

It can readily be appreciated by those who understand the regulations in force that a higher percentage of the men forwarded for induction may be expected to be rejected for the reasons above given and local boards and examining physicians should not be criticized for a conditions over which they have no control. They have no choice but to send the men to the induction station even if they have reason to believe that a large number will be rejected on account of their physical condition or lack of educational qualifications.

SIMON WRIGHT DIES AT RURAL HALL

FIRST BARN PRIMINGS PULLED AT KING—BIG WHEAT CROP GROWN AT KING—PERSONAL ITEMS.

(By E. P. NEWSUM)

King, where the weak grow strong and the strong grow great, the best little town in the Old North State—July 2.—R. C. White who lives here has the distinction of having pulled the first barn of tobacco in this section this year.

Simon Peter Wright, aged about 50, died almost suddenly at his home in Rural Hall Sunday morning. The deceased, who was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Wright, was reared near here. The widow and two sons, one of whom is in the army, survive. Funeral and interment were conducted at Mount Olive Church Tuesday at 4:00 p. m.

Joe Stone has about fully recovered from a recent sickness at his home here.

Jackie Taylor of Lawsonville underwent a tonsil removal operation here Friday. Dr. R. S. Helsebeck performed the operation.

Mrs. Herbert Marshall and small son, Wayne, of Wilkesboro, are the guests of Mrs. Marshall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Newsom on west Main street.

C. A. White who holds a position at Beaufort spent the weekend with his family in Woodland Heights.

While late tobacco in this section is looking good the early crop is not looking so promising due to the wet weather.

Rev. Robert A. Helsebeck who has been quite sick at his home near Tobaccoville is much improved his friends will be pleased to learn.

This section is getting on the map in wheat growing. R. C. White threshed four hundred bushels grown on eleven acres. Rengo, who is a fine tobacco grower, is showing e'm he can grow wheat also.

Daniel White, familiarly known here as "Happy Dan" is here for a few days from Roanoke, Va. Dan has enlisted in the Navy and will enter training at once.

A carrier pidgeon stopped over for a rest here Saturday. O. O. Grabs caught the bird which was completely broken down and carried it home with him for a feed.

I had almost forgotten to tell you that the stork is still on the job. Here is his weekly report: Mr. and Mrs. Saunders Speas, a son; Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Eads, a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Vaughn, a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. James Moore, a daughter; and Mr. and Mrs. Coy Baker, a son.

And that's the news from here.

HAVE YOU CONTRIBUTED TO THE NAVY RELIEF SOCIETY?

GAS RATIONING STARTS 9, 10, 11 AT SCHOOLS, BOARD

TRUCK OWNERS MUST REGISTER AT BOARD OFFICE

Applications for permanent gas rationing will be received at all high school buildings in the county on July 9th, 10th and 11th from 8 a. m., to 5 p. m. Only owners of passenger cars will be registered on those days. Owners and operators of trucks of all kinds cannot register at the school, but must register before the Rationing Board.

Any persons requiring more gas than the "A" book provides for must also appear before the Board.

All applicants must have in possession their registration card and must have the Federal Use Stamp for 1942-43 attached to windshield of their cars. No gas will be rationed without the card and stamp being in possession of the owner.

Draftees Get Furlough After Induction

The Stokes County Local Draft Board No. 1 announced here this week that beginning July 1, 1942, every inducted man will be granted a fourteen-day furlough at the induction station unless he prefers not to be furloughed. The Army will furnish transportation meals and lodging for such reservists, to and from the cities where their local boards are located.

There will be no change in the procedure of delivery of registrants to the induction station by the local boards or for the return of rejected men from the induction station to the local board.

Every man who wishes to return to his home will be given the opportunity to do so without being required to establish his reason for returning. Investigation and recommendation by the local board is no longer necessary. Reservists are released from active service at the induction station instead of the Reception Center. They travel at Government expense in local board groups under an appointed leader. Farewell ceremonies may be arranged at the time the group have been accepted for military service and ordered to active duty. None will be faced with the embarrassment of returning home following such ceremonies.

Danbury Gasless For Several Days

From Sunday at noon until Wednesday at noon, the two filling stations here were out of gas. One station owner said that there would be plenty of gas until the rationing which is July 22, at which time stamps will be required for its purchase.

STOKES GETS 8 NEW TIRES, 29 RECAPS IN MONTH OF JULY

Board Warns Motorists to Conserve Present Tires

Stokes county's quota of tires for July is 8 new passenger car tires, 19 tubes, 29 recaps, 42 new truck tires, 19 tubes and 49 recaps. The rationing board now has more than 500 applications for new and recap tires on file in its office.

The present rubber situation with 92 percent. of the country's rubber supply cut off, presents a dark picture for the automobile and truck users, and every effort must be made to conserve the present tire and tube supply.

Car and truck owners may well prepare to make their old tires last for many months with little or no hope of securing new or recap replacements.

Farmers Will Get Commissioner Loans Through Land Bank

Land Bank Commissioner loans will continue to be available to farmers of Stokes county under terms of legislation signed by President Roosevelt, Geo. L. Crater, Secretary-Treasurer of the Stokes County National Farm Loan Association, announced this week.

"Originally authorized in 1933 as an emergency measure," Mr. Crater said, "Commissioner Loans have filled a real need in farm financing. They have enabled thousands of farmers to consolidate indebtedness at lower rates of interest and begin to make progress in getting out of debt. They have helped many tenants become farm owners. And of course, during the depression, they made it possible for thousands of farmers to keep farms they otherwise would have lost if such loans had not been available.

"Commissioner loans are made by the Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation through Federal land banks and are serviced by local national farm loan associations exactly as Federal land bank loans are serviced. In Stokes county there are approximately 136 Commissioner loans outstanding or a total face amount of \$118,399.00."

Death Of Harvey J. White

Walnut Cove.—Funeral services for Harvey Junior White, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter White of Germantown, Route 1, who died early Tuesday morning was held Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock from Peniel Holiness Church.

Rev. Kenneth Danshler of Walnut Cove, Route 1, was in charge and burial followed in the church cemetery.

The child is survived by his parents.

MOTOR CYCLE, AUTO CRASH AT WALNUT COVE

An automobile driven by Chas. Tuttle of Walnut Cove collided with a motor cycle on which were riding Jean Boles and John Davis, both of Winston-Salem.

Jean Boles suffered broken legs, collar bone, wrist and finger. The latter's back was broken and both are in a Winston-Salem hospital.

The accident occurred Sunday afternoon in front of Jones' service station.

MERCHANTS AND STA. OPERATORS TO FILE STATEMENT

Every retail merchant, filling station operator and others selling merchandise to the public are required to file with the Rationing Board at Danbury, either by mail or in person, by July 1, a statement showing his maximum prices for all cost-of-living commodities offered for sale in his place of business. He must also keep in his place of business a statement showing his March prices for all items carried for sale in March, 1942.

CCC ELIMINATED

The CCC was voted out of existence Tuesday night when the Senate completed action on the labor federal security appropriation eliminating all funds for continuing the CCC. The House had taken similar action.

Snake Story

While sitting on my porch Monday I was disturbed by an unusual fluttering of two birds. Upon investigation I saw two robins high on the topmost limb of an orange tree jumping about as if being chased by something.

After still closer observation, I discovered a black snake some 4 feet in length coiled about the limb on which the nest was built.

Securing a gun, I shot the snake several times. Two distinct lumps in said snake's abdomen indicated a recent meal of something which I proceeded to disclose by cutting the reptile's stomach open. The result of the operation: 2 half grown robins.

E. V. P.

Triple A Office To Be Closed On Fourth Of July

Chief Clerk Joel H. Fulton announced today that his office would close Friday afternoon for the week-end of July 4th. Business will be resumed Monday 8 a. m.

Nick Stevens, Lawsonville citizen, was in town Wednesday.

TRUCKERS, ETC., TO MEET HERE 7th

Will Endeavor To Increase Allotment of Truck Tires For Stokes

A meeting of merchants, lumbermen, manufacturers and other operators of commercial trucks will be held at the courthouse here on Tuesday, July 7, at 6:00 p. m., to discuss with Ration Board members the tire and gas needs of the county.

The meeting is being sponsored by C. L. Lester, William F. Marshall, I. G. Ross, L. A. Norman, Moir Martin, Paul Fulton, O. S. Fallin and others who are vitally interested in securing additional allotments of truck tires for the county.

DRAFT BOARD TO INDUCT 1-B REGISTRANTS

May Use 1-B Men To Finish July Quota—Biggest Call Yet.

A member of the Stokes County Local Draft Board told the Reporter today that it had a call for men qualified for limited service now in class 1-B.

Many of these 1-B men may be used to fill the July quota, which is the largest ever to leave this county.

American Legion, USO Sponsor Donkey Ball Game Wed., July 8

The American Legion is sponsoring for the benefit of the USO a donkey baseball game at Walnut Cove. The game is scheduled for Wednesday, July 8 at 8:30 p. m. Everybody is urged to come.

WALNUT COVE MAN SHOOTSELF

James William "Buck" Bullia, of Walnut Cove, aged 45, ended his own life Sunday when he fired a .22 rifle bullet through his heart. He died instantly.

No suicide note was found, but it was thought that his action was due to the separation of he and his wife.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at Clear Springs Baptist Church with Elder J. Watt Tuttle of Danbury and Bishop J. S. Cranfill officiating. Burial was in the church graveyard.

