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Registrants

With Dependents May Be Commissioned

The War Department has announced that in the near future Selective Service registrants who have been deferred solely because of dependency will be given an opportunity to qualify as officer candidates by volunteering for induction through Selective Service, it was stated today by General J. Van B. Metts, State Director of Selective Service.

This policy will make it possible for registrants who have dependents to obtain commissions, if they can qualify themselves for commission, and thereby enable them to serve in the armed forces of the nation in this hour of grave emergency, and at the same time take care of their dependents, the Director stated.

Pending the formulation of procedure with respect to this matter, registrants desiring further information regarding their opportunity to volunteer for this purpose were advised by the Director to file their names and addresses with their local boards. Full information will be furnished them as soon as it is available.

Rapid flashing of lights on a Navy vessel means "Man Overboard."

N. C. Births

Far Above Deaths; Other Vital Statistics

RALEIGH, March 23.—Of the 446 babies under a year old who died in North Carolina during February, 18 smothered to death while sleeping with parents, according to reports made to the State Board of Health. About 75 such deaths occur in the state annually, most of them in winter time.

February deaths from influenza totaled 48, as compared with 291 the corresponding month in 1941, while pneumonia deaths for the month dropped from 322 to 231. Measles claimed 11 victims, against 2 in February last year. From January 1 through March 14, 1942, there were 10,865 cases of measles reported in North Carolina, against 3,243 during the corresponding period of last year and 1,070 in 1940. The disease, on the upsurge this year, is scattered throughout the state.

Suicides are temporarily on the decrease, there having been only 15 reported last month, against 25 in February, 1941, while homicides for the month totaled 24. There were 28 reported in February last year.

Reports for the year through February show that an average of 235 babies were born in the state each day, while daily deaths averaged 89.

Men With Dependents May Be Officer Candidate

Selective Service registrants who have been deferred by reason of dependency only, but wish to volunteer to compete for selection as an Officer Candidate must make application through their local boards, General J. Van B. Metts, state director of selective service, announced today.

All such volunteers, Director Metts declared, must be American citizens and be eligible, aside from their dependency claims, for classification in Class II-A. In addition, the "Application to Volunteer and Waiver of Dependency" filed with the local board must be signed by his dependents over 18 years of age, as well as by the registrant, and any volunteer under 21 years of age must obtain the written consent of his parents or guardians.

Volunteers who are found by the Army to be initially qualified will be inducted among quotas sent to the Army by their local boards and given four months training in the ranks to determine if they are potential prospects for commissions as second lieutenants. Any not recommended for an Officer Candidate school at the end of this training period may request to be transferred to the Enlisted Reserve, which means that he will return to civilian life and not be subject to call for active service unless registrants having similar dependency claims are being called. Those who fail to complete the Officer Candidate course, or who are not recommended for commission, likewise may request transfer to the Enlisted Reserve, or elect to be reassigned as an enlisted man on active duty.

It is estimated by the War Department that the entire training period for a volunteer seeking a commission, including the four months' service in the ranks, normally will require a minimum of six months.

Sorghum Suggested For Sugar Shortage

Face to face with a sugar shortage, North Carolina farm families would be wise to plant a sorghum patch this year, advises E. C. Blair, extension agronomist of N. C. State College.

Home needs should be supplied first, he said, but there may be some farmers who would like to derive cash money from the sale of their extra syrup.

Under good management, farmers have secured 100 gallons, and yields of more than 400 gallons are on record per acre.

In general, sorghum does well on any well-drained soil that is suitable for corn. Sandy loams and clay loams of medium to high fertility give the highest yields. Dark, heavy soils produce darker syrup than light colored sandy soils.

Sorghum has shallow roots which draw rather heavily on the top four or five inches of soil. For this reason, it is advisable to apply stable manure, or to grow a winter legume after the crop.

Good fertilizers for sorghum are 400 pounds of 4-10-4 per acre. Then apply 100 pounds of nitrate of soda or an equivalent amount of readily available nitrogen from other sources when the crop is two feet high.

Varieties vary in the time required for maturity. Recommended varieties for the Mountain section are: Orange, Red Amber, Black Amber, Sugar Drip. Planting should begin in the mountains May 15, and may be continued in all sections until June 15.

Navy recruiting officers were so flooded with applicants after war was declared that they had to close temporarily.

Accidents In United States Up Sharply From Previous Years

There were 500,000 more accidental injuries in 1941 than before the defense program started, in 1939, with fatal accidents up nearly 9,000 in the same period, a reflection of the greatly increased cost of carelessness as the nation steps into high gear on the war effort, according to the Institute of Life Insurance.

The cost to the nation for this accident toll increased nearly half a billion dollars in these two years, the Institute reports, but the most vital loss today is the man-hours lost on war production.

"Every worker in America has a direct, personal responsibility to exert every possible care in avoiding accidents," the Institute said, "for it must be remembered that practically all accidents are preventable. Last year's accident toll of 9,400,000, of which 101,500 were fatal, and which cost the nation an estimated \$3,750,000,000, can be greatly reduced this year through a national campaign of accelerating war production through safety practices."

"That accidents can be reduced is shown by the records, for the safety work of the years since World War I have reduced the accidental death rate materially. Had the 1918 accidental death rate applied in 1941, there would have been an additional 9,000 deaths from carelessness. Greater care in 1942 can reduce the accident toll and make a notable contribution to the production of war materials which are so vital today."

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—Robert M. Salter, Retiring Director, N. C. Experiment Station.

The boys who are participating in these exercises have much interest and enthusiasm. It is hoped that their parents will cooperate 100 per cent in making it possible for each boy to have his physical defects corrected by the end of this school year. Each parent is being sent a report showing the results of the examination given his son. One copy of each individual report will remain at the school, and a third copy is being given the county health office.

Marine Corps Need Radio Men

Are YOU a trained radio technician?

The Radio Technician division of the United States Marine Corps announces that it is prepared to enlist an unlimited number of men in this field. After passing a physical examination, qualified radio men will be enlisted as staff-sergeants with a base pay of \$72 per month. This includes all living expenses. Married men will receive an additional \$34.50 per month.

Those applying for radio ratings in the Marine Corps should be high school graduates and have had at least three months of technical radio experience. It is necessary that letters attesting to this fact be furnished by the applicant's employer. Age limit is 35.

The Marine Corps at the present is in dire need of trained radio men and it is urged that anyone possessing the necessary qualifications contact the nearest Marine recruiting station which in Western North Carolina is located in Asheville.

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