

Physical Standards Lowered for Entry In Naval Reserves

Several Modifications Announced by Navy Department Last Week

The Navy Department notified the Navy Recruiting Service in North Carolina last week that physical requirements for enlistment in the U. S. Naval Reserve have been modified.

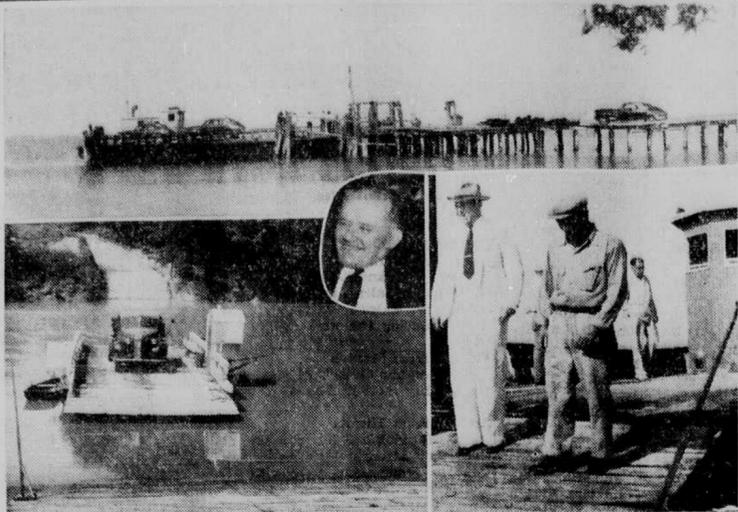
The modifications affect the requirements for teeth, vision, height and weight and are expected to bring about the enlistment of large numbers of applicants who could not qualify for service under former requirements.

Volunteers for enlistment in the Naval Reserve under the new plan must have "sufficient teeth or suitable replacements to supply satisfactory biting and masticatory function. Natural teeth must be serviceable and the gums and supporting structures must be free of disease."

A binocular rating of 15/20 vision with not less than 6/20 in the worst eye will be accepted, provided no organic defect is present.

Recruits must be not less than 62 inches in height nor more than 76 inches tall, while weight must be pro-

ALL FERRIES IN STATE ARE NOW FREE OF TOLLS



All ferries in North Carolina are now toll-free, announcement having been made last week eliminating tolls on the Croatan Sound and Alligator river ferries. The picture at the top of the photo-montage shows the Croatan Sound ferry at its pier on Roanoke Island; lower right, Governor Broughton with Captain Toby Tillett when Tillett's Oregon Inlet ferry was freed last summer; lower left, typical ferry built by the State Highway Commission, this one located at TarHeel, Bladen County; insert is Highway Chairman Ben Price.

portional to the height and build of the applicant, the medical examiner determining that any disproportion is not an evidence or organic disease.

Heretofore, applicants for the Naval Reserve have been required to have 18 sound vital teeth with two opposing molars without malocclusion and with not more than four incisors missing. They also have been required to have not less than 15/20 vision in either eye, while the minimum required height was 64 inches and the maximum height 76 inches. The latter figure was not changed by the new modifications adopted by the Navy Department.

With the exception of class V-I, V-5 and V-7, the modifications apply to all classes of enlisted male ratings in the Naval Reserve, as well as the two classes of ratings in the Merchant Marine Reserves. Class V-1, V-5 and V-7 are classes which men enter in enlisted ratings with the opportunity of becoming deck, engineer and aviation officers. There has been no change in the physical requirements for appointment to commission rank in the Naval Reserve.

SHEARING

An effort is being made in Johnston County to teach all people with flocks of sheep to shear them properly and to tie the wool with paper twine rather than fiber twine.

Derelict Explosives Dangerous, People Along Coast Warned

Wide Berth Should Be Given Torpedoes, Mines, Depth Charges

The Navy today issued a warning to coastal residents of the Plymouth area to give a wide berth to any torpedoes, mines, aerial bombs, depth charges, or other objects suspected of being explosive, which may wash up on the beach.

Such explosives—of enemy or Allied origin—may be expected to wash ashore, particularly after rough weather. Some of the mines now being used are so sensitive that the mere footsteps of a person approaching too close may set them off. Under no circumstance should they be touched or moved, except by a disposal expert of the Navy.

When in doubt as to whether an object on the beach is an explosive, the safest procedure is to keep as far away from it as possible, until an expert arrives at the scene, officials of the Sixth Naval District said.

The area should be cleared immediately and then roped off so that no one can come closer than 1,000 yards. Guards should be posted, and the Inshore Patrol, Section Base, Charleston, S. C. should be notified. The telephone number is 20525, extension 24, and the charges of long distance calls may be reversed.

Persons who find objects suspected of being explosives also may notify the nearest Navy, Coast Guard, Marine or Army office, with instructions that the information be relayed to the Inshore Patrol.

In case you don't know what mines, torpedoes and depth charges look like, here's a brief description of each, as furnished by the Navy:

Mines—Some are spherical, some are cylindrical or torpedo-shaped. The spherical ones have a diameter of about three feet, and sometimes have horn-shaped protrusions. The cylindrical or torpedo-shaped mines are five to eight feet long and about two feet in diameter; one end is rounded like a bullet, and the other end may have fins.

Torpedoes—These are cylindrical, with double propeller and rudders at tail. The usual size is about 16 feet long and 18 to 21 inches in diameter.

Depth charges—These are cylinders, shaped like small kegs or ash cans. They usually are two to three feet long and 15 to 18 inches in diameter.

Funeral Services Price Limit Fixed

Charges for funeral services must conform to ceilings established by the general maximum price regulation, Price Administrator Henderson stated May 27.

"The funeral service industry in all its operations is subject to the requirements laid down in the General Maximum Price Regulation," Mr. Henderson said.

"It does not matter whether a funeral director bills a lump sum for his various professional and personal services, facilities and merchandise, or sends an itemized bill. In any event, the charges must conform to the price ceilings and none can exceed the highest charges in effect last March."

The OPA interpretation holds that since the services of a funeral director and his staff are performed in connection with the sale of a commodity—the casket—the general maximum price regulation applies. Hence funeral directors must determine their maximum prices in the same way as others selling at retail.

The Coast Guard had a total military strength of 23,879 persons and a civilian personnel of 4,990 on November 1, 1941.

South Now Leading The United States in Reforestation Work

Over 52,000,000 Young Pines And Hardwoods Planted Last Year

In 1941, the Southern States planted 52 1/2 million young pines and hardwoods to reforest denuded privately owned lands. This is nearly 54 per cent of the total number so utilized in the entire country. Georgia led all the States with nearly 10.4 million, Mississippi was second with 9.8 million, and South Carolina was third with nearly 9.7 million.

The above figures include only distribution by the States in cooperation with the federal government under the provisions of the Clarke-McNary and Norris-Doxey Acts. Many millions of young trees were also planted in the South by such federal

Purchase of Federal Auto Use Stamps Is Ration Prerequisite

Changes Will Make Stricter Gas Rationing After July 15th

Learning in a preliminary check-up that ten per cent of the motorists did not buy the federal excise automobile stamps last fall, government authorities have ruled that no gasoline rationing cards will be issued the early part of next month unless the applicant proves he has purchased one of the new excise stamps. It is now quite certain that the automobile owner will pay the special federal tax or store his car, that the new ruling will make for a complete sale and for a strict gas rationing system.

Placed on sale at all post offices recently, a few of the stamps have already been purchased. Valued at \$5 each, the stamps carry a serial number, and places to fill in the make of car, model, engine number and state license number.

The sale of stamps last fall was interrupted by an inadequate distribution, but this year a sufficient number has been made available. The local post office has an adequate supply of the stamps on hand now, but motor vehicle owners are advised to purchase the stamps as early as possible and avoid the rush. A dozen or more of the stamps have already been sold by the office here. The stamps are good for one year from July 1 to June 30 of next year.

In the meantime, preliminary plans are being advanced for holding the second gasoline rationing registration on July 1, 2 and 3.

agencies as the U. S. Forest Service, Nesees Valley Authority.

Over half the land of the South the Soil Conservation, and the Tennessee Valley Authority. has been found by farmers to be better suited to tree crops than to other crops. Fortunately, trees grow faster in the South than in any equally large area elsewhere in the United States. Given protection from forest fires and provided plenty of seed trees are left, Southern woodlands will restock to young trees without much help from many. Meanwhile, planting would be required only on woodland areas already stripped of desirable trees.

Rationing Reduces Traffic 42 Per Cent

Raleigh.—Final estimates derived from 19 "magic-eye" traffic counters placed at strategic points on important highways throughout the State show that during the two week period preceding rationing, from April 26 to May 9, travel in North Carolina declined 20 per cent over a similar period in 1941. However, from May 17 to 30, after rationing came into effect, travel declined 42 per cent below the 1941 figure.

The survey, made under the supervision of James S. Burch, Statistics Engineer for the State Highway and Public Works Commission, shows that on the week-end of May 9-10 the public took one last fling bringing the amount of driving almost to the 1941

high travel level. However, by the next week-end travel had taken a huge drop.

Present indication of the traffic survey is that the North Carolina motoring public has recovered from the first shock of gasoline rationing and travel all over the State shows a definite trend toward slight increases.

Hardest hit are the main travel routes through North Carolina. US 1 near Raleigh and US 19-23 near Asheville show a larger percentage travel drop than the 41 per cent average.

Travel will continue to decline as the pinch of lack of tires is felt more and more, Burch believes.

PUMPKINS

J. Clay Idol, a farmer of Abbotts Creek community in Forsyth County, is suggesting that pumpkins be included in all North Carolina Victory Gar-

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