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## 18-Year-Olds Must Register Despite Present Draft Status

Selective Service System (Supervisory) Acting Executive Secretary Glenna L. Ray, who manages Madison County's local board at Marshall, says the current Congressional impasse over extending the induction authority has created great uncertainty among area draft-age men.

Miss Ray continued, "Selective Service Director Curtis Tarr has recently stressed the importance of explaining to our draft-age men the high probability that draft calls will resume in the near future and that the current impasse in the Congress is not likely to affect any registrant's chance of being drafted."

"Our local board has been specifically instructed to continue to register and classify men, and to order for pre-induction physical examinations those young men who may be needed to fill draft calls in the coming months," Miss Ray said.

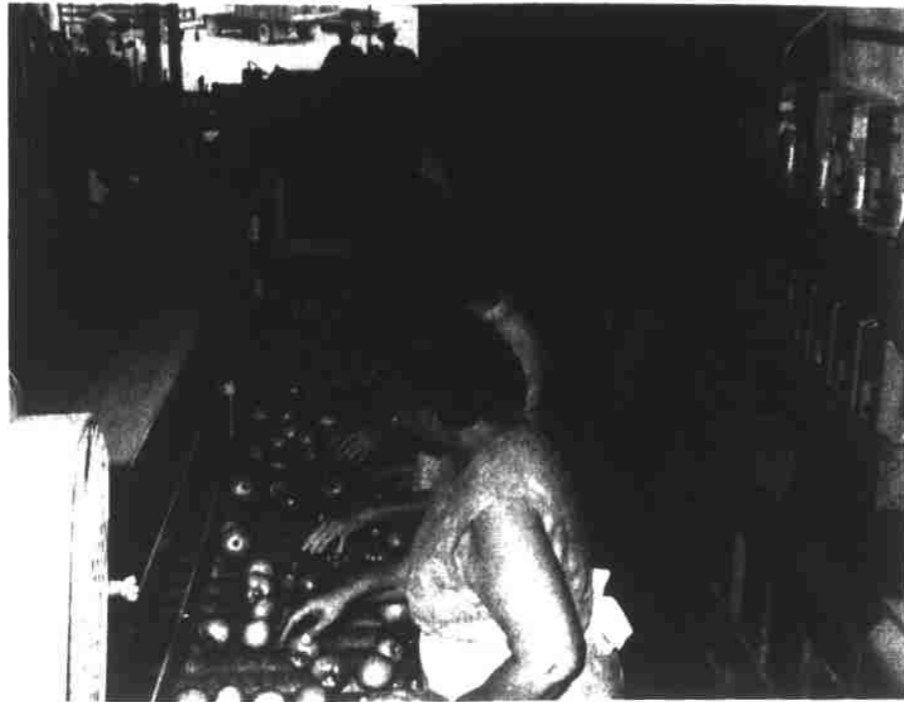
Men with lottery numbers through 125 were eligible for induction in June in order to fill draft calls. Since then, the Defense Department has asked Selective Service to draft 16,000 men in July-August. This request is being held by Selective Service headquarters pending final Congressional action on the draft bill, which is expected within several weeks. "Those young men with relatively low lottery numbers

who are eligible for induction this year, particularly those with numbers below 175—the current processing ceiling—have a very good chance of being processed for induction after draft calls are restored," Miss Ray said.

"Many young men seem to think that the Selective Service Act has permanently expired and that they probably will never be drafted. Some of them also think that the entire system has stopped. They are wrong since it is only the induction authority that has expired. They, therefore, may be unintentionally breaking the law by failing to register at age 18, by not keeping their local boards informed of their current address, or by failing to report, if ordered, for their pre-induction physical examinations."

Miss Ray also stressed that local board are continuing to consider CO, hardship, and student deferments and to take other classification actions. "Young men who had planned to submit requests for deferments or exemptions are encouraged to do so," Miss Ray said. "The expiration of the induction authority does not affect our responsibility to classify young men," Miss Ray added.

Miss Ray may be contacted at Ramsey Bldg., Main St., Marshall, the office of local board No. 59.



TOMATOES STARTED ROLLING Monday afternoon at the Mato Packing Company here in the first day of operation this season. Top photo shows a line of ladies grading tomatoes as they start down the conveyor. Bottom photo shows a double line of trucks and cars loaded with tomatoes heading toward the shed. Officials stated that they were well pleased with opening day deliveries and sales.

## Beekeepers May File For Pesticide Losses

Beekeepers who want to file for indemnity payments for bee losses from pesticide use may now obtain forms at the County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) Office.

Commenting that the beekeeper indemnity payment program is new, Emory Robinson, chairman of Madison County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, said no estimate can yet be made on the number of claims to be filed or beekeepers' estimates of losses.

The indemnity payment program for beekeepers is retroactive to Jan. 1, 1967, and, under the Agricultural Act of 1970, will continue through Dec. 31, 1973. To be eligible for payments, beekeepers must file applications with their County ASCS Committee and must prove loss of or damage to bee colonies because of pesticides.

A beekeeper filing for payment must satisfy the following requirements in written form: Show that his own pesticide application, if any, in no way contributed to his bee losses, that he took reasonable care to protect his bees and after exposure took reasonable action to reduce losses if he had prior notice of pesticide use in the vicinity of his colonies, and that the loss of bees was due entirely to the use of pesticides.

"A beekeeper coming into the County ASCS Office to file should ask for either the 'short form' or the 'long form,'" said Mr. Robinson. "If he has kept meticulous records that show precisely his income losses and when and where they occurred, he may want to use the long form on which he can show exact amount of his losses, based on cost of replacement bees, loss of honey and beeswax sales, pollination fees, and queen and packaged bee sales."

"For beekeepers who do not have records that detailed that far back, there is a short form available, which shows colony loss," Mr. Robinson added. "If a beekeeper files on the short form, the County ASCS Committee will determine net

loss on the following rates: \$20 for each bee colony destroyed, \$15 for each colony severely damaged, \$5 for each colony moderately damaged, \$7.50 for each queen nucleus destroyed, and \$5 for each queen nucleus severely damaged.

On either form, the beekeeper will specify colonies in his apiary before loss because of pesticides, colonies free of damage, destroyed, severely damaged, and moderately damaged, queen nuclei destroyed and severely damaged, and total loss.

The beekeeper will be expected to provide evidence of his bee losses from pesticides. Retroactively, such evidence may include official reports of losses filed with local or State authorities, business records kept at the time of loss, written statements by disinterested persons with personal knowledge of the losses, photographs authenticated as to date, location, and accuracy, reports of apiary inspectors and tax returns.

Current losses must include a written statement by a disinterested person and full information regarding the loss, including cause, extent, date, and location.

A beekeeper will also submit evidence that his loss occurred as a direct result of the use of pesticides near his apiary. Such evidence may include reports of chemical tests performed on dead bees; records, signed statements, or official reports of pesticide applicators and vendors employed within forage range of the bees; and governmental agencies or universities possessing verified information on the application of pesticides in the vicinity.

"Any beekeeper wanting to know full details about the indemnity payment program for pesticide losses should get in touch with his County ASCS Office," Mr. Robinson said. "He may come into the office, phone, or write, and we will be glad to give him all the information we have and help him understand the forms and the proof of loss he will need."

## Legislature Wraps Up 1971 Session

The 1971 North Carolina General Assembly went home Wednesday after repealing a law which some legislators felt might put the state's death penalty in jeopardy.

The session just ended was the longest ever for a North Carolina Legislature.

The bill by Sen. Stewart Warren, D-Sampson, repealed the law which allowed a person to plead guilty to a capital offense and receive an automatic sentence of life in prison. Now, a defendant will not be allowed to

plead guilty to a capital crime at all.

In another significant move, the General Assembly enacted legislation granting most of the rights of adulthood and the "burdens that go with them" to some 325,000 persons between the ages of 18 and 21.

As finally approved, the only major restriction placed on the

18-to-21 year old group was denial of the right to buy liquor.

Granted to the new adults were the right to enter into contracts such as car purchases, to own and operate businesses, to sue and be sued and to take responsibility for debt.

## School Bus Overtakes; Driver Hurt

A Madison County woman received minor injuries when the school bus she was operating with two children aboard, went down a 20-foot embankment on Shepherd Branch Road in Alexander.

Trooper D. W. Dees said the children were not injured in the accident, which occurred about 2:50 p.m. but Mrs. Ruth Ramsey Briggs, of Marshall Rt. 4, was given dispensary treatment at Memorial Mission Hospital.

The bus, owned by the Buncombe County Board of Education, was enroute to a day camp in the Richmond Hills section.

Dees quoted Mrs. Briggs as saying that she had been forced to the extreme right side of the narrow road when cars approached from the opposite direction.

As the bus approached a sharp curve in the road, it gave way on a soft shoulder and tumbled down the embankment and landed on its side in a corn field, Dees said. The bus was slightly damaged.

## Remains Of Stolen Autos Recovered From River

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The river bottom dump of a car theft ring was explored Saturday by investigators and a rescue squad working from a secluded one-lane road at an abandoned night club north of Asheville.

Sections of the hills of at least half a dozen vehicles were fished out of the French Broad River by noon, and an inspector with the license and theft division of the Department of Motor Vehicles estimated that 10 or 15 automobiles had been cut up and dumped in the water.

Glenn Roberts said he and Ray Evans, another inspector, had identified four stolen automobiles from the torch-chopped car bodies before they decided to call on the Buncombe County Rescue Squad to speed up the salvage work.

Chief Grady Plemmons and Volunteers with the rescue squad set up their equipment near the end of the weed-grown riverbank road Saturday morning, and working in water up to their waists began loading the dissected car bodies onto grappling hooks.

Doors, cowls, quarter panels and frames—all sized down by the thieves for easy handling with a torch—were hauled from the murky river on nylon ropes attached to a winch truck.

Among the piles of car parts sorted out on the sandy riverbank was one heap Roberts identified as two late model pickup trucks.

The vehicles had been stolen, stripped of motors, transmissions, seats and other salable parts, and the hulls cut up and hidden away on the river bottom, Roberts said.

Most of them late model vehicles, the automobile body colors were yet unfaded except for the ragged rust seams made by the torch.

The watery car junk graveyard was discovered last month by State Trooper Donald Dees after a game warden reported to him that the river was being used for a dump.

A fairly deep place at a slight curve in the river, the spot is located at the end of an ungraveled dirt road that served as access to cottages and basement apartments at the old Riverboat Lounge on Marshall Highway, once known as the Ship's Lantern.

From the highway, it is invisible, hidden by heavy growth, and the night club, which burned some time ago, is weedgrown and abandoned. The area is frequented by fishermen, however, or the dump might have never been discovered.

The riverbank dump is about a quarter of a mile from the highway. The river curves away from the highway at that point, and the car thieves could work safely without fear of noise attracting attention to their disposal activities.

"We think there are at least 15, by the time we get them pieced together," Roberts said.

Four automobiles, the oldest a 1967 model, were identified as stolen prior to the Saturday salvage work. Two were taken from car sales lots in Asheville, another was stolen from a Bent Creek residence, and the fourth from Charleston, S. C.

The part of two 1968 pickup trucks, stripped of motors and other high-priced equipment, were hauled from the underwater junk yard Saturday. "We haven't identified this—it's from Florida," Roberts said, indicating a torch-sliced section of an automobile with wires from its ignition system dripping wet river mud onto the sandy roadway.

W. S. Allen, district supervisor with the license and theft division of the state motor vehicles department, was

working with the salvage team Saturday.

Roberts said a truckload of parts bearing serial numbers had been hauled out of the area. Laboratory examination, and a followup of ownership of the vehicles through the serial numbers, could produce a lead to the car theft operation.

A 1964 Mustang was the oldest vehicle found in the murky depths of the river, Roberts said. The others are 1967 models or newer cars.

Hard rains resulting in high water had slowed progress of the investigation until Saturday. Dees reported the discovery about the last of June, and Roberts and Evans made two excursions into the river working with one wrecker and an operator.

"This is the first chance we have had to really get into the salvage work. And the assistance of the rescue squad has made it pay off," Roberts said.

"We had been down here twice before, but the work was slow without their equipment. They have certainly been a big help," he said.

Plemmons said it isn't unusual for the Buncombe County Rescue Squad to help out in the investigation of thefts when loot or other evidence has been stashed in fairly inaccessible places.

"And we're also helping the environment here," he said.

## GOP Hands Convention To San Diego

San Diego, a southern California city just 55 miles from the Western White House, will be the site of the Republican party's 1972 presidential nominating convention Aug. 21-24.

The Republican National Committee voted Friday to accept the recommendation of its site selection committee and send the party to San Diego where it is expected President Nixon will be nominated for a second term.

Final ratification was delayed

while Florida State GOP Chairman L. E. Thomas, who was an ardent supporter of Miami Beach as the site, forced a roll call on the recommendation.

The San Diego forces won, 118 to 12.

Just before the vote Republican National Chairman Robert J. Dole said once again that President Nixon did not take a position. Dole said he talked to Nixon Thursday night and "he again said, 'You understand, I'm neutral.'"



HERE is a picture of Marshall taken from a helicopter by Hugh Morton, possible candidate for governor, as he was on a political fact-finding tour of

Western North Carolina. Morton visited Marshall to meet with interested Madison County citizens recently.