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Reduction in Age Limit Set By The Committee

Men From 21 To 31 Only To Be Required To Register; Sen. Josh Lee Offers Change

Washington, July 31.—The Senate Military committee amended the Burke-Wadsworth compulsory military training bill today to require the registration only of men from 21 to 31 years, instead of those between 18 and 64.

The Senate group acted while the House Military committee was hearing from Secretary of War Stimson testimony that a "prudent trustee" of the nation's defenses must realize that Great Britain might be conquered in 30 days and that Japan is in sympathy with Italy and Germany.

Stimson gave his full support to the Burke-Wadsworth bill and also sent word to the Senate committee that the War department endorsed it, and that the Budget Bureau had passed it.

Two Senators, Thomas (R-Idaho) and Smathers (D-N. J.), emerged from a closed session of the Senate committee to say that the registration age limit amendment was approved unanimously.

Smathers said the change was suggested by Senator Lee (D-Okl.) and seconded by Senator Bridges (R-N. H.). Final committee action on the bill will be taken tomorrow, Smathers said. It is expected to be approved.

Supporters of the measure estimated that the age alteration would reduce from 42,000,000 to about 12,000,000 the number of men to be registered.

Army officials had said previously that while those from 18 to 64 were to be registered, only men between 21 and 45 would be subject to selective draft for military service. The great majority of those called, these officials had said, would be in the 21 to 31 group.

The youngest and oldest groups were to be used to form home guard units under the original provisions of the bill, but Smathers said this had been eliminated entirely from the measure.

Bonner Seeking Warren's Place

Congressman's Aide Has Strong Backing; Pitt Democrats Want Primary

Washington, July 31.—Herbert C. Bonner, lifelong friend of Representative Lindsay Warren and his secretary since he entered Congress, today announced his candidacy to succeed Warren as First District Representative.

Decision on a successor to Warren who will resign on October 1 to become Comptroller General, rests in the hands of the 14-member Democratic First Congressional District Committee, of which Bonner is chairman and member from Beaufort County.

Strong Support. Tonight Bonner had the support of 12 members of the district committee, which has the power, upon resignation of Representative Warren, to select a nominee or to call for a primary. From Pitt County came a call for a primary and requests for the other counties of the district to press for a primary.

The objection was lodged at a meeting in Farmville of the Pitt County Democratic Executive Committee and about 50 other leading Democrats of the county. The meeting took the position that since Beaufort County has furnished the district's representative for 38 consecutive years—John H. Small of Beaufort was representative for 22 years before Warren took office—voters of the district should be allowed to select the nominee. The meeting instructed the county's members of the district committee—W. I. Bisette of Grifton—to convey the county's sentiment to the committee.

District committee members who had pledged support to Bonner are Mrs. O. R. Reynolds of Camden County; John Graham of Chowan; Hladley Bagley of Currituck; Roy Davis of Dare; W. O. Crump of Gates; Louis Daniel of Hertford; M. A. Matthews of Hyde; A. E. James of Martin; Jerome B. Flora of Pasquotank; Ernest Winslow of Perquimans; C. E. Cobson of Tyrrell; and W. R. Hampton of Washington.

Bonner Returns. Shortly after announcing his candidacy this afternoon, Bonner left for North Carolina to confer with Democratic leaders in the First District.

EUROPEAN SUMMARY

London.—Fierce air battle along British southeast coast; home defense planes fight off Nazi raiders attacking British convoy; German sea raider in South Atlantic damages lightly British armed cruiser Alcantara, kills two sailors and wounds seven others before being struck by shell and escaping; Air Ministry said at least 240 Nazi planes shot down during July; British planes raid objectives in Germany France and Low Countries; Italian supply ship and two Italian planes reportedly shot down in clash with British in Eastern Mediterranean Sunday and Monday; unconfirmed reports reach London that Adolf Hitler has informed Finland she can expect no German aid against possible further Russian demands; British destroyer Delight, 29th lost since start of war, sunk by air attack.

Berlin.—Labor Front Leader Dr. Robert Ley cautions German people that Britain's powers of resistance are great and Germany must be prepared for "hard fight" to conquer British Isles; German bombers attack British ports of Plymouth and Swansea and aircraft factory at Filton.

Rome.—Authoritative Fascist Editor Virginia Gayda says Italo-German assault on British will be slow "wearing down" process rather than spectacular blitzkrieg.

Farmville Plans To Go On Air Thursday

The Farmville Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association will put on a thirty minute radio program over station W.G.T.C. at 3:30 P. M. on Thursday, August 8th. The Greenville Broadcasting Company has donated this time to the Town of Farmville to use as we see fit in telling the world about our community.

The advertising committee of the Chamber of Commerce is now making plans for the program, but would like any suggestions concerning talent or program material.

Edward D. Heath Succumbs To Stroke

Final rites for Edward D. Heath, 59, who died at his home near Farmville, early Saturday morning, were conducted Sunday afternoon by Rev. C. B. Mashburn, and burial took place in Forest Hill cemetery here. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Pennie Vick Heath, four children, Verma Mae, Adelle, James and Eddie Heath; five sisters, Mrs. Ida May and Mrs. Johnnie Wooten, of Farmville; Mrs. Charles McLawhan, of Stanfordsburg; Mrs. J. D. Vandiford, of Ayden; Mrs. O. P. Pollard, of Greenville, and two brothers, Blaney and Kinsey Heath, of Farmville.

Too much opinion and too little fact produces error.

Ban Placed On Exports of Aviation Gasoline

Washington, July 31.—The administration today banned exports of aviation gasoline to all nations except those of the Western Hemisphere.

American-owned aviation firms operating outside the hemisphere, however, still will be able to get the fuel.

Stephen Early, presidential secretary, told reporters that Col. R. L. Maxwell, administrator of export control, had recommended and the President had approved this announcement.

"In the interest of the national defense the export of aviation gasoline is being limited to nations of the Western Hemisphere, except where such gasoline is required elsewhere for the operations of American-owned companies.

Early said he did not know whether the United States had been exporting aviation gasoline to England. The administration recently stopped two oil tankers bound for Spain.

MEETINGS

Community planning meetings in relation to the Land Use Planning program have been held in all five communities of Transylvania County, reports J. A. Glassner, farm agent.

Cecil T. Dixon Laid to Rest Here

Last Rites Held For Wilson Tobacconist on Tuesday

Cecil Thomas Dixon, 39, of Wilson, tobacco buyer for the Imperial Tobacco Company, a native of this section and a former citizen of Farmville, was laid to rest here in the family plot at Forest Hill cemetery, Tuesday afternoon.

Final rites were conducted at three o'clock for the highly esteemed tobacconist at his home on North Bynum Street, Wilson, by a former rector, Rev. J. R. Rountree, rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Farmville, with the Rev. C. B. Mashburn, pastor of the Christian Church assisting. There was a large concourse of friends in attendance.

A quartet, composed of Mrs. J. W. Joyner, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Holmes, E. C. Holmes rendered "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go," "Sometime We'll Understand," and "What a Friend We Have In Jesus." Interment was made beneath a large and handsome floral tribute.

Active pallbearers were; J. L. Farmer, J. M. Horton, T. S. Hall, C. B. Cunningham, Jr., R. C. Thornton and B. C. Barbee.

Honorary pallbearers were; T. C. Turnage, E. C. Beaman, J. W. Joyner, J. L. Shackelford, J. M. Stancil, B. S. Sheppard, M. E. Dixon, W. Leslie Smith, A. W. Bobbitt, B. O. Turnage, J. Y. Monk, George W. Davis, Zeb Whitehurst, R. H. Knott, J. H. Harris, J. W. Moore, J. T. Windham, B. O. Taylor, W. J. Turnage, Robert L. Smith, P. E. Jones, A. C. Monk, William Johnson, Pat Ruffin and Dr. D. S. Morrill, all of Farmville; W. N. Harrell, W. D. Hackney, Doug Hackney, Charlie Harper, Plato Monk, J. W. McAden, Wade Gardner, R. R. Brunson, Bob Hearst, D. L. Collins, E. C. Powell, J. P. Batton, Fred Bullington, B. C. Gurkin, P. B. Moore, J. M. Fitzgerald, Fred Connor, Horace Watson, J. W. Wiggins, Jr., J. G. Houson, K. C. Moore, Jr., H. L. Fleming, Jr., R. A. Stamper, A. B. Futrell, W. W. Kimball, J. E. Petway, Harry Walls, Charles Griffin, J. T. Barnes, V. C. Kibler, J. O. Lovelace, Jr., Jimmy Barnes, Dr. Badie T. Clark, and Dr. E. L. Strickland, all of Wilson; and R. H. Large, of Rocky Mount and Rupert Cowan, of Williamston, N. C.

Flower bearers were; Mesdames R. R. Brunson, Wade Gardner T. S. Hall, J. W. McAden, Frank Porter, E. T. Barnes, Jr., Jim Hayes, R. W. King, S. S. Layrease, Ed Woodard, R. A. Thompson, T. J. Hackney, Harry Willis, Charles Griffin, Plato Monk, Tom Moore, Jim Dempsey, John Farmer, Charles Hussey, Fred Shumate, E. B. Crowe, H. L. Watson, J. O. Lovelace, Jr., Robert Blauvelt, Harry Wells, Hubert Taylor, B. C. Barbee, Misses Reid and Fannie Daniel.

Mr. Dixon was the son of the late J. Thomas Dixon and Mrs. Lula Smith Dixon, descendants of prominent Greene and Pitt county families. His genial nature and warm cordiality had won many friends for him and he was well known and held in high regard by a wide circle of friends. He had been in the employ of the Imperial Tobacco Company 20 years, with 15 years spent on the Farmville market. He was a member of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, in Wilson.

Mr. Dixon is survived by his widow, Mrs. Cornelia Parsons Dixon, and a daughter, Daisy Barnhardt Dixon; three brothers, Hubert and John D. Dixon, of Farmville; Edward S. Dixon, of Wilson; three sisters, Mrs. Louise D. Harris, of Farmville; Mrs. J. Knott Proctor, of Greenville, and Mrs. Walter L. Hartman, of Raleigh.

David J. Wells Buried Tuesday

Funeral services for David Jackson Wells, 65, who died Sunday evening at the home of his son, D. E. Wells, near Farmville, were held from the home at three o'clock, Tuesday, and interment was made in the family cemetery near Enfield. Death followed an illness of several weeks. He was a member of the Baptist Church.

Surviving are five daughters, Mrs. H. R. Davenport, Mrs. L. R. Turner, Mrs. G. F. and Mrs. C. H. Capps, all of Farmville; Mrs. T. V. O'Neil, of Warrenton; four sons, D. E., Elmer, and Fats Wells, of Farmville; Claude Wells, of Warrenton; a sister, Mrs. Hattie Wells, of Roanoke Rapids; two brothers, George, of Clinton, and Horton Wells, of Miami, Fla.

INCREASE

Increase in wage rates paid per month and per day to hired farm labor, both with and without board, were reported in all sections of the country except the East South Central States.

Italians Suggest Invasion Put Off

Fascist Press Says Axis To Wage Slow War; Germans Also Hint Delay

Rome, July 31.—Suggesting that any attempted invasion of the British Isles has been postponed, the Fascist press asserted today that Britain will be subject to methodical pounding until she is battered and groggy "like an old prizefighter."

Constant aerial attacks and a "starvation blockade" will be used to wear down British resistance rather than any spectacular blitzkrieg at this time, it was stated by Virginia Gayda, authoritative editor of the Giornale D'Italia and by the Gazetta Del Popolo of Turin.

The statements that a slow "wearing down" method of attack is necessary came as a sharp surprise to the Italian people, who generally had believed the blitzkrieg against Britain was imminent—perhaps a matter of only a few days.

"Decisive Moment." Gayda said that any "spectacular" assault such as crushed France in six weeks must be ruled out and the Gazetta Del Popolo spoke in the same vein, saying that Germany and Italy will wait for the "decisive moment" before attempting to deal a knockout blow.

Gayda explained that "the conditions of the warfare are not exactly the same as those of the war against France."

"This difference is due," he said, "not so much to the fact of Britain being an island, well defended, as by the fact that the empire which branches out over the world participates with imposing and active forces in England's offense and defense."

The war against England therefore cannot be lightning and as spectacular as that against France. The fate reserved for the British people is death either from bombs or starvation, said the Gazetta Del Popolo.

"The method being used is to weaken and irritate the enemy and then deliver the final blow when the enemy is no longer capable of receiving it standing up but bent on her knees like an old prizefighter who, after being battered about the ring, is about to be kayoed and liquidated once and for all."

There was no indication as to whether this "final blow" might be postponed until after this summer, but Gayda made it clear that it would not come until Britain is considered too weak to resist it.

The Italian press in general has been giving front-page prominence to dispatches from San Sebastian, Spain, alleging that the British Isles have begun to suffer from food and fuel shortages.

Foreigner Is Held By Pitt Officials

Greenville, July 31.—County officials today had on their hands a man believed to be a refugee from the European war, but how and when he arrived in this section was unknown.

About 7 o'clock members of the sheriff's department were called to Winterville to investigate the activities of a man who later gave his name as Joe Kissel, about 36 years old.

The man said he was Polish and had been driven from Berlin. When the officers arrived he was sitting on a depot platform eating a cucumber.

He was brought to the county jail and questioned. He was able to speak only broken English and Dr. C. F. Keuzenkamp, who speaks several languages fluently, was asked to interrogate the itinerant.

Dr. Keuzenkamp, after talking to the man in three foreign languages, in addition to English, declared the foreigner appeared to be Polish, but that he was mentally deranged.

The man is being detained by officials pending a further decision on what disposition to make of the case.

NEAT

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Warren Accepts Position As Comptroller General

Tar Heel Congressman Accedes To President's Wishes; Takes Over October 1

Washington, July 31.—North Carolina lost one of the ablest and most effective legislators it ever has sent to Congress today as Representative Lindsay Warren accepted President Roosevelt's call to become Comptroller General of the United States, a position he twice had declined.

While messages of congratulations flooded into the office of the First District Congressman from colleagues from North Carolina and other sections of the country, regret rather than rejoicing reigned on Capitol Hill as the realization spread that Warren's abilities would be lost to Congress.

Effective Oct. 1st. Lindsay Warren, himself, almost shared this attitude, for he is deeply devoted to his work as a legislator.

He announced that he would continue as Congressman from the First District until October 1st. On that day he will take over his new job, but not until then will he relinquish the work he has carried forward throughout his 16 years in the House of Representatives.

Rumors were revived recently that Warren had been offered the important post as Comptroller General, but because he had firmly declined the appointment on two previous occasions, there was no expectation that he would accept this time.

Word that President Roosevelt finally had prevailed upon him to take over the increasingly vital functions as Comptroller General was given out at the White House this morning by Secretary Stephen Early. Warren confirmed the announcement a short time later in a statement "to the people of the First District."

President Roosevelt will send the Warren nomination to the Senate tomorrow. Speedy confirmation is certain. The appointment is for a 15-year period and removal is possible only by Senatorial impeachment. The position now carries a salary of \$10,000 per year, but it is planned to increase this sum as the next session of congress.

Warren's Statement

In his statement "to the people of the First District," Warren said in part:

"The President has today nominated me for Comptroller General of the United States and I have accepted, feeling that it is a high call for further public service, and that I should comply with his request. I give up my work in Congress with much reluctance and with a heavy heart. I would have liked to have discussed this matter with many friends, but after all it was a decision for me alone to make."

WHO KNOWS?

1. What is the shortest distance between Cuba and the United States?
2. When will the next President of the United States be inaugurated?
3. How old is Wendell Wilkie?
4. Where and how long is the Burma Road?
5. What European Government recently broke off diplomatic relations with a South American republic because of objections to its government?
6. What United States Senator recently gave a party to 20,000 boys and girls?
7. Name the last French King and the time of his reign?
8. What are two defensive posts maintained at Pearl Harbor, in Hawaii?
9. How does the population of the U. S. compare with that of the other republics in this hemisphere?
10. When was the British Isles last successfully invaded? (See "The Answers" on Page 3)

B & L Associations Put Six Millions In New Homes In State

\$2,000,000 Increase Over Similar Period Last Year — 2,959 New Homes Built This Year

A two million dollar increase in home loans the first six months of 1940 over a similar period in 1939 was reported by R. H. Gregory, Jr., of Rocky Mount, President of the North Carolina Building and Loan League.

The past four months have been the best loan months, ending in June, in the history of the building and loan and Federal savings and loan associations it was declared by Mr. Gregory, who said that each of these months exceeded June of 1939 which up to that time had been considered the best month in the history of the associations. Reports from the associations indicate that during the first six months of this year more than 8,500 home loans were made, totalling \$14,319,000. A greater percentage than ever before of the funds advanced went into the construction of new homes which amounted to approximately \$6,000,000, for the construction of 2,959 homes.

A total of 1,743 homes were also purchased through loans of \$2,972,000 made by these home financing institutions. The balance of the amount loaned was for repairs, reconditioning, refinancing through the building and loan, and other miscellaneous purposes.

POTATOES

Much improvement was made this year in the handling, packaging, and shipping to market of Farmer County's Irish potato crop, reports Farm Agent A. T. Jackson.

DBOP

Present indications are that the tobacco yield per acre in Bladen County will fall below that of last year, reports B. M. Williams, assistant farm agent of the State College Extension Service.

Few elections are important ten years after they are held.

Ask Funds For 2-Ocean Navy

Huge Sum Recommended By House Committee

Washington, July 31.—The House Appropriation committee recommended today the spending of nearly five billion more dollars to start a "two-ocean" navy and equip an army which might number 2,000,000 men on combat status.

The huge expenditures — exactly \$4,963,151,957 — which President Roosevelt said was necessary to give the nation "total defense," would bring the session's appropriations and contract authorizations for the army and navy to the record-breaking total of \$10,040,225,643.

Of the pending bill's total, \$2,234,191,957 would be provided in direct appropriations and the balance of \$2,728,960,000 in contract authorizations for which Congress would have to provide the cash later.

While the committee emphasized that much of the equipment to be bought with the new money would not be obtainable for months to come, it asserted that approval of the program at this time would enable production procurement agencies of the government to plan their work efficiently.

"Peaceful programs mean piecemeal preparation," the committee said, "which is neither sound nor preparedness in an emergency nor good business procedure."

Specific details as to the number of tanks, guns and other weapons which would be procured under the new program were kept secret, but the committee recommended approval of the Budget Bureau's request for 14,394 airplanes of various types of which 4,028 would go to the navy, giving that service approximately 6,000 serviceable planes.

Even the "average man" thinks he is above average.

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