

Deferred Men May Be Needed In Armed Units

Dependency May Not Be Factor in Picking Men for War Service

By Lyle C. Wilson
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Washington, Dec. 21 (UP)—The cold facts of the manpower situation today point almost inevitably to gradual abandonment of dependency as grounds for deferment from service in the armed forces.

The fact is that the army and navy, as now projected, will want more men than there are in this country without dependents.

A system of payments to dependents of men in the military establishment already is in operation and it would absorb much of the shock of the induction of men who are now deferred because they support others.

New Order Blamed
President Roosevelt's executive order of Dec. 5 authorizing war manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt to stop induction of men over 37 is partly responsible for a situation which probably will require the induction of many men now deferred. There is some possibility, it is understood, that the 37 age figure may be reduced ultimately to 35, although no decisions are expected soon.

There has been some congressional criticism to the 9,700,000 military force projected by the end of 1943. Of that number about 7,500,000 would be in the army. The senate committee investigating the war program is gathering data to determine whether in the light of production schedules the country can properly arm and maintain a 7,500,000 men army by the end of next year.

Lower Age Suggested

Senator Edwin C. Johnson, (Democrat, Colorado), has proposed that no men over 25 be inducted, explaining that within the next year we will not have shipping facilities to supply more than 3,000,000 men overseas. Sen.

Harry S. Truman (Democrat, Missouri), told a Boston audience last week that no purpose is served in raising a large army unless it can be supplied. But Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson said a 7,500,000 man army can be raised and be properly equipped. And President Roosevelt said he was amazed by suggestions—evidently Truman's—that the army was getting too big for the national economy to support.

Fears Allayed
Responsible officials emphasize that any abandonment of dependency deferments would be gradual. They explain that there would be no justification at this time for the nation to get into a jittery dither because dependency must be given progressively less weight in determining who shall bear arms. And, of course, inductions into the army and navy would exhaust men without dependents before any with dependents were taken.

Stud Bull Unit Names Bechtel

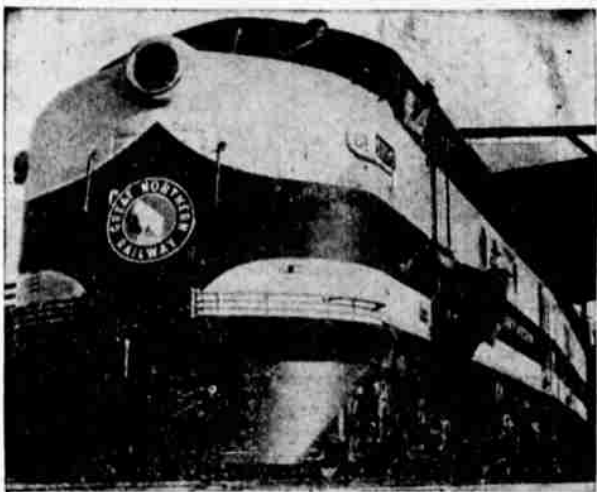
Redmond, Dec. 21—The Stud Bull association held a meeting in the FSA office Friday evening, Dec. 18. At this meeting Floyd Bechtel was unanimously elected manager of the association, succeeding Harold Leighton. Bechtel is a TP client and has purchased the Harold Leighton ranch near Terrebonne, and will live there.

It was decided at this meeting that the bulls now owned by the group should be replaced this spring with younger animals. Exceptional stock is to be purchased by the association soon so that the younger bulls may be trained before the disposal of the old stock, said W. H. Williamson, FSA supervisor here.

OLD LOG CABIN SAVED

Canon City, Colo. (UP)—The oldest building in the historic mining town of Canon City—a log cabin built in 1893—was saved from fire recently by the quick action of townspeople. The cabin was built 16 years before Colorado was admitted to the Union. The first white child in Canon City was born in the structure, and Colorado's first chief executive, Governor Gilpin, was once entertained there.

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And as this eventful year draws to a close, we join with all in hoping that 1943 will see yet swifter strides toward ridding the World of its present afflictions—that the light of Right and Reason may again begin to glow—and that the Christmas of 1943 may herald once again Peace on Earth, Good Will toward Men.

GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY



ONE OF MANY problems facing new Manpower Chief Paul McNutt is transferring labor from surplus areas into regions where there is a shortage. Map shows cities and areas where labor shortage now exists or is expected shortly and regions where there is a surplus of labor with no shortage anticipated.

Gas Coupon Value Reduced in East

Washington, Dec. 21 (UP)—High government officials responsible for gasoline and fuel oil distribution met at the White House today to study proposals for re-vamping the existing rationing program.

The meeting was called by Stabilization Director James F. Byrnes "because of recent developments affecting the eastern seaboard area."

The most drastic development—a 60 hour ban on gasoline sales to some 7,500,000 private motorists in 17 eastern states—ended at 12:01 a. m. Motorists, unable buy gasoline over the week-end, rushed to filling stations today, but with less valuable coupons.

The value of "B" and "C" ration coupons was cut from four to three gallons. "A" coupons, which were cut from four to three gallons last month, remain unchanged.

Policies Studied
Byrnes called to the White House today Price Administrator Leon Henderson, Petroleum Administration Harold L. Ickes and Transportation Director Joseph B. Eastman, heads of the three agencies responsible for control and distribution of gasoline and fuel oil. They have been asked to submit to Byrnes reports indicating (1) in what respects our existing policies and machinery may not be effective, and (2) what remedial action should be taken both for the present and the future.

Redmond

Mrs. C. C. Kimmel, who has been manager of the Mutual Creamery station here for a number of years, has resigned her position and will go to her home near John Day, where she and her husband will operate their ranch. Mrs. E. Lytle will take Mrs. Kimmel's place in the creamery.

H. O. Wilson and wife transacted business in Salem and Portland last week-end.

George Fairfield left Redmond Saturday for Long Beach, Cal., where he and Mrs. Fairfield will spend the holidays with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fairfield. Mrs. Fairfield has been in Long Beach the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Dummer were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hartley, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Dummer are now living on a ranch south of Redmond.

Donald Fearrien is recuperating from a major operation. He is a patient at the Medical-Dental clinic.

Dick Houk, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Houk, is spending his Christmas vacation at his home here. Dick is a freshman at Oregon State college. He will return to his classes Dec. 29.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Wilson of Eugene expect to arrive in Redmond Tuesday, Dec. 22, to spend the holidays with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Cunningham, and their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Wilson.

Miss Ruth Hartley will spend her Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hartley. Ruth is taking nurse training at the University of Oregon Medical school in Portland.

Miss Grace Irvin, who is teaching in Pendleton high school, plans to spend the Yuletide vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Irvin, and her sister, Mrs. Jack Hartley. Her school closes Dec. 23 and will resume Jan. 4.

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A hero of the Philippines battle, possessor of the distinguished service cross and a man who has seen aerial action in Java, Australia and other parts of the world, is Major Hewitt T. Wheelless, deputy ground commander of the Redmond air base, and an occasional visitor to Bend these days.

Major Wheelless, member of the U. S. army air corps since 1933, received the distinguished service cross for his outstanding feats in the Philippines just a year ago when he piloted a bomber to attack Japanese transports on the Legaspi gulf.

Major Wheelless' name flashed into fame over the air waves, when on April 28 President Roosevelt told the story of his heroism in the far Pacific. The flier, then Captain Wheelless, was presented the distinguished service cross by General Arnold, chief of the air corps.

While engaged in combat, Major Wheelless' ship was repeatedly attacked by Jap pursuits. After carrying out his objective, he returned to a field, made a crash landing and surveyed the ship. The tail wheel had been shot off, there were about 1,200 bullet holes in the plane, a gas tank had been shot off by cannon fire and the radio was knocked off by a cannon. One of the crew was killed in combat and three were wounded.

Major Wheelless is modest and milk spoken, but his general conversation is shot with humor. His many and thrilling experiences since the war started have been "merely part of the day's work."

The deputy group commander hails from a state which has been turning out military heroes for scores of years—Texas—and rather than relate his own numerous combat experiences in this war, he prefers to spin tall tales of Texas fame—and does. His

Ole Carlson Services Set

Redmond, Dec. 21—Funeral services for Ole Carlson, resident here for the past three years and an employee of a local mill, who apparently committed suicide sometime Friday, according to Sheriff C. L. McCauley, will be held this evening at 7 o'clock in the Baptist church.

Mr. Carlson was discovered Saturday evening at his home where he apparently had shot himself through the forehead with a rifle. A note left to his wife, who was visiting in Spokane at the time, indicated dependency. The note was dated Friday.

After funeral services this evening, the remains will be sent to Spokane for burial. Mr. Carlson was 36 years of age.

BEAR HAS TOWN ON EDGE
Summitville, Colo. (UP)—The postmistress of Summitville wrote to postal authorities in Denver recently explaining any and all mistakes that had been made in her office. The woman said a 600-pound bear had been haunting the town, but finally had been trapped by two gold miners who had been afraid to go near their shaft which the bear was using as a cave.

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Idaho Convict Back in Cell

Boise, Ida., Dec. 21 (UP)—Duncan M. Johnston, Idaho's most notorious prisoner, twice convicted of the murder of a Salt Lake City jewelry salesman, "walked back" to the state prison today after being absent from his post outside the prison walls for more than nine hours.

No explanation of his disappearance was immediately given, but Warden C. Van Clark said an investigation would be made. Johnston was placed in solitary confinement pending the investigation.

The alarm went out last night throughout southern Idaho after the former Twin Falls mayor was reported to have escaped at 9 p. m. from his cabin about 100 yards from the prison.

Had Been Trusty
Shortly after 7 a. m. this morning Johnston, who has been a trusty for nearly a year and assigned to watch pumps on hot water wells owned by the Boise Water company, walked over to the prison office to get his newspaper.

Clark said Johnston was seen at 8:45 p. m. After the escape was discovered at 9 p. m., guards and Ada county and Boise police immediately took up the search and one of the biggest manhunts in southern Idaho history began to develop.

FIRE DEPARTMENT AGREES

San Bernardino, Cal. (UP)—Hym Lovelady, aged 76, taken to the fire department on a charge of turning in false alarms, and caught at the moment of turning in another, exclaimed to Chief C. Neal Neday: "I must have been nuts." He was turned over to the county authorities for verification of his self-diagnosis.

Major Wheelless is 28 years old, short in stature and has a shock of thick black hair. For being a hero he is decidedly unprepossessing. He is married and has a small daughter who was born just two days before he left for duty in the Philippines. Mrs. Wheelless expects to join her husband here for the Christmas holidays.

The distinguished flier was a visitor in Bend last evening with Lieut. Colonel E. M. Whittan, group commander of the Redmond airport, who is also new to this state and central Oregon, and Lieut. J. H. Havey, squadron commander.

The trio praised central Oregon, and Col. Whittan remarked, "It is good to see the sunshine." He is a native of Pennsylvania.

Only Seven Boys Sign for Service

Only seven 18-year-old youths were registered for selective service Friday and Saturday at room 203 in the postoffice, it was reported today by the local draft office.

The registration this week-end included only those men born between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31, 1924. Men who reached their 18th birthday between Nov. 1 and Dec. 31, will be registered the coming week-end and after the first of the year men will register on the day they reach their 18th birthday.

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Selective Service and Manpower Questions

(Following is one of a series of articles dealing with selective service and manpower questions which are of vital interest to every person in Central Oregon. We suggest that these articles be clipped for reference.)

By Ben E. Titus
(Office of War Information)

Q. Since the top limit for induction has been cut from 45 to 38 years of age, does selective service or war manpower commission have the authority to direct the 38 to 45-year-olds into essential industries or war essential agriculture?

A. No, but they will be most useful there, and most of the job opportunities will be in those fields.

Q. Will the army or navy release its over-38 men back to essential industry or agriculture?

A. The army has announced it will release those enlisted (or drafted) men, but only if they request it and if it is shown that the men are more useful to industry than to the army and that they will be employed in agriculture or some other essential war industry on their release.

Q. How about the navy enlistments?

A. Under the president's directives, the navy may recruit men over 38, if they have special aptitudes or skills, and may recruit men under 18.

Q. The war manpower commission has announced a list of 35 essential industries and within them lists of 3,000 jobs or occupations which are essential. Have all these lists been sent to the local selective service boards, and if so, to what extent do they govern local board action?

A. Starting last April, the selective service system has sent out to local boards these definitions of essential industries, and occupations within each, as they were certified by a technical war man-

power commission committee. Thirty-nine such "releases" have been sent to local boards so far, and others will be sent as the essential jobs are further defined. These lists will vary considerably from time to time. These lists are the latest available advice to the local boards, but their listings do not prohibit other deferments which may be made under the law by the local boards. Also, under the selective service laws, power and responsibility for the classification of each individual is placed on the local board, subject to the right of appeal, and group deferment for occupation reasons is forbidden.

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