

American Legion Seeks Ammendment To Selective Service Act

Proposal Lowers Age Limit To 18

WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan 10—The American Legion proposal to limit compulsory military service to young men between 18 and 21—currently going the rounds of Capitol Hill in search of support—is belatedly forcing an out and out decision on the real purpose of the selective service law.

Although support for the substitute measure is still extremely shaky, passage of the amendment is by no means to be classed among political miracles. Legion forces are mobilizing in a concerted effort to secure decisive backing for the bill.

The "Legion Amendment" — jointly introduced in the House and Senate this week—would rewrite entirely the Selective Service Act substituting the age limits 18 to 21 in place of the existing 18 to 21 in place of the existing now 21, presumably, would escape the possibility of military service.

Whether or not the proposal turns out to be nothing more than a "trial balloon," debate on the measure should follow a strikingly different pattern than the prolonged wrangling that ushered in the first peace-time conscription bill last August. Then, debate on the general aspects of military conscription and its hint of "totalitarianism" greatly overshadowed efforts to discuss the merits of the particular conscription bill before Congress.

Now most authorities agree that there is much to be desired in the existing law; criticism until the present having been aimed chiefly at the 21 to 36 year age limits. It is to be expected, therefore, that Congressional debates will get down to "brass tacks," if an effort is made to improve upon earlier efforts.

The central problem touched off by the Legion proposal arises from a divergence of opinion concerning the actual defense needs of the nation. The existing conscription law—based on actual war-time plans of the War Department—seeks to produce a huge Army in the shortest time possible. Ostensibly, the Legion plan is to build up a "permanent" stock of trained men to be subject to call whenever a crisis should develop—in six months or in ten years.

Fabric And Color Concern Buyers

There are three things to be considered in buying a dress: suitability to the figure, a becoming color, and good fabric, according to Miss Elizabeth M. Lippard, instructor in clothing extension.

"Suitability to the figure can be judged by sitting and standing with the dress on," Miss Lippard advised, "while the color should be examined under the kind of light in which it will be worn."

The customer is advised to know label terminology, and to find out before purchasing how the garment should be cleaned. Miss Lippard emphasized the following questions to answer before buying a dress:

1. Can the arms be stretched easily without straining the fabric?
2. Does the dress hang smoothly and straight?
3. Does the garment sag, twist, or bulge?
4. Are the seams strong and well finished?
5. Are the fasteners and trimmings sewed on firmly?
6. Is the hem ample?
7. Are the trimmings a suitable part of the dress?

A farmer's son is more likely to follow his father's occupation than the son of a man in some other kind of work, according to a survey at Cornell University.

We, The Women It's Cold In These Here Hills

It was cheering to read in the Centre Daily Times that spring is speeding to us at the rate of 24 hours per day.

Let's copy Dartmouth's stuff and have a queen reign over the Winter Sports Carnival, February 8. After all we haven't had a queen for over two months.

One per cent of the college women in America get an average of 10 hours sleep per night according to the Student Opinion Survey. Can't be homeccers.

If you didn't take him to Panhel Ball last night, step to the phone and invite him to the tea dance in Atherton this afternoon.

Besides new clothes, vacation was responsible for a great many new hairdos. It seems that hair is being swept from the sides of the face and trained into numerous rolls of spinach on the forehead.

For the winners of Darwin's "survival of the fittest" contest we nominate the silver fish. Though the floors and closets have been sprinkled with anti-silver fish powder they continue to elude stamping feet and go nonchalantly on eating holes in our already sparse wardrobes.

Women In Sports

By HEP GORDON

The freshman college basketball team got the nod over the junior squad by a 30-19 count on the White Hall floor last night to cop the college championship title. Ruth Storer and June Smith bagged 12 points each for the yearlings, while Mary Lauback, high scorer in the frosh's 38-12 victory over the sophs earlier in the week, ripped the cords for three goals.

Margery Rosenberg sank nine points for the juniors, while Lenore Fullington chalked up six, and Rhoda Samuels tossed in two baskets. Half time score stood at 22-10 favoring the '44 coeds.

Majors come back full force next week to continue their tournament. Stated for 4 p. m. Monday is the freshman vs. senior fray; 7 p. m. Tuesday, sophomores vs. seniors; and for 4 p. m. Thursday, sophomores vs. juniors in what should be a real battle.

Featuring interclass competition have been the efficient student refereeing and absence of defaults, thanks to the efforts of intramural manager Betty L. Zeigler '42.

With Other Women— Ambulance Driving And Mechanics Face Coeds

The Cornell Home Economics club is sponsoring a panel discussion and forum to discuss women's help in national defense. They are attempting to answer what can we do, and what are we doing about a world situation throwing women over the world into such masculine occupations as ambulance driving, farming, engineering, building airplanes, and other mechanized units.

Russel Sage College, as an attempt to aid in national defense, requires each of its students to take at least one course in electricity, censoring, mechanics, sewing, or first aid.

300 Couples At Panhellenic Ball

Approximately 300 couples of campus sorority women and their dates, advisors, chaperones, and guests danced last night at Panhellenic Ball to top last year's attendance by nearly 100.

The music of Jimmy Leyden and his band entertained dancers from 9 to 12 p. m. in the packed Nittany Lion Inn, while parties in several sorority houses and suites took up the half-hour intermission.

Admission was by membership in Panhellenic Council, but stray Greeks, members of national sororities not on this campus, were also invited. Each house was represented by one advisor and its chaperone, and all names were placed on a door list.

Sponsored annually by Panhellenic Council, the ball this year was not only 1941's first formal, but also the last big affair before intensive final work begins.

Leslie A. Lewis '41, dance chairman, was assisted by Carolyn Moorhead '42, invitations chairman, and other council members.

Career Lectures Begin Monday

Career lectures, open to students, will be sponsored by the home economics department headed by Laura W. Drummond, in the Home Economics Building next week.

Starting the series Monday will be "The Home Economics Extension Service" by Miss Margaret Brown, professor of home economics extension, and "Interior Decoration" by Miss Amy Gardner, associate professor of home economics and art education. The first discussion will be in Room 110 and the second in Room 220 at 7 p. m.

Miss Phyllis K. Sprague, assistant professor of home economics, will show "The Dietitian in Business" in Room 110 at 7 p. m. Tuesday, while "Teaching Homemaking" will be the topic of Miss Jean W. Amberson, professor of home economics, in the same room at 1 p. m. Wednesday.

Other Wednesday lectures include "The Hospital Dietitian" by Mrs. Katherine Clawson, instructor in home economics, in Room 5 at 1 p. m. and a discussion of the home economics woman in business and commercial foods work, presented by Miss Alice Coyle, home economics representative of the West Penn Power Company, and Miss Edith V. Harding, assistant professor of home economics.

Lectures concerning the textile field and its research, nursery school teaching, journalism, and the home economist will also be given Wednesday, journalism, and the home economist will also be given Wednesday by Dr. Pauline B. Mack, professor of textile chemistry, Mrs. Marion S. McHowell, associated professor of home economics, and Prof. Franklin C. Banner, head of the journalism department.

Miss Catherine Doerr, former New York dress designer will discuss "Clothing Merchandising and Dress Design" Thursday.

Fashions Of '16 Shown

At the 25th anniversary of the founding of the State College chapter of American Association of University Women last night, three charter members, Mrs. Arthur W. Cowell, Mrs. William G. Edwards, and Mrs. Asa E. Martin showed customs and clothes of a quarter century ago.

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Home Ec Head



Miss Laura W. Drummond, above, is head of the home economics department which is sponsoring senior demonstrations and career lectures next week.

Home Ec Seniors Continue Exhibits

Continuing the series of demonstrations by senior home economics students under supervision of Miss Edith V. Harding, assistant professor in home economics, 10 exhibits have been scheduled in the Home Economics Building this week.

Starting the week, "Table Setting and Service" will be explained by Margaret A. Emhardt in Room 110 at 11 a. m. Tuesday. At 2 p. m. Ethel M. McLaughlin will preview "February At Its Best" followed by "Come In for a Cup of Tea" in Room 106 at 3 p. m. offered by Janice M. Owen.

In Room 106 at 10 a. m. Wednesday, Marguerite E. Strohman will show "Butter Cakes, Plain and Varied" and at 11 a. m. Ruth M. Treasur will "Go Through the Menu with Eggs."

"Unusual Meats—Variety with Economy" will be presented by Anne D. Greshko and Betty A. Rahn in Room 106 at 7 p. m. Wednesday followed with "Entrees" by Betty J. Hyson.

Bette E. Dent and Josephine E. Condrin will offer "Toboggan Buffet Supper" in Room 110 at 11 a. m. Thursday and at 10 a. m. Friday, Betty L. Smith will show a "Parade of Nut Recipes." "Let's Have a Children's Party" by Isabel M. Stanisky and Shirley E. Hebel will follow at 11 a. m.

Winding up the week's demonstrations will be "Fruits That Are Different" presented by Anna M. Mitchell in Room 106 at 11 a. m. Saturday.

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