

# QUESTIONNAIRES MAILED SOON

Every Registered Man, Married or Single, Must Fill in the Answers.

The new draft regulations which were announced some weeks ago, will go into effect December 15th, when the "questionnaires" are sent out. These questionnaires arrived at the office of the local board this week.

Under the new draft regulations, all registered men who have not already been certified for military service under the draft, regardless of whether or not they have been called for examination, must answer all the questions put to them through the new questionnaire.

By the new rules, all registered men will be placed in five classes, and this placing will be done by the local board, not by the men themselves. The local board will get its information from the answer of the registered men to the inquiries printed in the questionnaire. Arrangement for appeal from the decisions of the local board have been made, but it will not be so easy to carry an appeal to the president as it was under the old ruling, because any such appeal must have the endorsement of at least one member of the local board before it can go to the president.

The new regulations provide that the questionnaires shall be sent out to five per cent of the registrants on December 15th; five per cent on December 16th; and five per cent each day thereafter until all are sent. Immediately upon receipt the questionnaire, the registrant must proceed to answer the questions, and must return it to the local board within seven days from the time it was sent to him.

Answering the questions in this questionnaire is no simple task. The questions are printed in the form of a large size pamphlet of sixteen pages, and there are several hundred questions asked. To one who is not versed in legal forms, it will probably be difficult or even impossible to answer the questions without assistance. However, the government has taken this into consideration, and has appointed a legal advisory board consisting of well known lawyers of the county, whose duty it will be to assist any registrant who asks for assistance, absolutely free of charge. The names of the members of this board have not yet been made public by the Governor, who appoints them, but this will be done in a few days no doubt.

After the answers have been made and the replies returned to the local board, that board will classify the men into five classes, according to their answers. In class one will be placed all the men who do not claim exemption, and all those whose claims for exemption are not allowed. Classes two, three and four are designated as "deferred" classes, and will not be called to military service until all those in the preceding classes have all been called. Thus class two will not be called until class one is all gone. Class three will follow class two, and class four is next in order. Class five consists of all men who are permanently discharged from military service.

After the division into classes is made, it will be found that there is a nice big class of young men in Class One, who are then ready for military duty, and there will be no more fuss and bother of calling men from their work to the county seat for a physical examination, only to be followed by a claim for exemption. All men in class one will then be placed in order according to the order of drawing of their serial numbers, so that in the Class One, the first man in order under the old system will be the first man in order under the new order also. The process will then be repeated in Class Two, and so on down the line. Every man will know where he stands, and there will be none of the uncertainty and anxiety which has so bothered a number of men for the

past few months.

In the questionnaire there are some questions which everyone must answer. If the registrant does not claim exemption, the task is comparatively simple. He simply answers a few questions, signs a waiver of exemption, and sends in his blank. If, however, he wishes exemption, then he is in for a stiff grueling examination—a written examination—which is exceedingly hard to falsify.

In the first page of the questionnaire is a blank for claiming an exemption, stating the grounds on which the claim is based. Then he must turn over to the proper page and answer all the questions required by a person claiming exemption. If his claim is based upon the fact that he has dependent relatives, it will not be enough to get an affidavit from a neighbor to the effect that said relatives are dependent. The questionnaire wants to know the age, name, birthplace, etc., of all the dependents. If it is a wife, then the questions ask for the date of marriage, the name of the official or minister performing the ceremony, the place it was performed. This is undoubtedly to take care of the slackers who have married since the declaration of war for the purpose of avoiding the draft. Further, the registrant who seeks exemption must state how much property he owns, personal and real, and what it is worth; how much taxes he pays, or has paid during the last year; whether he owns his own home, or whether his wife, or any of his relatives own it; how much rent he has to pay; whether or not there are any mortgages on his property and how much; who holds them; etc.

The government goes a little further than that. It wants to know what the wife did before she was married, that is, whether or not she earned her own living, and how; also how much salary she earned; whether or not she has earned any money during the past year; and whether or not she is capable of earning her living again. The government further asks for the name, address, and financial condition of the wife's father, uncle or other relatives.

Similar but even more exacting questions are asked of those who claim exemption because of dependent parents, brothers or sisters, or other relatives.

A like series of questions is asked of those claiming exemption on industrial grounds. The length of time employed, the various occupations during the past ten years, the degree of skill obtained; whether owner or employee; who owns the property; how many other men are employed; how many of equal grade; how much wages; a description of the work which the registrant does where he is employed; in fact every possible bit of information is asked for, concluding with the pertinent inquiries: "State why you cannot be easily replaced by another person;"

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