

ARMY TO GET YOUNG MEN:

As a result of an agreement between the Army and Navy, all Selective Service inductees 18 to 20 years old, inclusive, will be acquired by the Army until 15 June, with the exception of inductees who qualify and are earmarked for special Navy programs such as radio technicians and combat aircrewmembers. The arrangement was made in order to satisfy the Army's need for young infantry replacements. During the three months period most Navy inductees will be taken from the 21 to 38 age group.

EDITORIALLY SPEAKING:

Grove Patterson in the Column "The Way of the World" in the "Toledo Blade" March 27, 1945 said, "Best news of last week in Toledo . . . is the decision to establish here a council of the Navy League of the United States, and the acceptance by Paul Brooks of the leadership of the undertaking . . . The Navy League is neither a relief or welfare organization. There are good organizations for such service to our sea-going forces. It is a patriotic association to promote adequate sea power . . . in war and in peace . . . The League is organized in many states and has local councils in many cities. Toledo has been behind."

Says J. T. Norris in the Ashland, Kentucky "Independent" of 25 March, in his column "News and Views": "Formation of an Ashland council of the Navy League of the United States last Friday brings to the forefront a question which will be of utmost importance in keeping the peace after victory is complete over Germany and Japan . . . But above all others stands the necessity expressed by Secretary Forrestal that we 'Keep the Fleet to Keep the Peace'."

COMMANDANT PROMOTED TO VICE ADMIRAL:

A three-star flag was raised at noon 7 April 1945 over Ninth Naval District Headquarters, when Rear Admiral A. S. Carpender, U. S. Navy, Commandant of the Ninth Naval District, officially became Vice Admiral. Vice Admiral Carpender assumed duties as Commandant on January 3, 1944. The Navy League is proud of the recognition which has come to the Commandant and to the importance of his work in the Ninth Naval District, which embraces all of the Midwest. Sincere congratulations are extended to a loyal friend of the Navy League who has rendered every assistance requested to the Navy League's activities.

MULES TO THE FRONT:

In this day of mechanized warfare it is a surprise to learn that the United States has converted 17 ships for the specific purpose of carrying mules to overseas fronts. Their stalls are placed crosswise to minimize seasickness. Each ship maintains a sick bay for from 16 to 32 mules.

KEEPING UP TO DATE:

The U. S. Navy is constantly engaged in scientific research for new weapons, materials and practices. More than 900 separate research projects, are currently under way.

Aircraft are constantly being improved. Battle experience has required so many changes that few planes now in production retain the name generally in use two years ago. The principal Navy planes now are: Fighter-Wildcat; Scout Observation-Sea Hawk; Dive-bomber-Helldiver; Torpedo-bomber-Avenger; Patrol-Liberator; Search-Privateer.

WHAT SHALL WE DO WITH THE SHIPS:

Lewis W. Douglas gives his answer to the question in the April issue of the "Atlantic Monthly". It is a stimulating discussion of the future of the Merchant Marine with an unusual suggestion as to the solution.