

U. S. Bachelors Still Unwed Although Draft Looms

By United Press
The possible imminence of military conscription has failed to stampede the American male into marriage as it did in the spring of 1917, a United Press survey indicated today.

Marriage license bureaus throughout the nation reported few gains in applications either since Jan. 1 or since congress began considering a conscription bill which would require millions of eligible bachelors between 21 and 31 to report for military training for one year. Married men would be exempt.

The volume of licenses issued during this year was the greatest of any month this year in at least 42 states but license clerks thought

that was only because it was June. In some states it was attributed to a desire to avoid newly imposed physical examination requirements for applications.

Registrar James A. Burke of Boston said 115 licenses were issued at his office on July 29 to set a new day's record. It was 13 more than were issued in April, 1913. He said 99 of the men were of draft age and said a few made inquiries about "time allowances" to avoid conscription.

Improved business conditions were believed to have resulted in more marriages at Portland, Ore., and Columbus, O., officials said. The Hartford, Conn., registrar said increased employment in "war in-

dustries" boosted weddings. At Oklahoma City, the bureau said young couples had rushed in for marriage permits during the four days after the German invasion of the low countries in April "and they'll come in flocks if we get conscription."

That was the opinion of clerks throughout the nation.

THURSTON FOLKS BUSY
THURSTON, Aug. 1—(Special)—Social events in the Thurston vicinity have almost been suspended for the next month as seasonal work is keeping the farmers and their wives too busy to attend afternoon and evening social affairs.

The Thurston grange will hold its next meeting the third Wednesday in August. The Thurston Ladies Aid society and choir practice have both been discontinued until fall.

HIRE NEW TEACHER
DORENA, Aug.—(Special)—On account of the increased enrollment at the Dorena grade school, the school board has hired

an extra teacher for the coming term. Stanley Bonkowski, principal, will teach the 7th and 8th grades, Mildred Smith, the 5th and 6th, Oris Steele, 3rd and 4th and Frances French, the 1st and 2nd, grades.

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AMERICAN POSTERS LIKE THESE APPEARED on Shanghai, China, streets, after the arrest of Japanese gendarmes by United States marines in the international settlement. Posters were made from the morning edition of Tairiku Shimbun, Japanese Army organ, and carried headlines, "They Treat Japanese Like Animals" and "American Gentlemen With Human and Animal Skins Display Hypocritical Attitude."

London Items

LONDON, Aug. 1—(Special)—The Sherridge family held a reunion Sunday in the grove at Creech bridge. W. B. Dillard was chairman and Dr. M. C. Dillard, historian. W. B. Dillard elected president to take the place of A. W. Shortridge and M. Dillard, secretary, to take the place of Mrs. James Laxton. Present: Mrs. Samantha Dillard, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Dillard, Mrs. F. C. Dillard, Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Emmons, Dr. M. Dillard, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Dillard, Mrs. James Hayes, Mrs. Fern Ogram, Mrs. Chapman, Creswell, Mrs. Kelly, Maurice Kelly, Nor-Like, of Battle Ground, Oregon; Mrs. James Laxton, of Battle Ground, Oregon; Mrs. W. F. McBee, of Battle Ground, Oregon; Mrs. Alice Weed, of Battle Ground, Oregon; Mrs. Sherman Shortridge, of Battle Ground, Oregon; Mrs. Harold Shortridge, of Battle Ground, Oregon; Mrs. Lorne, Mr. and Mrs. S. Shortridge, Mrs. Delbert Brown, Wanda and Kenneth, Pauletta Powell all of Battle Ground, Oregon; Mr. and Mrs. Shortridge and daughters, Mrs. Ann and Patsy, and Mrs. Sutherland. The reunion was held at the same place as last year. Guests outside the family were: Mrs. Belle Taylor of Battle Ground, Eugene; Mrs. Meachen, Cottage Grove; Mrs. Florence Small and son, Eugene; Mrs. Ollie Zimmerman of Tillamook recently to visit relatives. Mrs. Zimmerman and sister, Mrs. Phillips left Tuesday to visit another sister, Mrs. Welch, at Santa Rosa, Cal. The three sisters will visit in San Francisco fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Taylor and daughter, Mrs. Bud Pooler and son, spent the week-end at and attended the Redhead fair.

Warren Jones and daughter, who are visiting at the home of Lillian Stimmler.

Mr. and George Garman returned from a visit at the home of their uncle, James Hart, of Battle Ground.

Mr. Geer left last week to visit his mother, Cecil, and family at Prineville.

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SANTA CLARA NEWS
SANTA CLARA, Aug. 1—(Special)—Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Hart have returned home from their vacation. Mr. Hart's mother, Mrs. J. I. Hart, and his aunt, Mrs. M. Boutte, of Lexington, Kentucky, accompanied them on the trip to Roseburg, visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hart, and on down in California, through the Redwoods, back to Crater lake, Diamond lake, Odell lake, and over

the new Willamette highway. Mr. and Mrs. Allen Denton made a trip to Oakridge recently. Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Emerson went to Odell lake Sunday over the new Willamette highway.

ON COAST FORK
COAST FORK, Aug. 1—(Special)—The Coast Fork club picnic held at Dilley's picnic grounds Sunday was well attended. A basket lunch was served at noon and in the afternoon the men enjoyed cards while the women and children played prize winning games.

On August 13, at 7 p. m. a birthday supper will be given in honor of Lloyd Stafford and Elva Gambill. This will also be held at Dilley's park. Neighbors are invited.

David Mitchell, Jr., who is employed near Corvallis, spent Sunday with his parents here. They all attended a Spanish War Veterans picnic on the McKenzie.

Bill Jackson and Gordon Dodge who have made several trips to Portland recently in connection with joining the U. S. navy have been accepted and will leave in the near future for San Diego.

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