

1947 Divorces Show Decline

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For the first time since before

the war the nation's divorce rate dropped sharply in 1947. In 1946, more Americans than ever before flocked to the divorce courts to iron out their postwar matrimonial problems. But last year the trend reversed down to peacetime living. Divorce judges agreed that the big reason for the decline was

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the fact that most of the hasty wartime marriages which did not "take" already had been dissolved. Other factors they cited were:
1. Women had lost some of their independence and no longer were able to shed their husbands and get high paying jobs.
2. Soaring prices had cancelled out the "easy money" of the immediate postwar period, and fewer could afford divorce.
3. The higher birth rate tended to keep marriages intact.

He Can Prove He Didn't Do It

HYDATTVILLE, Md.—(AP)—A former Princeton mathematics professor planned Wednesday to solicit the aid of his colleagues as well as the law of physics in appealing a \$100 fine for speeding. Haig Galajkian, 60, of Aberdeen, Md., was assessed the amount after state trooper Early Griffin testified the driver was traveling "80 to 85 miles an hour when caught."

The professor said it was "a simple law of physics" that Griffin, who was proceeding in the opposite direction, couldn't have stopped, turned around and overhauled him within two and a half miles.

Douglas County 4-H Club Wins

Douglas County has been selected by the State Extension office as carrying out the most outstanding 4-H safety program of 1947 in Oregon. As a result, the county extension office at Roseburg will receive a General Motors plaque of merit.

Kenneth C. Minnick, extension agent in Douglas county, reported that safety activities included in the county program were putting guards on all moving machinery parts, fire-fighting equipment on field machines and farm and home safety steps. Common hazards such as bare light wires, unlighted and broken stairways, improper handling of gasoline, and cleaning fluids and fuel oils were corrected.

During the year the 4-Hers put out flares at a broken bridge so cars would not drive upon it, placed warning signs where power poles were down endangering traffic on roadways, and repaired a number of hay mows where water was leaking through on chopped hay which might cause spontaneous fire.

Instructions were also distributed and demonstrations made on how properly to handle cleaning fluids for dry cleaning and how to operate safely oil stoves and handle fuel oil.

Organizations cooperating in the program included the County Fire Protective Assn. and the Lions Club.

County Clerk Has Busy Record Year

The Lane County clerk's office recorded 254 estate probates and 85 guardianship proceedings during 1947. The totals compared with 239 estates and 93 guardianships for 1946. The clerk's office sold 1166 marriage licenses during 1947.

During 1947 canine population, along with human, showed an increase. This year 5800 dog licenses were sold to people who live outside of cities. In 1946 5300 licenses were sold.

Roseburg Four-Lane Requests Rejected

PORTLAND—(AP)—A request of the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce and Douglas County court for a four-lane Pacific Highway entrance from the north into Roseburg has been rejected by the State Highway Commission.

In other action the commission approved an agreement with the Jefferson County court to maintain the old Madras-Culver section of The Dalles-California Highway as a secondary state route; denied Douglas County court request for a change in the

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entrance of Umpqua Highway into edsport; approved claim of C. J. Montag and Sons for \$10,022 losses resulting from highway engineering errors in estimates on Santiam River bridge. Certificates of merit were authorized for the 340 employees of the State Highway Department who retire Jan. 1 under the State Retirement Act.

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Surviving besides her widower are two sons, Edwin and Bill; two sisters, Caroline Awbrey, Jasper, and Nora Rob, Redmond; three brothers, Bob and Charles Wallace of Bend and Fred Wallace, Springfield, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Services were held Tuesday in Tillamook.

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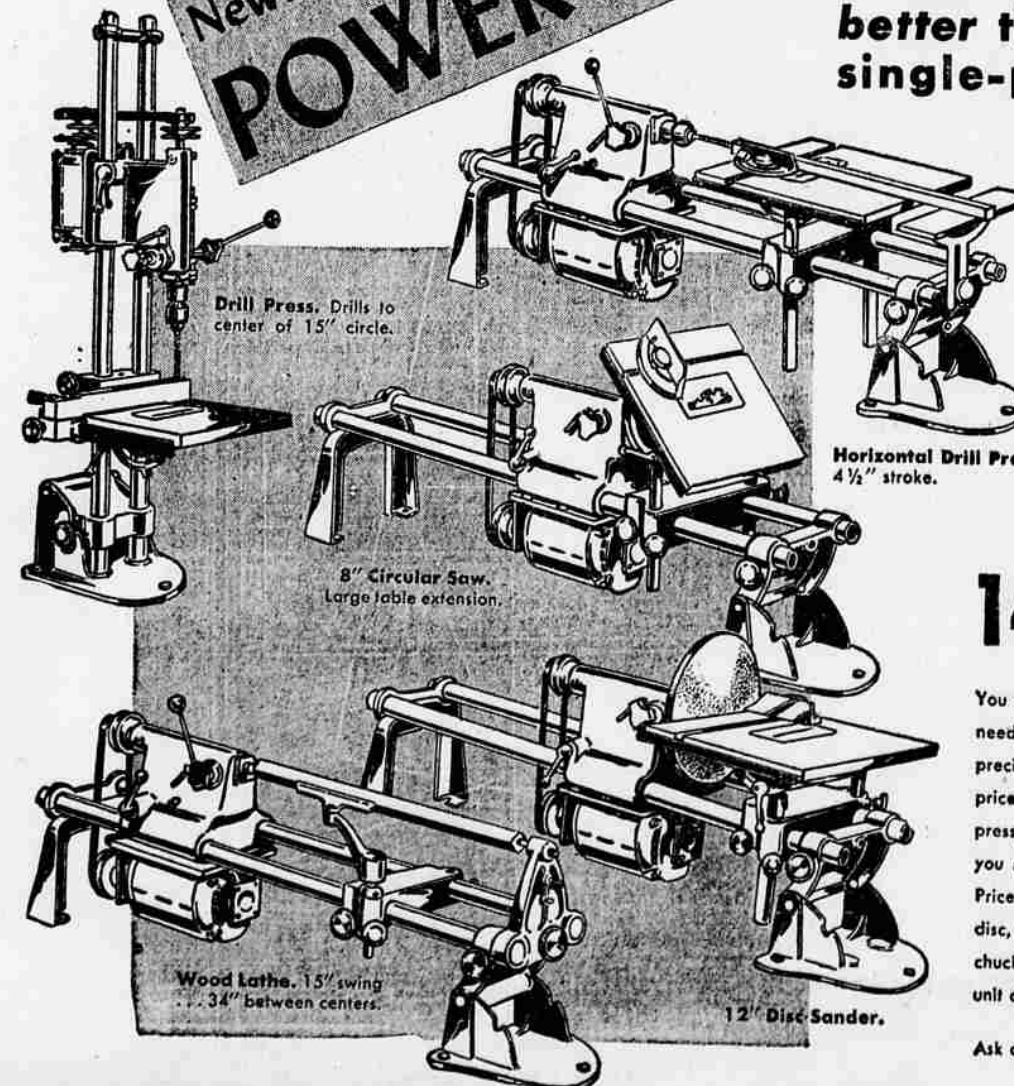
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