

MORE DIVORCES IN OREGON COUNTIES WITH ARMY CAMPS

Rapid Increase Noted In State; Jackson County Has 98 Per Cent Increase.

Salem, Oct. 10—Divorces in Oregon are increasing more rapidly than population, according to State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott. In Jackson county there were 124 divorces in the 1939-1940 period while 245 divorces were sought in the 1943-1944 period, an increase of 98 per cent.

Scott said since the law requires each county to collect and pay to the state \$5 for each

divorce suit filed, the number of divorces may be determined approximately by counties for the entire state.

State treasury department records show that for the year ended June 30 there were 8215 divorce suits filed in the entire state compared with 3570 during the year ended June 30, 1935.

Multnomah and Columbia counties, each with an increase of 147 per cent in divorce fees paid to the state in the year ended June 30, 1944, compared with the year ended June 30, 1940, are in top place. For the fiscal year 1944, Multnomah county fees covered 4519 divorce proceedings, as against 1827 for the fiscal year 1940.

Population Jumps Reflected

The figures for Columbia county were 84 for 1940, Josephine, Benton, Lincoln, Umatilla and Tillamook counties were next in line with increases ranging from 104 to 137 per cent. Part of the increases, Scott opined, was due to growth in population and to war marriages in close

proximity to army camps. There were fewer shattered romances in Gilliam, Harney, Wallowa, Sherman, Lake and Wheeler than in any other counties in the state. Each of these counties shows a reduction in the number of divorce suits filed in the fiscal year 1944 compared with the record five years ago.

The following summary shows the total of divorce proceedings filed by counties during the years ended June 30, 1940, and June 30, 1944, and the percentages of increases or decreases in such filings during the five-year period:

County	1939-1940	1943-1944	% of increase
Baker	52	70	35
Benton	37	79	114
Clackamas	210	314	50
Clatsop	82	148	80
Columbia	34	84	147
Coos	117	211	80
Crook	17	23	35
Curry	15	16	7
Deschutes	69	87	45
Douglas	78	97	28
Gilliam	15	4	*73
Grant	14	23	64

Harney	29	16	*45
Hood River	32	43	34
Jackson	124	245	98
Jefferson	4	5	25
Josephine	46	109	137
Klamath	231	289	25
Lake	46	33	*28
Lane	219	403	87
Lincoln	40	85	113
Linn	80	153	91
Malheur	35	40	14
Marion	192	327	70
Morrow	7	14	100
Multnomah	1827	4519	147
Polk	50	52	4
Sherman	3	2	*33
Tillamook	27	55	104
Umatilla	82	174	112
Union	59	80	36
Wallowa	25	16	*36
Wasco	41	52	27
Washington	108	215	99
Wheeler	9	8	*11
Yamhill	78	124	59

*—Decrease.
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OPA HEAD WARNS ON WAGE CUTTING

Washington, Oct. 10—(U.P.)—Price Chief Chester Bowles warned today that another "distasteful depression" faces the country after the war "if major segments of American industry attempt to cut prices by depressing wage rates."

In a summary of reconversion pricing addressed to 8,100 members of OPA industry committees, Bowles said he believed diminished production and dangerous unemployment would result under a high price, high

unit profit basis for industry. Meanwhile, the Brookings institution, taking issue with forecasts of postwar national income of around \$200,000,000,000 annually, predicted a 1947 income of only 11 to 16 per cent above the 1940 figure of \$80,400,000,000.

A survey prepared by Economist Joseph Mayer estimated the 1947 income at about \$127,000,000,000, attainable only with a 20 per cent increase in employment and production.

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"It was my personal opinion, however," Willkie said, "that my brother eventually would have come out for Governor Dewey."

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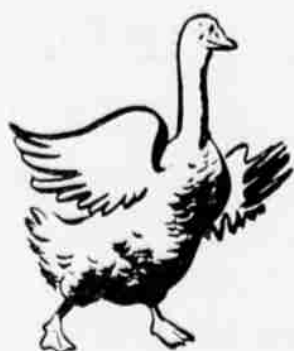
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