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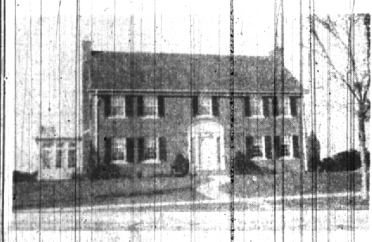
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"Tea for Two"

Worker in 1917 Draft Finds Himself in Same Routine Again

By **NELLIE HURLEY MINIFIE**

ALTHOUGH the procedure is basically similar and the forms much the same, methods of selective service have changed considerably since World War I when the United States issued its first general conscription call, Mrs. William M. Merrill, chief clerk of Birmingham's draft board, told me early this week when discussing her work nearly 24 years ago with the selective service board in Quincy, Mass.

Since the government's first encounter with general conscription in 1917, it has learned much. Today a great amount of red tape is missing; there is more flexibility in the dependents ruling; provisions have been made for aliens and everywhere there seems a new order out of what 24 years ago was chaos. Mrs. Merrill said in comparing present methods with those employed during the first war:

Twenty-four years ago headquarters in Washington sent by bulletin and specific instructions to every board, she told me. Today suggestions are made to the local draft boards but always with the request to weigh each case individually and to judge each man as a distinct entity.

Twenty Year's Study

The changes in the operation of selective service boards are a result of the study during the past 20 years by Army and Navy heads, Mrs. Merrill explained. Service officials have been meeting annually during this 20 year period, she told me, to devise simpler, smoother, fairer methods of conscripting American youth.

Mrs. Merrill remembered this week that there were three registrations during that other war. The first in June of 1917 was from 21 to 30 years of age inclusive; the second draft the following June included those boys who had attained their majority since the first call. The third and final call in September of 1918 covered and drafted all between the ages of 18 and 45.

Mrs. Merrill's 24-year records show that Quincy, Mass., induced 4,558 in the three drafts although the figure, she was quick to point out, is not a true picture. Located in Quincy at that time was a submarine plant which brought with it a tremendous floating population. In actuality, she told me, there were possibly as many Quincy registrants located elsewhere as were taken into the army directly in that city.

During that first draft, she continued, there were huge numbers of men in what she called the "emergency fleet"—men considered essential to industry, men who were automatically deferred. There were, also, she said, huge numbers of aliens employed in the plant—men who because they had not begun American citizenship proceedings were immediately deferred.

No Man Indispensable

Today the story is a different one. In 1911 there is, she says, no indispensable man—no man who cannot be replaced within six months. Today a necessary man is deferred for a six-month period and then he takes his place in the training camp for a year.

Nor is there a chance for the alien to live off the fat of the land, escape the draft and receive fabulous wages during the defense boom, Mrs. Merrill said. For large government contracts are let to manufacturers with the understanding that non-American citizens will be hired.

It is things like this that the United States learned from the other draft.

The general classifications have remained pretty much the same, Mrs. Merrill told me. There are 12 groups for all men between the ages of 21 and 35 and these are fairly similar to the original classifications.

Class 1A is the grouping for men who have undergone physical examinations, have been found fit and are available for general service.

Class 1B is for men physically fit but who are available for only limited service. In this grouping are men with asthma, slightly de-

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"What About Marriage?" Hundreds of young people confronted with the uncertainties of the future are making themselves this question. To help them in their planning for home and children, the Detroit YWCA Women's Christian Association has arranged for a series of talks on this subject. The present speaker will be Mrs. M. D. Driscoll, executive director. Talks at 7:30 o'clock at the Central Branch Y.W.C.A. All young men and girls present in Detroit—both married and unmarried. Written questions may be submitted at each lecture. Discussion following the Director's presentation.

ARRESTED

Thomas Walton, of Riverchase, Birmingham, was arrested Sunday by Sgt. Earl Moody, of Birmingham police, on a traffic warrant issued in Detroit. He was released on bond.

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See Petersen Designer and Build Homes on Hazel and Chestnut Streets, between Adams and Hunter Blvd.

What Your City Commission Is Doing

Bills were approved totalling \$61,527.78, including \$48,060.00 payment on debt service and a two work payroll in the amount of \$7,128.40.

Petition was received from residents on Hazel Street requesting curb construction on Hazel from Elm to Adams. Hearing to be held March 10 to consider creation of special assessment district to defray cost of such construction.

Report from city treasurer relative to delinquent charges for special assessments in sidewalk construction on Vine Road. Treasurer instructed to add 10 per cent penalty to unpaid charges in accordance with city provisions.

Licenses issued to William Furlow to operate pool room at 232 S. Woodward Avenue.

Hearing on Assessment Roll No. 226 covering Shipman Blvd. Water Main scheduled for March 10.

Participation in cost of cleaning Red Run Drain authorized.

Manager authorized to request that a small triangular parcel of property adjoining the alley between Pierce and Merrill be withheld from the Section 108 sale.

IRENE E. HANLEY, City Clerk.

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