

# U. S. Census Bureau 'Not Worried' About Nation's Large Divorce Rate

By Esther Van Wagener Tufty

Although the U. S. divorce rate is now twice normal (40 per cent as large as the number of marriages) the "marriage and divorce section" of the Census Bureau is not particularly worried.

They expect a sharp divorce decline as soon as some of the hasty wartime marriages break up. That will probably be after 1947, Dr. Paul C. Glick, of the Census Bureau, says. So, by 1950, the rate will be back to normal which is about 20,000 divorces a year.

Meanwhile, they would rather talk about the rising number of marriages... the sharp rise now that the boys are home. The picture for the entire country is reflected in the statistics for Grand Rapids: In 1939, 1,041 marriage licenses were issued in Grand Rapids. But in 1945, there were 2,384. And the Census Bureau estimates, with a sigh, that in 1946 there will probably be more than that.

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# Latrup Townsite News

By LILLIAN DIEDERICH

Nearly three million women have left the labor market since last August. The majority, according to surveys, were women who only took on jobs as a wartime venture anyway. They are happy now to settle back into peacetime pastimes.

Following the rapid decline in women workers after V-J day, there has been an upward trend the last two months. On V-J day, 18 million women were employed. But after the May census, it is expected to follow suit! 350,000 more women were added to the 16 million.

Reports from state employment services show that employers are still seeking women workers, although not to the extent they did when male workers were so unavailable.

In Detroit the U. S. Employment Service predicts that hiring of women will increase. In Flint, job openings for women are chiefly in the trade and service categories. In Grand Rapids, there are demands for female stenographers, typists and bookkeepers. In Kalamazoo, U.S.E.S. says that more than 100 women are being released during April. In Muskegon, openings for women are limited but exist in clerical and sales service fields. In Pontiac, needs are reported for about 750 workers during the next four months, including 300 females. In Saginaw-Bay City, firms were replacing women with men, according to all.

The Women's Bureau in Washington is watching these trends closely. They would like to see laws enacted to maintain the rights and privileges which they gained as a wartime necessity in the labor market.

### Two Birmingham Men Elected Directors Of New Retail Group

At a meeting in Royal Oak last week of independent grocers and meat dealers of Southern Oakland County, two Birmingham merchants were elected directors of a local trade association.

They were Sam Brunl and Roland Reardon.

The new organization is an affiliate of the Michigan Retail Grocers and Meat Dealers Association. W. R. Kessey, secretary-manager of the state association, was the meeting's principal speaker. He welcomed the new local into the organization and outlined its program.

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Father Hungerford has many friends in this area who regret seeing him go. He is responsible for the organizing of the Twenty-Up club which now has nearly 300 members with their own clubhouse, the former Shangri-la, located at Woodward and 12 Mile road. The club is open evenings with card games, dancing, refreshments and entertainment appealing to those in their twenties.

Annie Latrup school board meeting will be at 8 p. m., July 6 in the school auditorium. Other Southfield schools will hold meetings including Brooks, Magnolia, John Grace, Angling road and McKinley. An appointment of notes was that of Fred J. Leonard of Magnolia who is the only representative member at Oakland County Board of Education, Pontiac.

The Southfield Township zoning ordinance 118 carried by Southfield voters. The returns: 872 voted "Yes"; 346 voted "No".

Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Howard of Racham boulevard, had their complete family home last week

Richard Buckingham, 42, 8530 West Outer Drive, died in Mount Carmel hospital following a collision Saturday at 6:45 p. m., at Southfield and 11 Mile roads, in which three young caddies sustained serious injuries.

Buckingham, driving south on Southfield, had picked up three caddies from Birmingham Golf club who were in the rear seat. Richard Cushton, 28, 1215 Ballard street, Lansing, and a companion, Mrs. Helen Cushton, 42, 250 Oak Hill, Lansing, were driving west on 11 Mile road. Police say Cushton struck Buckingham's car and driving it 25 feet into an embankment where it overturned, pinning Buckingham beneath.

The boys, Paul, 11, Joseph, 12, and Charles, 13, are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Heise, 19515 Sexton street, Detroit. They are in Mount Carmel hospital with multiple abrasions and Charles has a fractured limb.

Cushton suffered a broken arm and is being held in Pontiac county jail. His companion escaped injury.

Less than six months ago Mrs. George Wylie of the townsite met the same fate in an accident on Woodward and 10 Mile roads and died two days later. Her two young riders were hospitalized for several weeks.

Two weeks ago Margaret Paige of the Townsite sustained injuries to the same extent when her car was in a collision with one driven by Charles McKibbens of Detroit. Police have charged McKibbens with falling to stop at Southfield. A petition to make the intersection a semaphore is waiting approval.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer S. Haack of 12 Mile road had as house guests last week, Dr. and Mrs. Leo McLermont of Rochester, N. Y. The doctor was lately released from Glenwood Springs, Calif., Veterans hospital for the Army and Marine corps where he was in charge. He was stationed on the cutter at Pearl Harbor and although his ship was attacked, he escaped injury.

Mrs. Edwin S. Blake and Mrs. Walter Howard, both of the Townsite, are chaperoning a group of 12 of the young set from this area who have taken a cottage at Lake Pleasant, Kalamazoo.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Herrick of Saratoga boulevard, are on the Georgian Bay cruise with a group of friends.

Draw C. Hannline of the Townsite is secretary and treasurer of the S. & S Industrial Products, Inc., with headquarters at 19720 West Eight Mile road.

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