

Over 1850 Youths Enroll Here

Over 1850 Youths Enroll Here In Fifth Registration

Over 5,000 Listed Under Selective Service Act in Bethlehem and Northampton County

Fresh from their studies of United States history, 5047 Bethlehem and Northampton County youths, aged from 18 to 20 years, today were among the characters in a major chapter of the story of their country, having registered yesterday for selective service.

Some American boys as young as they have fought in previous wars for the nation's preservation, but this is the first time the youths of their age have been required to register for selective service. (Minimum age in World War I was 21 years.)

The boys of 20 years who registered yesterday are subject to call for military service, but those of 18 and 19 are not. These latter,

however, like their elders in the 45-65 age group, may be summoned for non-military duty if the government decrees.

Registration by boards in the city were: No. 1, 1081; No. 2, 478; No. 3, 292; total, 1851.

Registration for Northampton County were Bethlehem, 1851; Easton, 1109, and three county boards, 2087; total Northampton County, 5047.

Allentown registered 2088, and the remainder of Lehigh County, 1397, for a grand Lehigh County total of 3485.

Board No. 1.
Principals and school teachers of

Continued on Page Twenty-two

Over 1,850 Youths Enroll in Registration

(Continued from Page One)
the South Side public schools, employes of the local store of the Liquor Control Board, and the office personnel of Local Draft Board No. 1, registered 1081 young men between 18 and 20 years of age, on Tuesday, the date designated for the fifth registration of the nation's man power.

Quite a number of those registered in the recreation room of the South Side municipal building, the only registration point on the South Side, were non-residents, either attending Summer school or engaged in national defense work in local industry. Until all of the cards are segregated, the office personnel will be unable to determine the number that will be under the jurisdiction of Local Draft Board No. 1. This task was started this morning.

A few minutes after 9 p. m., the zero hour for registering, and while the members of the board were assembled in their headquarters in the South Side municipal building, a nineteen-year-old youth, entered the office. He was breathless.

When he regained his composure, he was asked what his mission was and he replied: "I want to register." "Where were you when the rest of the boys registered?" queried one of the members.

"I fell asleep and just woke up," was the reply.

Within a few minutes he answered all the necessary questions, signed his name on the dotted line, and left with his registration card.

While most of the registration was in the recreation room, approximately forty eligibles were registered throughout the day by the board's office personnel.

The board will meet this evening to make a final checkup on the registration and arrange for an official report to the State headquarters. On Thursday, the personnel will start the task of mailing cards of non-residents to their respective board headquarters.

Board No. 2

A total of 478 young men, between 18 and 20 years of age, registered with Selective Service Board No. 2, this city, yesterday, it was announced at the local board's offices today.

Registration took place at Franklin Junior High School, Center and North Streets, where nearly 50 school teachers assisted in "signing up" the youths. Lloyd B. Jones is board chairman.

Board No. 3

Board No. 3 meets tonight, according to Selective Service regulations, to sort from the 292 cards registered yesterday those which go to other draft boards. Several registrants from out of the state signed up at Board No. 3's headquarters in Nitschmann Junior High School.

The flow of registrants was even throughout the day, and in the evening, the registration ran second best to the Dance Crafters' recital in the Nitschmann School auditorium.

One of the registrants was a youth who works in the Northampton County side of Bethlehem, lives in the Lehigh County part, but wanted to register as from Center County because his home had been there even though his father is now living in Blair County and expects to remove shortly to Allegheny County. Because the youth expects to enroll in the Allentown Bible Institute in September and will maintain his residence in Lehigh County, he was registered as from that county.

Fountain Hill

A total of 160 young men between the ages of 18 and 20, inclusive, were registered under the selective draft act on Tuesday at the home of Fountain Hill Post, No. 406, American Legion. These men do not all reside in the borough of Fountain Hill but some came from Salisbury Township.

Of the 160 enrolled, 66 were 18 years of age; 52, 19 years, and 22, 20.

Past Commander Walter C. Wannemacher was designated by Lehigh County Draft Board, No. 1, of Emmaus to be in charge of the registration. He was assisted by Commander Harold W. Smith, Mark Springer, Frank Simons and Past Commander D. H. Brown, all members of the Legior post and the following members of the Legion's auxiliary: Mrs. Walter C. Wannemacher, president; Mrs. Mark Springer, Mrs. D. H. Brown, Mrs. Joseph Spiegel, Mrs. Frank Simons,

Mrs. Roy R. Schaller, Mrs. Thomas Greene, Miss Frances Gallagher and Miss Esther Fox, the latter a school teacher of the borough.

Many of the young registrants came to the post home on bicycles.

Jul 1, 1942