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City and County Boards Find Young Men 18 to 20 Years Eager to Register

Young men of this city, between 18 and 20 years of age, like other youths of the same age brackets throughout the nation, registered for selective military service today. The rank and file wended their way to the various registration points, the majority of them wearing a smile and ready and willing to do their bit for their good old Uncle Sam.

The registrars included principals and teachers of public schools and employes of State Liquor stores, all of whom volunteered their services.

In the area embraced by Local Draft Board No. 1, the registering of the young men was centered in the recreation room of the South Side municipal building, where a corps of

registrars who sat around a number of tables, carried on the work with dispatch. During the first three hours, approximately one hundred were handled their registration cards. Many of the callers during the early hours, were students attending Summer schools, and the majority of them reside outside the city.

In all of these cases, each of the registrants expressed the desire to be inducted into service from their home town, the request being readily granted. According to the registrars, it required about seven minutes to ask and record the questions and to fill out the card that each

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registrants must have on his person. According to an estimate of one of the attaches of Local Draft Board No. 1, approximately 1,000 young men will be registered. Many of the eligibles, engaged in local industry, plan to register following the completion of the day's work.

Approximately 700 are expected to register at Franklin Junior High School, Center and North Streets, under the jurisdiction of Draft Board No. 2. Nearly 50 teachers are assisting with registrations, working in four shifts. Lloyd B. Jones is board chairman.

Slow on West Side

Registration with Bethlehem Selective Service Board No. 3, at Nitschmann Junior High School was unusually slow through the morning and early afternoon hours. Only a modest rush is anticipated this evening, prior to end of registration at 9 p. m., since only 300 registrants are expected to enroll with this board.

Enough teachers, liquor store clerks and others were on hand as volunteer registrars so that there was no waiting.

Board No. 3 interviewed a number of registrants at a regular meeting last night in the offices in the D. P. A. Building, Eighth Avenue. Present were Franklin Cole, Stanley Weaver, R. Fred Stahl, board members; Chief Clerk L. R. Drown and Appeal Agent John Diefenderfer.

The board will meet tomorrow night to compile its report on today's registration and will hold a regular meeting next Monday.

Fountain Hill

Forty-five young men between the ages of 18 and 20 registered for the draft in the Fountain Hill American Legion Home by noon today. Members of the Fountain Hill American Legion Post No. 406, the Auxiliary, two other volunteers are in charge of the registration, which is being done from 7 a. m. to 9 p. m. today.

Walter C. Wannemacher is the chief registrar. The Auxiliary members who were aided this morning were Mrs. Wannemacher, Mrs. Frank Simons, Mrs. Joseph Spiegel and Mrs. Roy Schaller. While the registration is not expected to be very heavy the largest number were expected between 3 and 5 p. m.

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