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MORE DIVORCES, LESS MARRIAGES

N. C. Weddings In 1927 Were Two Per Cent Less; Divorces Increased Three Per Cent.
 Washington. — North Carolina marriages decreased from 22,691 in 1926 to 22,204 in 1927, a loss of two per cent, while divorces increased from 1,591 to 1,642 in 1927, a gain of three per cent, according to figures compiled by the department of commerce.

The increase in divorces for the Old North State as half of the percentage for the country, while its decrease in marriage was in contrast with the record of the country in holding its own for marriages but showing only a slight increase.

When the population of North Carolina is considered, there was no real decrease in marriages as the average for both years was practically eight for every thousand population, and the number of divorces for both years was slightly more than one-half for each thousand population.

The department of commerce announces that, according to the returns received, there were 1,200,694 marriages performed in the United States during the year 1927, as compared with 1,202,574 in 1926. These figures represent a decrease of 1,880 marriages, or about one-fifth of one per cent.

During the year 1927 there were 192,037 divorces granted in the United States, as compared with 180,853 in 1926, representing an increase of 11,184, or 6.2 per cent. There were 4,252 marriages annulled in 1927, as compared with 3,825 in 1926.

The estimated population of continental United States on July 1, 1927, was 118,628,000, and on July 1, 1926, 117,136,000. On the basis of these estimates the number of marriages per 1,000 of the population was 10.12 in 1927, as against 10.27 in 1926, and the number of divorces per 1,000 of the population was 1.62 in 1927, as against 1.54 in 1926.

While the net decrease in the number of marriages performed in the country as a whole was 0.2 per cent, the relative change in the different states ranged from a decrease of 25.4 per cent in Florida, to an increase of 95.3 per cent in Nevada. (This increase in Nevada, as well as the increase in Arizona, is due, largely, to a change in the marriage law of California requiring three days notice to be given before the issuance of a license, which law became effective July 29, 1927.)

The rate of marriages per 1,000 of the population, which represents an average of rates in the individual states, ranged from 4.7 in Delaware, and 5.8 in Wisconsin, to 16.6 in Mississippi and 31.0 in Nevada.

The changes in the various states as regards the number of divorces compared with the year 1926, ranged from decreases of 35.3 per cent in Vermont and 19.3 per cent in Delaware, to increases of 52.1 per cent in the District of Columbia and 91.3 per cent in Nevada.

4 MILLION DAILY AT SODA FOUNTAINS

Nation's Annual Bill Is Estimated At Billion And Half.
 Chicago.—Americans spend an average of \$4,109,561 every day at soda fountains.

The nation's annual bill for sodas, soft drinks, luncheons and confectionery served over soda fountains in the United States totals \$1,500,000,000, it was disclosed at the annual convention of soda fountain manufacturers at Edgewater Beach hotel here.

"Ice cream sodas account for an expenditure of approximately \$500,000,000, fountain luncheons for about \$300,000,000 annually, and confectionery for \$700,000,000," declared M. H. Kauer of the Knight Soda Fountain company. "There are approximately 100,000 soda fountains in the United States in which their owners have \$300,000,000 invested."

"In cities of 100,000 population and over, more than 75 per cent of the soda fountains are now serving luncheons. Luncheon business not only has raised the sales volume, but has increased the business at the noon hour when the ordinary soda trade is light and has made the fountain business a steady year-around proposition."

"There has been a steady increase in the number of strictly 'soda shops' with the fountain as the backbone of the business and its chief source of profit. Fountain owners in the United States whose business is capitalized at from \$3,000 to \$5,000 have average daily sales of \$91.40, or a total of about \$36,000 annually, and this represents the margin of profit for many proprietors."

"It is estimated that 42 per cent of the nation's soda fountains are located in drug stores, 39 per cent in confectionery shops, and about 8 per cent in department stores and of soda fountains and luncheon five and ten cent stores. Addition service to a national chain of cigar stores has been one of the newest merchandizing developments of the business."

God's Great Gift To Little Men.
 (By Barton.)
 The cocksureness (of conceited men) used to irritate me. It seemed rather ridiculous, as contrasted with the self-deprecation of many of the leaders of the world. But one day I hit upon the explanation and now no bumptious individual irritates me.

My explanation is this: God is just. He distributes talents with impartial hand among the sons of men. To big men He gives the satisfaction of achievement; but He penalizes them with hours of depression, introspection and self-doubt.

Little men would be discouraged if they could see themselves in their true light. So conceit was sent into the world—
 God's great gift to little men.

LATTIMORE BATCH OF CURRENT NEWS

(Special to The Star.)
 A double wedding which came as a surprise to many friends was that of Miss Verna Threatt to Mr. Adelyn Monroe and Miss Hulsey to Mr. Raymond Jones all of Lattimore. The ceremonies were performed in Gaffney Saturday afternoon and the happy couples left immediately for a visit to relatives in Georgia.

Mrs. Monroe is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Threatt. She is a graduate of the Lattimore high school and is very popular among a wide circle of friends.

Mr. Monroe is a progressive young farmer and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Monroe.

Mrs. Jones is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hulsey and has made many friends since coming here from Georgia a few years ago.

Mr. Jones is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Jones and is a young man with a promising future. He works with the Lattimore Cotton Oil company.

Among the students coming in from the various colleges closing owing to the epidemic of flu are: Misses Dorris Gold and Mary Elizabeth Willis of N. C. C. W., Misses Lois Adams and Mary Agnes Lattimore and Mr. Edley Mastin of Mars Hill. Miss Burneth Hunt who is a student at Meredith college, Raleigh is expected home Wednesday to spend the Christmas holidays.

Miss Wiloree Calton is sick with influenza, also Dr. R. L. Hunt, Mr. T. C. Stockton and daughter, Miss Margaret and Master George Thomas Stockton.

The many friends of Mr. Newland Lattimore are glad to know he is improving after a serious illness of pneumonia and toxine poison.

Miss Bonnie Lee Jones who has been sick some time was carried to the Shelby hospital last week for treatment.

Miss Aileen Crowder is improving after several days illness with flu.

Misses Katie Mae Toms and Mary D. Palmer spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur McBrayer of Forest City.

Misses Maude Moorehead Bleak and Amy Suttle visited Miss Vertie Walker Sunday afternoon.

Several people from here motored to Bolling Springs Sunday night to hear the musical program given at the Baptist church "Chimes of the Holy Night," a Christmas Cantata was well rendered and appreciated by a large audience.

Mr. Zeb Harrill who has been on the sick list for a week seems to be improving slowly.

Miss Pearl Harrill is sick with tonsillitis.

School To Close.
 The school will close Friday for the Christmas holidays each grade room has a gaily decorated tree. The youngsters are full of the Christmas spirit and can hardly wait till Friday to exchange their gifts.

Prof. W. E. White has been out of school this week sick with flu.

Lattimore won a slow game of basketball over the Banook team here Tuesday night. The score was 20-33. Lattimore was handicapped by three regular players being out of the game. Rhoney was the outstanding player of the visiting team, while Willis was the best player for the home team.

The girls basketball team will meet the Caroleen team here tonight (Tuesday) for their first game. Some of the players are out sick but a good game is expected. The boys play also, making it a double game.

Friends of the teams are urged to come out, they need your support.

CHECK FOR DINNER IN PARIS DRIVES GUEST AT CAFE CRAZY
 Paris.—The high cost of dining drove Jacques Simon insane.

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