

**Facts About Population**  
**Prizes for Large Families?**  
**Cause of Decline**

This time of year used to be called the "silly season" in Washington, because nothing of importance ever happened in August and the news correspondents had to entertain their readers and earn their own wages by writing trifling gossip about nothing in particular. Times have changed in that respect. Nothing very new and startling is happening, with the President on his vacation and Congress back home mending its political fences, but we have got so used to discussing serious and important things that it seems to have become a habit. Even in the "silly season" we find it hard to be frivolous.

For example, somebody asked the ever-present question: "Who is going to pay off all this new debt the Government is piling up?" at the National Press Club the other day. The usual answer was given, "Our grandchildren, of course." But one inquisitive reporter wasn't satisfied with that answer. How many grandchildren are there going to be, thirty or forty years from now? He wanted to know. So he put in a lot of time studying the records of the Census Office and his conclusions are so startling and in the long outlook, so important, that some Administration officials have begun to take notice of them and wonder whether in some ways there has not been too much banking upon a future that does not seem likely to be realized.

The plain fact seems to be that the population of the United States is rapidly approaching the stationary point. By 1950, and probably sooner than that, there will no longer be an annual increase in the number of people in this country. Before the war we added about 1,300,000 people a year to the population, by birth and immigration. That was the average over a long period of years. Assuming that they earned and spent a thousand dollars a year each, which is about the right figure, that made nearly two billion dollars a year of new business for American industry and trade, to say nothing of the demand for half a million new homes every year to house this increase.

And, from the Government's point of view, that rate of population increase meant a corresponding increase in the number of persons who could be taxed, directly or indirectly, thus enabling the nation to increase its governmental expenditures every year and pile up a growing load of interest-bearing debt without really bothering anybody very much.

But—this is what the Census figures show. About 1924 the rate of population increase began to decline sharply. In 1910 the experts estimated that the Census of 1930 would show a population of 150,000,000. Instead, the count was only 126,000,000. And in the past ten years it has dropped so rapidly that the estimates of the Census Bureau—among the most reliable of Government statistics—show a growth of only 800,000 in the past year.

At that rate of decline in the annual growth of population, it will only be about 1945 when deaths will balance births, emigration balance immigration and, perhaps, from then on, there will be an actual decline in the number of inhabitants of this country. It is possible to imagine the Administration of whoever is elected President in 1944 demanding of Congress authority of offer prizes for larger families, as is done in France, Italy and some other European countries.

The reasons for the decline in the growth of population are twofold. First is the restriction of immigration, which began to take its present drastic form in 1924. Second is the decline in the domestic birthrate. American parents are not reproducing their kind in numbers enough to replace the deaths. The figures here in Washington show that the average woman gives birth to less than one prospective future mother. And that condition is causing considerable concern among the socially-minded members of the Administration—of whom there are plenty. They see their vision of a brave

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THE WATCHMAN  
CARRIES A SUMMARY  
OF ALL THE NEWS

**N. C. JOBS MOUNT 29 PER CENT**  
**Hitler Now Ruling Germany**

**Big Pickup In Employment Is Reported**

**Number of Stores Show Small Decrease; Cost Of Operation Larger**

A gain of 29 per cent in retail employment in North Carolina during 1933 was reported in the census of American business made public yesterday by William L. Austin, Director of the Census.

The increase in retail employment in North Carolina last year was a distinct surprise, according to Austin, who reported: "The increase in employment in North Carolina between April and December, as shown by the 1929 retail census, was 8 per cent. It was 19 per cent in 1933. This increase, when compared with the increase shown for the April-December period for 1929 indicated that the gain shown throughout the State was substantially more than seasonal."

Part-time employment, however, was at its lowest during the first three months in 1933 in North Carolina, it was reported. A gradual increase was noted during the latter part of the year, however.

The number of stores decreased by 4 per cent since 1929 but an increase in the cost of operation was noted. This is partly accounted for by the inflexibility of many expenses, such as rents, taxes, insurance and depreciation, it was explained.

**Many Counties In Debt to State For Old 15-Cent Levy**

Although the State of North Carolina collected \$1,460,000 in back taxes in 1933-34 from the old 15-cent ad valorem taxes for 1931 and 1932 about \$261,000 more than was set up as probable collections, the 100 counties are still due the State \$1,651,911.72 in that old and unreturned tax, figures in the office of State Treasurer Charles M. Johnson show.

The State made a special effort to get as much of that old property tax levied in 1931 for two years as possible during the past fiscal year, and sent a man to visit several of the more delinquent counties, resulting in good collections. Many of the counties are about paid up—as far as their collections have been made, but some are far behind in remitting taxes already collected, although the law requires them to remit that and the poll tax each 15 days.

The levy was \$8,923,382.00 for the two years, of which \$7,271,470.28 has been remitted to the State, leaving the \$1,651,911.72 yet to be paid by the counties. Of the levy, 81.49 per cent has been paid, leaving 18.51 per cent yet to be sent in by the counties, some of it due from delinquent taxpayers.

**Taxes To Be Advertised Next Week**

THE WATCHMAN will on next Friday carry the annual list of delinquent tax payers of the county. This list will contain the names of all the property owners of the county who have not paid their taxes for the year 1933.

**TOO FAR DOWN**  
William: "How did you break your leg?"  
Bill: "I threw a cigarette in a manhole and stepped on it."

**THE Camirror**

**NEW FRANKLINIANA**—Almost unnoticed for a century and a half, this statue of Benjamin Franklin, dating back to his sojourn at the court of Louis XVI, has been discovered. A. Atwater Kent presented it to the Franklin Institute in Phila. Here it is with the original Franklin printing press, in the Graphic Arts section of the Institute.



**MAN AND MOTOR Conquer Mountain**—Driver Al Miller credits Bohn Aluminum cylinder head of Hudson coupe for all-time record climb of Mt. Washington in 13 minutes and 20 seconds. "Aluminum head increased compression and power without knocking," Miller said, his equipped stock car breaking even racing car record.



**REAL FREAK**—This calf photographed at Brentwood, England, has five legs, six feet and a tail that is slightly curled. It is in perfect health.

**Many Small Fish Put In Rivers Of N. C. In Past Year**

More than 3,000,000 little fishes were placed in the streams of North Carolina during the fiscal year 1933-1934, or about one for every person in the State, John D. Chalk, game and fish commissioner, states.

The 3,154,901 distributed were almost 100,000 more than the 3,078,786 distributed from the hatcheries the year before. Most of them were trout, while 200,000 were bass and 75,000 bream, the latter two warm water fish having been produced at the Frank Stedman Hatchery, Fayetteville, and the "Pete" Murphy hatchery at Marion.

Distributions were made by the various hatcheries, as follows: Morrison hatchery, Waynesville, 1,105,155; Roaring Gap hatchery, Roaring Gap, 588,400; "Pete" Murphy hatchery, 385,050; Frank Stedman hatchery, 145,296; Boone hatchery, Boone, 1,021,000.

**HIGH POWERED**  
First Lodge Member: "Tonight we're going to hold insulation of officers."  
Second Lodge Member: "Installation, you mean—not insulation."  
First Lodge Member: "Mebbe so, but these are live-wire officers."

**VETERAN BARTENDER** Addresses Ambitious Rookies — Hans Newmann, "mixer" at the McAlpin Bar, N. Y., advises men preparing for "bar examinations": "NEVER stir a highball with a spoon! It destroys the ZIP which is the soul of any carbonated drink. Use self-stirring Billy Baxter Club Soda. Its EXTRA bubbles do all the necessary mixing."

**CLEAN SWEEP**—These shapely damsels showed excellent form — And forms — in a sweep contest for college girl vacationists held at a southern beach recently.

**DILLINGER'S NEMESIS**—Melvin Purvis, youthful head of the Chicago Department of Justice.

**AIR TRANSPORT SCHEDULE**

TO	FROM	CLASS	FARE
NEW YORK	ATLANTA	Y. N. A.	12.00
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NEW YORK	PHOENIX	Y. N. A.	18.00
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**HOTEL GOTHAM IN NEW YORK** has first air transport bulletin board—permanent airplane schedules are displayed on the board, erected in the hotel lobby as celebrities of the aviation world cheered. General Kincaid (left) President, American Hotels Corporation, originated the idea and will place a board in each hotel. Eddie Rickenbacker, World War ace hails this progressive step in aviation.

**Tag Sales On Increase**

The motor vehicle bureau of the state department of revenue has already sold 3,286 more automobile and truck license plates so far this year than during all of last year, according to figures made public by Director L. S. Harris. Total sales mounted to 412,381 license plates as compared with a total of 409,095 for all of last year. With more than five months still to go, Director Harris is hoping that sales will eventually amount to at least 425,000 for this year. Sales so far this year are more numerous than since 1929.

Up to the corresponding date a year ago only 251,509 plates had been sold as compared with 412,381 sold so far this year. This is a gain of 160,872 so far this year to the same date last year, Mr. Harris pointed out.

**SUCCEEDS LATE DOLLFUSS**  
A new Austrian cabinet was appointed Sunday night, with Dr. Kurt Schuschnigg, an ardent anti-Nazi, succeeding the late Engelbert Dollfuss as federal chancellor. The new regime hopes to restore peace in Austria, at the same time determined in their efforts to maintain independence of the little nation. Opposition is organizing to resist Nazi foes in the event of further disturbances or attacks.

**NEWS BRIEFS**

**LEAPS TO DEATH**

James Probasco, seventeenth victim of the crime Frankenstein fashioned by John Dillinger, leaped to his death from the nineteenth floor of a Chicago skyscraper. Samuel P. Crawley, acting chief of the Chicago bureau of the department of justice, had just questioned him regarding the use of his home as a makeshift infirmary where a plastic surgeon altered the features of Dillinger and Homer Van Meter. He denied being implicated, and when justice agent left the room, he leaped through a window.

**LEA, JR., PAROLED**

Luke Lea, Jr., who with his father, former Tennessee newspaper publisher and U. S. Senator, is serving a sentence in North Carolina penitentiary for violating the state banking laws, was paroled on Saturday because of his physical condition. He was serving a term of from two to four years.

**FOUR MULES BURNED TO DEATH**

Four mules burned to death at Rutherfordton when lightning struck the barn of Con. H. Bostic. The mules declined to be tolled out of the burning barn and perished.

**CHILD KILLED BY TRAIN**

The 20-month old daughter of Charles Ashworth of Rockingham wandered from home and was crushed under the wheels of a freight train when the engineer failed to see her.

**PLAN ROAD CELEBRATION**

The 18-mile length of road between North Wilkesboro and Laurel Springs on highway No. 18 is nearing completion and plans for a celebration in September are being formulated.

**LEADER OF YOUNG DEMOCRATS**

Doyle Alley, Waynesville attorney, was elected at Asheville Saturday as president of the Young Democratic clubs of North Carolina, to succeed Mrs. May Thompson Evans of High Point, retiring president.

**CHARGED WITH FORGERY**

M. A. E. Thomas of High Point has been arrested on three separate warrants charging forgery. He used the name of J. E. Gibson on checks, it is alleged, and there are other cases in which he is said to be implicated.

**MOUNT AIRY MAN SLASHED**

Holland Puckett, 35, warehouse bookkeeper at Mt. Airy, was cut to death near there Saturday night. Roy Hemmings, 29, is charged with the slaying, held without bail. A poker game and drinking formed a background for the tragedy.

**MARIE DRESSLER IS DEAD**

Marie Dressler, veteran actress of the screen and stage, died Saturday after a lingering illness of cancer. She was 62 years of age, and her last years were the most active and successful of her long career, and when her physical condition called for much bravery on her part to go on. She died at the C. W. G. Billings estate at Santa Barbara, Cal., where her last days of retirement and illness were spent.

**SOLD AT HIGH**

Angelina: "And now that our engagement is ended, you will be good enough to return my letters."  
Edward: "Sorry, but when waste paper went to \$5 a hundred pounds I felt that I couldn't afford to keep them any longer."

**Election Is Called For August 19th**

**War Time Leader Passed Away Thursday**

**NATIONS MOURN**

Germany's war time leader during the recent World War died at his country mansion at Neudeck, East Prussia, Thursday at 9 a. m. He was in his 87th year. His death had been expected momentarily for the past few days, and his passing had been expected by all official Germany.

He was a Field Marshall under the former Kaiser Wilhelm during the Great World war, and has been looked upon as a Savior of the German nation. He commanded the seven million men of the German army.

While the former Chancellor Adolf Hitler is now the leader of the German people, succeeding the former Field Marshall. He has called for an election to be held on August 19th for the purpose of naming a president for Germany, the office to which it is presumed that he will make a desperate effort to capture. He also was a lance corporal and led a squad of four including himself.

President Von Hindenburg was born in Posen, in East Prussia, on October 2, 1847, the son of a Prussian Junker land-owner who had a long lineage but not too many worldly goods. He was given the somewhat cumbersome name of Paul Luther Hans Anton von Beneckendorff and von Hindenburg, and from his earliest infancy was destined for the army.

**Beloved Man Dies At Home Here Thursday**

Passing away quietly in his sleep at his home here on North Jackson street, at an early hour Thursday morning, another one of the city's oldest and most prominent and beloved citizen, James Edward Hennessee died of heart failure, he having suffered several prior attacks, but for last few months had been on the upgrade, and his death came as somewhat of a surprise to this entire section.

Mr. Hennessee came to Salisbury some forty years ago, and was employed at that time by the Union News company as manager of their place which was located in the old Southern passenger station, and he has been connected with this business ever since, and he was known to literally thousands of people who have arrived at this station during his time, and was known as a man of pleasing personality and always had a smile of kind word for everyone. He is also known as one of the oldest business men of the town.

Surviving are his widow, one son, W. E. Hennessee, a brother, W. A. Hennessee, of Milford Hills, two grandchildren, W. E., and Betty Hennessee.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the First Presbyterian church, of which he had been a member and former officer of long and devoted standing.

**Old Court House Bell Rings Again**

After silence of several years, the bell which for years hung in the belfry of the old court house, and called the people to court, and also served as a time piece, has again been resurrected, and is now located at the rear of the new county court house, and was used again Thursday morning in announcing the convening of the county court.