

Found at Last--Average American Citizen.

Man You've Heard So Much About Lives in Indiana Town

HEIGHT 5 FT 6 IN.
HAIR BROWN
EYES BROWN-BLUE
AGE 26
INCOME \$2150
WIFE'S AGE 25
RENTS HOME
OCCUPATION MECHANIC
CHILDREN 3

CECIL ALFRED JOHNSON

The JOHNSON HOME

Above are shown the U. S. Census Bureau's requirements for the Average American, and Cecil Alfred Johnson, who meets nearly every one of them. His home is near the exact center of population of the United States.

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Whitehall, Ind., Jan. 21. — At last—that Average American Citizen you have heard so much about has been found.

He lives in this remote village of 50 inhabitants, eight miles from a railroad line.

He pay \$8 a month rent for his home. He is married and has four children. He believes in God and says this country is the best in the world.

His name is Cecil Alfred Johnson. Besides being the closest resident to the national center of population, Johnson qualifies closely in all the characteristics the U. S. Census Bureau says the Average American Citizen must have.

The center of population of the United States is a big tree 1.9 miles west of Whitehall. Mathematicians have figured it out to a hair's breadth. It shifts from year to year. Johnson lives little more than a mile from the exact center.

What He Should Earn
The Average American should earn \$2150. Johnson earns \$2100.

The Average American should be about 26 years old and weigh 148 1-2 pounds. His complexion should be "intermediate." He should be a mechanic.

John is 26 and has four children instead of the required three, but the rest of the data fits him like a glove. Even his complexion and that of his wife fit the census requirements exactly.

Mrs. Average American is supposed to be a few months under

25. Mrs. Johnson is 25. Her height, weight and complexion are almost identical with those arrived at by the census bureau — statistics that were arrived at after examination of 2,000 subjects whose forefathers had been Americans for three generations. Farming ranks second to mechanical trades in the bureau's list of gainful occupations. Johnson has been a farmer, too, and right now occasionally pitches in

when a neighbor needs a hand. The chief aim of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson is to rear their children to useful citizenship. Neither has any use for rouge, powder or short skirts.

"The girls ought to rub some of the paint off so a fellow can see what he's getting," says Johnson.

Defends Prohibition
Johnson upholds the dry law and does not believe in its modification in the slightest degree.

"I've taken a drink or two," he says, "but liquor does no good. I guess we can get along without it. Besides there's too many automobiles nowadays."

Johnson, while he fails to get a kick out of politics, thinks Pres-

ident Coolidge is making good, although Johnson is a Democrat at heart.

"I only want money enough to get along on. What's money any-how? I just want to lay away a little for a rainy day."

"I want the children to have a chance. That's why I live in this small town. I could make more money in a city."

"Success is not money. Success is having friends. I'd rather have for my friends the 50 people who live in Whitehall than go to a city and slave for riches or fame."

"If you have friends and they love you and you love them, why, man, that's living."

FUNERAL MRS. SEXTON

Columbia, Jan. 21.—The funeral of Mrs. Edmund Sexton, who died Monday morning, was conducted at the home here Tuesday morning by Rev. A. B. Crumpler. Mrs. Sexton was 78 years old and is survived by her husband, who is 88 years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Sexton had been married more than 50 years. Besides her husband, she leaves two sons, Ellis and Columbus Sexton of New Bern.

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By Charles McManus

YOU SAY IN YOUR COMPOSITION, I WAS IN GLORY WHEN I WAS IN THE OCEAN.

WELL, WHAT ABOUT IT?

WHOEVER HEARD OF A PERSON BEING IN TWO DIFFERENT PLACES AT THE SAME TIME!

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GO WAN! WHATCHA GIVIN' US?

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