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Hoke County Young People In Majority

(Special to The News Journal)

NEW YORK, June 14 - How many of the important events of modern times have taken place within the lifetime of present residents of Hoke County?

What proportion of the local population goes back far enough in time to D-Day in 1944, when the Allies crossed the English Channel and landed in France?

Or to the year 1927, when Lindbergh made the first non-stop New York to Paris flight across the Atlantic? Or to 1934, when the first quintuplets, the Dionne sisters, were born in Canada?

Fewer than 14 percent of Hoke County's population were on hand in 1918 when Germany surrendered and World War I ended, the Government's latest figures on local

age brackets show.

When the 21st Amendment was passed in 1933, doing away with prohibition, no more than 29 percent in the local area had yet been born.

The formation of the United Nations and the production of the first atomic bomb, both in 1945, could have been witnessed by only 39 percent of the present local

The Doomsday question still is

unanswered for a hungry world: Is

the day coming when there won't be

enough food to go around, when world-wide famine will visit the

"Never across the face of our

planet has the outcome been more in

doubt," writes Thomas Y. Canby in

Mankind's future rides on the race

between the world's growing population -- 203,000 more mouths

to feed every day - and man's ability to produce more and more food. The

evidence of the problem is awesome.

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A new generation, to whom many of these happenings are of purely historical interest and not part of their personal memories, has sprung up in Hoke County.

Today, the figures show, there are more of these young people around, in proportion to the total population, than in the past.

The explanation is that in the years just after World War II, when

the birth rate zoomed upward, babies were arriving on the scene in record numbers.

As a result, despite the fact that the birth rate has dropped considerably in the last few years, more than half the population of the United States is under age 30 at the present time

Numerically, those in the 10 to 15 age group comprise the largest five-year segment in the country. About 10 percent of all Americans are in that bracket.

In Hoke County, the figures show, the median age of the population is 21.7, which means that there are as many local people below that age as there are above it.

Elsewhere in the United States the median age is now 28.1 and, in the State of North Carolina, approximately 26.5.

these three countries - already no

stranger to famine -- will be doubled. At the same time, almost all the

world's land that is economical to

cultivate -- some 3.6 billion acres -already is being used to grow food. Today there are 3.9 billion mouths to feed in the world. Next year there

will be 74 million more, 15 million

Meanwhile, climatologists say

there may be changes in the world's

weather patterns, bringing devastating droughts to regions where most of the population lives.

The green revolution," the recent development of super strains of wheat and rice that greatly increased

crop yields, seemed to be easing the

shortage of food where it was needed

most -- until all but neutralized by a

of them in India alone.

Continuing Population Boom

World Famine Still Stalks



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largest, drastically declined, and with

it a major source of poultry and livestock feed. Factories could not

meet increased demand for critically

United States food surpluses that

had cushioned earlier shortages

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