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DECATUR YOUTH IS KILLED IN ACCIDENT

Census Takers To Start Work Here Saturday

Many Questions To Be Answered When Decennial Census Figures Compiled

How big is the city of Decatur? How many people live in Adams county? What are the chief industries, how many people rely on the ground for their living through farming?

These and many other questions will be answered soon for the 17th decennial census, which is to begin Saturday.

Estimates forthcoming from unofficial sources aver that there will be an increase in population in both the city of Decatur and the county.

Col. Lawrence Sheridan, consultant for the city's plan commission, estimates that the current population of Decatur is approximately 7,200. This would be an almost 1,400 increase over the 5,861 figure for the 1940 census.

There has been an upward swing in the census figures for the city since 1920, a hasty check of the figures reveals. In 1920 there were 4,762 noses counted in Decatur, in 1930, 5,156.

In the county, in the 1930 census, there were 19,367, in 1940, 21,254. Estimates have been made that the county's population should reach between 24 and 25 thousand in the 1950 census, though admittedly this is probably optimistic.

The estimates notice the increased population in the city and county are based on a higher birth rate (which seems universal):

Chamber of Commerce figures, telephone company figures and post office receipts.

Louis Basler, in charge of the district census office in Fort Wayne, revealed today the list of enumerators for several townships in the county through Mrs. Thelma Bilderbach, of route 6, who is a crew leader in this county.

Mrs. Bilderbach noted that all agricultural schedules had been sent to farmers living on rural routes. These schedules are to be filled-out completely and handed to the enumerators when they call. Additional information—population and housing—will be gotten at that time, Mrs. Bilderbach said, but by filling out these forms, it will expedite the proceedings.

Officials also stressed that all information will be held in the strictest secrecy by the enumerators, who will be subject to fine for divulging any data listed.

Mrs. Bilderbach stated that she is in charge of the enumerators for Union, Root, Washington, St. Mary's, Monroe, Blue Creek and Jefferson townships as well as the city of Decatur and the towns of Berne and Monroe. These enumerators have been attending instruction classes in the Decatur high school in preparation for their

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Pork Support Prices Expire At Midnight

Lapse In Support Prices Likely To Last Short Time

Washington, March 31—(UPI)—For lack of price support money the government will let price supports for pork-on-the-hoof die at midnight tonight, an agriculture department spokesman said today.

The spokesman said secretary of agriculture Charles F. Brannan does not plan to set up a new program immediately to replace the expiring hog support commitment.

That means hog farmers tomorrow will be without price support for the first time in eight years.

However, the spokesman said, the lapse in supports is expected to last only a short time and probably won't mean much, so long as farmers do not flood the markets with hogs.

Farmers know, he said, that there will be a support program as soon as Congress provides the money, and they probably will be cautious in their marketing until then.

The spokesman said Brannan's "hands are tied" for the time being because of a shortage of price support funds.

Brannan already has promised to set up a new hog support program, but not necessarily at the present support level. Announcement of the program, he said, will come "as soon as circumstances permit."

Officials said he meant when Congress approves the administration's request for another \$2,000,000 in price support money. The Senate still has to vote on a house-passed measure expanding the commodity credit corp's borrowing power.

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