



ONE OF THE NUMBERED ONES—Cheryl Mielke, 4, holds over the answers she'll put on her advance census report form in Washington, D.C. Poster reminds us that the government will count us up in April.

## Record Number Of Business Charters

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI)—An optimistic business report came today from the secretary of state's office showing Indiana set a record high for issuance of new business charters last month.

The December record is 387 new corporations starting life in the state in addition to 46 new foreign corporations and 71 new non-profit. The report from Secretary of State John R. Walsh shows 26 dissolutions during the same period.

Most of the new concerns are in the merchandising business, with 16 chartered. Others include 82 in services, 52 in real estate, 43 in manufacturing and 20 in finance.

Leo J. Stemple, corporation counsel for the secretary of state's office, noted that the December report continues an upward trend. The yearly report for 1958-59 also showed a record number of new chartered corporations and record receipts.

Indiana added 2,997 new chartered corporations for the year, compared to 2,956 for the previous year. Total receipts from the year ending last June 30 were \$1,207,032, with domestic corporation filing fees of \$870,639 the major item. Foreign corporation filing

fees at \$230,318 were second.

A year ago, the total receipts were \$783,538 and this included the first year in which filing fees had been doubled from one cent to two cents a share.

Stemple said he felt that while the record figures denote a strong economy, much credit for the hike in corporations goes to a 1958 amendment of the internal revenue code.

"Under this change, a small corporation can report the same as an individual or a partnership. A lot of small businesses are now incorporating who had hesitated to do so before," Stemple explained.

"Now a small business can elect to be taxed substantially like a partnership but with the advantages of limited liability and perpetual existence gained through incorporation."

Stemple said that the recommendations of accountants who handle the affairs of non-incorporated business concerns has helped speed the applications for corporation charters.

He noted that for the secretary of state's office this has meant "the work is just doubled and we are doing it with the same number of people we had before."

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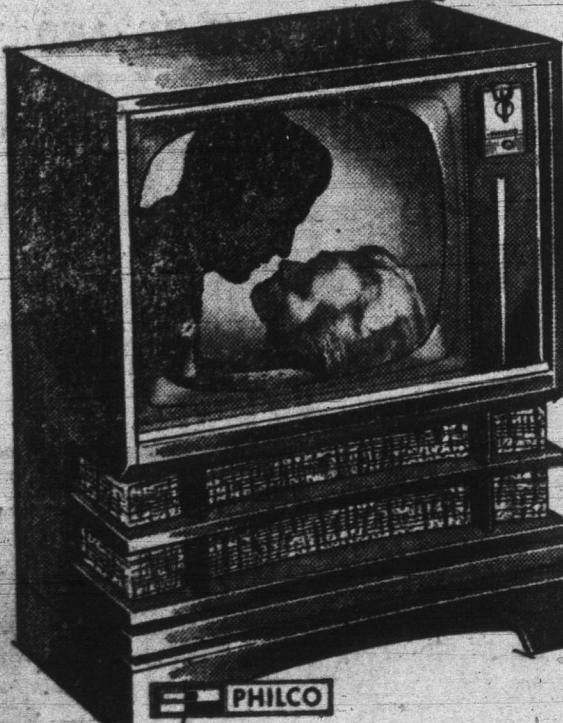
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## Stangland Gives Up Battle For Wheat

ALBION, Ind. (UPI)—Farmer Ethan Stangland said today he will load his nine-year-old tractor on a neighbor's truck and haul it 25 miles to Fort Wayne Monday, ending a six-year battle with the government over excessive wheat production on his 175-acre farm.

Stangland, 58, grew 16 acres above his quota in 1954. He was fined \$394, plus interest and court costs, even though he contended the entire crop was fed to live stock.

The government ordered Stangland to give his tractor to federal agents, who will sell it in order to pay the fine, which Stangland estimates to be almost double what it was in 1954.

Although not convinced he is wrong, Stangland said he is giving up the fight because of lack of funds. He estimated he has paid out between \$1,500 to \$2,000 of his own money and about \$1,400 in contributions from many of his supporters in the battle.

The U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals Oct. 19 denied Stangland's last appeal which questioned government power in taking a citizen's property to enforce crop quotas.

Stangland said he was not bitter, but the whole situation showed a "breakdown of the morals of the people which has spread to government."

"We just don't follow the Constitution anymore," he said. "People don't have freedom anymore."

### Dunkirk's Council

### Names Hobson Mayor

Hobson was recognized as mayor of Dunkirk today—at least by the city's Democrats.

The majority Democratic members of the city council elected Hobson Thursday night, on the premise that a vacancy in the office existed after Jan. 1 because Hobson and the incumbent Republi-

cian mayor, Richard Overmyer, settled at 530 votes each in the Nov. 3 municipal election.

However, recount litigation developed and the matter is in the courts. Should the legal controversy result in Overmyer being declared the winner, Hobson might have to surrender the office.

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